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## EO fails to execute miniscule work on issued directives of 13 member Vidhan Sabha Committee



EO Vijay Jindal

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Dera Bassi : Having already been served the accountable task by the 13 member Vidhan Sabha Committee, presided over by MLA Gurpreet Singh Bassi Gogi, the local Executive Officer Vijay Jindal of the Civic body seems reluctant to serve summons to the

defaulters of a total 116 unauthorised, illegal structures, buildings and colonies. Despite several meetings with the accountable officer, he has not revealed any progress with regard to registration of FIRs against corrupt builders and former Officers, even retired

The punitive action against the retired officers could always be initiated with stoppage of their post retirement benefits said the copy of the letter served by the committee. The nexus of the builders with the municipal officials can't be over looked as always the mutual consent only stems



the channel of raising unauthorised structures, colonies. Why the Executive Officer is not interested to rein in the corrupt builders as sought by the Vidhan Sabha Committee? Certainly, are his vested interests as the

orders of the Vidhan Sasha Committee doesn't serve the objectives, as the incumbent officer, desires. Since the officer has not lodged a single FIR against any corrupt builder, signifies the close rapports developed by the EO in question. The same trend used to exist during the

red tapism of Girish Verma who remained here in sub division for 20 years long time and built property in crores, was in ultimate, sent to prison, only 2 years ago. The corruption was rampant and on peak. In Girish times, no CLU used to be necessitated for the passage of architect-

tural approval of the colonial, shops clearance. Since then same trend has been prevailing as corrupt builders, do not vanish. Initiatives as instructed by the MLA Gurpreet Singh Bassi Gogi head of Vidhan Sabha Committee, are not being taken to ensure corruption free ambience.

## PEC prepares enthusiastically for warm welcome of Narendra Modi on 3 Dec

**Commissioner News Services**  
Chandigarh: Preparations are going on in full swings for the warm welcome of the Prime Minister. Like wise expectations of welfare for the masses too have increased. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to reach on 3 Dec in the City Beautiful Chandigarh. His visit as a whole is being considered as a 'return gift' to the Chandigarhian residents. Earlier, Amit Shah Union Home Minister had announced on August 4 that the day the three new criminal laws will be implemented hundreds percent in all the police stations of Chandigarh. Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself will come to the city and ensure giving return gifts to the people of Chandigarh. Preparations now are seen going on in full



swings for the welcome hospitality. The special program of Prime Minister Modi's visit will be organized in the football ground near the administration block of Punjab Engineering College (PEC) located in Sector-12. The venue is being fully orchestrated. Special arrangements are being made to deck the venue colorfully intriguing and secured. The work of widening the roads of PEC near the venue is going on at a fast pace to enable the traffic

system run smoothly. The work of widening the internal roads of PEC was pending for the past several years, however, the information of PM's arrival, has shot up the impulses of Chandigarhians to see the potential dynamism of the metropolitan town. However, right now only the roads are being built on the side where the PM has to come to flag the newer enthusiasm with the enforcement of the 3 criminal laws in the town.

## Impose perpetual crackers ban in the National capital on Nov 25 : SC



**Commissioner News Services**  
New Delhi : No religion encourages activity that creates pollution' remarked Supreme Court on cracker ban. The Supreme Court directed the Delhi police to create a special cell for enforcing the ban on cracker. The Court on Monday observed that no religion encourages any activity that can trigger air pollution. The court has directed the Delhi government to take a call on a perpetual cracker ban in the national capital by November 25. The right to live in a pollution-free atmosphere is a

fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution. Prima facie, we are of the view that no religion promotes any activity that promotes pollution or compromises with the health of the people," remarked the bench, comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih. The court directed the Delhi police to create a special cell for enforcing the ban on crackers and fix responsibility on SHOs to implement the order enforced by the Delhi government on October 14.

## Helmets now become mandatory barring turbaned in Pb, Hry & Chd -- HC

**Commissioner News Services**  
While hearing a suo motu petition in which the HC had taken cognizance of increasing road fatalities involving women riders Cognizance alarmed the 2017 incident in which two Sikh girls, who were not wearing helmets, had died in a road accident near a Sector-22 hotel. Division bench comprising Chief Justice Sheel Na-gu and Justice Anil Kshetarpal has passed these orders. while making it clear that wearing a helmet would be mandatory for everyone riding a two-wheeler, including Sikh women not wearing a turban, the Punjab and



Haryana high court has sought details from Haryana and Punjab govts and Chandigarh administration on challans issued against women for riding or pillion-riding two-wheelers without protective headgear. Referring to the amendment in the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 with effect from Feb

15, 2022, the HC has observed: "Except for a person belonging to Sikh religion, who is wearing a turban, no other person (male or female) riding a motorcycle in a public place, is exempted from wearing the protective headgear conforming to the standards prescribed by the central govt."

## Neelam Vadhera inaugurates laying of water pipelines for Sector 42 booth mkt

**Commissioner News Services**  
Chandigarh: No more shopkeepers working in the booth market of Sector 42 will have to crave for the water. The efforts of area councillor Jasbir Singh Bunty to facilitate water supply to the shops, have materialised. Neelam Vadhera, a senior citizen, and a shopkeeper of the market, broke a coconut to give an auspicious start for the envisaged project. Several shopkeepers like Ashwani, Arvind Kumar, Rajeev Kumar, Davinder Sharma and Goldie etc. were



present to join the ceremony. Mr Jasbir Singh Bunty area councillor claimed that more and more food, drink outlets were opening in the market these days for which they needed water supply in the shops. Shopkeepers working for their small restaurants in Sector 42 were facing inconvenience

for water. They had been grudging for a long time and had to fetch water from nearby places. An agenda for this facility in the corporation house meeting was passed, hence the work of laying water pipeline began to benefit the traders of the booth market, said the councillor.

## T Benith MC Commissioner to oversee stubble burning cases in sub division

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Dera Bassi : Since Mohali has registered 40 cases of stubble burning this year, now this district captures 20 th slot in the stubble free alignment. The nodal officer incharge T Benith would ensure sensitising farmers about the hazards of stub-



ble burning, the orders follows the provisionings of the

National Green Tribunals. All designated officers in Mohali, Kharar and department heads tasked with preventing stubble fire would collaborate with one another teams instructed Aashika Jain, the Deputy Commissioner.

## US charges "Shakeri" an Iranian Man In Plot to Assassinate Donald Trump

**Commissioner News Services**  
Washington : The US Justice Department described Shakeri, 51, as an IRGC asset residing in Tehran. It said he had immigrated to the US as a child and was deported in or about 2008 following a robbery conviction. Shakeri is at large and believed to be in Iran, the prosecutors said. Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards Corps ordered him to assassinate President-elect Donald Trump, the Justice Department said on Friday. In a statement, the department said that Farhad Shakeri had informed law enforcement "that he was tasked on October 7, 2024, with providing a plan to kill" Trump, the department said. Shakeri allegedly told



law enforcement he had no plans to formulate a plan to kill Trump within the IRGC's timeline. The department described Shakeri, 51, as an IRGC asset residing in Tehran. Two New York residents whom Shakeri had met in prison, Carlisle Rivera and

Jonathan Loadholt, have also been charged for helping Shakeri plot to kill a US citizen of Iranian origin in New York, described as an outspoken critic of Iran's government who had previously been targeted for murder.

## Fistfight amongst Canadian citizens & Indian National on Khalistan issue

**Commissioner News Services**  
Toronto: Earlier this week Justin Trudeau's "Khalistani" issue backpedalled. He acknowledged the presence of a Khalistan support base within Canada but quickly added that they do not represent the Sikh community as a whole. As the diplomatic standoff between India and Canada continues, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has admitted for the first time the presence of Khalistanis in his country. In an unexpected statement, His remark came during a Diwali celebrations event at Ottawa's Parliament Hill. Relations between India and Canada have deteriorated since the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Khalistani



terrorist, outside a gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia, in June 2023. Trudeau's allegation that India may have been involved in the murder set off a diplomatic firestorm that continues to rage. During his Diwali address, Trudeau stated that while there are supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in Canada, they do not represent all Hindu Canadians either.

## Parking contract may be forfeited, for not depositing dues



**Commissioner News Services**  
P'kula: The outstanding dues of over Rs 1.5 Cr by the parking contractor may lead to his ouster from the parking assignment, said the Officials of the Civic body. In a meeting of the Revenue Resolution Committee of the Civic Body, under the chairmanship of Kulbhushan Goyal, the decision was unanimously taken to rescind the ongoing contract as dues of the Municipal Corporation were not being deposited by the said con-

tractor. The contractor has been enjoying the income through parking in, Sector 8, sector 9, sector 10. The committee members said this contractor in sector 14 too not deposited the dues. They have urged that another one week time be extended to him for depositing the dues. A last time notice would be served on him for recovery of dues, said Aparajita, councillor of the Municipal body.

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**EDITORIAL -**

**Time to locate solution against farm fire ?**

The National Capital Region has been experiencing air pollution. Delhi's Air Quality Index deteriorates due to the combined effect of pollution from various sources — industrial sector, vehicles, construction dust, bursting of firecrackers and burning of paddy straw in fields of Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh in October. The Union and state governments have been providing subsidy and machinery to farmers for the past several years to check stubble burning. During the past five years, in addition to giving a large number of equipments, including zero till drill, rotavator, happy seeder, mulcher, MB plough, super seeder, surface seeder and baler machines, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Punjab, has conducted various activities and awareness campaigns to educate the farmers on not resorting to stubble burning. Though the incidents of farm fires have decreased in the past couple of years, no concrete solution has been found to stop this practice completely. Policymakers must seriously consider why farmers are burning stubble when they, too, equally suffer from the pollution caused by fires. The toxicity of the fumes is far more serious for them as they live in closer vicinity of these farm fires. The pollution issue is repeatedly taken up by the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal every year and instructions given to the Central and the state governments to control farm fires and take remedial measures. As per some reports, the industrial sector accounts for 52 per cent of the pollution, transport services 27 per cent,

agriculture sector 10 per cent and other factors 11 per cent. Burning of standing stubble began only after the use of tractor-driven reapers came into practice. Farmers reap standing stubble with these machines. As this stubble is not dry, its burning causes environment pollution. If these machines were not there, it would not have been possible for farmers to cut stubble in any way. Before these machines came into practice, farmers would set ablaze only the loose straw, which is dry and lighter in weight, thus producing less smoke as compared to the standing stubble. Now, subsidies are being given to the farmers by the Union and the state governments to encourage the use of reapers, which has added to the problem of air pollution. If the government banned such reapers in the paddy-producing states, it would get rid of up to 80 per cent of the toxic smoke produced after stubble burning. The burning of loose straw produces only 20 per cent smoke as compared to the standing stubble when both the standing stubble and the loose straw are burnt together after operating reapers. The governments must ban reapers during the harvesting season, which will certainly help reduce air pollution. However, if any farmer wants to make bales of his paddy straw, he could be given permission to use the reapers by issuing permit and imposing certain riders on its operation. In 2009, the Punjab Government enacted the Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, 2009, to save underground water. One cannot overlook the fact that after paddy harvesting, not much time is left to prepare the field for sowing the next crop of wheat, mustard, potatoes,

etc. So, farmers use reapers to cut the standing paddy heads (stubble), which are wet. The quantity of smoke produced after burning wet stubble is much more, and when it gets mixed in the air, it turns into smog, which causes severe air pollution. The farmers who do not use reapers, plough and prepare their fields for the next crop by mixing the standing stubble in the soil. Only some farmers have complained of a few problems — where the upper soil crust is hard, most likely due to certain soil conditions. By and large, the production is the same as that of farmers who use reapers and burn stubble. The stubble could be uprooted and mixed in the soil before sowing the wheat or other crops. It also helps in protecting the seedlings or plants of wheat, potato and mustard crops from frosty weather conditions in January and February, which is a good sign for the overall growth of the plants as well as soil health. Moreover, farmers can sow their wheat crop within the standing stubble by using the tractor-drawn zero till drill machine. However, farmers use reapers and burn both stubble and loose straw, causing heavy pollution. Plus, while using reapers, the dust particles from the fields fly and mix in the air, which is also one of the causes of the emergence of smog at the advent of the winter season. There is however no machine which can easily prepare fields for sowing the next crop when loose straw and standing stubble are present in the area. Last year, there were many problems in sowing wheat with the surface seeder. As a result, the farmers have not shown much interest in this technique

**Cyber fraud victimises Chandigarh resident of Rs 16 Lac**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** A fraudster requested Mr Harcharan Singh Sandhu a victim for financial assistance. The police said the fraudster told the complainant that he needed money. "He convinced Sandhu to not reveal the matter to anyone," the police added. Mr Sandhu a city resident has been duped of Rs 16 lakh by the fraudster posing as his friend's son. Mr Sandhu said that the person contacted him through WhatsApp and introduced himself as Shiva, his friend's



son. The fraudster gave multiple bank accounts to Sandhu and asked him to transfer money in each of those. Sandhu fell in the fraudster's trap and transferred a total of Rs 16.01 lakh through 12 transactions, only to realise later that he had been duped. The police have registered a case at the cybercrime police station.

**'Do not allow water to gather around the house' sensitize health officials**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI :** Requisite survey and awareness programmes are being conducted in the villages under the Primary Health Centre, Boothgarh. Alakjot Kaur, Senior Medical Officer said wherever a case of dengue came to light, health teams went from house to house in the vicinity of that place and sprayed anti-mosquito solution. Fourteen cases of dengue were reported in the district, taking the



number to 1,276. More than 100 samples were tested, said Health Department officials. "The most effective way to avoid a life-threatening disease like dengue is not to allow water to collect anywhere and people have been made aware of this for the past several months," she said.

**UT brings 'Colours of India' in 10-day mela at Kalagram from November 29**



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** Chandigarh National Crafts Mela is a joint initiative of the UT Administration and the North Zone Cultural Centre (Union Ministry of Culture). The UT Administration has decided to hold 10-day 14th Chandigarh National Crafts Mela at Kalagram from November 29 to December 8. A meeting in this regard was held under the chairmanship of Hari Kallikkat, Secretary Culture. The main objective of the mela is to display traditional

Indian handicrafts, handlooms, folk traditions, flavours of rich Indian cuisines, folk music, folk instruments and folk dances of India. The timings of the mela will be from 11 am to 9.30 pm daily. The theme of the mela will be "Colours of India". During the 10-day mela, there will be star cultural nights in which renowned artistes/groups will perform. To draw more footfall, theme-based photography competition will be organised by Lalit Kala Akademi.

**Farm leaders have massive properties, probe sought by Union Minister Ravneet Bittu**



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** Randeep Singh Surjewala Congress leader had recently alleged that farmers in many parts of the country, including Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, had to stand in queues to get fertilisers. "We will get checked (land and property holdings) of many farmer leaders. We will speak about it after the bypolls. How much land they (farmer leaders) had before becoming leaders and how much land and property they have now..." the minister said Mr Ravneet Singh Bittu, Union Minister. Ravneet Singh Bittu sought a probe into land and properties owned by farmer leaders, claiming many of them were either "arthiyas" or rice mill owners. The Minister's remarks came as he lashed out at farmer leaders for holding protests against the BJP and

its leaders while claiming that the ordinary farmer was not against his party. Farmers in Punjab recently held protests against the BJP and its leaders, alleging tardiness in paddy lifting and shortage of DAP (diammonium phosphate) fertiliser. Bittu asked reporters in Muktsar district, "Where do farmers get time for this (protest)? They are facing hardships in 'mandis'. Thereafter, they will be busy with wheat sowing. Where do they have the time?" It is the farmer leaders who hold protests, he alleged. "Which farmer leader

among them is not an 'arthiya (commission agent)' or does not run rice shellers?" he asked. Ordinary farmers are not into protests, Bittu said. The Union Minister also said the farmers would vote for the BJP in the coming days. "They know if any improvement can be brought, it can be done by the Centre, which has the funds. The Centre gave Rs 44,000 crore for paddy procurement (in Punjab)." Meanwhile, Kisan Mazdoor Morcha leader Sarwan Singh Pandher dared Bittu to investigate the properties of farmer leaders. "We are not scared of your statements," he said. He alleged the farmers were not getting the DAP fertiliser, which provides nitrogen and phosphorus essential for plant growth and health.

**Insurance firm, bike owner to pay Rs 23 lakh compensation to kins of deceased**



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**CHANDIGARH :** All three minor children filed a claim petition under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act represented through their father's sister. They had lost their father Dharmender Singh in a road accident where a speedy truck crushed the motor bike rider. The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) here has directed an insurance company, rider or owner of a motorcycle to pay compensation of Rs 23.20 lakh to three minor children of Dharmender Singh, a resident of Uttar Pradesh, who died in an accident two years ago. The claimants said that on September 30, 2021, their father was going from Baltana towards Nabha Sahib village while riding pillion on a motorcycle. On the way, they reached near K

Area, Zirakpur. At that time, the rider of the motorcycle tried to overtake another bike, which was going ahead of them, without caring for the traffic coming from behind. While doing so the rider brought his motorcycle in the middle of the road and it was hit by a truck coming at fast speed from behind. After being hit Dharmender fell on the road and got crushed under the rear tyre of the truck. After the accident, the driver of the truck fled away from the

spot. They said that the accident took place due to the negligence of the rider of the motorcycle and driver of the truck. Due to the accident their father died in a hospital of Dera Bassi. They said their father was 29 years of age at the time of his death and was working as a contractor and used to earn Rs 30,000 per month. The claimants have sought compensation of Rs 75 lakh along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date of filing of claim petition till its realisation. After hearing the arguments the tribunal held the claimants entitled to receive compensation of Rs 23.20 lakh along with interest in equal shares. The tribunal said that the driver, owner and insurer of motorcycle were jointly and severally liable to pay the amount of compensation.

**Mohali CCTV surveillance project gets new deadline**



**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI :** The September-end deadline for the installation of CCTV cameras under the City Surveillance and Traffic Management System project has now been reset to mid-November following certain delays at the end of GMADA in executing the project. The Punjab Police Housing Corporation had planned to install over 400 CCTV cameras in the city at the cost of Rs 17.70 crore. The project is aimed at curbing traffic violations, hooliganism and illegal activities by monitoring 18 busy junctions in the city with CCTV cameras. Besides, two speed detectors will be installed on the Airport Road. Reviewing the progress of work during a meeting of the

District Road Safety Committee, Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain asked the project officials to speed up the project. She was apprised that 80% of the project had been completed. She asked the project incharge to integrate the project with the VAHAN app so that challans could be automatically issued to the offenders. The DC directed various agencies responsible for fixing the black spots, including the National Highway Authority of India, GMADA, the Municipal Corporation, the PWD and the Zirakpur civic body, to

complete the work by November 12 to ensure the safety of commuters. She also asked NHAI officials to immediately repair the non-functional lights at Zirakpur and install new ones at Dairi (Banur) T-point. The DC directed Mohali MC officials to make all defunct traffic light signals functional, especially the ones on the Phase 9/10 and 10/11 roads and the Fortis light point. Jain also directed GMADA officials to expedite the construction of eight roundabouts in the city. It was informed during the meeting that a non-official member of the committee, Harpreet Singh, has started an audit of the schools having entry gates facing towards roads to take appropriate steps for the safety of students.

**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.

**45 acres land orchestrated by Punjab for Metro depot in New Chandigarh**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI :** Forest Department, the Punjab Government has now confirmed that the land was ready to be released, pending final approval of the Chief Minister. In a boost to the long-awaited Tricity Metro project, the Punjab Government has finally agreed to allocate 45 acres (18 hectares) in New Chandigarh for the construction of a Metro depot. The depot will be crucial for inspection and maintenance works related to the upcoming Metro lines. The issue of land allotment for the depot had been a persistent hurdle in the project's progress. The UT Administration had sent multiple reminders to the Punjab Government, urging them to clarify their stance on the matter. A senior official said it had been decided to release 45 acres in New Chandigarh for the construction of the depot. The file has been sent to the Chief Minister for final approval, which is expected within a week. Once approved, the land will be handed over to the UT Administration, he



added. The matter was a key agenda item during the Unified Metro Transportation Authority (UMTA) meeting held on September 2. While this marks a positive step for the New Chandigarh depot, the Punjab Government has declined to provide land for another proposed depot in Zirakpur. In its place, an alternative depot will now be constructed in Sector 27, Panchkula, with approval already secured from the Haryana Government. The depot allotments are part of the larger Metro development plan for the Tricity, which will see construction beginning in 2027 as part of the first phase, with completion expected by 2034. Phase 2 of the project will commence post-2037, further expanding the city's metro connectivity.

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## No 16 weeks deferment for delimitation, notify municipal polls in 15 days, SC tells Punjab

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**NEW DELHI** : A Bench of Supreme Court headed by Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan partially modified the previous order. The bench on Monday directed the Punjab Government and the State Election Commission (SEC) to notify municipality elections in the state in 15 days and complete the entire process in eight weeks from the notification. While hearing the Punjab Government's petition challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court's October 19 order to notify elections in all Municipalities and Municipal Corporations within 15 days without conducting fresh exercise of delimitation. It noted that the state government's reliance on the pending delimitation process was misplaced, as there were no significant changes in population or municipal boundaries. Extending the time for holding municipal elections, the Bench said the state was at liberty to request the High Court to defer the contempt proceedings. In its October 19 order, the high court had asked the



Punjab Government/SEC to notify poll schedules for five Municipal Corporations and 42 municipal councils/nagar panchayats within 15 days. The elections for municipal corporations of Amritsar, Patiala, Jalandhar, Phagwara and Ludhiana had been pending for two years. Represented by senior counsel AM Singhvi and Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh, the Punjab Government wanted to delay Municipalities/Municipal Councils/Municipal Corporations/Nagar Panchayats elections on account of pending exercise for delimitation of wards for which it needed 16 weeks. However, the Bench said, "No question of delimitation. We don't want to say anything today; otherwise you will invite strictures against you (Punjab Government). You first go and hold the elections. There are two Supreme Court judgments against you. Law mandates that you start the process before expiry of the

term." "For panchayat polls you are very keen but for municipalities you want to delay on some pretext or the other," Justice Kant said. The Bench reminded the state government of its obligations under Article 243U(3) of the Constitution which mandated that an election to constitute a Municipality shall be completed before the expiry of its five-year duration or before the expiration of a period of six months from the date of its dissolution. Earlier, citing Articles 243E and 243U of the Constitution on Panchayats and Municipalities; and judicial precedents, the high court had said that the delimitation process can't be a ground to delay the election process. "The constitutional mandate requires that elections to constitute a Municipality shall be held before the expiration of a period of six months from the date of its dissolution as per Article 243U (3)(b). According to this mandate, elections to the Municipalities must be completed before the end of their five-year term", the high court had noted.

## Bike taxi service from 12 stations launched by DMRC

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : "A custom-tailored initiative designed to meet the needs and preferences of female Metro commuters is intended to solve the trauma triggered by heavy rush. It would empower women to travel independently at their convenience with safety to their destination. It offers women drivers an opportunity to become breadwinners, allowing them to live with dignity and respect, focusing on easing first and last-mile connectivity for Delhiites," the DMRC said in a statement. Delhi Metro passengers can now book bike taxi rides through the DMRC (Delhi Metro Rail Corporation) Momentum application without juggling between multiple platforms, an official statement said on Monday. The service, which was introduced on Monday, includes two options — SHERYDS for women, by women, and RYDR, available to all commuters, according to the (DMRC). DMRC spokesperson said the service was formally launched by Dr Vikas Kumar, Managing Director, DMRC. The bike taxis will be electric to reduce carbon footprint, it added.

The all-women bike taxi fleet will have trained and verified female riders which can be booked from DMRC's official app along with GPS tracking facility. The minimum charge for a ride will be Rs 10, followed by Rs 10 per km for the first two kms, and thereafter Rs 8 per km. Similarly, RYDR will run parallel with SHERYDS focusing on optimising rider routes and ensuring shorter, more efficient travel times, it added. "Unlike traditional models where drivers may travel long distances, RYDR keeps riders within a specified radius, which ensures both safety and reduced travel time," the statement read. The service was introduced by the DMRC in partnership with the First And Last Mile Connectivity India Pvt Ltd and is currently made available from 12 Metro stations — Dwarka Sector 21, Dwarka Sector 10, Dwarka Sector 14, Dwarka Mor, Janakpuri West, Uttam Nagar East, Rajouri Garden, Subhash Nagar, Kirti Nagar, Karol Bagh, Millennium City Centre Gurugram and Palam. A total of 50 SHERYDS and 150 RYDR will be operating from these stations in a radius of around 3-5 km between 8 am and 9 pm.

## Maha Vikas Aghadi promises Rs 3,000 per month to women in poll manifesto

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**MUMBAI** : The joint manifesto released by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge promises to give financial aid of Rs 3,000 to women in the state. Launching the joint manifesto of the MVA, 'Maharashtra Nama', Kharge said the five pillars for the progress and development of Maharashtra were farming and rural development, industry and employment, urban development, environment and public welfare. Kharge on Sunday launched the joint manifesto of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance for the upcoming Maharashtra polls in Maharashtra and highlighted the five core areas the grouping will work towards in the state. "... Our five guarantees will be helpful in the welfare of all in Maharashtra. Every family will receive an annual aid of about Rs 3 lakh. Our Mahalakshmi scheme will give financial aid to all



women, who will be given Rs 3,000 each, every month... We will launch a free bus service for the women of Maharashtra... We will give Rs 50,000 each to farmers who repay their loans on time," the Congress President said. "The youth seeking jobs will be given a Rs 4,000 monthly stipend... Our health insurance scheme of Rs 25 lakh was started by Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan and it will be implemented in Maharashtra as well. We promise to provide free medicines as well... We have decided to do a caste census and we will remove the 50 per cent ceiling on reservations, in line with Tamil Nadu," Kharge added. The Congress chief also targeted the Prime Minister

for linking the 'red book' of the Constitution to 'urban Naxalism' and pointed out that the PM had gifted the same to Ram Nath Kovind when the latter was President in 2017. "He (PM Narendra Modi) said this red book is an urban Naxalite book and a piece of Marxist literature... He gifted the same book to the then President Ram Nath Kovind in 2017... He ever said this book contains blank pages..." In a scathing attack on the BJP, he said, "What does he mean by this? 'Aap kisko kaatangey?' Indra Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives to keep the country united. This is Yogi Ji's slogan. Modi Ji says, 'Ek hain toh safe hain'. I don't know which slogan will work... You are among the people who killed the one who got us independence." "They have already divided the people with slogans like 'batenge toh katenge'. We have united this nation," Kharge added.

## Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050

**Commissioner News Service**  
**GURUGRAM** : As Gurugram features among the top polluted cities in the country, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has drawn a holistic plan to reduce emissions in the city. The authority has drafted a 'net zero 2050' document, contouring the goals for urban policy-making to make Gurugram a zero emission city. Net-zero refers to the point at which a specific area or city is able to remove from the atmosphere all green house gases (GHGs) it is emitting. Effectively, it ensures that no additional carbon or other GHGs are being added into the atmosphere.



The document elaborates on the way forward to implement sustainable development strategies like construction of green buildings, setting up of centralised cooling plants in housing societies, adoption of cleaner technologies and increasing the share of electric vehicles over the next 25 years. The plan deals in four major arenas — energy, waste, transport and greenery.

## Naxalism will be wiped out from country by March 2026: Amit Shah

**Commissioner News Service**  
**RANCHI** : "The menace of Naxalism from the face of the country will be eradicated by March 2026. Attacking the Hemant Soren-led JMM coalition for "fuelling Naxalism", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday asserted that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government will eliminate. Shah expressed confidence that the NDA would form the government in Jharkhand, claiming it would win at least 52 out of 81 assembly seats based on the calculations from the recently held Lok Sabha elections. "It is time to oust the anti-Dalit, anti-tribal, anti-poor, and anti-youth Hemant



government from Jharkhand, which is fuelling Naxalism for petty political gains," he said while addressing a rally in Simaria, Chatra district. "We uprooted the menace from Jharkhand during the last five years, and now the Prime Minister Modi-led Centre will wipe out Naxalism from India by March 2026." Accusing the Soren government of

devouring funds meant for poor and tribals, he said the BJP once voted to power will put all corrupt Jharkhand leaders behind the bars. "NDA will win 52 seats out of 81 in Jharkhand given people cast 47 per cent votes to the alliance in Jharkhand during the recent Lok Sabha elections," Shah said. He said the people of Jharkhand gave nine out of 14 parliamentary seats to the NDA, with a total of 80 lakh votes cast in favour of the alliance. Elections to the 81-member Assembly in the state are set to take place in two phases on November 13 and 20, with the votes to be counted on November 23.

## Blast in a storage tank of IOCL triggers fire at refinery in Vadodara

**Commissioner News Service**  
**VADODARA** : The blast at the IOCL refinery in the Koyali area on the outskirts of Vadodara occurred at 4 pm, triggering the blaze. A fire broke out at the Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) refinery in Vadodara on Monday following a blast in its storage tank, a police officer said. No casualties are reported and the final head count is being conducted, said Vadodara Police Commissioner Narasimha Komar, adding that things are under control. Visuals showed thick plumes emerging from the refinery which can be seen from kilometres away. Several workers were evacuated and can be seen exiting the IOCL campus.



"A benzene storage tank caught fire after a blast at the refinery. They (IOCL) have isolated the affected storage unit. Fire tenders are deployed to control the situation," Komar. The police officer said no casualty has been reported even as the final head count is being done to find if anybody is missing, which prima facie seems unlikely. Komar said fluid circulation in the IOCL complex was stopped as per the standard operating procedure. Other storage tanks are being cooled to ensure that the

blaze didn't spread. All the employees who were working in the shift have been moved out of the refinery, he added. "People reaching the refinery for subsequent shifts are being turned back for safety reasons. It will take time before the benzene in the 500-KL storage tank is burnt out. Benzene burnout will take some time before being completely put off," the police commissioner said. Fire tenders are deployed at the spot, Komar said, adding that evacuation is completed. He said the officials of police, district administration and senior executives of IOCL are at the site. Local MLA Dharmendrasinh Vaghela said a few people sustained minor injuries and were taken to hospital.

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## Enforce bio mass fuel in brick kilns to coal :Study

**DIKSHA**  
**Commissioner News Services**  
Chandigarh: A recent study has strongly recommended continuous monitoring of brick kilns' environmental impact and strict enforcement of biomass alternatives to coal. Researchers also called for more comparative research on the EDS versus conventional heavy metal testing methods, such as atomic absorption spectroscopy (AAS), to improve the assessment and management of industrial pollution. Brick kilns in Punjab pose serious environmental risks, with near- by surface water heavily contaminated by toxic heavy metals, endangering both the environment and public health, revealed a study.



sources of heavy metal pollution, largely due to the burning of coal and other fuels in brick production. The findings underscore an urgent need for stricter regulations, including promoting biomass as a cleaner alternative to the vast amounts of coal. Even more concerning is the fact that contamination extends beyond water bodies. Pollutants from the kilns accumulate in nearby soil, reducing fertility,

impacting crop production, and entering the food chain. Emissions from the kilns also pose respiratory risks and threaten local aquatic ecosystems, harming fish populations and biodiversity in nearby water bodies. The study aimed to evaluate the role of brick kilns in contaminating water bodies with heavy metals in Punjab, using an energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS/EDX) technique

These kilns are major

## Panipat Thermal plant faces Rs 7 Cr environmental compensation imposed by NGT

**DIKSHA**  
**Commissioner News Services**  
Panipat/ Chandigarh: Despite orders clamped by National Green Tribunal against not removing thermal legacy ashes, the National Green Tribunal slapped an environmental compensation of Rs 6. 90 Cr on thermal power station. On tree plantation a target was assigned by the Justice Sudhir Aggarwal on the 2023 plea filed by Subhender of Sutana village against the pooling of ash and other pollutants. Since January the National Green Tribunal has been monitoring the progress of action taken by the Thermal Station. Much was not done in consonance with the action plan. The counsel of the Haryana



Thermal station said both air and soil had been polluted due to the non handling of ash effectively. It is liable to pay compensation by application of principles of

Ppllutervpays not only for past violation but for future till the entire ash stored in dykes is cleared/ disposed of scientifically, said an official of the Haryana Pollution Control Board.

## CM suspends IAS officer for creating religion based WhatsApp group



**Commissioner News Services**  
Trivandrum : While Gopalakrishnan was suspended for creating religion based WhatsApp group of govt officials, action too was taken against Prasanth for criticising a senior IAS officer on social media. Known as dearly a Collector Bro' among 2 Kerala IAS officers, was suspended for indiscipline N Prasanth, one of the two suspended officers who previously served as Kozhikode District

Collector, was popularly known 'collector brother' and had earlier posted on face book to refute the allegations. While Gopalakrishnan was suspended for creating a religion-based WhatsApp group of government officials, action was taken against Prasanth for criticising a senior IAS officer on social media, they added. They also said that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan ordered the suspension of the officials based on the report he received from the Chief Secretary.

## Fraudulent bank on request doesn't close down subscriber's a/ c

**Commissioner News Services**  
Zirakpur : No bank would like to lose its credibility, if it loses it would have to trudge a tough way as the competition is neck breaking all the way. Several instances have come to light where unscrupulous persons are wandering on roads to change their black money into white ( legal ) cash , but faces a lot of ordeals. One, who gets posted out or gets trasfer orders usually has to submit mere simple request application for closing one's saving account. Here, in Bank of Maharashtra on Patiala

Zrk road , one Journalist working in English. Newspaper wished to close down his saving account but his account was not closed due to unknown malicious intent and he learnt after 2 years that subsidy sent by the government had never been stopped into the closed account as the account was kept linked to aadhar card . The subscriber journalist had no business to visit the bank as already he had submitted request plea and it was accepted perhaps with a fraudulent mind to bamboozle the client of his gas subsidy amount.

## Ambitious target of 12.5 lakh aspirants for coaching of competitive exams set by Centre

**Commissioner News Services**  
New Delhi: The Centre government is setting an ambitious target of assisting 12.5 lakh competitive exam candidates by 2029. The ministry of education will take up this key agenda with states during a two-day consultation on implementation of National Education Policy, 2020, from Tuesday, where MoE officials will deliberate with their state/UT counterparts along with issues like accreditation and digital learning, among others. Concerned over dependence on private



coaching which often creates barriers for students from low-income back- grounds as well as creating an unequal field for aspirants from underserved regions. Centre is setting an ambitious target of assisting 12.5 lakh competitive exam candidates by 2029. According to ministry officials, Centre is preparing to discuss measures to reduce "reliance on private coaching and extend support for students' competitive exam preparation. The agenda "SATHEE - reducing coaching dependency" focuses on free digital resources for competitive exam preparation, AI-based learning tools, etc.

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## Congress-ruled states become ATM of party's 'shahi parivar',

**MVA symbol of corruption: PM Modi**

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Modi said the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra means corruption and scams of thousands of crores of rupees Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said wherever a Congress government is formed, that state becomes the ATM (Automated Teller Machine) of the party's 'shahi parivar' (royal family). We won't let Maharashtra become the ATM of Congress, Mr. Modi asserted while addressing a campaign rally in Akola for the November 20 State Assembly elections. When the Congress indulges in so much corruption to win polls, one can imagine how corrupt the party will be once in power, the PM point-



ed out. Wherever the Congress forms a government, that state becomes the ATM of the party's shahi parivar. As much as Rs 700 crore has been extorted from the liquor business in Congress-ruled Karnataka for the Maharashtra polls. Telangana and Himachal Pradesh have also become this shahi parivar's ATMs," he said. The PM said the manifesto

of the Mahayuti [ruling alliance in Maharashtra] focuses on women's security, job opportunities, expansion of Ladki Bahin Yojana, while the Maha Vikas Aghadi, comprising the Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar's NCP, have come out with a "ghotala patra". "The entire country knows the MVA means corruption, token money and transfer posting business," he said.

## Police Commissioner issues new guidelines to thwart spike of crimes

Commissioner News Services

Panchkula: Rakesh Kumar Arya Police Commissioner while addressing senior officers, emphasised on proactive policing. He instructed station and police post incharges to increase patrols in their areas to prevent criminal activities. Arya also stressed the need for heightened action on drug-related offenses and crimes against women. He directed police officers to take swift action against drug traffickers and ordered property attachments in cases where criminals have acquired assets through illicit means. Additionally, he called for continued support for women's help desks and the immediate resolution of complaints from female victims. The police commissioner also highlighted the importance of cracking down on illegal liquor smuggling and public gambling, warning that such offenses would not be tolerated. The Commissioner urged officers to step up efforts



against cybercrime by increasing public awareness and swiftly acting on cyber-related complaints. Regarding traffic violations, deputy commissioner of police Virendra Sangwan talked over special drives, including drunken driving, checks and lane violation enforcement, urging the public to report violations via the traffic helpline. The meeting, attended by top police officials, concluded with a reminder to all officers to carry out their duties with integrity, ensuring a safe and responsive police force for the community.

## Shiv sena (UBT) sitting with people who opposed Ram Mandir, CAA -- Shah

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi : Uddhav Thackeray, Shiv Sena Chief was accused of aligning with the Congress party, an organisation. Shah claimed has disrespected both Balasaheb Thackeray and Veer Savarkar. Shah was addressing at the launch event of BJP's "Sankalp Patra," or manifesto, for the upcoming Maharashtra assembly elections set for November 20. "I challenge Uddhav Thackeray to ask Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to say two good words about Veer Savarkar. Can any Congress leader honor Balasaheb Thackeray with a few words? The people of Maharashtra deserve to know about those



who dream of an alliance government amidst such contradictions," said Amit Shah. I want to tell Uddhav Thackeray that you are sitting with people who oppose Ram Mandir, Citizenship (Amendment) Act, Uniform Civil Code, Waqf board amendments and abuse Savarkar," he said.

The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) (comprising the Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and NCP (SP) of Sharad Pawar) has no credibility, the senior BJP leader said. Home minister highlighted that the BJP's manifesto reflected the true aspirations of Maharashtra's people..

## CPCC asks MC to take urgent remedial action on poor air quality

Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh : Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee has asked the local Municipal Corporation to increase the frequency of road sweeping and water sprinkling across the city. The MC has been asked to increase the sweeping particularly in high traffic zones, markets, and near construction sites. It can reduce the accumulation of dust and particulate matter. With the air quality persistently remaining in 'very poor' and 'poor' categories, the Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) has emphasised the Chandigarh



Municipal Corporation to take remedial action to see the consequential results. The MC has been directed to increase the use of the water sprinkling vehicles in areas with heavy vehicular movement and dust-prone zones. Areas like main roads

Dakshin Marg, Madhya Marg and Vikas Marg-should be prioritized and focused upon for taking remedial action, the CPCC said. "MC should identify and prioritize specific areas that experience heavy dust pollution," said an official on anonymity.

## Prolonged delay in constructing STPs infuriates HC



Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh : Having suffered excruciating delay of 11 years incompletion of Sewerage Treatment plan, on suo motu, the contempt notice was issued by the division bench led by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Anil Kshertpal. The issue of 225 km Lasara drain carrying hazardous waste was

taken which continue to seep into the crop fields and damages the eco systems and growing farm production. The High court case underscores Punjab's environmental crisis, as delays in vital sewage infrastructure contribute to contamination risks for communities and farm lands.

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