

Conduct field inspections, zonal commissioners told



Zonal Commissioner (Zone B) Sonam Chaudhary conducts an inspection in Fauji Colony. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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LUDHIANA, JANUARY 13

Following the directions issued by the office of Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann, Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Shena Aggarwal has given instructions to the zonal commissioners of all the four zones of the MC to conduct field inspections and resolve problems being faced by residents at the earliest.

Zonal Commissioner (Zone B) Sonam Chaudhary conducted an inspection in Fauji Colony of Ward No 22 on Friday. She

said during her visit to the area, residents raised a few concerns regarding cleanliness and blocked sewer lines in some parts. The complaints regarding cleanliness were resolved by the health branch staff on the spot, while the officials of operations and maintenance (O & M) wing were directed to resolve the complaints regarding choked sewer lines at the earliest, she said.

Chaudhary also urged the public to support the authorities in ensuring 'Swachhta' in their surrounding areas and stop using banned single use plastic items. She also

appealed to the residents to ensure that segregated dry and wet waste is handed over to the waste collectors. Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr Shena Aggarwal stated that as per the orders received from Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann's office to resolve public grievances, zonal commissioners have also been directed to hold weekly grievance redressal meetings in their respective zones on every Thursday. The meetings are being held for the last two weeks and complaints are being resolved at the earliest, she added.

Jagraon bizman gets threat call from gangster

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A Jagraon-based furniture businessman received a threat call from a man posing himself as gangster Arsh Dalla. He demanded Rs 30 lakh extortion money from the businessman.

After the man lodged a complaint, the Jagraon police initiated a probe into the case. The police said voice of the caller was being checked to inquire he is gangster Arsh or

some impersonator.

The complainant told the police that he had been receiving threat calls from some international numbers and the caller identified himself as gangster Arsh Dalla. He asked to give Rs 30 lakhs else threaten to kill him.

"I had been receiving threatening calls from the past sometime and when I started ignoring the same, caller had stopped calling. Now after the murder of an electrician at Bardeke vil-

lage, same caller had again started calling and asking for money" complainant stated in his complaint.

Notably, the police is taking the threat call to the businessman seriously as Arsh Dalla had already killed an electrician in Jagraon a few days back and gangster had also claimed the responsibility of the murder in social media. The police has also booked gangster, his father and several others in a murder case of electri-

cian.

Notably, gangster Dalla is native of Moga and now based in Canada, Arsh Dalla is a very active gangster-turned-terrorist and has been involved in numerous gangster and terror-related activities in the recent past. The Punjab Police had already busted several modules backed by Arsh Dalla with the arrest of his close aides and recovering IEDs, hand-grenades and other arms and ammunition.

Workshop on biofuels at PAU

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LUDHIANA, JANUARY 13

A one-day workshop on "Bio-fuels from Lignocellulosic waste" under the aegis of PAU Science Club was organised by the Department of Microbiology, PAU.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr SS Gosal, presided over the function and enlightened the audience with ongoing activities of the department, including biofertiliser production and its popularisation, composting of lignocellulosic wastes for mushroom production and available technologies for value addition of agricultural produce.

Dr Sandeep Bains, Dean, PGS, also graced the occasion and presented a formal welcome to the dignitaries, Dr Anuj K Chandel, professor, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil and Dr Sachin Kumar, Deputy Director, Sardar Swaran Singh National Institute of Bio-Energy, Kapurthala, accompanied by scholar Dr Meenu Hans from SSS National Institute of Bio-Energy.

Dr GS Kocher, Head, Department of Microbiology presented a brief background on the theme of the workshop and highlighted the importance of biofuels in the present scenario of energy crisis. Both UG and PG Students, faculty and heads of different departments, attended the workshop and got an opportunity to update themselves on the current developments in the field of Lignocellulosic biofuels.

38 awarded degrees at special convocation

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MANDI GOBINDGARH, JAN 13

In a special convocation held at Desh Bhagat University (DBU), Mandi Gobindgarh, 38 graduates of the Bachelor of Ophthalmic Medical Science (BOMS) programme were awarded degrees.

Chancellor of the university Zora Singh said to combat eye-related ailments and the blindness rate in rural India, the Union Government started the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) in 1978.

For the same purpose, a two-year Diploma of Ophthalmic Assistant was launched in various government medical colleges

across the country after completion of 10+2 with medical subjects. These trained ophthalmic assistants provided primary eye care services to the rural population and were successful in reducing the rate of blindness in the rural population.

He said in response to societal needs, the Desh Bhagat University launched the Bachelor of Ophthalmic Medical Science Lateral Entry Degree Programme in 2018 for these diploma holders.

Dr Tajinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor of the university, said so far, 175 ophthalmic assistants had been awarded BOMS degrees in four different batches.

HDFC Bank official booked in fraud case

RAIKOT, JANUARY 13

The Ludhiana (Rural) police have booked a senior executive of a corporate commercial bank under Section 420 of the IPC for allegedly duping clients of the branch, worth Rs 2,64,800, on different dates in the past.

The suspect has been identified as Jagdeep Singh of Mohalla Maulvian, Raikot, who has been working as a senior executive at the local branch of HDFC Bank for a long time.

The case was registered in compliance with orders of SSP Ludhiana (Rural) Harjit Singh, passed after an inquiry conducted under supervision of Raikot DSP Rachhpal Singh Dhindsa.

Perusal of records revealed that the manager of the HDFC Raikot branch had filed different complaints against the sus-

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Rachhpal Singh, DSP

pect on December 14, 2022 and January 7, 2023 which were probed on the basis of circumstantial evidence.

DSP Rachhpal Singh said an FIR had been registered against Jagdeep Singh on Thursday evening and it was found that the suspect had swindled Rs 2,64,800 from accounts of clients. The suspect was yet to be arrested, said Dhindsa. — OC



Lohri festivities

Even the biting cold couldn't dampen the spirit of residents as they celebrated Lohri with elan. They offered groundnut and rewaris to the fire and youth enjoyed flying kites.

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No fresh Covid case in dist

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LUDHIANA, JANUARY 13

According to the office of the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana, none tested positive for Covid while no loss of life was reported due to the virus in the district on Friday.

Civil Surgeon Hitinder Kaur said a total of 1,13,634 persons have tested positive in the district since the outbreak of covid in Ludhiana district and 3018 people have lost their lives to the deadly virus since March 2020 in the district.

On Friday, 896 samples were sent for testing which include 686 RTPCR, 209 antigen and one TrueNat samples.

Chinese string ban goes for toss

LOVLEEN BAINS

SAHNEWAL, JANUARY 13

The ban on Chinese string in Sahnewal went for a toss today as children flew kites with this string with impunity. Residents opined that it seemed that every third or fourth house of Sahnewal used the string today.

"The children openly used Chinese string today. They were aware that there is none to be afraid of. Why does the police not raid such homes and catch the culprits? The string is lying in the streets and it gets entangled with the feet of almost every passerby but the authorities have failed to rise from their slumber," rued a social worker of Sahnewal Harbans Singh Sains.



A resident shows Chinese string.

"It is happening under the patronage of the authorities. We fail to understand as to where is the need on the part of the government to impose such baseless restrictions when they are never going to work out well?" Sains added.

The buyers are available only when the sellers are there to sell the string. They are selling it stealthily and in some cases even openly. A seller on the condition of anonymity shared, "For us it is very simple. We have customers whom we can confide in. They will purchase from us but never reveal the place of purchase to anyone. It is mutually undertaken as the buyers know that they have to make further purchases on the occasion of basant panchami or other normal days as well."

General secretary of Senior Citizens Welfare Council Sahnewal Sampooran Singh said, "Drugs and chinese string are two things which are bound to stay in the absence of any serious enforcement."

Agri varsity develops intercropping systems to enhance farm produce

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LUDHIANA, JANUARY 13

Dr Ajmer Singh Dhatt, Director of Research, PAU, said autumn sugarcane was the best fit for intercropping as crops like wheat, raya, gobhi sarson, toria, cabbage, radish, peas, tomato, onion, garlic and gram could be sown,

whereas summer moong, summer mash and okra were suitable for intercropping in spring cane. In autumn cane, intercropping of garlic and onion provided about Rs 80,000 to Rs 1 lakh per

hectare while gobhi sarson provided about Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000 per hectare additional income. Relay cropping of wheat in basmati rice and of celery in pea were other cost-effective options, he disclosed.

Dr MS Bhullar, Head, Department of Agronomy, said the intercropping helped in suppression of weeds, insect-pests and diseases attacks also. Further, it generated employment potential for small farmers' families and made them self-sufficient in domestic needs, he added. "Cowpea (as fodder), soybean and

groundnut can be raised as intercrop in maize. Cowpea and maize (as fodder) in cotton, moong in arhar and oats fodder in gobhi sarson are other intercropping options. For farmers having dairy farms also, forage mixtures of maize, jowar and millets with cowpea and guar provides balanced nutrition. Intercropping adds diversity to the cropping system and may allow lower use of inputs," he said. Small and marginal farmers must adopt intercropping systems to enhance their family income, he stressed.

5 of snatchers'...

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inspector Parmod Kumar addressed a press conference in this regard.

The ADCP said the police recovered three pieces of gold earrings, a toy pistol, two mobile phones and a motorcycle from the suspects. They had snatched gold earrings from a woman at Preet Nagar on January 9. After the police started a probe into the case and with the help of the CCTV footage, the miscreants were identified and nabbed. Since the three snatchers had sold looted valuables to the two jewellers, they were also identified and arrested, the ADCP said. He said now, police remand of the suspects would be sought to know their role in past incidents of loot.

Despite ban, kite lovers use...

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Meanwhile, police sources said the police would be registering FIRs against unidentified people as a routine exercise being initiated every year. The police have also launched an awareness drive to discourage the use of the Chinese string and child artists had also been enrolled in the campaign.

Within 24 hours after civic body action, seals...

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Engineer had also written to the MC Commissioner to take required action to stop the work at the site.

The complainant, Baljeet Singh, on Friday alleged that the seals had been removed from the SCFs to resume the work in the basements. "I demand from Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to mark an inquiry

into the matter. It is a serious matter," he said.

MC Joint Commissioner Ankur Mahindroo said the corporation had not removed the seals of the SCFs. He, however, said the civic body had got the work stopped at the site and they were getting the matter checked. If the work at the SCFs was being done legally, it would be further

allowed and if it was against the law, necessary action would be taken, he said.

On the other hand, LIT Superintending Engineer Sat Bhushan Sachdeva said the SCFs were constructed and auctioned by the LIT but it was the responsibility of the civic body to check violations in the SCFs in BRS Nagar. He said the BRS Nagar

scheme (550 acres) was handed over to the corporation for maintenance and building control.

"As per rules, the design of the SCFs cannot be tampered with. We have already written to the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana, to not allow tampering with the actual design of the SCFs," Sachdeva added.



SCFs that were sealed by MC on Thursday have been unsealed.

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