

250-bed PGIMER project to save power worth ₹4 crore

ANNUAL BILL The hospital model is based on the concept of saving resources

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CHANDIGARH: By using energy-efficient approaches and water conservation methods in the upcoming 250-bed hospital, the Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) officials are claiming to save around 30,000 litres of water everyday besides saving electricity worth ₹4 crore annually.

The hospital, which was planned in 2010 and has been constructed at the cost of ₹167 crore, is likely to become functional by next month.

Amritabh Avasthi, deputy director (administration), PGIMER, said the hospital was designed taking water and power conservation into consideration. "The hospital has been constructed using measures that will save almost 30,000 litres of water everyday besides saving ₹4 crore of the estimated energy cost annually," he said.

The deputy director said the medical institute had entrusted the construction work of the 250-bed hospital to Central Public Works Department (CPWD) that prepared the concept and scheme of the project. "There are hardly any public-sector hospitals in the

AFTER NINE YEARS

■ In 2010, the project of making a 250-bed hospital was approved by the Union ministry of health and family welfare.

■ In 2017, the then Union health secretary CK Mishra had ordered the executing agency, central public works department (CPWD), to finish the project by the end of that year.

■ It took nine years to complete the hospital. The project cost has nearly doubled from Rs 92 crore to Rs 167 crore as it missed several deadlines.



• The 250-bed hospital project of PGIMER, Sector 32, is likely to become functional by next month. FILE PHOTO

▶ The entire rooftop of the hospital is covered with the solar panels. Also, day-light sensors have been installed to reduce energy consumption by 30% over the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) baseline.

AMITABH AVASTHI, deputy director (administration), PGIMER

installed in the hospital to bring down water-demand by 90%, said the officer, adding that a storm water drainage system has also been designed.

According to Avasthi, these strategies will reduce the rising water-demand by 52% over the National Building Code (NBC) baseline. "The entire rooftop of the hospital is covered with the solar panels. Also, day-light sensors have been installed to reduce energy consumption by 30% over the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) baseline," said the deputy director.

country to have these facilities," he added.

He discussed the model of the hospital and said simple measures like usage of low-flow fixtures, dual-flush system, sensors-based urinals have been adopted

to conserve water. "A 300 KLD sanitation treatment plant has been constructed for treating and recycling sewage water to use it for toilet flushing and irrigation purposes," said Avasthi.

Drip irrigation has been

Three-day cultural fest concludes at DMCH

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LUDHIANA: The three-day cultural festival, ECTOPIA 2019 organised by Dera and Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) concluded here on Thursday, with MBBS 2016 batch coming in first with an overall score of 160 and 2018 batch bagging the second position with a score of 87.

stand-up comedians Parvinder Singh and Shivansh Srivastava entertained the audience.

Other popular segments included solo dance, duet dance and group choreography.

The festival ended with an antakshari competition among four MBBS batches and a faculty team.

The MBBS 2014 batch stood first and MBBS 2017 batch came in second.



• Students performing during the three-day cultural programme at DMCH in Ludhiana on Thursday. HT PHOTO

education notes

GADVASU SHINES IN INTER-AGRI UNIFEST

LUDHIANA: Guni Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) students won overall champions trophy in the 19th inter-agri unifest held at Jaipur. A contingent of 22 students and seven accompanists participated in the fest. Varsity students won first position in group dance, second in group song (gattroti), skit, clay modelling (debate for the motion) that in debate (against the motion), fourth in mime, poster making and light vocal music. As many as 2000 students from 64 agricultural and veterinary universities took part in the fest. Vice-chancellor AS Nanda congratulated the winners and emphasised the importance of co-curricular activities for building students' overall personality.



• Students of Khalsa College for Women taking out a Cleanliness Rally at College Campus in Ludhiana on Thursday. HT PHOTO

Government Science College holds placement drive

LUDHIANA: The career counselling and placement cell of Government Science College, Jagson, organised a placement drive for its students. Representatives of IOL Chemical and Pharmaceutical Limited of Barnala conducted the drive wherein a total of 69 students from BSc, final and MSc (chemistry) took part. The team members of the company delivered a presentation to acquaint students with the organisation. They also conducted a written test for shortlisting candidates. While 34 students were shortlisted after the written test, only 10 students made it to the interview. Professor Gurcharan Singh, college director, congratulated the selected students. Career counselling and placement cell in-charge professor Jatinder Singh encouraged students to participate in the campus placement drives.



UT GOVT SCHOOLKIDS MADE TO SIT ON FLOOR DURING EXAMINATION

CHANDIGARH: To ensure fair examinations, as many as 20 students of Class 10 of Government Model High School, Sector 29, were made to sit on floor during the school's internal papers on Wednesday.

As per the school authorities, the action was aimed to prevent students from cheating in the examination.

Principal Rajesh Kumar of the GMHS, Sector 29, said, "We are conducting preparatory tests for students' upcoming board exams. Due to lack of infrastructure, it is not possible to accommodate one child on one bench." "To ensure fair examination process, students were asked to sit on floor," he said.

Kumar said the school has 34 rooms out of which some are used to prepare mid-day meal, while a few comprise staff room, principal room and labs.

There are a total of 21 sections in the school, he said, adding that 7-8 more rooms are required to conduct tests smoothly.

District education officer Anuj Kaur said, "We will inquire the matter at the earliest. We are working hard for welfare of students. We will provide additional benches and mats to schools." HT C



• A guest being honoured during a national seminar on 'Relevance of the Bhagwad Gita in Student Life', organised at Arya College in Ludhiana on Thursday. HT PHOTO

'Bhagwad Gita can give moral direction to our lives'

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LUDHIANA: A national seminar on 'Relevance of Bhagwad Gita in Students' Life' was organised by the department of Sanskrit at Arya College here on Thursday.

Former head of department (HoD) of Sanskrit, Punjab University, Patiala, Dr Indermohan Singh, who was chief guest, said that students can enrich their lives by deriving inspiration from moral values depicted in the Bhagwad Gita.

In his key note address, chief speaker head of the Sanskrit department Dr Virender Anankar said that in the contemporary times, when moral standards are deteriorating day-by-day, the preaching of the Gita can give moral direction to lives of youngsters.

College principal Dr Savita Uppal accorded a warm welcome to the guests and said that students have become slaves of technology.

But by deriving inspiration from the Gita, they can live a successful and satisfactory life, she added.

Dr Ashish Kumar, the convener of the programme, said that the Gita proves to be a torchbearer for an individual, who feels himself trapped in the confusions of the world.

A man himself is responsible for his progress and deterioration, so one should access Gita for improving the quality of life, said the convener.

VEHICLE BAN ON PU CAMPUS

Deadline nears, awareness drive nowhere

CHANDIGARH: Even two weeks after the traffic control committee at Panjab University (PU) decided to implement the first phase of vehicle ban on the Sector 14 campus, the PU Campus Students' Council (PUCSC) is yet to begin its awareness campaign in the boys' hostels, though February 15 was the deadline set for the task.

The committee on January 31

had decided to clear the roads in front of all boys' hostels in the first phase which include that from Gate No 1 to Parade Ground, in front of Boys' Hostels No 4 and 5, and in front of Boys' Hostels No 6 and 7.

The committee had decided that the PUCSC office-bearers will address the residents in the Boys' Hostels No 1 to 7, with five volunteers provided by respective hostel wardens.

meeting on the matter.

Meanwhile, dean students' welfare (DSW) Emanuel Nahar said a meeting will be held with all the hostel wardens this week.

As sought by the committee, the hostel wardens have prepared the lists of unclaimed vehicles parked on roads outside the hostels so that these can be removed. The lists have been sent to the DSW. HT C



• Students posing for a group photo during Dr DR Singh Memorial British Parliamentary Debate, Season X, at PCTE in Ludhiana on Thursday. HT PHOTO



• Students of Class 12 during their farewell party at MGM Public School in Ludhiana on Wednesday; and (left) students taking part in their annual athletics meet held at Guru Nanak Public School, Model Town, in Ludhiana on Thursday. HT PHOTOS

SBS students visit sugar mill
LUDHIANA: The Synthetic Business School on Thursday organised a visit to a sugar mill at Budhwal for its students and faculty. Around 200 students from the commerce management and computer science departments visited the mill along with faculty members. The production head of the plant, Chankar Singh, guided the students about the manufacturing process. Students

department Students were apprised of the mill capacity, its employees and various incentive schemes during the visit. Industry representatives briefed the students about company's history, major milestones and work environment. The students learnt different techniques of producing biscuits, various stages of production process and information related to the plant and products. College managing committee president Ashwani Singh said such visits motivate

make undying attempts to make our environment worth living.
Workshop on personality development at GNDEC
LUDHIANA: A United States (US)-based Sikh Human Development Foundation (SHDF) and the Nishkam Sikh Welfare Council (NSWC), New Delhi, sponsored a workshop on 'personality development and interview techniques' at the Guru

diverse range of topics, to help them to achieve well-rounded development and improve their critical thinking. IIM Amritsar, Bala Institute of Management Technology (BIM-TECH), NIT Jalandhar, RML NLU Ludhiana, RGUJL, Patiala, Hansraj College Delhi, IET Ludhiana, DMCLudhiana, Amity University-Neida among many others participated in the mega literary fest. The director general of PCTE, KNS Kang, said the debate is a step to foster international

and the programme officers.
World Radio Day celebrated at GNKCW
LUDHIANA: The department of journalism and mass communication of Guru Nanak Khalsa College for Women (GNKCW), Gurdarshan Campus, on Thursday organised an event 'aap sun rahi hai akashvani' to celebrate the World Radio Day. The programme had a host of 40 acts. Preeti Chahal, GM

college by securing 79.4 percent marks and Malkeet Kaur bagged third position in college with 78.6 percent marks. Principal Charanjit Mahal congratulated the students and faculty for bringing great results.
KCW students outshine in results
LUDHIANA: Students of Khalsa College for Women (KCW) showed excellent results in their examination.

meet, the students participated in 100m race, 50m race, balloon race, partner race and other obstacle races. Anhad Kaur, Ekamjot Kaur and Ekam Kaur of Class 2 clinched the first, second and third position, respectively, in the 100m race. Gurshan Singh Bajwa, Param Singh Dyal and Gurmehar Bir Singh of Class 2 stood first, second and third, respectively, in 50m race. Principal Mona Singh thanks students and parents for their

Bypass, here, organised the chef's table activity for the students of Class 7, on Thursday. The students exhibited their culinary skills and prepared nutritious and healthy dishes with fruits, vegetables and sprouts. It was feast for the eyes and stomach as well. The objective of the activity was to encourage healthy eating habits among the students. The students prepared various dishes such as pav bhaji, bhethur, creamy pasta, cano-