

# Online view of solar panels soon

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City residents will soon be able to have an online view of the viability of installing solar panels on rooftops of their residences for meeting their electricity requirements.

The online tool housing, the precise database of rooftop of each household in city and parts of Mohali and Panchkula, will provide specifications of radiations received in different months at the roof, estimations of solar panel to be installed and energy efficiency of that particular system.

This online tool, developed for promotion of rooftop photovoltaic systems by The Energy Resource Institute (TERI) in collaboration with the UT Administration and Shakti Foundation, will be launched officially in January 2014.

A survey was conducted by the researchers at TERI to create the database of the buildings in city as Chandigarh was identified, in January this year,



UT Administrator Shivraj V Patil addresses a conference at the CII in Chandigarh on Monday.  
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INVERTER CAPACITY	SOLAR PANEL POWER	ESTIMATED COST	COST AFTER SUBSIDY
800VA	300W	₹20,000	₹14,000
1200VA	500W	₹30,000	₹21,000

as the first city in country for launching the promotion project for solar photovoltaic systems.

"There is virtually no maintenance involved in

solar panels. These usually come with 25 years of warranty. The inverters being used at households can play a significant role in supporting the power

generation in solar panels. A complete pay back begins after 3-4 years of installation depending upon the size of the solar panels," said Santosh

## VIABILITY

- Go to the site [www.regisindia.com](http://www.regisindia.com) and select the name of city
- Select details of residence and identify rooftop
- Take out the basic selections and contact the vendor of your choice for installation.
- 55 per cent subsidy on solar panels for city residents in 2014-15
- Cost estimate with inverter retro-fitting

Kumar, director (Science and Technology), UT, during a conference on promoting rooftop solar photovoltaic systems organised by CII.

"Adoption of latest solar technologies, indigenous production of hi-tech solar photovoltaic panels and even more efficient solar equipment and most importantly, its acceptance by citizens, institutes and the industry by aggressive promotion campaigns is the key to make Chandigarh a model solar city," said UT Administrator Shivraj V Patil.

# Jumbo performers to vanish from circus scene

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After performances of wild animals like lion, tigers and chimpanzees were banned in Indian circus almost two decades ago, soon elephants are also going to be out of scene. While the public, especially children, still associates animal performances with circus, the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) has proposed to stop new registrations of elephants for circus.

The Board is also contemplating banning the performances of the elephants already registered with circus groups, said Sanjeev, the organiser of Great Bombay Circus, which is going at the Dasehra ground in Mohali.

"People come here to see animals more than human artists. Right from the diet, recreation to good health of animals, we take care of everything in our camps. We tie up with the local veterinary doctors to ensure their wellness," Sanjeev added.

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) had made the proposal two months ago with the view of stopping "cruelty to the animals". A People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) team carried out an investigation to see the acts of elephants in various circuses and arrived at the conclusion that elephants were being forced to perform unnatural acts. Constant chaining of animals, use of elderly or visually impaired elephants was also noted in some of the circuses by the investigators.

Endorsing the AWBI's move, People for Animals'



An elephant regales spectators at the Great Bombay Circus at Phase VIII in Mohali. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY GHARU

founder trustee follow the instructions but that would be due to its master's fear," Sodhi added.

A total of nearly 10 circus companies are active in the country. A notification on banning wild animals in circus came in 1991 and was implemented in principle in 1998. The animals are protected under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001.

# Six months on, still falling short of promises

PANCHKULA MC

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PANCHKULA, DECEMBER 23  
Despite six months of the formation of Panchkula's first ever Municipal Corporation, no specific difference have been seen in its condition.

Upinder Kaur Ahluwalia was elected as the first Mayor of Panchkula. All the councilors during their campaigning had promised the residents of bringing a difference within a month, but the promises fell flat.

Though the stray cattle menace has been curbed considerably, the other civic amenities bear the same fate as it was before. Not only this, MC doesn't even have office of its own and is operating from a community centre in Sector 4, Panchkula.

The Mayor said they were making efforts and working on all the proposals. "The proposals take time for implementation. The process of all the proposals is on. Also, the tenders for roads have been finalised."

## Ups

Cattle shed of about 1,200 capacity have been made.

## PLANS AHEAD

- Shrubs are to be planted on both sides of the main roads for beautification
- First dog shelter to be made in the city on the lines of cattle shed
- City to be made encroachment-free
- To make all the street lights functional
- MC to shift their office in Sector 14

Around, 500 stray cattle removed from the streets and housed there.

- Beautification lights installed at various roundabouts in the city.
- Garbage collection and disposal managed considerably.

## Downs

- Potholed roads in every sector still prevails.
- Stray dogs menace still rampant.
- Project of LED lights proposed has still not seen light of the day.
- Sanitation problem still prevalent in villages particularly of Kalka and Pinjore.
- Encroachments still exist in not just the streets but in markets as well.

# CHB declares ₹9.65 cr pending tax

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CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 23  
The Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has declared a pending service tax payment of Rs 9.65 crore under the Central Excise Customs and Service Tax Department's Voluntary Compliance Encouragement Scheme.

The scheme that was launched about six months ago allowed tax declaration and submission without interest to those declaring

their taxes voluntarily. While CHB topped the chart in the entire north zone, it was followed by Rampur Hydro Electric Project, Shimla (Rs 3.45 crore), AP Badal, Bilaspur (Rs 3.29 crore), Nabha Power Limited, Rajpura (Rs 1.65 crore), and JBR Technologies, Ludhiana (Rs 1.28 crore).

In the Chandigarh zone, a total of 538 new applicants declared their service tax due amounting to Rs 67.38 crore. As per the scheme, all volun-

teers will have to pay 50 per cent of the tax latest by December 31, 2013, and the remaining by June 30, 2014. The taxpayers will be exempted from the rate of interest.

The scheme allows payment of the remaining 50 per cent tax by December 21, 2014, but the taxpayers will have to pay the interest as well, said PS Pruthi, Chief Commissioner, Central Excise Customs and Service Tax, Chandigarh Zone.

# UT Power Dept all set to prepare tariff petition

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 23  
The UT Electricity Department has started the process to prepare the power tariff petition for the next financial year 2014-15. The department has hired a consultant, who will prepare the petition for the department.

The consultant will prepare the proposal for power tariff under different slabs for domestic and commercial categories for the next financial year.

UT's Superintending Engineer (Electricity) MP Singh said the consultant will prepare its report and on the basis of the report the department will submit its annual revenue requirement (ARR) and a tariff petition before

the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC). On the basis of the petition, the JERC will decide the power tariff for the city, he said.

Sources said the department would have to submit the annual revenue requirement (ARR) and a tariff petition for 2014-15 before the JERC by the end of January. Earlier, the UT Administration had planned to file a Multi Year Tariff (MYT) petition for the next three financial years. But the JERC was yet to frame rules and regulations for the MYT therefore the administration dropped the idea to file the MYT petition and decided to file tariff petition for only one year. — TNS

# Computer teachers continue stir

Chandigarh: Around 150 computer teachers from government schools gathered at Sector 17 plaza today to lodge a peaceful protest against the Education Department.

They conducted a signature campaign to mobilise public support for their pend-

ing issues. The campaign drew an impressive response from public who were positive about betterment of the teaching community in the city. Teachers held a candle-light march to show their resentment against the Administration. — TNS

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**The Tribune Cognizance**  
A Scrapbook Competition  
for the students of Class V to Class X

Presenting The Tribune Cognizance - a Scrapbook Competition for the students of classes V to X in the schools of Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Patiala and Ambala. Beginning October 21, 2013, a series of articles, 32 in total, written by experts on various subjects will be published in Chandigarh Tribune, Ludhiana Tribune, Bathinda Tribune, Amritsar Tribune and Jalandhar Tribune till December 31, 2013. Go ahead and send us your participation form at the address mentioned below. Give wings to your creativity and prepare a scrapbook by cutting and pasting at least 28 such articles besides adding more information on these subjects in the scrapbook. At the end of the competition, a panel of judges will evaluate these scrapbooks and you can win fabulous prizes.

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JJ JONEX is known all across India and is one of the leading brands in sports field. The company is working under the guidance of Mr. J R Mahajan, whose vast experience of 43 years and motivation has helped the company develop into a big competitive firm. Incepted in 1968, the company is enriched with experience, which has facilitated its further growth. Till 1981, company was restricted to the production of badminton rackets, tennis rackets & squash rackets and then it added the manufacturing of soccer balls, basket balls, rugby, cricket equipments, roller Skates & skateboard, sports Shoes, wears, Fitness equipments, boxing equipments and TT Tables.

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**FEEDBACK**

## Ban on smoking goes up in smoke

In 2007, Chandigarh was declared country's first smoke-free city and it was indeed a proud moment for its residents. It was six years ago that a ban was imposed on smoking at public places. But the efforts seem to have gone down the drain, as we can see defaulters smoking openly at every nook and corner of the city. Also, the authorities tend to overlook the vendors selling tobacco products on the roadside, outside government and private offices and institutions, which is now a common sight. People, including the policemen and responsible citizens, have violated the rules and can be seen buying cigarettes from these outlets and smoking in prohibited areas. The administration should conduct a drive to challan the violators and should organise awareness camps to guide the shopkeepers and control the menace.

## Implementation of RTI touches a new low

Usually, during this time of the year stocks of yearly situations are maintained. If we take a stock of RTI implementation, then it can be seen that it has touched a new low in UT this year. So many strictures have never been passed in the past eight years by CIC against the officers at various levels of UT. In a few cases, heavy fines have been imposed and in many other cases imparting of training to employees and officers have been ordered. While indulging in a positive criticism, I feel every office from top most to the lowest level have tampered with rules this year. Also, a drastic overhaul and strict compliance of rules should be ensured if the administration feels like caring for the rules laid down.

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