Chandigarh is wholly and solely a part of Punjab. Initially, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh too were. After the division of states, HP got its own capital without hassle, did not. Chandigarh will belong always to

Chandigarh should belong solely to Punjab as it was meant to be that way. Punjab has endured a lot. It was the parent star and still did not get any capital of its which have their capitals and are

HOOD RESIDENTS WELFARE

ASSOCIATION,

Chandigarh should belong to Punjab because it was originally a part of Punjab and was made out of its land. It has got maximum Punjabi speaking population and not Babu Ram Diwani ORGANIZING SECRETARY. RESIDENTS WELFARE

ASSOCIATION, PHASE 3A.

to any of the states A B S Sidhu VICE-PRESIDENT. INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

66 I think Chandigarh

should remain as it is

No doubt, ideally it belongs to

Punjab, but it should not go

It should function as a UT. It is a special heritage city. The thought of Chandigarl becoming a part of Punjab is a hypothetical question. It is just not possible. Even if it be agitation and Rajnish Wattas

Chandigarh has its own identity. Over the years, it has carved a clear place for itself, so it would be unjust if that identity were to be eroded in anyway. If the city goes to any one state, it won't be Deepti Gupta DEAN, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

It's CHANDIGARH'S TIME

Harvana should have its should go to Punjab as it was meant cleanliness and Diwan Manna CHAIRMAN, PUNJAB LALIT

KALA AKADEMI

Chandigarh should remain as UT only. various works cannot be done without UT status. I COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

of If UT will be given to some particular state, it will get ruined. Right now, UT is getting proper funds, PGI is offering health facilities at low prices everything will be Vijay Bansal PRESIDENT SHIVALIK VIKAS MANCH

Chandigarh is doing better as a UT than capital of Punjab and Haryana. We will be happy if Panchkula is made the capital of Haryana. If Chandigarh comes to will generate more funds. But for now. let Chandigarh function as a UT LIIY Bawa FORMER MC COUNCILLOR

The future of Chandigarh is bright if it stays as UT. Neither Punjab nor Haryana would be able Common problems of crime and connectivity should be solved together in the board **Gian Chand Gupta** MLA, PANCHKULA

to take care of Chandigarh. Rather a separate Tricity Development Board should be formed for common

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FORMER PRINCIPAL,

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CHANDIGARH COLLEGE O

TOI Breaks New Ground By Getting Chief Ministers Of Punjab And Haryana To Grapple With The Future Of Chandigarh In The Company of The Punjab Governor At Its Summit

ducted to ensure a 60:40 quota in place for filling vacan-

This was announced by Punjab governor and UT adninistrator V P Singh Badnore at TOI's summit – It's Chandigarh's Time - on Tuesday. After the division of Punjab, Chandigarh was made a Union Territory under Section 4 of the Puniab Re-Organisation Act, 1966, with effect from November 1, 1966. Since then, the adminis tration has been functioning directly under the ministry of home affairs (MHA). The administration is managed by officers from Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram Union Territories (AGMUT), Punjab and Haryana cadres, who report to the UT administrator. According to norms, 60% bureaucrats, police officers

Maintain 60:40 ratio: Panel

Chandigarh have to The parliamentary standing committee on home come from Punjab affairs in 2017 had directed the Chandigarh and 40% from Hary administration for maintaining 60:40 ratio for filling ana. Amarinder vacancies in Chandigarh. The committee recommended said when Punjab be no violation of this arrangement sanctioned by made separate the Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966. was divided in the

> ratio of 60:40 and it was also decided that the UT Administration will have officials in the ratio of 60% from ministration is being dominated by UT cadre officers. Badnore assured him an audit to find out in which department the division is not being followed. However, he also flagged the issue of both the states governments not sending the required officers despite repeated requests. He also apprised both the CMs about the short-



Set up Tricity Capital Development Council, suggests social scientist

ramod Kumar, director, Insti-Itute for Development and Communication (IDC), has proposed Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali be treated as Tricity Capital Territory and a Tricity Capital Development Council be set up for adminis trative purposes till the conflict be tween Punjab and Haryana over Chan-Kumar recommended a common

ity and institutions like Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC) be strengthened besides setting up an institution like India International Centre, Delhi. He was addressing a gathering at It's Chandigarh's Time summit here on Tuesday. Kumar proposed that to start with, a common police emergency control up. "The administrative division be-from its own sources be divided on in terms of culture, trade, knowledge tween three entities affects safety and 60:40 basis between Punjab and Hary-exchange. It can locate a diplomatic



HINK COMMON': IDC director Pramod Kumar with the Punjab CM

and order be set up," suggested Kumar. quality emergency health services.

SUGGESTIONS Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali for practical purposes be treated as Tricity Capital Territory

Tricity Capital Developmen Council be set up Within Tricity Capital Development Council, maintenance of law and order be formed A common police emergency

control system with dial 100 availble in Tricity be set up Pool resources for creating comcommon law and order framework

For setting up a Tricity Capital com- "Chandigarh is emerging as the ternational Centre, Delhi," said Kuplex, Kumar proposed that 50% of the satellite town of Delhi. It has a poten-mar. However, Kumar said these initotal revenue collected in Chandigarh tial to develop as a global destination tiatives require pooling of financial

security of citizens. This division anafor the development of the Tricity enclave to realize this potential. The entities have to pool financial and works to the advantages of violators Capital Complex. Moreover, he has main focus should be to reach out to other resources. As it is, well-estabof law, be it thefts, sexual harassment proposed that if the already existing the people and influence policy planand even political protests. Within the medical trauma centres are strength-ning institutions like CRIKC (Chandi-source of revenue generation. For ex-Tricity Capital Development Council, ened in Mohali and Panchkula, these garh Region Innovation and Knowl- ample, the per capita revenue colleca sub-group for maintenance of law can share the burden of PGI to deliver edge Cluster) be strengthened besides tion through sales tax is quite high in setting up an institution like India In-





VOICE OF PEOPLE: (Clockwise from top) Punjab chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh, Haryana CM Manohar Lal and UT administrator VP Singh Badnore at the TOI summit. Former Army chief General V P Malik

Citizen reporters don't do it to make headlines

TOI honours public-spirited, vigilant citizens of the Tricity who highlighted its problems



ANNU CHAUDHARY (Above) Event manager who wants to organise society against petty issues related to the civic amenities and unclean surroundings, which she kept on highlighting in the hope

GTRISH ANAND

childhood dream of exposing all the nomalies in the city's civic of rastructure that affect a common man, he claims to be "very satisfied" with the response his complaints have got

charity begins from home. He has a habit

GROUP CAPTAIN ABHIJIT BOSE (RETD)

observes while commuting. For him every issue that makes residents' life roblematic is important KULBHUSHAN KANWAR Retired director of health and family

elfare runs a hobby development ssociation with friends to holds painting competitions and photography classes in order to teach children how to dispose of garbage at public places

N K JHINGAN Public-spirited citizen is regular is highlighting the sanitation and encroachment problems of this area. He does not like the sight of illegal structures in the neighbouhood and exposes those so

that the authorities take action MANMOHAN LUTHRA

the condition of the city's oldest commercial centre in Sector 17. He has highlighted sorry state of footpaths and exposed trees roots covered with charcoal in the shopping arcade.

isk manager in a bank, he is always keen to raise the issues of improper garbage collection and lack of planning inf the civic administration to come up with a plan to resolve this long-standing issue in many

VIVEK SHARMA regular contributor, who says the civic authorities have the budget for revamp, ust that they have to use it in a proper contribution to finding solutions to various

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Let Tricity residents apply for govt jobs without domicile certificate: Badnore

states, making their residents eligible to get jobs in Chandigarh. City residents are at a disadvantage against residents of Punjab and Haryana, who have the privilege of applying for jobs both in Chandigarh and their respec tive states. However, Chandigarh residents who apply for jobs in Harvana and Punjab, are asked to produce a domicile certificate of the respec-

At present, a large number people hailing from both the states are working in different departments of the UT administration. In the ongoing recruitment of Chandigarh Police, a majority of applicants are from these states. Senior deputy mayor Gurpreet Singh raised the issue and the UT administrator acknowledged it. He

said residents of the Tricity should be allowed to apply for government job without asking for domicile certificate. Badnore urged residents to give their suggestions for resolving the issue. Local MP Kirron Kher has been vocal about the decision of both the governments asking for a domicile certificate from residents of their own capital and termed it illogical. Kher has already taken up the issue with both the governments. However, the states governments are yet

WHAT IS DOMICILE?

domicile\resident certificate is issued to prove that the person bearing the certificate is a domicile\resident of the state\UT. The certificate is tions and in government jobs. A person who has a permanent residence in a state\UT can apply for domicile.

Poor connectivity with UT slowing down development of **Panchkula: Khattar**

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Taryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar expressed concern over Panchkula's poor connecti In the course of a discussion with Punjab CM Captain

Amaringer Singh and O'r administrator and Punjac governor V P Singh Badnore, Khattar elaborated on the difficulties being faced by residents in the absence of proper road connectivity. Whether it is bus service or heavy vehicles, there is

only one route which connects Chandigarh with Panchkula. People who want to set up business first look at connectivity, which is where Panchkula lags behind Chandi-

garh and Mohali, residents said. Vishnu Goel, president, Hary ana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), said, "There is no doubt that connectivity is a maior issue in Panchkula. The government has taken a few steps to improve connectivity here in Panchkula and work is in procress. This will help businessmen

and area residents." People want better connectivity not just with Chan digarh but also with the international airport in Mo hali. S K Nayar, president, Citizens' Welfare Association (CWA), said, "If one has to go to the international airport, there is no direct route. One has to enter either Zirakpur or Chandigarh."

For other bus routes, residents have to go to Chand garh first and take buses from there. Residents have also different states

been demanding proper bus stand with bus routes to On June 20, Haryana transport department approved 34 buses of Delhi-Chandigarh and Chandigarh-Delhi routes to ply via Zirakpur to Panchkula and Kalka. This

was done on the request of residents and local MLA Gian At present, the stretch from Housing Board light poin

to transport light point (TPT) is the only road which

Haryana, Punjab CMs spar over states' share in Panjab University

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Y aryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday wanted its share in Panjab University. He said the state would provide financial assistance to the university in return for PU affliation of its colleges. At this, Punjab chief minister Captain Amrinder Singh retorted, "Kuch humare saath chodhenge bhi aap? Ye jo baat aap public me kar rahe hain, vo privately meri baat ho gayi hai ek do baar aapke saath (Will COLD VIBES: Your varsity or mine? you keep something for us or do you want it all? We have had private discussions on this earlier).'

The exchange took place during a discussion on Panjab University becoming a Central university, when the Haryana CM grabbed the opportunity to press the case of the state. "Panjab University is a very prestigious institution. Whether it becomes the Central university or not, the one for Badnore. "I believe if Captain thing we had demanded was our share. Once, Haryana also had its the matter of the University will be deficit of Panjab University in the share in the University. If we get it resolved and some Haryana colleges ratio of population of states.



back, we are ready to provide finan-

cial support in return." and Punjab governor V P Singh Badgotten that I am the chancellor of all jab University." Khattar maintained sahab does not object to our proposal,

sity," he said. Captain Amarinder Singh stood his ground with the assertion that the issue had been discussed and that he did not agree with the proposal of Haryana colleges getting Panjab University affiliation. The row between Punjab and Haryana over Panjab University dates back to 1966 when Punjab was reorganized. The two new states that were formed, Himachal Pradesh and

Haryana, which had a share in Pansupport. On February 7, 2018, Punjab government filed an affidavit in Punjab and Haryana high court express ng opposition to the proposal of the In response, UT administrator Haryana government to give share to PU, if the University affiliates col-After reorganization of Punjab in 1966, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana

Haryana and Himachal Pradesh con-

Naveen Manglani PRESIDENT, CHAMBER OF think there is a need to interlink the

to education, health and snatching will be S Gogia CHANDIGARH

There was no consensus over anything. want to say that due to quota system, most of the students take admission in Chandigarh schools after Class X. As a result, peripheral areas like Panchkula and Zirakpur are overlooked.

Arun Mahajan Chandigarh The rules and regulations in Chandigarh are strict as compared to Panchkula and Mohali due to which trade is not flourishing. This is one of the reasons that

ratio to make it a world-class city

Chandigarh asks to keep separate identity

s Punjab and Haryana squabble over the status of Chandigarh, the peo-__ple living here for decades speak of retaining its inique cultural and autonomous identity. They are proud of being recognised as people of Chandigarh rather than of Punab or Haryana Institute for Development

Communication director ing Tuesday's TOI event that: "With the political solution exble, both Punjab and Haryana should have their own capitals so that the third party, Chandi-

PUNJAB REORGANISATION ACT ➤ On November 1, 1966, Chanfinance secretary were created digarh and a few adjoining to assist the chief commis-

illages were made a Union erritory under Section 4 of the > The chief commissioner Punjab Reorganisation Act ➤ A seat in the Lok Sabha was allocated to the Union Territory of ▶ The Government of India appointed a chief com As a temporary arrangement in 1984, the Punjab governor was designated as the admin-A chief architect, chief engineer, and estate officer post of chief commissioner looked after respective functions, while new posts

another Ludhiana or Jalandhar Manimajra resident welfare as-

got powers to frame bylaws and rules pertaining to build ing, land use, sale of developed plots, peripheral control, and other related matters istrator of Chandigarh and the was changed to adviser to the UT administrator

sociation (RWA) president Colo- who has been here for 64 years nel Gursewak Singh said. "Petty" and has seen the city grow from politics always gets in the way an infant, prioritised Chandiof development and the city cannot move forward under the lingering shadow of Punjab and remain as a Union Territory

Dissatisfied with the tax- jab or Haryana. The conflict will revenue distribution by the administration, residents said the tax be used for the development of the Tricity as a whole. NK Jhingan, a resident of Chandigarh for more than 50 years, said: "Chandigarh is losing its identity steadily despite the precarious balance maintained due to the influence of bureaucracy in the city. It is hurtful to share the tax revenue generated by us, the people of Chandigarh, with

principal Swaran Chaudhary, independent entity."

velopment and said: "It should instead of being eclipsed by Punonly compromise Chandigarh's

Chandigarh Beopar Mandal president Anil Vohra, a resident for more than 60 years, said: "The limited land in the city is shared by natives as well as immigrants. Bridled by the states, the city can realise its immense potential only after being free." Industrialists and converted plot owners association chairman Chander Verma said: "Doing trade can be easier only

Administrator's Advisory Council To Include Residents Of Pkl, Mohali garh, Panchkula, and Mohali had started co-Vinod.Kumar3@timesgroup.com

or a better coordination between Chandi-★ the common issues of the Tricity, UT administrator VP Singh Badnore has decided to have residents of Panchkula and Mohali as well on the administrator's advisory council. policy matters since coming up in 2007. Bad-

ordinating for law and order, and it has started showing results. "Regular meetings help us solve cases of snatching, murder, and rape," Badnore said. "A similar coordination and cooperation is required in health, education, and transport sectors as well." Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal sug-

gested that the civic bodies of the three cities connectivity as issues of common interest as share the cost of these projects. He called for the need to form an advisory council with representatives of Panchkula, Chandigarh, and Mohali to suggest how to develop the Tricity. The AAC must meet thrice a year. Since 2007, it was supposed to hold 30 meetings but met on just 11 occasions. The present council's dents from outside Chandionly two meetings were on July 14, 2017, and after various things. Badnore said Chandi-

School heads want quota scrapped, seek common education system Kamini.Mehta@timesgroup.com Every year, many students from

AT TOI SUMMIT, PUNJAB GOVERNOR V P SINGH BADNORE CALLS FOR BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN TRICITY'S CONSTITUENT CITIES

Panchkula and Mohali.

espite getting around 90% marks in ollege for pursuing BCom. Reason: her schooling was not from Changarh, which includes

Panchkula and Mohali fail to obtain admis-

Panchkula and Mohali."

sion in Chandigarh colleges and join Chandigarh schools to avail the benefit under the 85% quota. This has left schools of Panchkula and Mohali struggling to retain students after Class X. Tricity school heads have asked for a "Common Education System" for students of the Tricity and quashing the quota School, Panchkula, raised in Chandigarh-based col-

developed as smart cities, says Guv Vishakha.Chaman@timesgroup.com

Panchkula and Mohali need to be

"A lot of pressure is coming every day that why don't we have vertical buildings coming

T administrator V P Singh Badnore has

emphasized that Panchkula and Mohali need to be developed as smart cities since Chandigarh cannot live in seclusion Moreover, there should be coordination for the smart city between Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula. He was speaking at the TOI Badnore recommended that some services

of Chandigarh can be relocated to Panchkula and Mohali also because of paucity of land in Chandigarh, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar concurred with Badnore and flagged the concern of poor connectivity between Chandigarh and Panchkula. "We will have to make infrastructural development to improve connectivity between Chandigarh and Panchkula," said Khattar

garh can only grow in the vicinity and where Panchkula and Mohali is," said Badnore while talking about planning the development of Chandigarh for the next 50 years Badnore also talked about re-framing the Chandigarh advisory council where he would

ake help from Panchkula and Mohali. On this, where people from Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali will be a part of so that common facilities can be shared by the people of Tric ity and we can also get their suggestions work on," said Khattar

Annu Chaudhary CHANDIGARH

The mismanagement among the police is enormous in the Tricity. In a crisis situation, the responsibility shifts from one city to another, ultimately resulting in delayed

Kulbhushan Kanwar Chandigarh

The Tricity can only develop if there are proper intentions and policies are

Swaran Chaudhary Chandigarh The formation of a single committee with

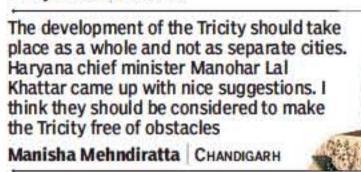
representation from Mohali, Panchkula and Chandigarh is a must to coagulate the specialties of each city and develop the Manoi Das ZIRAKPUR

equitable for every child in the Tricity Rajni Thareja CHANDIGARH There should be a regulatory Citizen Forum

to address the needs of public. It can act as

The quota system in education should be

a bridge between the administration and Abhijit Bose ZIRAKPUR



More such events should take place where CMs, governor and the other authorities come together to resolve issues and public can make their suggestions Amandeep Singh CHANDIGARH

The joint committee proposed by the governor can be an important milestone to take the city forward. But the conflict between Punjab and Haryana over Chandigarh is a deterrent to development Vivek Sharma CHANDIGARH

The RWAs should be kept in loop while planning and executing development projects. Sometimes, administration decisions are hasty and act against the interest of residents

Col Gursewak Singh CHANDIGARH The Tricity can be utilized as a source of tourism with the presence of places like PCA stadium and Chandigarh's reputation as City Beautiful. The administration should keenly develop the tourism industry

due to its high potential for revenue

Ankit Gupta CHANDIGARH

I think much of cleanliness work is yet to be done in the Tricity. I have been living here since 1972 and over the years the level of cleanliness has come down Dr Uma Garg ZIRAKPUR

Chandigarh and Mohali should have a single system of affiliation Dr Dalip Kumar PANCHKULA With changing times, the administrative system should become flexible. Due to rigid

addressed properly. Colleges in Panchkula,

I think the issue of education was not

system, the revenue is going down. CHANDIGARH INDUSTRIES infrastructure in the Tricity. Issues relating

Heena Sharma ZIRAKPUR There is a problem in ease of doing

Mohali and Panchkula because of stringent rules Vinod Joshi CHANDIGARH

There is a need of making the Tricity into a single city. As there has been an increase in traffic and lots of people commute within these cities, there is a need of introducing

many people tend to invest in Panchkula

There are so many issues that need to be addressed, but the major one is that of capital. We need to rise above this 60-40

Pankaj Sharma Chandigarh

