

## **NEWS FROM OTHER STATES**

### **CHANDIGARH**

#### **Chandigarh civic body approves imposition of cow cess**

City residents will now have to shell out cow cess, cess on power bills, sale of four-wheelers and two-wheelers, country liquor, whisky and beer sold within municipal limits. The general house of Chandigarh Municipal Corporation approved the imposition of cow cess for the protection and maintenance of its cows in city gaushalas. The House will now send the approval to the UT Administration which will adopt the Punjab Prohibition of Punjab Cow Slaughter Act 1955 on the basis of which the cess will be levied. Section 7 of the Punjab Act provides that the state government or local authority, if authorised, may levy such fee as may be prescribed for care and maintenance of uneconomic cows in the institution.

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### **ODISHA**

#### **3,500 Kandhamal kids die of malnutrition**

As many as 3,500 children have died of malnutrition in Kandhamal district so far in the past five years, reminding the nation of the forgotten picture of Nagada village in minerals-rich Jajpur district. According to the Government statistics, around 3,500 children between the age group 0 and 5 years have died in the past five years in Kandhamal district. As per the report from the District Headquarters Hospital, total 552 children have died of malnutrition in 2013-14, 702 in 2014-15, 673 in 2015-16 and 516 in 2016-17. Similarly, the number of deaths due to malnutrition was 756 by end of April 2017-18. While Phiringia Block tops the list with 480, the highest number malnutrition deaths in the past five years, it is followed by Daringbadi (431), and G Udayagiri had the minimum death reports with 83 during the period.

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