

Pb plans Sector 17-like market in Mullanpur

A Replica Of Sukhna Lake Will Also Be Built On 240 Hectare

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Mohali: A market on the pattern of Chandigarh's Sector 17 and a replica of Sukhna Lake would be built in Mullanpur, renamed as New Chandigarh, the Punjab government has proposed in its master plan.

The water body would cover approximately 240ha with depth of about of 3m to 4m. It would be filled from the rain water collected by catchments of Jayanti Devi ki Rao, Siswan and Patiala ki Rao in the Shivalik hills, said officials of Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (Gmada). The contribution catchment area from upstream is about 16,200 ha. Similar to Sukhna Lake, a proposed boundary wall of approximately 5m to 6m high would be built to retain the water. The water body could be used for recreational purposes such as boating, fishing and the development of waterfront resorts, houses and apartments. To make it adventurous, Gmada has also planned to have water activities like speed boating among others.

Officials said there are numbers of choes in Mohali region, that may be tapped, which will act as recharge zones, climate modifiers and as recreational feature as has been done with Sukhna Lake. There are series of choes flowing through the region which are usually dry bed, but they get recharged during the monsoon season. This recharged water would be used for irrigation and other purposes during

A LOOK AT THE MASTERPLAN

GMADA has prepared a new master plan for Mullanpur (New Chandigarh). It will comprise 20 sectors with artificial lake on the concept of Sukhna Lake after acquisition of 33 villages under land pooling scheme.

GREEN PLANS

The new concept of 'low carbon impact city' has been introduced in the plan. This will reduce



energy and water demand in buildings and open spaces, utilize renewable energy, incorporate surface based storm water management system, incorporate green roofs and wind towers to reduce urban heat island effect, implement solar water heating and rain water harvesting at individual plot level.

CITY CENTRE

The major attraction would be of city centre which will housed in over 100 hectare area. This will be centrally-



located and easily accessible, said Gmada officials

₹1,200 CR BUDGET

The master plan of Mullanpur local planning area has been approved to develop 6,123.7 hectares covering 33 villages. It has been allocated a budget of over Rs 1,200 crore. The revised master plan has been prepared by Singapore-based private consultants.



COMING SOON

- ▶ Replica of Sukhna Lake in over 50 hectares.
- ▶ Cricket stadium, golf course, stadium for athletics
- ▶ New Chandigarh will be divided into 20 different sectors
- ▶ Bus terminals and separate station for educational institutes buses
- ▶ Speed boating and other water sports as well as activities
- ▶ Connectivity to Chandigarh Metro
- ▶ City park will be developed.
- ▶ Low carbon impact city is new concept introduced
- ▶ For developing New Chandigarh government has acquired land of 33 villages



New Chandigarh flyover connects the town with Kurali, Chandigarh and Mullanpur

season when the choes are dry.

Replica of Sukhna would be centrally located and next to the hub of New Chandigarh, which would be made on the pattern of Sector 17.

The master plans has also included a sports stadium, commercial offices and retail stores, cultural centre, public buildings like library, a hospital, a bus terminal and other useful places for

residents so that they don't have to depend on Chandigarh.

The revised master plan has been cleared and construction of the lake is yet to start.