Chandigarh: Encroachments to be removed to conserve Capitol Complex

Summary: Express Most of the balconies being covered at the Secretariat building in Capitol Complex in Chandigarh. Most of the balconies being covered at the Secretariat building in Capitol Complex in Chandigarh. Not only this, a detailed study conducted by The Chandigarh College Of Architecture on the Capitol Complex mentioned how there were anomalies in these buildings and encroachments in the balconies. In a bid to conserve the Capitol Complex which has been given a heritage status by the UNESCO, the UT engineering wing has initiated the procedure of appointing a conservator. In the past, the administration had sent repeated communication to the officials concerned of both Punjab and Haryana regarding unauthorised constructions.

Most of the balconies being covered at the Secretariat building in Capitol Complex in Chandigarh. Express Most of the balconies being covered at the Secretariat building in Capitol Complex in Chandigarh. Express The UT Administration has decided to remove encroachments and constructions carried out at the Punjab and Haryana Secretariat and Assembly and is in the process of appointing a conservator for the purpose.

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