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Cyclone-battered barge sinks off Mumbai coast, 90 missing

662 rescued from six vessels in Arabian Sea

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 18
The lives of 662 persons have been saved in five separate operations in the Arabian Sea while the search continues for 90 more men who were aboard a barge that sank near the offshore Bombay High oil rigs in the early hours today.

Those saved were on six separate vessels, which had been adrift since Monday following Cyclone Tauktae. All were connected with oil drilling or new projects at Bombay High.



MULTIPLE RESCUE OPS

P305: Barge sinks near oil rigs, 183 rescued by 7.30 pm on Tuesday, ops on to trace 90 persons
Gal Constructor: Runs aground 90 km off Mumbai, all 137 safe
Support Station-3: 196 on board, being towed to harbour Sagarmatha: 101 on board, being towed to harbour Deshbhakt, Greatship Aditi: 45 crew on both vessels, propulsion restored on Deshbhakt, Aditi being towed to harbour

Ships or barges of this size, when adrift at sea, pose a threat to other ships, shore-based installations and oil rigs, said sources.

The barge 'P305' sank near the oil rigs, some 70 km west of Mumbai. A total of 183 men of the 273 on board the P305 had been rescued by 7.30 pm

on Tuesday. Indian naval ships Beas, Betwa and Teg joined INS Kochi and Kolkata

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EDIT: ILL-PREPARED FOR CYCLONE

To spur vax drive, ₹10L for Pb villages with 100% coverage

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 18
With villagers reluctant to get vaccinated against Covid, Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh today announced a special development grant of Rs 10 lakh to every village that achieved 100 per cent vaccination under the state's "Corona Mukt Pind Abhiyan".

Capt govt initiative to counter jab hesitancy

He urged villagers to get vaccinated as soon as possible and undergo testing even in case of mild symptoms.

He was interacting virtually with village panchayats

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7 HP kids orphaned, kin offer foster care

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
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SHIMLA, MAY 18
Their world came crashing down within a week as two siblings in this quaint Fatehpur village of Kangra district lost both their parents to Covid within a gap of six days.

Overcome with grief, the teenaged boy (a student of Class X) and his seven-year-old sister are clueless how the life will treat them in

₹2,500 MONTHLY ASSISTANCE FROM GOVT

Himachal Government is providing ₹2,500 per child per month as financial assistance under the Foster Care Scheme to the relatives taking care of such children, till they turn 18.

future. Their paternal uncle and aunt are taking good care of them, but the tragedy of having been orphaned haunts them. While their mother died on April 29, their father succumbed to the virus on May 5. In all, seven

children have been orphaned in the state due to Covid. Three of them are from Una (two from Haroli, one from Amb), two from Fatehpur in Kangra and one each from Solan and Hamirpur.

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31 die in 18 days at Rohtak village, govt rules out Covid

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 18

At least 31 persons have died at Madina village in the district this month, forcing the administration to double testing even as it denied any death due to the virus.

Gram panchayat members, however, maintained that a majority of the deceased

AUTHORITIES IN DENIAL

◆ A majority of the deceased were elderly. The deaths were not related to Covid. Dr Joginder, SMO

were suffering from fever. The members claimed the number of deaths was more than the official figure.

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Cases dip, but fatality rate highest in country

Only state with over 2% CFR; does better than 1st wave

VISHAV BHARTI
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CHANDIGARH, MAY 18
While Covid cases have started to decline in Punjab, the high rate of deaths remains a concern for the authorities.

The state reported 1,382 deaths and 53,812 cases over the past seven days (May 11-17). However, last week's case fatality rate (CFR) remained 2.56, which is higher than the state's overall rate. It had fallen to 2.4 per cent in the second wave.

The fatality rate of the state still remains highest in the country, which has the average rate of 1.1 per cent. Punjab is the only state with over 2 per cent rate. It is followed by Sikkim (1.8), Uttarakhand (1.7), Delhi and Goa (1.6 each); and Maharashtra and Manipur 1.5 (each).

According to experts, the high rate can either be due to underreporting of cases or handling of critical patients. Among the neighbouring states, Himachal has the CFR of 1.4 per cent, followed by Jammu & Kashmir (1.3), UT Chandigarh (1.1) and Haryana (1 per cent).

Still, the situation remains better as compared to the first wave peak. In September last year, the state's CFR stood at 3.3 per cent. Till March, it remained above 3 per cent. The state



Health workers cremate a Covid victim in Abohar on Tuesday.

HOW STATE HAS FARED

2020			2021		
Months	Cases	Deaths	Months	Cases	Deaths
March	46	4	Jan	6,754	234
June	3,305	95	Mar	57,558	1,036
Sept	59,894	1,954	April	1,31,000	2,100
Dec	14,431	534	May*	1,33,613	3,064

(* TILL MAY 17)

RECORD 231 DAILY DEATHS IN STATE

The state reported 231 deaths on Tuesday, which is the highest-ever single day toll. The previous single-day highest toll was 217, reported last week. Besides, 7,143 fresh cases were reported in the past 24 hours. With this, the total number of cases has gone up to 5.11 lakh with 12,317 deaths. Bathinda topped among districts with 34 deaths, followed by Ludhiana (21), Muktsar and Patiala (19 each), Amritsar (16) and Fazilka (15).

TWO DIE OF BLACK FUNGUS AT PATTIALA'S RAJINDRA HOSPITAL

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Day after Covid spike at Bhundar, nearby villages plan to seal borders

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MUKTSAR, MAY 18
A day after Bhundar village in Gidderbaha subdivision here was declared a macro-containment zone, residents of some other neighbouring villages have started planning to seal the entry points for outsiders.

Notably, 178 people had tested positive for Covid at Bhundar village here till Monday. Further, as per the Health Department's daily report, five more people tested positive in the village on Tuesday.

Sukhdev Singh, Bhundar village sarpanch, said the rapid antigen tests of 250 people were conducted in the village on Tuesday, of which eight tested positive. The village has a population of nearly 4,000 and so far, just about 1,000 people have

VAX ONLY SOLUTION

I am repeatedly urging villagers to take the Covid test and get vaccinated as well. Only this way we can stop the virus spread and bring down the cases.

Dr Ranju Singla, MUKTSAR CMO

taken the Covid test.

The sarpanch said a school in the village had been converted into a basic healthcare facility to provide accommodation to poor Covid patients living in small houses or shanties. "The civil administration and Health Department workers distributed 100 'Fateh' kits in the village. They also assured us of distributing free face-

masks and holding a vaccination camp on Wednesday. We have displayed some posters at public places, giving information about the infected persons in the village. The entire village has been sanitised as well," he added.

On the other hand, Ranjit Singh, a social activist from Gurusar village, located close to Bhundar village, said, "A large number of people called me on Tuesday to seal the entry point for outsiders and start keeping a vigil in the village. We fear that a similar situation may occur in our village. Last year too, we had sealed the entry points of the village as a preventive measure. Residents of some other neighbouring villages too are planning to do the same."

The tradition made a comeback after more than two decades — the communities guarded their villages in the aftermath of the terrorism and when the infamous 'Kala Kachcha' gang gave them sleepless nights years ago.

In order to prevent Covid from spreading in villages, rules have been strictly enforced through formation of WhatsApp

Infection spirals in Fazilka, but all 4 ventilators shifted to Ldh

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL

FAZILKA, MAY 18
All four ventilators in Fazilka district have been shifted to Ludhiana despite positive Covid cases rising here. The positive cases in rural areas have outnumbered infections reported in the three towns of the district.

Civil Surgeon, Fazilka, Dr Parminder Kumar said on the instructions of the higher authorities, the ventilators had been shifted to the Deputy Medical Commissioner's office in Ludhiana on the plea that there were more cases there. Now, there is no ventilator in the government hospitals of Fazilka to treat the patients.

Information gathered by The Tribune revealed that during the past one week, 3,580 positive cases had



FREE PETROL FOR GOVT AMBULANCES

Muktsar: A Reliance filling station on the Jalalabad road on Tuesday unveiled a scheme to offer 50 litre petrol/diesel for free to any government-run ambulance carrying Covid patients till June 30. TNS

been reported in Fazilka and 93 persons succumbed to the disease.

The district is represented by PPCC president Sunil

Health officials visit villages under police cover

KARAM PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, MAY 18

Fearing violence and threat to life, health officials are now taking along police officials for any Covid-related activity in rural areas.

Despite rising number of deaths in the countryside, officials continue to face opposition there. They said villagers were not cooperating and usually only a few turn up for sampling.

Dr Davinderjit Kaur, Senior Medical Officer, Bhadson, said: "Villagers, especially youngsters, oppose testing and claim that they don't have any symptoms. Even if they test positive, they don't concede." Consequently, they have to undergo a tedious process of engaging police personnel.

A team of health officials

Fear violence, say residents don't cooperate



MEDICO BEATEN UP, ANOTHER THREATENED

■ A medical official posted in Dhudhan Sadhan was allegedly beaten up during the cremation of a patient

■ Another official was threatened by a patient for visiting him for any follow-up and even refused to get his family members tested

■ Many villagers locked their houses, while some ran away to avoid sampling in Passiana village

◀ An official collects a swab sample in the presence of policemen in Patiala. RAJESH SACHAR

leaving for Passiana village said first they had to inform the nearest Station House Officer two days in advance. "Only after getting a go-ahead from the

respective police station, we, along with police personnel, can leave to collect samples," an official said.

It is learnt that many villagers locked their houses, while some ran away to avoid sampling in Passiana.

Dr Aslam Parvez, in charge, Rapid Response Team, overseeing 100 villages, said: "In the past, we had to file two

FIRs after we were attacked by villagers. Now, in most of the cases, we have to waste a lot of energy in convincing people to get tested. Consequently, we could collect only around 100 samples against the target of 200 due to villagers' non-cooperation."

A medical officer posted in Dhudhan Sadhan Blocks was allegedly beaten up during the cremation of a patient.

Dr Kiran Verma, Senior Medical Officer, Dhudhan Sadhan, said one of their medical officers was threatened by a patient for visiting him for any follow-up. "Threatening the staff, the patient refused to give samples of his family members, which was a must as per the protocol. He said he would not let any health official enter the village," Dr Verma added.

Rajindra hospital doc succumbs

PATIALA, MAY 18

After battling Covid-19 for around 20 days, a senior resident doctor of Government Rajindra Hospital succumbed to the infection here today. He was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit of a private hospital here on April 30.

The victim, Dr Rajan Singh, 37, had been performing Covid duties at the isolation wing of the hospital before testing positive for the virus.

The doctor belonged to Banga town in Nawanshahr district. He is survived by his wife and a child. His father is also admitted to Rajindra hospital with post-

tweeting: "Saddened to learn about the untimely demise of Dr Rajan Singh... As a senior resident of surgery at the Rajindra hospital, he had been at the forefront of our battle to save lives from this deadly disease. My heartfelt prayers and condolences are with the family."

The Resident Doctors' Association, Government Medical College, Patiala, has urged the Chief Minister to waive the hospital bills of the deceased doctor and provide Rs 50 lakh financial help to the family.

Patiala MP Preneet Kaur expressed grief at the demise of the young doctor, Dr Rajan Singh.

Covid complications.

Dr HS Rekhi, Medical Superintendent, Rajindra hospital, said: "It is great loss for the medical fraternity. He was very sincere and hardworking."

Patiala MP Preneet Kaur expressed grief at the demise of the young doctor,

Decades-old practice makes comeback in state



Police officials and villagers hold a 'thikri pehra' in Mansa.

groups of prominent people of the village.

"A team of four persons each guards the streets from 8 am to 2 pm. Another team does the same from 2 to 10 pm. The strength is half at night," said Surinder Singh, a Mansa resident.

Mansa SSP Surender Lamba said 'thikri pehras'

had been started in villages in public interest. Increasing vigilance in the villages was the need of the hour to save humanity, he added.

The SSP said poor patients could call helpline numbers 118 and 112 to get cooked food. The Punjab Police would deliver food to needy people at home.

Tarn Taran district alone is short of at least 100 medical officers. The district has a total of 220 sanctioned posts, of which only 120 are filled. At several CHCs and PHCs of Amritsar, many among the health staff have been assigned more than one health centre. At Kairon village in the border belt, the CHC, which was meant to be a 30-bed facility working with 10 beds

No ventilator at Tarn Taran Civil Hospital

ted shortage of infrastructure and manpower. He said they were trying to make the best possible use of the available resources. In Amritsar, apart from Guru Nanak Dev Hospital, no other facility is authorised to admit Covid patients.

The residents of Daoke, Bharowal and Bhai in the border in Amritsar said in case of an emergency, they were forced to rush to the city, 35 km away. Gurdaspur Civil Surgeon Harbhajan Ram said in one village, a co-morbid patient got vaccinated but soon died, not of Covid but of a multi-organ failure.

"This was enough to scare the villagers. Now, people in several villages of Dorangla block have refused to get the jab despite our best efforts," he said.

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The Tarn Taran Civil Hospital does not have a single ventilator as two from here were shifted to Patiala. Civil Surgeon Dr Rohit Mehta admitted

subsidy of Rs 10,400 per tonne, the DAP would cost suppliers Rs 24,000 per tonne. This will now cost them Rs 38,000 per tonne, and this hike will have to be transferred to the farmers. The cooperative societies were instructed to sell the stocks available with them at the old price," said a senior officer.

Director Agriculture, Punjab, Sukhdev Singh, said for the kharif marketing season, the demand of DAP was 2.25 lakh tonne. "We already have stocks of 1.10 lakh tonne, and the remaining stock will also be available, though at a much higher price," he said.

Farmers rue a majority of them buy fertilisers and nutrients from the open market, because supply through the cooperative societies is often "politicised", and the societies have already exhausted their low-priced stocks. The loyalists of the ruling party get these from societies, while the rest have to buy it from the market, they claimed.

Fertiliser prices zoom, input cost to go up

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 18

State farmers will have to spend more on growing paddy and other crops during the kharif marketing season, sowing for which will begin next month, with the rates of fertilisers such as diammonium phosphate (DAP) and nitrogen phosphorus potash (NPK) and diesel having gone up substantially.

Official sources said presently, there were 4,413 active cases in the district but there was only one level-2 Covid centre at the Jalalabad Civil Hospital which could accommodate only 60 patients. Most of the remaining patients were in home isolation and the serious ones had been shifted to the Faridkot Medical College, which was already overburdened.

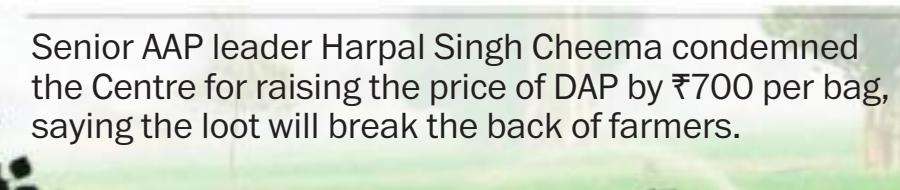
"A second centre is being set up at the Ramasara hospital in Abohar subdivision, which will start functioning in a couple of days," claimed Dr Parminder Kumar.

COST OF 50 KG BAG

Fertiliser	Old price	New price	% change
DAP	₹1,200	₹1,900	58
NPK	₹1,000-1,100	₹1,500-1,800	46-51

CENTRE'S MOVE ANTI-FARMER: AAP

Senior AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema condemned the Centre for raising the price of DAP by ₹700 per bag, saying the loot will break the back of farmers.



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I, Sonoo Verma w/o Ashok Kumar Yadav I have changed my name to Sonu. I will be known by Sonu name only in future. (CL21014627)

I, 5570246L L/Nk Jagtap Sudhir Krishna s/o Krishna Jagtap r/o 122 Engr. Regt., 21 FD COY c/o 56 APO Pin-914122 declare that the name of my wife Dipali Sudhir Jagtap has wrongly mentioned as Dipali in my service record. It may please be corrected as Dipali Sudhir Jagtap vide affidavit dated 18.05.2021. (CL21014640)

I, Meenu w/o Harpreet Salotra r/o Mohalla Sant Nagar, Qadian Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Meenu to Meenakshi Salotra. Concerned note. (CL21014687)

I, Urmila Rani Bhagat w/o Yogesh Kumar r/o H.No. 3322, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Urmila Rani. (CL21014695)

I, Jaswinder Singh Dhaliwal S/o Gurmail Singh Dhaliwal r/o 539, Phase-6, SAS Nagar, Mohali, declare that my daughter Jasroop Kaur Dhaliwal alias Jassi is out of my control. I disinherit her from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with her at his/her own risk. (CL21014713)

I, Jaswinder Singh Dhaliwal S/o Gurmail Singh Dhaliwal r/o 539, Phase-6, SAS Nagar, Mohali, declare that my son Harpreet Singh Dhaliwal alias Akashdeep Singh Dhaliwal is out of my control. I disinherit her from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his/her own risk. (CL21014720)

We, Krishan Lal Saini S/o Late Sh. Sunder Lal and Salochana Saini W/o Krishan Lal Saini, R/o 1932/15, Panchkula, hereby declare that my son Yajuvinder Saini and his wife Manpreet and their daughter Niya Saini are out of my control. So, I disown all of them from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them, will do at his own risk. We shall not be responsible for their any misconduct. (CL21014738)

I, Priya Sharma d/o Rajesh Kumar r/o H.No. 581, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal, have changed my name to Priya. (CL21014742)

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I, Kuljeet Kaur w/o Kartar Singh, Village Alkalgat Kalan, Tehsil Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Kuljeet Kaur to Kuljeet Kaur. Vide affidavit No. AT-949539 dated 17 May 2021. (CL21014755)

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Additional Principal Judge

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Jalandhar.

Mandeep Kaur w/o Baljinder Singh r/o Village Nagra Peeran, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Vs.

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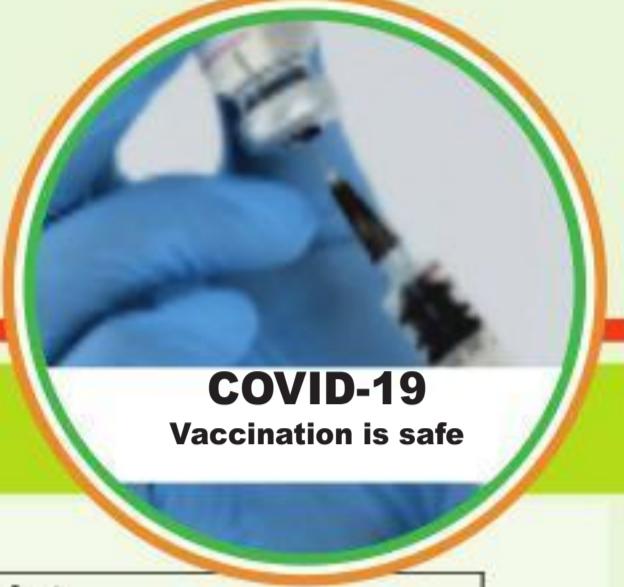
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4	Radha Swami Satsang Ghar, Ajnala
5	Sarkaari Elementary School, Baba Bakala Sahib
6	Sidana Polytechnical College, Khyala Kalan, Lopoke
7	Govt Senior Secondary School, Lopoke
8	Ayurvedic Hospital, Verka
9	Sri Sai Group of Institutes, Manawala
10	Baba Beer Singh Gurdwara (Dundama Sahib) Rajasansi Block, Lopoke
11	Radha Swami Satsang Ghar, Majitha
12	Central Jail, Fatahpur, Amritsar
13	Govt ITI (W) Rayya, Baba bakala
14	Govt ITI Ranike, Lopoke
15	Govt ITI (W) Jandiala Guru, Village Bundala
16	Govt Institute of Garment Technology, Majitha Road bypass
17	Punjab Institute of Textile Technology, Chheharta
Barnala	
1	Govt.Sen.Sec School Sandhu Patti (Boys)barnala
2	Radha swami satsang house Tapa
3	B.D.P.O Office (Mehal kalan)
4	Govt.Sen.Sec School Sandhu Patti (Boys)barnala
5	Govt.Sen.Sec School Bhadaur(Girls)(New Building)
6	Govt.Sen.Sec School (Co-Edu)Chananwal
Bathinda	
1	GNM Training School
2	Khalsa School
3	GSSS Nabhi mandi, Ramura
4	GGGS Refinery, Raman
5	GSSS boys, Bhagta
6	Auditorium CHC Ballianwali
7	GSSS girls, Sangat
8	GSSS girls, Goniiana
9	GSSS girls, Nathana
10	Govt. Elementary (Smart) School, Bhuchro Mandi
Faridkot	
1	Dharamsala near Mandir, Bajakhana
2	GSSS school for boys for 18-44 years, Jaito
3	GSSS School for Girls for 45 years plus
4	Govt Primary School opposite CH Faridkot for 45 years plus, Faridkot city
5	Boys Sr. Sec. School, Kotkapura
6	Market Committee, Sadqi
Fatehgarh Sahib	
1	Mata Gujri College
2	Baba Banda Bahadur College
3	Desh Bhagat College, Mandi Gobindgarh
Fazilka	
1	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Fazilka, Opp. DH Fazilka
2	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Abohar, Near SDH, Abohar
3	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Jalalabad (W)
4	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Arniwala S.S.
5	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Khui Khera
6	Govt. S.S.S. (Girls), Sitto Gunno
7	Govt. Middle School, Wahab Wala
8	Govt. S.S.S., Jandwala Bhimeshah
Ferozepur	
1	DHF Govt. Sr Sec School Officer Colony, Ferozpur
2	SDH zira Swami Savle Parkash Vidiya Mandir, Zira
3	Govt. Sr Sec School Mamdot
4	Govt. Sr Sec School Makhu
5	Govt. Bey Sr Sec School Guruharsahai
6	Ferozeshah Primary School, Ferozeshah
7	Skill Development Centre, Ferozepur Cantt
8	Parmarth Bhawan, Ferozepur city
Gurdaspur	
1	Govt. Senior Sec School Boys, Gurdaspur
2	Govt. Senior Sec School for Boys, Dharampura, Batala
3	D.A.V Primary School Qadian
4	Senior Sec School Boys, Kalanaur
5	Senior Sec School for Girls, Dera Baba Nanak
6	Govt. Senior Sec School, Naushera Majha Singh
7	Govt. Senior Sec School, Dhianpur
8	Senior Sec School Bham
9	Govt. Senior Sec School, Dorangla
10	Govt. Senior Sec School, Behrampur
11	Govt. Senior Sec School, Bariar village, Ranjit Bagh
12	Govt. Senior Sec School, Bhullar
13	Govt. Senior Sec School for Girls, Fatehgarh Churian
14	Govt. Senior Sec School, Kahnwan
15	DAV School, Dadwan Road Dhariwal
16	Sr. Sec School, Dinanagar
17	Govt. S.S.S. Purana Shala
18	GSSS Babbehali
19	Baba Namdev Sr. Sec School, Ghuman
Hoshiarpur	
1	Kesho Mandir, Nai Abadi, Hoshiarpur
2	GSSS Bhangala, Budhabar
3	Shiv Mandir, Canal Colony, Hoshiarpur
Jalandhar	
1	Community Hall, Phillaur
2	Govt. Sr Sec School, Kartarpur
3	Govt. Sr Sec School, Kala Bakra
4	Govt. Sr Sec School, Lohian
5	IMA house jalandhar
6	Govt. Sr Sec School Girls, Adampur
7	Govt. School Mauwal, Mehatpur
8	Guru Nanak national college for boys Nakodar

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9	RTC PAP inside PAP complex, Jalandhar
10	SHC Mansoorpur Vacant Building Barapind
11	Guru Nanak College for Boys Nakodar
12	Boys School Patti Bhali Bilga
13	Govt Girls Sen Sec School Jandiala
14	Govt Sr Sec School Bundala (Girls)
15	Government high school Khurla Kingra jalandhar
16	Radha Swami sat sang ghar Basti Gujjian jalandhar
17	Senior secondary school Dada colony jalandhar
18	Jain school Dakhni Adda Nakodar
19	Government high school Shahkot (Nimma wala school)
20	Government primary school Malsiya
21	Radha swami satsang Ghar. Bhaiya Mandi Chowk Basti Guzran
22	Devi sahai girls sr. secondary school, sodal chowk, Jalandhar
23	Kala Bakra block senior secondary school for boys Bhogpur
24	Nursing college back side civil hospital Jalandhar
Kapurthala	
1	Radhasoami satsang dera Markfed chownk Kapurthala
2	Rani ka mandir Amritsar road Kapurthala
3	GSSS Dhillwan
4	GES Mudowal
5	GSSS Bagrian
6	Gurdwara sahib Hambowl
7	GES Dham
8	GES Subhanpur
9	GSSS Nadala
10	Panchayat ghar Diyalpur
11	Panchayat ghar Tibba
12	Government primary school Dudwindi
13	GSSS Paramjipetur
14	Government primary school Rampur Jigor
15	Government elementary school Pamman
16	Gurdwara sahib Sujjokalia
17	Old shiv mandir Begowal
18	Subcenter nangal Lubana
19	Subcentre Ibrahimwal
20	Subcentre Bariar
21	Langar hall Bhagupurian
22	Mansa Devi Nagar, Phagwara
23	JCI association GT road
24	Gurdwara sahib Tibbi
25	Gurdwara urban estate
26	Radhasoami satsang dera Phagwara
27	Sakhian di dharamshala/pnj mandiri Mehli gate Phagwara
28	JCT Phagwara
29	Guru ravidas mandir
30	Gurdwara guru ka baag/Radhaswami satsang SPL
Ludhiana	
1	Govt. School for Girls, Charankanwal Chowk, Macchiwara
2	Govt. Sen. Sec. School Dehlon
3	Govt. Sr. Sec Boys School, Village Roorian, Maloud
4	Govt. High School Dhandari Kalan, Sahnawal
5	Govt. High School for Girls, Hathur
6	Govt. Sr Sec School, Kumkalan
7	GHG, Khalsa College, Gurusar Sudhar
8	Govt. Sr. Sec School, Manupur
9	Blossom Convent School, Sidhwian Bet
10	Govt. Primary School, Mansuran, Pakhowal
11	Govt. Sr. Sec School, Payal
12	Govt. Sr Sec School, Khanna
13	Govt. Sr Sec for Boys, Jagraon
14	Ajatsar Girls Sr Sec School, Raikot
15	Govt. Sr Sec School Chandigarh Road, Samrala
16	Govt. Sr Sec School Sekhewal, Ludhiana City
17	Gurdwara Sahib Indrapuri, Tapur Road Ludhiana City
18	Govt. Primary School, Sukhdev Nagar, Urban estate,
19	Govt. High School, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana City
20	Govt. Model School, Dholewal Road, Ludhiana City
21	Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Galu no. 8, Muradpura
22	Community Center Dugri
23	Channan Devi Govt. Girls High School, Salem Tabri,
24	Govt Primary School Indrapuri, Ludhiana
25	Greenland Public School, chandigarh road, Ludhiana
26	Govt.Sen. Sec. School Islamia , Madhopuri
27	Govt Sen Sec School multipurpose, Keshar Ganj chownk
28	Govt. Sen. Sec. School Kundanpuri
29	Govt Meriterious School Civil Lines Ludhiana
30	Govt. Primary School, Shimlapuri
31	Govt. Sen.Sec. School for boys Midha chowk, Jawahar Nagar Camp
32	Indoor Stadium, Pakhowal Road
Mansa	
1	Govt. Sr Sec School Boys, Mansa
2	Govt. Sr Sec school Boys, Sardulgarh
3	Govt. Sr Sec School Girls, Budhlada
Moga	
1	DM College
2	Guru Nanak College
3	SD College
4	BDPO Office Kotlsekhan
5	GSSS, Baghpurana

Pathankot	
1	Govt. Sr Sec School, Gharota
2	Govt. Sr Sec School Bhungal, Badhane
3	Vetinary hospital near Civil Hospital, Pathankot
4	Shri Sai Mandir Taragarh, Naroot Jaimal Singh
Patiala	
1	Govt. Senior Secondary School, Model Town no.1, Patiala
2	Govt. High School, Tripuri
3	Satsang Bhawan Rajpura Road, Tripuri
4	Bhawalpur Bhawan, Rajpura
5	Lions Club, Rajpura
6	Aggarwal Dharamshala, Samana
7	Ripudaman College, Nabha
8	Govt. Senior Secondary School, Nabha
9	Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,Nabha
10	Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,Rajpura
11	Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,Samana
12	Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,Patrana
13	Rotri Bhawan SST Nagar,Patiala
14	Children Memorial School MT Patiala
15	Schoo Mohinder Ganj ,Rajpura
16	Govt SS School ,Gnauor
17	Govt. Primeri School Kalomajra
18	Ram lila Ground,Khera Gaju
19	Hari har Mandir,Bhadson
20	Gurdwara Harpalpur
21	Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan,Fatehpur
RupNagar	
1	Govt Girl Sen Sec School Rupnagar
2	ITI Nangal
3	Govt Girl Sen Sec School Chamkaur Sahib
4	Pharmacy Collage Bela
5	Govt Sen Sec School Boormajra
6	Govt Sen Sen School Kiratpur Sahib
7	Community Centre Sehjowal
8	Govt High School Talwarha
9	Khalsa Girl Collage Morinda
10	Govt Girl Sen Sec School Anandpur Sahib
11	Govt Sen Sec School Bharatgarh
12	Govt Boy School Nurpur Bedi
13	Govt Sen Sec School Abiana Kalan
14	BBMB Training centre Field Hostal
Sangrur	
1	ITI Moonak
2	Gurudwara Akal Parkash Sabhia, Sherpur
3	GPF Dharamsala, Lehragaga
4	Multipurpose Cooperative Agricultural Service Society, Amargarh
5	Police Lines, Sangrur

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Ill-prepared for cyclone

Barge tragedy exposes gaps in disaster management

REPEATED warnings issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) about any impending natural calamity are aimed at pushing the authorities to make adequate preparations in time so as to minimise loss of life and property. Thanks to state-of-the-art technological aids, the IMD can predict with precision when and where a cyclonic storm will make landfall. Despite the timely alerts about Cyclone Tauktae, three barges and an oil rig went adrift in the Arabian Sea on Monday, imperilling the lives of about 700 personnel on board. Amid extreme weather conditions and rough seas, the Indian Navy deployed its frontline warships and managed to rescue the majority of the stranded people. But questions remain: why were the workers not shifted to safer places well before the cyclone struck? Was there no evacuation plan in place for them?

According to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), barge P305, deployed for offshore drilling, got de-anchored and started drifting because of the cyclonic storm. P305, which sank later, was an accommodation barge, which is used for providing lodging to the staff on projects where shore accommodation is not available. As Tauktae's ferocity was a foregone conclusion, alternative arrangements should have been made to save the personnel from becoming drifting ducks. Exposing them to nature's fury was clearly a sign of callousness.

The heroic rescue operation, executed by the naval forces against heavy odds, deserves utmost praise, but at the same time the laxity of the authorities that led to this perilous situation should be thoroughly probed. It's also imperative to fix accountability of the private and state-run companies which left their employees to fend for themselves at a critical juncture. The cyclone has exposed gaps in our disaster preparedness, with the surveillance of vulnerable offshore sites leaving a lot to be desired. The fact that no damage was reported by Jamnagar refinery, the world's biggest oil refinery complex, and the Mundra port, India's largest private port, shows that both were well prepared for the worst. Such watchfulness should have been replicated across the board. Hopefully, lessons will be learnt from the Tauktae experience to drastically improve disaster management.

Standoff in Kolkata

Charges of political vendetta undermine process of law

EVEN before the newly elected Assembly has convened, a political storm is brewing in West Bengal over the arrest of four TMC leaders by the CBI in connection with the Narada sting carried out in 2014 that showed a number of party men allegedly accepting bribe from a journalist posing as a businessman. CM Mamata Banerjee has argued that the permission of the Assembly Speaker should have been taken even as the Governor, who sprung into action after being prodded by the Centre over the post-poll violence in the state, has maintained that he had the right to approve their prosecution being the appointing authority, a point which will be contested because ministers and MLAs are also elected representatives accountable to the people, with the right to knock at the doors of the court for the redress of their grievances.

It could not be a mere coincidence that the tapes of the sting operation were released before the 2016 Assembly elections, after which the Calcutta High Court ordered a CBI probe in 2017. Incidentally, some of the leaders who figured in the Narada tapes crossed over to the BJP from the TMC before the 2021 elections. The Central agency and the prosecution sanctioning authority need to reassure that their actions do not reek of political vendetta because the CBI has not yet arrested a turncoat — now a BJP MLA — figuring in the tapes. The journalist who had carried out the operation was also later booked by the state government.

Politically, the incident is a throwback to the times when a similar sting operation caught the then BJP president Bangaru Laxman on camera allegedly accepting money for facilitating a fictitious defence deal. The incident had damaged the BJP politically. Even now, while the onus lies on the political parties to ensure financial probity in their ranks, it should also be the duty of the investigating agencies and courts to ensure that their actions are bereft of political motives.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whatever good things we build end up building us. — Jim Rohn

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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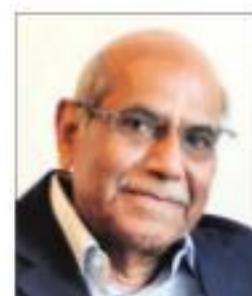
LAHORE, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1921

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

OF the two Indian delegates to the forthcoming Imperial Conference, Mr. Srinivasa Sastri and H.H. the Maha Rao of Cutch, the former said last month he had no more definite knowledge of the subjects to be discussed there than what had already appeared in the papers, but he added that whatever subjects might be discussed and resolutions passed, they would have no binding effect on any country represented unless they were discussed and approved by them subsequently. It, therefore, appears that the Imperial Conference will be held primarily to discuss questions of imperial importance and express certain opinion in regard to them in a considered form with a view to ascertaining how far they would be acceptable to the people living in different parts of the Empire. His Highness the Maha Rao of Cutch, who left India last week to attend the Conference, has given his views on some of the questions to a representative of the "Bombay Chronicle," which throw some light on the main object of holding the Conference, viz., to discuss the question of imperial defence and the necessity of taking concerted action. His Highness observed that he had received no instructions from the Government of India regarding the attitude to be adopted by the delegates, who, he thought, were free to express their own views. He also stated that India by herself was hardly strong enough to undertake her internal and external defence without backing of Great Britain and the Dominions and he thought that some action by different units of the Empire was necessary in times of danger. But he did not say how he came to arrive at this decision in regard to this most important question and whether he had considered all the aspects of the question, especially the views of those who held a different opinion.

Resetting global image

India needs to be more India, and not mimic China



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SLIP-UP: India's external profile has taken a severe beating as it grapples with an unprecedented health crisis. REUTERS

ACOUNTRY'S international stature and credibility draws in no small measure from how it is perceived by partners and adversaries alike. Creating a positive external image of the country is, therefore, a major objective of its foreign policy. However, such an exercise cannot remain unaligned with the ground realities of a country for any length of time. Image cannot supplant reality, though it can give it a modest sheen. In my experience as a diplomat, credibility counted for more than perception in advancing India's interests. India never faltered in its rejection of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as discriminatory and violative of India's interests despite often being in a minority of one. Its stand was backed by an impressive domestic nuclear energy programme which was sustained despite international sanctions. This won respect, sometimes grudgingly, but reinforced India's credibility as a country that despite its relatively modest economic and military capabilities, would uphold its vital interests. This international perception emerged from India's consistent and unbending record on the issue and not on an image-building exercise.

I was serving in the Prime Minister's office during the critical years of 1991-92 when India faced imminent bankruptcy, and then, redeemed itself through dramatic economic reforms and liberalisation. Then, too, India's external image was of a country with unstable politics and poor governance. Its economic prospects were considered bleak. And yet within the space of just a couple of years, India's far-reaching decisions on economic reforms and their positive impact, dramatically

altered external perceptions of India. In this instance, too, it is substantive change at home that expanded India's diplomatic space.

The last instance relates to the period between 2003 and 2007 when India's economy was growing at the rate of 8.9% per annum. It was the rest of the world which put India in the category of emerging economies, made it a member of the BRICS club and projected it as the next China in terms of commercial opportunity. In fact, the external image to some extent outpaced the Indian ground reality, but it was nevertheless based on credible assumptions. As Foreign Secretary during 2004-06, I was conscious of how the country's diplomatic space had expanded, allowing us to pursue ambitious objectives such as the Indo-US nuclear deal.

So does this history hold lessons for us as India's external profile takes a severe beating as it grapples with an unprecedented health crisis? There are growing apprehensions about the political and social consequences of what is truly an ongoing tragedy of unprecedented proportions in Independent India. I know that many of us are angry at the sharp criticism of the Indian Gov-

ernment's handling of the crisis and growing scepticism over India's economic prospects for the future in foreign media. We should realise that these external assessments are not very different from what most of our citizens too feel about the current crisis. One cannot prevent horrific images from being circulated globally, just as we are unable to prevent their circulation among our own people. This is the age of instant communications across political boundaries. Nothing can be camouflaged. Attempts at such camouflage and fevered reactions to external criticism only serve to undermine our credibility. They invite ridicule. But there are inspiring stories of ordinary citizens reaching out to one another, human stories of people turning private grief into a surge of fellow feeling to help and support others. This second wave has brought out the worst and the best in our people. That best, too, is a reality and that is an India that commands respect and admiration as well. That image deserves to be better known and not be seen by the government as somehow undermining its carefully built image as a source of sustenance and relief to its distressed citizens.

It is time to end our experiment with concepts that are alien to our plural culture. We are at the brink and need to step back before it is too late.

India has a long history of resilience as a society, but it is also a history of dangerous vulnerabilities arising out of fragmented polities and festering divisions. One cannot build a bright future as a modern nation by re-igniting ancient battles and conjuring up a glorious past that tempts us back into medieval obscurantism. This unfortunate image of India sits uneasily with that of a space-faring nation. I have said in another context that pride in India's shining past can be an inspiration, but does not guarantee its future luminescence.

India's strength lies in its ability to manage immense diversity and democracy has been a critical and indispensable instrument in that management. Its democracy has been underpinned by strong and independent institutions which are empowered by an enlightened Constitution. Even in the most difficult of times in our recent history, it is this enduring and unique character of India which has contributed to its generally positive standing in the world. Our failing short in preventing, and then, managing the pandemic is the result of our steady drift away from these sources of strength in pursuit of an illusion of uniformity, of the promise of faster development by opting for a charismatic and decisive leader, bypassing institutions or hollowing them out. A country of India's complexity with myriad moving parts cannot dance to just one Piper's tune, no matter how alluring this may seem for some time. India's problem today is too little democracy rather than too much of it. There is no basis for what one may call 'dictator envy' — the hope that a dose of authoritarianism will deliver the country from its perceived ennui. India needs to be more India, and not mimic China. There may be a temptation to treat the current crisis as an opportunity to discard democracy altogether and to pursue a more ambitious authoritarian agenda justifying its need in order to bring matters under control. That must be resisted.

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Life will go on, but won't feel the same

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

DISTURBED! That's the mood. That's the sentiment since this second wave of Covid took us by storm. Pain and agony, desperation and fear hang heavy in the air no matter who you are, no matter what you do, and I am no exception.

Of late, my dreams have turned into nightmares, drawing from pictures that flood our lives - a stranger's face distorted by the grief of losing a dear one, the frantic screams of those queuing up outside hospitals and waiting to get in, burning pyres lighting up the night skies, bodies floating around in rivers and people falling to this pandemic. There is no dignity even in death.

All this is heavy. Grief is heavy no matter who carries it. And, through such days, we are all trying to stay sane, to go through life like this will all blow over one day, just to stay alive.

Between the nights of troubled sleep and days of despair, like lots of others, I am struggling, too. I am attempting to stay occupied with what I like most — cooking, photography and writing between intervals of work. When I call it a day, I almost like ending up exhausted, so exhausted that I sleep as soon as my head touches the pillow.

Exhaustion, however, can't seem to numb this nagging guilt that keeps gnawing at me when I feel happy, every time I laugh loudly, each time I smile.

I feel guilty because at that very moment, so many are struggling to

take their last breath, children are becoming orphans, old parents are losing a child, somebody's worrying about his next meal and the list is endless. I oscillate between this need for happiness and the guilt that weighs it down. I have no clue which way I want to swing. All I know is I want to survive.

So, when the guilt gets the better of me and my thoughts become laden with despair, I put them down and lose myself to happy ways till sanity returns and I can muster the strength to weather more.

My search for happiness, invariably, takes me to the rising sun, the azure skies, the chirping birds, the blooming flowers, and to food.

As hope begins to work a feel-good moment, guilt strikes back. It under-

lines that we won't ever go back to the normalcy we knew. When we step out, there will be smiles we will miss and people who would have become pictures, there will be forever a void and today's scars will be a constant reminder of the helplessness we felt. This will be incurable.

The cure will grow from this new normal — when, one day, an office-goer will again feel the Monday blues after a weekend and thread his way through traffic, a mother will struggle to wake up her child for school, the siren-shrieking ambulance will make way for the blaring horn of a school bus and the restlessness of a routine will replace this rancid smell of fear.

Life won't switch back to the pre-virus times, but it will go on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Destruction of heritage

The foundation work of Central Vista is in progress. The declared cost of the project is Rs 20,000 crore. But in the process many heritage buildings face demolition, like the National Museum, National Centre for Arts, Jawahar Bhawan, Shastri Bhawan, Vigyan Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, Nirman Bhawan and the Vice-President's residence. If one works out the construction cost of these buildings at the current prices, it would exceed Rs 1 lakh crore.

So the Central Vista project would be a colossal waste of public money, apart from loss of India's priceless heritage. After completion of the project, the truncated Rajpath would lose all its beauty and grandeur. It will be an obliteration of history.

AK SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

Health not a priority

Refer to 'Every govt chose to neglect healthcare, not just this', politics apart, every Indian is a nationalist. What our leaders should embrace is the 'power of love' rather than 'love of power'. The present dispensation's focus is bereft of scientific temper and the focus is on four Gs — *gau, gobar, gau mutra* and *Gayatri Mantra*. In a country where the ruling dispensation believes that our surgeons millennia ago could transplant an animal's

head on the human body, priorities like health and education will take a back seat. We are spending minimum on health and education, and the nation's crisis and sufferings are mainly because of this.

BM SINGH, AMRITSAR

Rural healthcare

Refer to 'Death in the villages'; besides limiting social, political and religious gatherings, what needs to be urgently attended to, and hugely invested in, is the rural health infrastructure. Most PHCs and CHCs are deficient in nurses, doctors, medicines and ventilators and the technical staff to operate ventilators. ASHA and anganwadi workers and ANMs are overburdened. In this situation, the vaccination drive in the countryside will be a challenge to the government.

ABHIMANYU MALIK, JIND

Back to basic

'Redefining education as we know it' rightly infers that present-day education is merely a concoction of cramming up and engulfing the bitter dose of online lessons. The education system lacks the pleasure of nature, as reflected by Tagore. The education system has transformed students into robots with artificial intelligence. Let us

introspect and work toward education laced with desire to know and explore the path as enunciated by Tagore and Krishnamurti.

VK ANAND, CHANDIGARH

Implement NEP

Reference to 'Redefine learning as we know it'; the entire education system is busy deciding about the conduct of examination, promotion of students, finalisation of admission schedule, modification in academic calendar, utilisation of exchequer at the maximum level. But, no one is thinking about skill enhancement to strengthen health and education systems. Now, there is a dire need to develop infrastructure and intellectual capital to improve the crumbled health and education systems by revisiting the thoughts and ideologies of Tagore and Krishnamurti.

TUSHAR AHEER, BATHINDA

Police initiative

The Mohali police's drive to help senior citizens get vaccinated is commendable. After booking, a taxi picked me from my house to the vaccination centre. I was vaccinated in the cab itself. A police officer greeted me and took my Aadhaar card to arrange this. After vaccination, I was advised to remain in the taxi for some time. After 20 minutes, the cop approached me and gave me his number in case of any complication. The service provided by the police reminded me of my friends who appreciate the police in western countries. Well done.

TS KHURANA, CHANDIGARH

Need 'union' govt

Apropos of 'Pandemic has laid bare flaws in healthcare'; the failure in

Don't overdo leasing of military equipment



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BESET by a continuing financial crunch, India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) and its armed forces have seized upon leasing an assortment of badly needed platforms and equipment from abroad to mitigate enduring operational gaps.

Hyped as an 'innovative' alternative, leasing was introduced as yet another procurement category in the Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020 (DAP-2020) launched last October.

The DAP-2020 claims that leasing military equipment was 'advantageous' as it enabled the armed forces to swiftly acquire assets without incurring large capital expenditure and other administrative costs, besides allaying obsolescence handicaps.

Consequently, all three services had initiated a flood of inquiries and negotiations to lease varied platforms like naval utility helicopters (NUHs), mid-air refuellers, basic training aircraft, minesweepers and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), among other kit.

But in their keenness to haphazardly pursue this unexplored leasing option, the MoD, military, defence analysts and media appear to have disregarded that

lease rent and other associated costs have to be disbursed from the existing stressed budget outlay. Besides lease rent payable to potential lessors over pre-determined intervals, the high cost of modifying platforms or equipment to meet the military's operational requirements and insuring them too would have to be borne by the respective services from their annually shrinking outlays. As, of course, would the eventual cost of rendering the equipment, upon its lease expiry to its original state in keeping with the accepted standard international practice.

Maintaining the equipment to standards stipulated by the lessor too would be the respective services' responsibility, unless otherwise specified. This cost could even be higher if the equipment were to be serviced and maintained by the lessor as such an eventuality would entail stationing an upkeep crew in India for extended periods.

Principally, however, whenever equipment is procured or leased, it is subordinate to the MoD's already overstretched budget due to shrinking outlays and large committed liability payments for previously acquired materiel.

Hence, unbridled equipment leasing by the services will not only pressure their shrinking capital budgets but also impact their revenue budgets which will have to bear the expense of maintaining the leased equipment.

In short, the leasing of materiel sounds appealing, but indiscriminate renting, given the MoD's penurious financial milieu, would be problematic. In the fiscal year 2020-21, for instance, the MoD was allocated Rs 1,24,203 crore towards capital expenditure for all



three services against the Rs 2,01,286 crore which they had demanded. Even for operating revenue expenditure, the allocation was Rs 48,298 crore less than what was claimed. This, in turn, led to the Parliamentary Defence Committee cautioning the MoD against the embarrassing possibility of it defaulting on its committed liability payments, as it could reflect on India's solvency in the global arms bazaar.

On a lighter note, one analyst remarked that the MoD's prevailing adverse fiscal situation could end up mirroring the dilemma of an indigent, but indulgent, British aristocrat. In his unplanned and financially profligate existence, this worthy had once expansively declared that since he had no

money to pay his tailor, he would simply order another suit. In all likelihood, such reasoning would find no takers in the cutthroat armament marketplace.

Meanwhile, the Indian Navy — presently operating INS Chakra, its second nuclear-powered attack submarine leased from Moscow and with a replacement boat similarly agreed upon — is the first of the three services to have fast-tracked leasing. Late last year, it had leased two non-weaponised Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance (MALE) MQ-9B Sea Guardian UAVs from the US to monitor for one year. These UAVs have been operating from INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu, but their leasing terms remain classified.

And, last month, the Navy had invited

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INDISCRIMINATE: All three services are negotiating to lease varied platforms. PTI

ed responses from overseas vendors by June 18 regarding its planned five-year lease of 24 NUHs and related support equipment to replace its fleet of legacy licence-built Chetak helicopters, inducted into service since the 1960s.

The Navy's April 15 Request for Information to original equipment manufacturers, authorised leasing firms and government-sponsored export agencies stated that five-ton rotorcraft were needed to execute search and rescue and medical evacuation missions from ships at sea and to perform communication tasks and low-intensity maritime operations by day and night. The proposed helicopters — to be delivered to the IN within two years of the contract being signed

would need to have a residual service life of 15 years at the commencement of the lease. The lessor would also be responsible for training the rotorcraft's air and technical crew in keeping with the delivery schedule.

The MoD is also in advanced negotiations with the French Government to lease one Airbus Defence and Space A330 multi-role tanker transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) for training purposes. The proposed tanker that would be operated by the IAF, but maintained by the French Air Force, would in all likelihood be succeeded by leasing five more A330s to augment the reach and, hence, combat capability of the force's combat aircraft.

The A330s have been under consideration after these tankers, operated by the French and UAE air forces, had refuelled 21 Dassault Rafale multi-role fighters to India from France since July 2020. The IAF's remaining 15 Rafales will also be similarly refuelled by the A330s. The IAF is also considering leasing 20 basic trainer aircraft to make up for the existing shortages.

In January, the Indian Army (IA) leased four Israel Aerospace Industries MALE UAVs in response to the continuing face-off with China's People's Liberation Army that began last May. Proposals for additional equipment for the IA are anticipated.

In conclusion, while there is no argument regarding critical equipment voids in the military or about selectively filling them via leasing of equipment, opting indiscriminately for this conduit will adversely impact the MoD's already pressured kitty. Fiscal and force planning remain critical.

Israel-Hamas violence fuelled by emotive triggers



LT GEN SANJIV LANGER (RETD)

FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF, DEFENCE STAFF

Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we be brethren.

— Abraham, Old Testament

RAMZAN'S Laylat al Qadr, the Night of Destiny, catapulted Israel and Palestine to a crescendo of violence. With more than 200 killed in Gaza and at least 10 in Israel, the battle has entered its second week. Hamas, having fired about 3,000 rockets in salvos, and relentless Israeli air, land and sea bombardments on hundreds of targets are edging the protagonists towards an expanded conflict.

The combat comes at a time when Israeli Premier Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are both in political quicksand. Netanyahu may gain a lifeline as his opponent Yair Lapid is unable to engineer support. President Abbas will, however, sink deeper, ceding vital space to Hamas. Al Fatah and Hamas took birth in the Palestinian Intifada of 1987. While Fatah and Arafat took centre stage in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Hamas unrelenting, fundamentally divergent, bided its time. Post elections in 2006, Hamas expelled Fatah from the Gaza Strip, resulting in a fractured Palestinian Authority: Hamas in Gaza and Fatah in Palestinian territories, to the East of Israel.

The conflict between Hamas and Israel is endemic, manifesting itself in the wars of 2009 and 2014. The present firestorm was preceded by a slow but definite burn. Stoking the fires of Palestinian resentment have been the US-supported declarations on Jerusalem, the Golan Heights



CONFLICT: This time, in an ominous departure, the Arab population within Israel has raised its hand. REUTERS

and the ill-conceived Trump 'Deal of the Century — Peace Plan'.

The night of May 8 was nestled in an unfortunate convergence of emotive triggers: Heavy Israeli hand in crowd management for Ramzan; Israeli celebrations of their 1967 victory and capture of East Jerusalem; and Israeli Court permitting the eviction of four Palestinian families from Sheikh Jarrah (suburb of Jerusalem) for Jewish settlers.

Consequently, this time, in an ominous departure, the Arab population within Israel has raised its hand. This explains the violence in the areas of Bat Yam, Lod, Sheikh Jarrah and the West Bank. While the move for eviction impacts 700 Palestinian families, the court order is seen as a precedent. The incendiary role and active precipitation by Hamas is, however, writ large in the fire. Hamas repeatedly threatened violence, treating Israeli actions in the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque as a Red Line.

Hamas, equipped by Iran, modelling

itself on the Lebanese Hezbollah, seeks supremacy in the Palestinian affairs. Its mass appeal is enhanced by its ability to confront the Israeli forces and take casualties. Civilian deaths are an unfortunate but necessary consequence of 'The Struggle'. Violence works to its political advantage and diminishes the political signature of Fatah.

Israel faces tough choices. Standoff attacks have a limited deterrence since Hamas cadres welcome death. Hamas has embedded its facilities deep into the civilian habitation. Enormous casualties are on show. The present targeting by Israel of the HQ, leaders and military facilities orchestrates casualties. Israeli polity is in turmoil. Sections of the resident 21 per cent Palestinian population are inflamed. They have challenges on both sides of the border. The Gaza Strip is one of the densest urban entities in the world. Concrete rises and spreads with little gaps. It is a nightmare for the land forces. Past land

interventions have caused high casualties and had no enduring gains.

The Indian response has been nuanced. With a history of support to the Palestinian cause, a multi-dimensional robust, flourishing relationship with Israel since 1992, this is mandated. While Israeli centrality is unambiguous, India is autonomous on the larger issues. This has been echoed in the response of TS Tirumurti, Ambassador of India to the UN: deep concern over all clashes and violence, with specific reference to Hamas rocket attacks and violence on Temple Mount; concern over evictions in Sheikh Jarrah; insistence on maintaining status quo; adherence to UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which stigmatises Israeli settlements, calls them flagrant violations; and commitment to the Two-State Solution.

While India has stayed its hand on Hamas in the UN, the present specific reference to its rocket attacks is also due to the fact that Hamas initiated the violence as an act of war.

Historic Indian commitment to the region also included a large presence in the UN Mission, UNEF I from 1956 to 1967. The mission had illustrious Indian Force Commanders — Generals PS Gyani and Inderjit Rikhye. While the mission was largely deployed in Gaza, Indians were a welcome presence in the region, as they continue to be today, in the UN Mission UNIFIL, Lebanon.

It also bears mention that India's support to the Palestinians has been unfailing and since 2018, the Indian contribution to them has been quadrupled to \$5 million a year. The assistance has been sharpened with project-based interventions. Indian

outreach is both in Gaza and the Eastern Palestinian territories.

Hamas military spokesman Abu Ubaida has threatened: "...we have prepared for your kind of deaths that would make you curse yourselves..." Hamas may have chosen the moment well, but the Israelis will not oblige it. Israeli institutions are strong, their crisis response is outstanding and defence and security capabilities have a wide spectrum and bleeding edge.

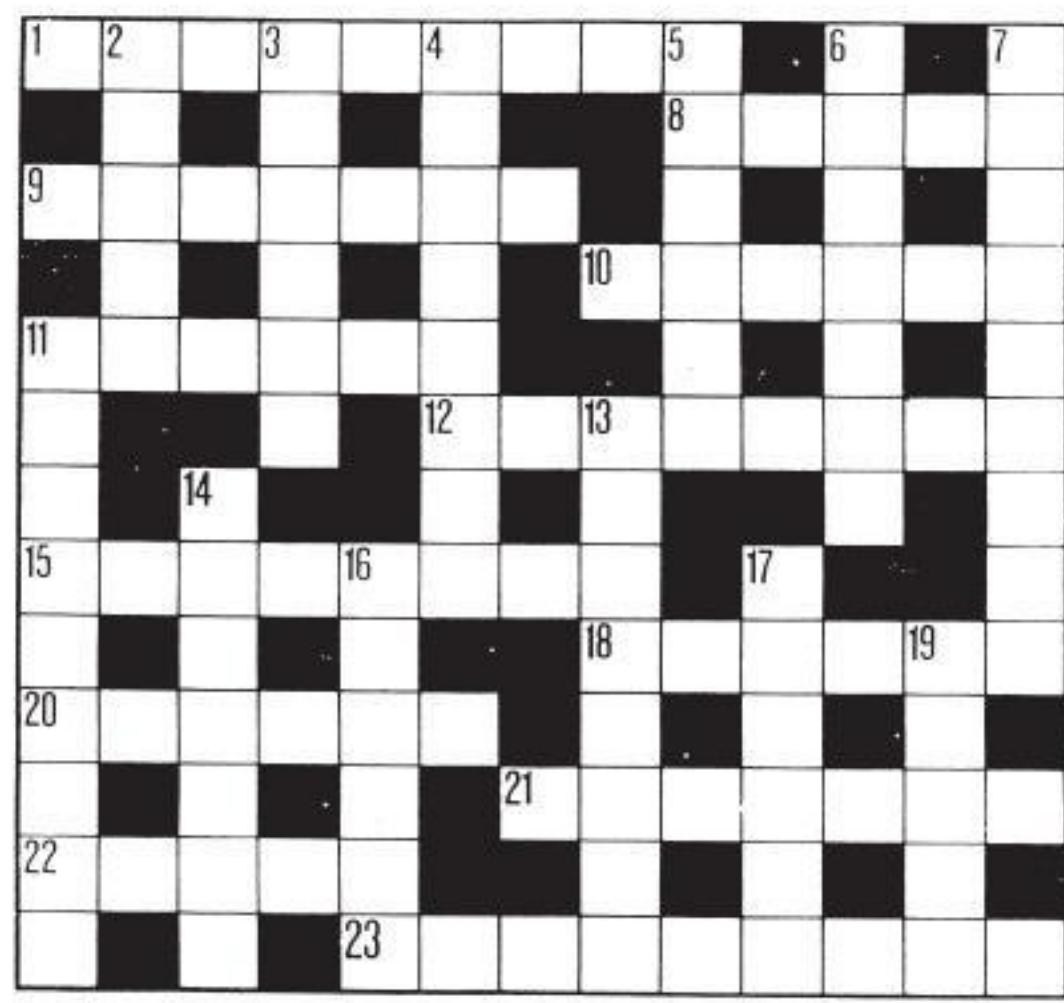
Hamas, undoubtedly, has an eye on the impending Palestinian elections, which President Abbas has postponed. This conflagration will possibly give electoral margins to Hamas for realising its dream of control over all territories.

Israel will have to introspect. Its hard-line, extreme-right approach is pulling it into a black hole. The prospects of Hamas East and West, Hezbollah to the North and restive Palestinians within the country do not bode well for the long-term security and prosperity of its populace.

When asymmetric entities engage in conflict, outcomes are unpredictable. Rocket salvo attacks by Hamas have broken through the Israeli Iron Dome, challenging its invincibility. There is a blurring of focus for Israel, with the incidence of domestic violence.

Hamas is presently poised for political gains. Israeli military superiority will not transcend to assuage damaged psyche and heal emotional wounds. Hamas is on track, while Israel will have to review its existential challenges. We must pray for the innocent victims. We must also, in time, assist them to pick up the threads of their lives.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Overblown (9)
- River of central France (5)
- Messenger of Roman gods (7)
- Free of charge (6)
- Opera by Bizet (6)
- Produce hastily (5,3)
- Cut across (8)
- Deal in (6)
- Slightly indecent (6)
- Senior naval officer (7)
- Protect (5)
- Debatable issue (4,5)

DOWN

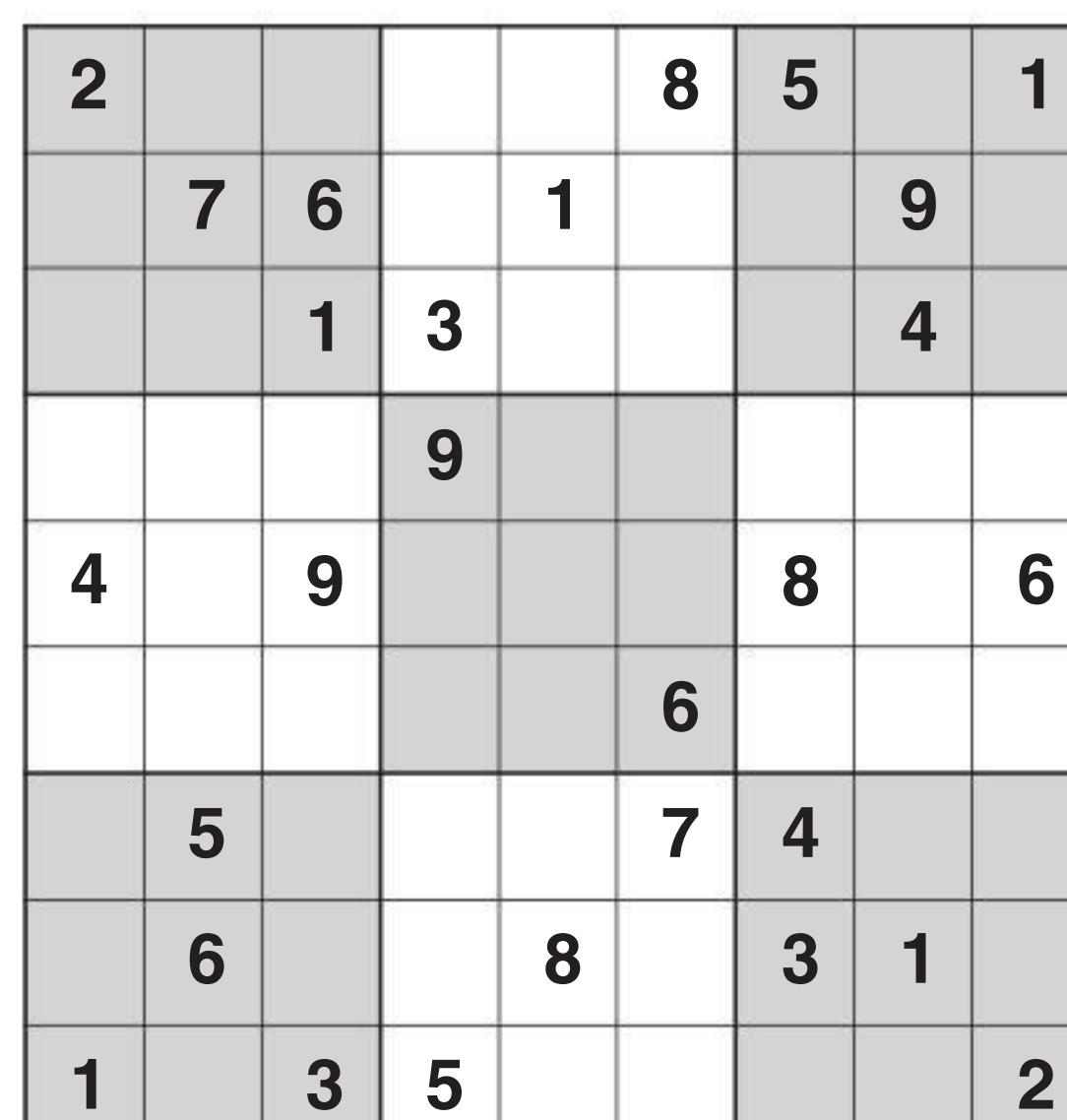
- Last of a series (5)
- Turn into (6)
- Scatter in small drops (8)
- An ordained minister (6)
- The novel (7)
- Period of truce (9)
- Central American republic (5,4)
- Precisely at right time (2,3,3)
- Impressively large (7)
- Wriggle (6)
- A blue dye (6)
- Get to know (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Amusing, 4 Aloof, 7 Oath, 8 Critical, 10 Down-at-heel, 12 Herald, 13 Heresy, 15 Ifs and buts, 18 Original, 19 Hint, 20 Range, 21 Saffron.

Down: 1 Aloud, 2 Untoward, 3 Gurkha, 4 At the ready, 5 Ouch, 6 Fallacy, 9 Ball of fire, 11 Peculiar, 12 Harbour, 14 Harass, 16 Set on, 17 Mien.

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CALENDAR

MAY 19, 2021, WEDNESDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2078
Shaka Samvat	1943
Vaisakha Shaka	29
Jyeshta Parvishtha	6
Hijri	1442
Shukla Paksha Tithi 7, up to 12:51 pm	
Dhruba Yoga up to 1.09 am	
Aashle Nakshatra up to 3:48 pm	
Moon enters Leo sign 3.48 pm	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

2	8	1	3	7	9	5	6	4
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FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 19:12 HRS
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 05:26 HRS

SUNNY	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
Chandigarh	26	23	<img alt="	

Active Covid cases dipping since May 13

SUBHASH RAJTA

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SHIMLA, MAY 18

Even as the positivity and fatality rates are dangerously high, the active case load has shown a consistent decline over the past five days in the state. From 40,008 active cases on May 13, the number has reduced to 34,888 by Tuesday evening.

"I will wait for a few more days before drawing any conclusion. Nevertheless, the decline in active cases over the past few days could be seen as the very initial sign of us getting

ACTIVE CASES	
May 13	40,008
May 14	39,623
May 15	39,575
May 16	36,909
May 17	36,633
May 18	34,888



IN SYNC WITH THE NATIONAL TREND

“The decrease in active cases, though marginal, is in sync with the national trend. My guess is that we will continue to see high active case load until May end before the number starts falling significantly.”

Dr Malay Sarkar

some control over the rampaging virus,” said Dr Malay Sarkar, state’s clinical in-charge for Covid.

“The decrease, though

and then the number could start falling significantly,” said Dr Sarkar. He added that the curfew and lockdown may have started kicking in. Alarmed by the galloping numbers, the state imposed a curfew on May 7 till May 16, and then extended it further till May 26.

The active case load moved upwards the last time on May 12 when the number jumped from 38,954 to 40,008 the next day. Ever since the case load has been on the decline. The active case load was just over 200 on

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Expect heavy rain for 2 days

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BHANU P LOHUMI

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SHIMLA, MAY 18

Despite a curfew in place due to rising coronavirus cases in the state, 1.25 lakh persons have entered Himachal on 74,171 e-Covid passes since May 1. The maximum number of people have come to the industrial belt in the border areas of Baddi, Nalagarh, Poanta Sahib and Una.

As per the data procured by the Information Technology Department, the highest number of 18,410 passes was issued in Solan district followed by

MOST MAKE BEELINE FOR BORDER AREAS

- The maximum number of people visited border areas of Baddi, Nalagarh, Poanta Sahib and Una
- 11,846 persons have applied for e-passes for entering the state in the next eight days
- IT Department has received 2,156 requests for permission for events from May 18 to 31

15,406 in Una and 13,285 in Kangra district. The maximum number of 14,387 persons entered Baddi, followed by Haroli 5,230, Nalagarh 4,676, Sri Naina Deviji 4,498, Una 4204, Poanta Sahib 3,863 and Shimla 3,036.

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Covid cases down by 10-12% in Valley

SRINAGAR, MAY 18

The rate of daily Covid positive patients has been coming down by 10 to 12 per cent in Kashmir division over the past few days, a senior official said on Tuesday.

Kashmir Divisional Commissioner Pandurang K Pole said, "The rate of daily positive patients has been witnessed to be stabilising by 10 to 12 per cent in Kashmir." He said, however, there were chances that the mortality rate would remain the same or even increase in the next few days.

Maintaining that the administration had been taking every possible step to contain the spread of the virus, Pole said demand for oxygen beds had also eased as the number of beds had been increased at all hospitals, including SKIMS, Soura and SMHS hospitals. He said patients in home isolation were also taken due care by the officials concerned as they provided Covid care kits to each patient testing positive for the virus to enable better treatment.

Pole said Kashmir, at pres-



People wait to give swab samples at a government school in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

ent, was in a comfortable position with medical oxygen capacity as there were five oxygen manufacturing plants while 20 more such plants had been installed at different hospitals in Kashmir. The senior officer said Covid vaccination process was also going on at a

good pace as the Union Territory had even touched the 50,000 daily doses during the ongoing drive. He said the J-K government had placed an order of 1.2 crore doses. However, there could be difficulty in delivery as other states had also placed orders amid a raging spread of the virus in many parts of the country. Despite all of this, vaccination for the above 45 age group category was going on in full swing and the rate in J-K was 61 per cent against the 33 per cent national coverage, which was almost double that of the national level percentage.

Jammu and Kashmir on Monday had recorded its biggest single-day spike in Covid-19 fatalities with 73 deaths taking the toll to 3,222, while 3,344 fresh cases pushed the tally to 24,795. Out of the new cases, 1,926 were from Kashmir division. — PTI

7HP kids orphaned, kin offer.

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"The government has already made preparations to accommodate such children at its child care institutions (CCI), but all of them have chosen to stay with their foster families," said Kritika Kulhari, Director, Women and Child Development.

"The state government is providing Rs 2,500 per child per month as financial assistance under the Foster Care Scheme to the relatives taking care of such children, till they turn 18," she added.

"Haroli siblings lost their mother three years ago and now their father died of Covid. The mother of child from Amb also died some time ago, while the father passed away recently," said Satnam Singh, District Project Officer of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS).

Cyclone-battered

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for massive search and rescue operations in extreme weather conditions and rough waters. Maritime reconnaissance plane P8I and helicopters were also pressed into service to scan the area using sensors. The Navy shared a bit of good news on Tuesday evening, saying that the barge 'Support Station-3' with 196 on board had been successfully anchored at sea after being adrift for more than 24 hours.

Another drilling ship 'Sagar Bhushan' with 101 persons on board is being towed to the harbour. "All crew is safe. Offshore

vessels Samudra Sevak and Cheel are helping manoeuvre Sagar Bhushan," said the Navy. The 'MTDeshbhakt' and 'Greatship Aditi', engaged in critical single-point mooring operations at the oil rigs, had also been adrift. "Propulsion has been restored on Deshbhakt, and 45 crew members on both vessels are safe," the Coast Guard said.

Earlier in the day, 137 persons on the barge 'Gal Constructor' got lucky as the vessel which was adrift in the Arabian Sea ran aground near the Wadraij beach—some 90 km north of Colaba naval base late last night, allowing for their rescue.

Kids largely without...

principles valid for Covid prevention in adults were equally valid for children.

He said Covaxin trials in children would begin in 10 to 12 days and a vaccine strategy would also be in place soon. "Young people in gen-

eral are asymptomatic and symptoms appear as age increases. The December sero survey of ICMR, which covered children above 10 years, showed 20-22 per cent sero prevalence, the same level in adults," Paul said. — TNS

Combined competitive exam put off to Oct 24

JAMMU, MAY 18

Amid the second wave of Covid-19, the authorities in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday postponed the combined competitive (preliminary) examination to October 24, an official order said.

The examination was scheduled to be held on July 11.

"Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Combined Competitive (preliminary) Examination, 2021, which was scheduled to be held on 11.07.2021 will be held on 24.10.2021 (Sunday)," Deputy Controller Examination, J&K Public Service Commission, Vinay Samotra said in the order here. Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi in another order announced additional Covid-containment measures to be followed by government departments.

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CONG: VAX SHORTAGE MATTER OF WORRY

The Jammu and Kashmir unit of the Congress on Tuesday said the dearth of anti-Covid vaccines in the Union Territory was a cause of concern.

It also said the failure to ensure sufficient vaccines was giving rise to many questions and adding to the woes of people due to the already complex situation both in Kashmir and Jammu, which had witnessed hundreds of fatalities so far due to Covid.

The Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) said delaying the process of inoculation and upgrading the health infrastructure would make matters worse.

Jammu and Kashmir on

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31 die in 18 days at Rohtak village...

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"Seven persons died in a day in the second week, causing fear among the villagers. They have now started following Covid norms. Earlier, they had even denied getting themselves tested or vaccinated," said Karan Singh, sarpanch of Madina Korsan.

Narendra, a member of Madina Gidhnan panchayat, said the village had got some respite as the number of deaths had gone down.

Dr Joginder, SMO, said 17 people died at Madina Korsan, while 14 at Madina Gidhnan. "A majority of the deceased were elderly. The deaths were not related to Covid," he claimed, adding that there were 60 active cases in the village.

Gayatri Ahlawat, SDM, Meham, said the positivity rate had come down in the village. "In April, a total of 2,240 samples were taken and 194 (8.6 per cent) were found positive. In comparison, 215 (5 per cent) of 4,299 samples collected this month were found positive."

Record 4,329 daily deaths

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continuous concern in some states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha and Punjab. The picture is mixed, but reproduction number below 1 means the pandemic is shrinking overall," said Member, Health, NITI Aayog.

"Recovery trends are positive. The rate has risen from 81.7% on May 3 to 85.6% today," Health Ministry spokesperson Lav Agarwal said. The number of states with over one lakh active cases has come down from 11 to eight over the past one week and only eight states are reporting over 10,000 daily cases.

To spur vax drive...

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represented by over 2,000 heads/members across over 4,000 locations in rural areas. He said the government had already allowed sarpanches to utilise up to Rs 5,000 every day from panchayat funds for emergency Covid treatment, up to a maximum of Rs 50,000.

He asked sarpanches and panches to start "theekri pehra" in their villages to prevent infected persons coming there and distribute Fatche Kits to all those testing positive. He urged villagers to move into isolation in case of symptoms and get themselves tested to ensure early detection of the infection.

APPOINTMENTS

SHRI VILE PARLE KELAVANI MANDAL
SVKM's NMIMS New Building, 10th Floor, V.L. Mehta Road, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai - 400 056, Tel. No. 4219 9999; www.svkm.ac.in; hr@svkm.ac.in

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Ansals Buildwell Ltd., a premier Real Estate Company, requires a Manager (Sales & Marketing) for its Township Project in Amritsar (Punjab). The candidate must be an MBA (Marketing) from a recognized University/Institution, with an experience not less than 10 years in a Real Estate Company. He would Coordinate, prepare, and maintain builder/client data and documentation to ensure timely completion of home and maintain client information in database for future follow-up. To Create and maintain an advertising campaign, including advertising signs, postcards, business cards, and newspaper announcements. Knowledge of documentation with Govt. Offices/Departments is essential. Local candidates would be preferred. Salary would be negotiable.

Interested candidates may send their CV with latest photograph within 7 days through Email to HR Head at admin@ansalbl.com

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

PUNJAB STATE INSTITUTE OF SPORTS
SPORTS COMPLEX, SECTOR-63, S.A.S. NAGAR

Applications are invited for the following post to be filled on Contractual basis:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Number of Vacancies	Remuneration in Rs.
1.	Senior Coach (Hockey)	01	50,000/- to 70,000/- (Negotiable)

Qualification: 1) Graduate
2) Diploma in Hockey Game from SAI/NIS

Experience: Olympian in Hockey Game with minimum of 5 years experience as a National Hockey Coach or in a professional club in India or Abroad or who has trained Elite Hockey Athletes.

Age: Or
Dronacharya Awardee.
Below 65 Years

The contract period & monthly remuneration are negotiable.

Applications may be sent to the above address by 28.05.2021.

For any detail Contact: 0172-4620362. DPR/Pb/4575

DPR/Pb/4575

TENDER NO. HPWL/HMR/2021-22/T-1 Dated: 21.05.2021

NAME OF WORK "PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF PREFABRICATED ALL-WEATHER PROOF ECO-FRIENDLY HUTS (15 Nos.) ON EXISTING PLATFORM AT SUKHNA ECO-TOURISM COMPLEX NAGROTA SURIAN AT DISTT KANGRA (HP). Interested parties engaged in relevant business are eligible to submit their proposal. Complete Tender document shall be available on website: <https://hpntenders.gov.in> Intending tenderers are required to register at portal of E-Procurement of the HP Govt. and participate through the online tender portal only.

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CATEGORY Indigenous

TYPE OF TENDER Rs. 2,50,000/- (Approx.)

ESTIMATED COST Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) in the form of Electronic Transfer only.

TENDER FEE Rs. 3,000/- Rupees Three Thousand only in the form of Electronic Transfer only

JOB COMPLETION TIME 03 (Three) Months

Bank Account Details of The Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department

State Bank of India Hamirpur (HP) 65224100984 SBIN0050123

SITE LOCATION SUKHNA ECO-TOURISM COMPLEX NAGROTA SURIAN AT DISTT. KANGRA (HP)

Start date & time of participation in website (<https://hpntenders.gov.in>) 22.05.2021 at 10:00 Hrs.

Last Date and time of receipt of bids in e-tender website 28.05.2021 up to 12:00 Hrs

Date, time and place of opening of Technical Bid of 28.05.2021 at 12:15 Hrs. at the Office of Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division Hamirpur (HP) 177001

Date and time of opening of Financial Bid Will be intimated separately to the technically qualified bidders.

Name & Address of Tender receiving Officer Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division Hamirpur

DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, WILDLIFE DIVISION, HAMIRPUR.

DPR/HP/847

ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨਾਟਸ

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1.	ਅਧਿਸਥਾਰ ਕਾਰ	2009	35,000/-	ਪੀ.ਬੀ. 29 ਕੋ-0220

ਉਪਰਕਤ ਗੱਡੀ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਮਿਤੀ 25.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਦੇਡਕਰ ਏ.ਡੀ.ਸੀ. (ਵਿਕਾਸ), ਮੋਗਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਅਮ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਕੌਂਠੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ।

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਗੱਡੀ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਮਿਤੀ 25.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਦੇਡਕਰ ਏ.ਡੀ.ਸੀ. (ਵਿਕਾਸ), ਮੋਗਾ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਤੋਂ ਦੱਸਿਆਂ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਗੱਡੀ ਦੀ ਦੱਤਨੀ ਕੰਮ-ਕਾਸ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਵਰਤੀ ਦੀ ਦੱਤਨੀ ਕਾਸ ਸਹੀ ਹੈ।

ਸਹੀ- ਵਧਾਕ ਇੰਪਟੀ ਕੰਮਸ਼ਨਰ (ਵਿਕਾਸ),
DPR/Pb/4630

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ

ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੋਲਾਂਗ ਸੈਲੋਂ ਦਾ ਨਾਟਸ

ਟੈਂਕਰ ਨੰਬਰ : 07 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 18.05.2021

ਕਾਰਜਸ਼ਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸਾਨੀ ਵੱਡਾ ਸੈਲੋਂ ਦਾ ਨਾਟਸ
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Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),
Punjab Mandi Board, SANGRUR.
DPR/Pb/4631

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender/RFP Reference No. 1209

The Department of Municipal Council, Sirhind-Fatehgarh Sahib invites online bids for

Civil Works of Amount: 210.47 Lac.

Please refer DNIT for details of above works.

Closing Date for Works:- 08.06.2021 & Time: 17:00 hrs.

For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
M.C., Sirhind-FGS
DPR/Pb/4647

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 40 Dated 17.05.2021

The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Sangrur, invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No	Name of Work	Earnest money (Rs. in Lakh)	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Providing & laying UPVC & RCC pipe Sewer and const. of M.H Chamber and all other works contingent thereto at Right Phirni Samru Road to Kamalpur Road at Dirba Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT.	1.18	58.78

Closing Date & Time : up to 10.06.2021 at 5:00 PM.

For Details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Sangrur
DPR/Pb/4635

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE

No.-PGI/Medical Gases/2021/ PROCD & D000292 Dated: - 18/05/2021

Sealed tenders are invited for:-

1 Name of the (e) Annual Services Contract of Manifeld Services at Nehru Hospital, APC Building, & Adv. Eye Centre, Advance Cardiac Center, Advanced Trauma Centre & New OPD the rates of Spare parts to be used during maintenance and Repair for two years from the issue of letter.

2 Estimated cost Rs.80,00000

3 Earnest Money Rs.1,60,000

4 Due date 10.06.2021 upto 12:30 PM.

Tender form containing detailed terms and conditions and complete specifications for the above are available at eproc.punjab.gov.in & also at our website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in, so as to reach in the office of the Officer In-charge (HPD) Procurement Branch (Drugs & Dressing, & Medical Gases Room No. 18 PGIMER, Chandigarh, along with Demand Draft of Rs. 200/- (cost of Tender form) and Earnest Money of Rs. 1,60,000 in favor of DPGI. The Tender must reach in office by 12:30 hrs. on 10.06.2021 and will be opened at 15:30 hrs on the same date. Tender not submitted on the prescribed form/ not accompanied with the required earnest money shall be summarily ignored. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

OFFICER IN-CHARGE (HPD)

DI-2937

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MOGA, LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (for 21 days)

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-tender Reference No. LGPMCM/2021/15

No. 278/C Dated: 11.05.2021

The Municipal Corporation, Moga invites percentage rate basis (above, below, or at par) e-tender on double bid system for total 13 works amounting 253.60 Lacs of Municipal Corporation Moga. The tender will be opened as per schedule given below.

Date and time schedule for e-tendering

For Registered Cooperative Societies ("Preference will be given to the Co-operative L/C Societies for the works up to 60 Lacs (As per Notification No. 76/52/9-R.F.1(5)/8856 Chandigarh dated 04.11.1994).

Last Date of Online submission Opening of Technical Bid of Bidding Document

02.06.2021 03:00 p.m. 03.06.2021 12:00 noon

Any corrigendum/amendments will be uploaded on website only.

Sd/- Corporation Engineer,
Municipal Corporation, Moga.
DPR/Pb/4646

PUNJAB HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

SHORT TERM NOTICE

INVITATION OF BIDS

Tender Reference Bid No.05 e-tender/PHSC/EE (W)/2021-22

Dated:- 18.05.2021

The Department of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mohali invites online bids for Supply/ Installation/Testing/Commissioning for silent DG Sets (3Nos) 250 KVA/200 KW Capacity with AMF Panel's for proposed PSA Oxygen Plants of 1000 LPM capacity each at DH Bathinda, DH Sangrur and MKH Patiala as per DNIT specifications.

Closing Date:- 24.05.2021 up to 17.00 Hrs.

For Details Logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.

NOTE:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (W),
For Managing Director.

WESTERN RAILWAY

STORES DEPARTMENT

e-AUCTION SALE DURING JUNE, 2021 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION - ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS

Public e-Auction for disposal of P. Way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in June, 2021 as per program given below -

1st Round 2nd Round Depot Depot Officer in Charge Contact No.

1st Round	2nd Round	Depot	Depot Officer in Charge	Contact No.
02/06/2021	28/06/2021	BRC	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, BRC	02652641592 9724091750
04/06/2021	29/06/2021	BVP	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, BVP	02782444360 9724097750
10/06/2021	-	MX	Deputy Chief Materials Manager, MX	022-24929571 9004499570
17/06/2021	-	DHD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager, DHD	02673241295 9724090455
19/06/2021	-	SBI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager, SBI	07927500080 9724093774
24/06/2021	-	PRTN	Deputy Chief Materials Manager, DHD	02673241295 9724090455
25/06/2021	-	RJT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, RJT	02812476943 9724094770
26/06/2021	-	RTM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, RTM	07412230080 9752492750
28/06/2021	-	MMCT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, MMCT	022-23094142 9004499006
30/06/2021	-	ADI	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, ADI	07922205888 9724093750

For detailed information, please contact the concerned Depot Officers.

Note 1. Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-auction.

2. e-Auction will start as per scheduled time.

3. e-Auction catalogues will be available on www.ireps.gov.in e-auction portal.

4. In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot Officer.

5. All payment transactions shall be done through online payment gateway.

(No. SII/Auction Programme-1/June,-2021 Dated 15/05/2021)

For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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Israel, Hamas trade fire in Gaza as war rages on

Six-storey building levelled in airstrikes | Palestinians go on strike | Militants renew rocket barrage

GAZA CITY (Gaza Strip), May 18 Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes on what it said were militant targets in Gaza, leveling a six-storey building, while militants fired dozens of rockets into Israel on Tuesday.

Palestinians across the region observed a general strike as the war, now in its second week, showed no signs of abating. The strikes toppled a building that housed libraries and educational centres belonging to the Islamic University. Seen from roof height, the destruction loomed as a massive valley of rebar and concrete slabs. Desks, office chairs, books and computer wires could be seen peeking from the debris. Residents sifted through the rubble, searching for their belongings.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the overnight strikes.

Heavy fighting broke out on May 10 when Gaza's militant Hamas rulers fired long-range rockets toward



Smoke rises following an Israeli airstrike on a building in Gaza City on Tuesday. REUTERS

Jerusalem in support of Palestinian protests there against Israel's heavy-handed policing of the Al-

Aqsa mosque compound, a flashback holy site sacred to Jews and Muslims, and the threatened

Court denies anticipatory bail to Sushil

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

A Delhi court today refused to grant anticipatory bail to absconding wrestler Sushil Kumar in the murder case of a wrestler, saying that he is *prima facie* the main conspirator and allegations against him are serious in nature.

Additional Sessions Judge Jagdish Kumar denied the relief to two-time Olympics medallist Sushil, against whom a case of murder, abduction and criminal conspiracy has been registered.

A wrestler, Sagar Rana, had died and two of his friends — Sonu and Amit Kumar — were injured after they were allegedly assaulted by Sushil and other wrestlers on the night of May 4 at the Chhatrasal Stadium here.

While dismissing Sushil's pre-arrest bail, the judge noted that "the allegations

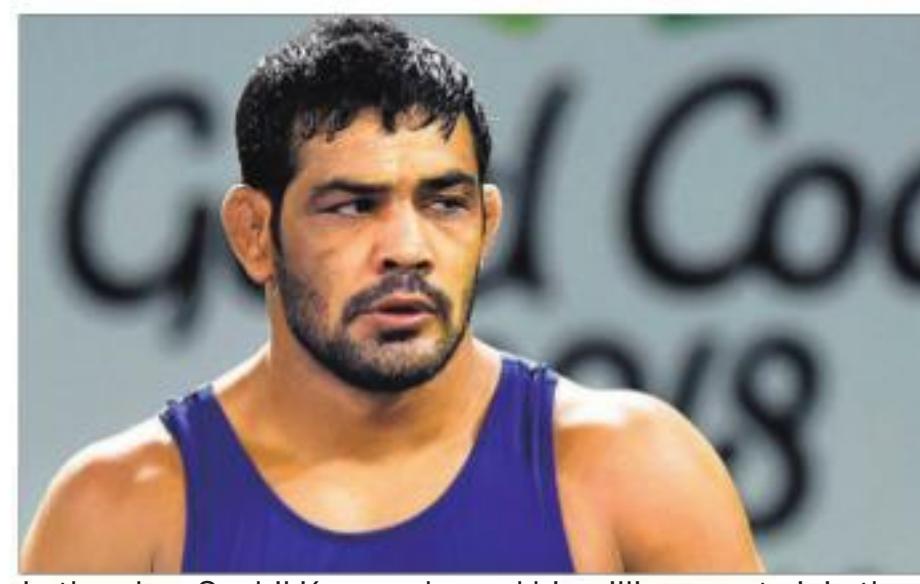
against the accused are serious in nature. From the perusal of record of investigation so far, it reveals that *prima facie* the accused is the main conspirator".

"The investigation is still going on and some of the accused persons have not been arrested so far. The NBWS (non-bailable warrant) has already been issued against the accused," the judge added. He relied upon the statements of eyewitnesses while dismissing the plea and said: "So at this stage, the Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the accused".

Fearing arrest, Sushil had moved the Rohini court here yesterday seeking anticipatory bail, asserting that the investigation against him is biased and that no injuries are attributable to him.

In the plea, Sushil

Prosecutor says there's footage of Sushil participating in brawl



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"It appears that the state-

ment of the victims has already been recorded and alleged recoveries have already been made. No custodial investigation is required as nothing is to be recovered at the instance of the applican-

cant," Sushil's plea stated.

He claimed to have no connection with the alleged firing that took place during the brawl, adding that the firearm and vehicle found at the place of the incident do not belong to him.

However, prosecutor Atul Srivastava, representing the police, told the court that there is electronic evidence that allegedly show Sushil "with a stick and hitting" the wrestler.

The prosecutor said Sushil's passport has been confiscated to alert the authorities as there is an apprehension that he may flee the country.

Sushil Kumar is on the run since Rana's death and the police are making efforts to trace him by conducting raids in the Delhi-NCR region and neighbouring states. — PTI

Australian players in quarantine, BCCI footing bill

Indian board had promised players regarding their safe return home

SYDNEY, MAY 18

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) is footing the bill for the 14-day quarantine of the Australian IPL players who arrived here from the Maldives yesterday. Cricket Australia (CA) has clarified.

Most of the 38 members of the Australian contingent who were still at the IPL on May 4, including top players, officials and commentators, landed here yesterday after a forced stop-over in the Maldives.

The players had to spend 10 days in the Maldives due to a ban imposed by the Australian government on travellers from the Covid-ravaged India till May 15.

CA's interim CEO Nick Hockley said the BCCI has kept its promise and funded the whole operation. Asked if the BCCI was paying for the mandatory quarantine, Hockley said: "Yes... BCCI at the outset committed to ensuring that they got home safely and as quickly as possible. We've been working closely with them. They've been fantastic. They've delivered on that promise."

The IPL was indefinitely suspended on May 4 after four players and two coaches from four different teams tested positive for Covid-19.

existing frameworks to make sure that they get home as quickly as possible," Hockley said. "I know the players, having texted a few of them, are extremely appreciative of the BCCI and we're really pleased that they're home safely."

The Australian players and staff, however, couldn't head home immediately as their country had imposed a ban on flights from India.

The BCCI had then assured the players that it would do everything possible to ensure their safe return home. "Obviously our thoughts are with all of our friends in India. Then we've been working with the government, within the



After landing in Sydney yesterday, Steve Smith wheels in his luggage, topped by a guitar case.



Former batsman Mike Hussey,

Ex-opener Das batting coach of women's team

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

Former India opener Shiv Sunder Das has been appointed the batting coach of the Indian women's cricket team for the tour of England. Das, who played 23 Tests and four ODIs in the early 2000s, said he is looking forward to guiding the women's team. "It will be good experience and I am looking forward to it," the 43-year-old former Odisha captain said.

Das has honed his skills as a batting coach at the National Cricket Academy under Rahul Dravid's guidance and that, he believes, will help him in solving the technical problems of the batters.

Dravid connection

"I have been part of NCA for last four-five years and have been batting coach for last couple of years. I would like to thank Rahul Dravid and Sourav Ganguly for giving me this opportunity," said Das, who played all his international cricket under the BCCI president's captaincy.

"I don't think there is a lot of difference and at the end of the day, you impart your knowledge, and work with players," Das said about coaching a women's team. "You contribute to their success and be ready to solve their cricketing issues when they require you. My responsibility is to make them well prepared and match ready."

Das was part of the Indian team that toured England under Ganguly in 2002 and scored 250 runs in a First-Class tour game. "That was my highest score in England on that tour," he recalled.

Das believes that his experience of having played years of league cricket in England will also prove helpful. "It will help that I have played a lot of cricket in England, including international and league cricket. I know the conditions and those experiences I will share with them," Das said.

The team will be playing a Test match after a long time but the new batting coach is confident that with senior pros like Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami in the side, adapting to different conditions won't be very difficult.

Jhulan and Mithali have played a lot of international cricket and they will easily adjust to it and it is a good time for young players as it gives opportunity to learn the art of building an innings or bowl a lot of overs, which is good for overall growth as a cricketer," Das said. — PTI

Indian women's team set to play Test in Australia after England

NEW DELHI: Indian women's cricket team is set to play a Test in Australia after playing one in England next month. India will play their first Test in seven years from June 16 in England. India last played a Test against Australia in 2006. India will also play ODI and T20I matches Down Under. "England and Australia are the two teams that still play Tests and going forward you will see a Test slotted in when they visit India or when India tour the two countries," a BCCI official told PTI today. "The idea was floated on the sidelines of the men's pink ball Test and later discussed in the Apex Council meeting (last month)." PTI

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CBI awaits LS Speaker's permission to prosecute Adhikari, 3 TMC MPs

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ARRESTED MINISTER, MLA HOSPITALISED

Kolkata: Bengal minister Subrata Mukherjee, TMC MLA Madan Mitra and former party leader Sovan Chatterjee, who were arrested by the CBI in the Narada case, were admitted to a hospital here on Tuesday after they complained of uneasiness in a correctional home, officials said. PTI

Didi wants change of Gov, writes to PM, Prez

was conducted.

Adhikari, once a close confidant of West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, joined the BJP in December 2020 and registered a narrow victory over Banerjee in his pocket borough Nandigram. He is now the Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly.

Kerala CM picks new team, top performer Shailaja dropped

Ex-Health Min won with highest margin | Vijayan's son-in-law gets berth

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 18

SATISFIED WITH WHAT I'VE DONE'

I am not disappointed at being denied berth in the new cabinet. I have absolute satisfaction in what I have done. I am confident that the new team can perform better than me. KK Shailaja, FORMER HEALTH MINISTER

ter earlier because of the party's decision. I have absolute satisfaction in what I have done. I am confident that the new team can perform better than me," she added.

"Not the individual but the system is showcasing the fight against the pandemic," the leader added.

She was, however, entrusted with the position of party whip, a CPM statement said here, even as the party took the position that all members except the Chief Minister should be fresh faces in the new cabinet. Shailaja was expected to be giv-

Among the fresh faces is Vijayan's son-in-law PA Mohammed Riyas. The state committee of the Marxist party nominated 11 freshers, including two women as its ministers in the new government, which would be sworn in on May 20.

The state committee, which met at its headquarters AKG Centre, elected Vijayan to lead the party, the statement said.

Though it was almost sure that no ministers in the previous Vijayan government would find a place in his new cabinet, Shailaja was expected to be giv-

en an exemption by the party.

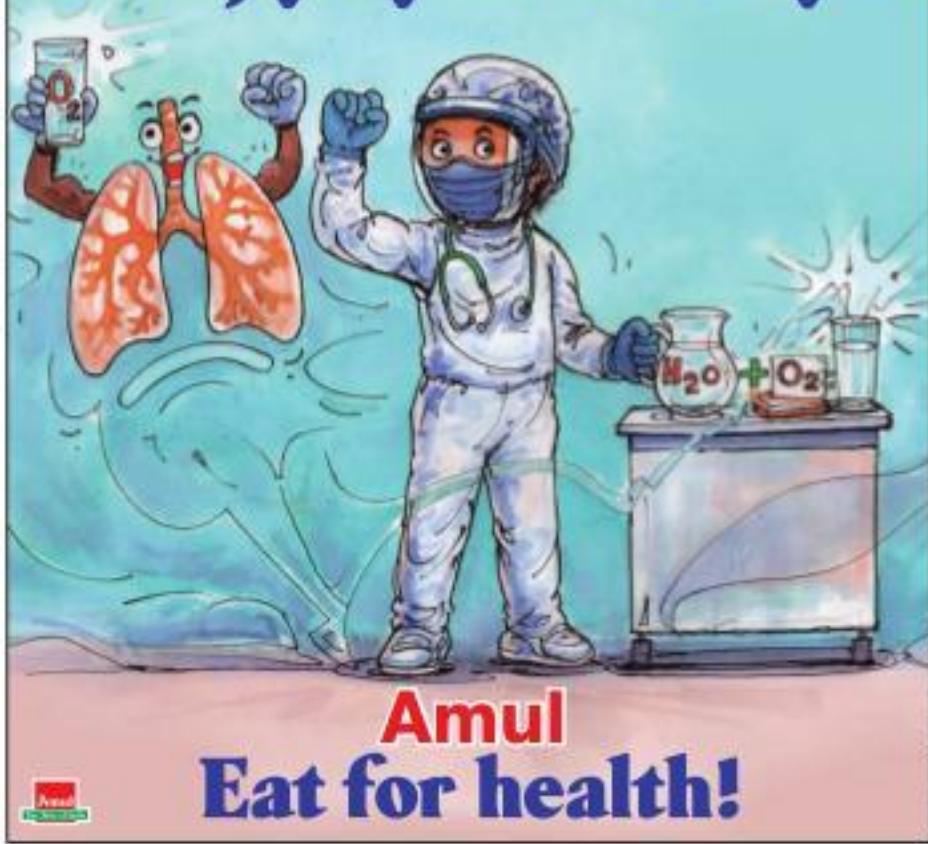
She had won the polls with the highest margin of 60,963 votes from Mattannur in Kannur. The media, during the election, had even projected her as the first woman chief minister of the state in future.

A retired school teacher, she had done a commendable job in containing the Covid surge in the state last year and also during the Nipah virus outbreak in 2018 and 2019.

Though critics alleged that Shailaja was sidelined, the CPM took the position that all ministers except the CM should be fresh faces in the new cabinet. So had been the case with TM Thomas Isaac,

Finance Minister in the outgoing cabinet, among others who had not been given a chance as they were elected twice consecutively, party sources said. — PTI

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Tauktae weakens, kills 13 in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD, MAY 18

As many as 13 persons were killed in Gujarat as cyclone Tauktae pummelled parts of the state and left behind a trail of destruction along the coast, uprooting electric poles, trees and damaging thousands of houses and roads, officials said on Tuesday.

In what was one of the worst cyclones faced by the state, Tauktae triggered heavy rains in many parts along its way from the Saurashtra coast to north Gujarat with as many as 46 talukas receiving over 100 mm of downpour; while 12 of them recorded 150 mm to 175 mm of rains.

Tauktae, characterised as an extremely severe cyclonic storm on Monday, has now weakened into a "cyclonic storm" and will gradually become a "deep depression" as it moves northwards, the IMD said.

Over 16,000 houses were damaged, more than 40,000 trees and over 70,000 electric poles uprooted, while 5,951 villages faced total power blackout due to the cyclonic storm in Gujarat, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat and Diu on Wednesday to personally review the situation and damage due to Cyclone Tauktae. — PTI



People salvage their belongings from a damaged house after the cyclone in Navabandar village of Gujarat on Tuesday. REUTERS

Former IMA chief dies of Covid

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



TOOK BOTH JABS

- Padma Shri awardee and cardiologist KK Aggarwal posted informative videos on Covid-19
- His death has triggered a debate on Covid vaccine effectiveness since he died after taking both shots
- Jabs provide protection to an extent, but precautions are needed, says VK Paul, member, NITI Aayog

lished, but precautions are always needed," Paul said.

Aggarwal was among the foremost Covid warriors to accept the vaccine at the height of hesitancy when the

national inoculation drive began for health workers from January 16.

"Since he became a doctor, Aggarwal dedicated his life to the welfare of people. He made constant efforts to educate the masses and was able to reach out to over 100 million people through videos and saved countless lives. He wanted his life to be celebrated and not mourned," the family said.

Aggarwal was awarded the Padma Shri in 2010 and held a Limca Book of Records for training the highest-ever number of people in the life-saving technique of hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation technique at one time.

269 docs have died: IMA

The IMA on Tuesday said 269 doctors had died during the course of the Covid pandemic, a maximum of 78 in Bihar, followed by 37 in UP, 28 in Delhi, 22 in Andhra Pradesh and 14 each in Maharashtra and West Bengal.

PM: Working to expand vax supply in big way

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the government was working to expand Covid vaccine supply on a very large scale and stressed the need for Covid containment in rural and inaccessible areas.

"Efforts are being made to increase the supply of Covid vaccines on a very large scale," the PM said addressing district magistrates and municipal commissioners in virtual mode today.

He announced plans to rapidly to install oxygen plants in hospitals in every district through PM CARES Fund. Such plants had already started functioning in many hospitals, he claimed.

Describing district officers as field commanders in the Covid war, he said local containment, aggressive testing and complete infor-

Man denied injection, wife threatens suicide

INDORE: The purported video of a woman threatening to jump off the hospital roof in Indore in MP if her husband suffering from black fungus infection does not get an injection required for its treatment went viral on Tuesday. A hospital official said the woman's husband had been administered Amphotericin-B injections, but he would need more shots and this had left her disturbed. PTI

Asks dist officials to focus on containment in rural, inaccessible areas

mation were weapons against the virus.

"We need to be more vigilant in the face of decreasing infections. The focus should be on rural and inaccessible areas," he said.

"Attempts are being made to give a schedule for the next 15 days to the states in advance," the PM said calling for zero vaccine wastage and curbs on black marketing.

16K UP edu dept staff die of Covid in 6 wks

LUCKNOW: Over 1,600 teachers and workers of the Basic Education Department have died in UP since the first week of April due to Covid, a teachers' body said, claiming that 90% of them were on panchayat poll duty. As many as 1,621 of the education department have died since the first week of April till May 16," said Dr Dinesh Sharma, chief of the UP Praathmik Shikshak Sangh. PTI

BJP releases 'Cong toolkit', calls it bid to defame nation

Oppn party claims it's fake, demands police action

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

The BJP and Congress entered into a war of words, with the former levelling charge that the latter conspired to defame Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the country by projecting inept handling of the pandemic.

Several BJP leaders, including president JP Nadda and Union Minister Smriti Irani, took to social media platforms lambasting the Congress for allegedly circulating a toolkit among its activists and friends with resource material and strategem to spoil Modi's image.

In accordance with the agenda of the toolkit, the

Congress has instructed its social media volunteers to call the new mutant strain of Covid-19 the "Modi strain" or the "India strain", BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra claimed in a tweet.

The Congress hit right back saying the BJP was resorting to its usual subterfuge to deflect nation's attention from bona fide criticism of Modi on his handling of the pandemic.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said the BJP was dropping red herrings, while he dissociated his party from the toolkit, copies of which were circulated by the BJP.

The Congress counter-charged that the putative toolkit was "forged" by the BJP, and its leaders said a

complaint has been lodged with the Delhi Police. BJP leaders Nadda, Irani, BL Santosh and Sambit Patra and other BJP functionaries have been named in it.

The alleged toolkit has been inscribed on the letter head of AICC Research Department Chairperson Rajeev Gowda.

The Congress has demanded of the police to register a criminal case against these BJP leaders, and sought an investigation in the toolkit matter.

"The Congress will move the court to get the case registered in case police pussy-footed," Khera said.

The police complaint has been signed by two leaders, including Gowda.

Ready to ship addl 2 cr vax doses, says US

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

US President Joe Biden announced the export of an additional 2 crore vaccines and agreed to push the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to lend about \$900 billion to members as it lines up to gain leadership vis-à-vis Russia and China in the global battle against Covid.

The White House did not give a break-up of countries that will receive the vaccines. This may be because the US has sought "concrete, deliverable commitments" from governments in need of vaccines.

The US has already promised to ship 6 crore vaccines. The 2 crore additional doses will be from its Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson stocks and shipments will be cleared in six weeks. — TNS



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Competitive Examination (Stage-I) for Recruitment to the post of Senior Residents / Senior Demonstrators for July 2021 session at AIIMS, New Delhi

Online applications are invited from Indian Citizens as per Govt. of India Residency Scheme, for the tenure posts of Senior Residents/Senior Demonstrators for a maximum period upto 3 years. These posts include existing vacant posts, backlog vacancies of SC, ST, OBC and the posts which are likely to fall vacant (Stage-I) between 01.07.2021 to 31.12.2021. Details of posts can be seen on website. The Examination will be conducted in online (CBT) mode only followed by Interview (Stage-II) of eligible candidates.

Online Registration for applications

Opens on	Closes on
11th May, 2021 (Tuesday)	28th May, 2021 at 5:00 pm (Friday)

Date of Recruitment Examination

Date of Exam	Duration of Exam.	Exam City
Date of Exam will be declared later	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	4 Metro cities in India (Delhi/NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai)

Admit cards of eligible candidates will only be uploaded on the website. If the status of Registration Form or Admit Card is not available on website, applicant should immediately write an email through Registered email ID to the Assistant Controller (Examinations), AIIMS, New Delhi-110608 on aiims.srsdexams@gmail.com along with candidate name, exam/test, subject applied, candidate ID and specific query/clarification.

Important : For Prospectus, number of post, eligibility criteria, detailed information etc. please visit the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will be uploaded in the website only.

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1	Personnel	H.P. Administrative Service, Class-I (Gazetted) in the Pay Scale of Rs. 15600-39100 + 5400/- GP	Total = 08 posts (Unreserved = 04 posts, Unreserved (Hearing Impaired of HP) = 01 post Unreserved Ex-servicemen of HP (After completion full tenure or on medical ground) = 01 post Scheduled Caste of HP = 01 post OBC of HP = 01 post)
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HC declines Kalra's plea for speedy decision on bail

NEW DELHI, MAY 18

The Delhi HC on Tuesday declined to direct an expeditious decision on the bail plea of businessman Navneet Kalra, arrested for alleged black mar-

keting of oxygen concentrators, saying "let the law take its own course". Meanwhile, the Delhi Police brought him to his Khan Chacha restaurant for questioning