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## NDMA failed in its duty, decide relief for Covid victims' kin in 6 weeks: SC

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30  
The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to pay ex gratia to the family members of those who died due to Covid-19, saying the authority was statutorily mandated to provide minimum relief in such cases.

Holding that by not providing the compensation, the NDMA failed in discharging its statutory duty, a Bench led by Justice Ashok Bhushan directed the authority to determine in six weeks the ex gratia amount to be paid to the family of each victim.

The Bench, which also included Justice MR Shah,



Porters collect relief material during lockdown in Kolkata. PTI

asked the authority to frame guidelines for the payment. It, however, said it would not be proper for the court to direct a particular amount to be paid.

The top court ordered the Centre to issue guidelines to simplify issuance of death certificates in Covid cases or complications related to it.

### COVAXIN NEUTRALISES ALPHA, DELTA VARIANTS

US-based National Institutes of Health has said the results from two studies on blood serum collected from people who had received India-made Covaxin suggested the vaccine generated antibodies that effectively neutralised the B.1.1.7 (Alpha) and B.1.617 (Delta) variants. TNS

**45,951 FRESH CASES**  
**TOTAL DEATHS 3,94,545** **ACTIVE CASES 5,37,064**  
**817 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS**

India has recorded nearly 3.98 lakh deaths due to Covid, which was declared a disaster under the Disaster

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### Vaccines: India for reciprocity

NEW DELHI: Indian diplomats are working with EU member states to ensure that citizens vaccinated with Covishield and Covaxin do not face travel issues.

India has conveyed to the EU it will institute a reciprocal policy for recognition of the EU digital Covid certificate. If and when Covishield and Covaxin are included in the EU digital Covid certificate that comes into effect from July 1, India has offered to reciprocally exempt the EU states from mandatory quarantine. Germany has decided to permit entry to Indians vaccinated with Covishield. — TNS

## Pb crisis: Sidhu meets Rahul, Priyanka, resolution in sight

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

Resolution of the Punjab Congress crisis seems imminent with MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu holding long meetings with Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra here today. Though Sidhu chose to keep mum, sources close to him described his meeting with Rahul as "incredible."

There are indications of Sidhu being given an important role in the government or Congress' organisational setup. A clear picture would emerge in the next two or three days. Sources said Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh was likely to meet party's top leadership in the coming days.

Earlier in the day, Sidhu tweeted a picture with Priyanka whom he met at her

Meeting 'incredible', claim sources close to Congress MLA



Sujan Singh Park residence.

Sidhu is reportedly keen on steering the Punjab Congress ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections but the CM is opposed to this role for the party. Party sources said it was difficult for the Congress

to have two Jat Sikh leaders in prominent roles — one as a CM and the other as Pradesh Congress president. While AICC sources said the position of Deputy CM was still available for Sidhu, another source claimed discussions had been held on the possibility of Sidhu being nominated to the Congress central election committee chaired by party president Sonia Gandhi. All through the day, the Gandhis held hectic deliberations. After she met Sidhu, Priyanka along with Sonia left for Rahul Gandhi's residence where Sidhu was called at 7.25 pm. The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

Meanwhile, AICC Punjab panel chairman Mallikarjun Kharge held informal talks with Punjab affairs in-charge Harish Rawat. — TNS

## Centre cautions HP as Kinnaur sees alarming 30% positivity rate

Tribune News Service



**NO INT'L PASSENGER FLIGHTS TILL JULY 31**

Aviation regulator DGCA has extended suspension of scheduled international flights till July 31 in view of the MHA order relating to Covid containment measures for July. However, scheduled flights may be allowed on a case-to-case basis.

**798 DOCS DIED DURING SECOND WAVE, SAYS IMA**

per cent against the national weekly rate of around 3.1 per cent. The letters were also

### No wrong done, says Biotech after Brazil puts off deal

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30  
Bharat Biotech has denied any wrongdoing after Brazil on Wednesday temporarily suspended the \$324-million deal to procure India-made Covaxin amid graft allegations that have hit the country's top brass, including President Jair Bolsonaro.

The deal, involving procurement of 20 million Covaxin doses, came under a cloud after accusations of high pricing (\$15 per dose), hasty talks and pending regulatory clearances for the vaccine.

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### Clash in Ghazipur



BJP workers point to a car damaged during a clash with farmers at Ghazipur on Wednesday. PTI

### FIVE FARMERS INJURED

Farmers and BJP workers clashed during an event organised by the saffron party. Both sides accused each other of provocation. The SKM said five farmers were hurt.

### PLOT TO QELLS STIR

Yet another plot to quell the stir. They (BJP men) misbehaved with the farmers and damaged vehicles. Such tactics have been employed in the past too. JS BAWA, SKM

### AGITATION IS POLITICAL

The stir is political. Congress is supporting the farmers to maligned us. Incidents like rape, murder and disputes with locals have taken place. ML KHATTAR, HARYANA CM

## Delimitation panel to visit J&K for first-hand info

MUKESH RANJAN  
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

Fast-tracking the process of redrawing the electoral constituencies in Jammu & Kashmir, the Delimitation Commission, headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd), will visit the Union Territory for four days beginning July 6.

During the stay there, the panel would interact with local political leaders, civil society representatives and administrative officials to gather "first-hand" information and views on the mega exercise, the commission said in an official release.

The decision on the panel's visit to J&K was taken after an internal meeting of the commission chaired by Justice

### 'DARBAR MOVE' GOES

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has done away with the 149-year-old practice of rotating the seat of governance between the twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu on a six-monthly basis, called the 'Darbar Move'. INSIDE

Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd), where Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sushil Chandra was also present as its member. This was the first meeting of the commission after PM Narendra Modi held a meeting with 14 leaders of the mainstream J&K political parties on June 24, where they were impressed upon the need to fast-track the constituency-redrawing exercise.

## Punjab reels under long unscheduled power cuts

AMAN SOOD  
Tribune News Service

**HUGE SUPPLY GAP**  
**■ 14,225 MW Demand\***  
**■ 12,800 MW Supply**  
**■ 1,425 MW Shortfall**  
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provide. The average shortfall during evening peak hours is 725 MW.

While Punjab has its own generation of about 5,500 MW from various sources, including solar, it can import a maximum of 7,300 MW from the northern grid. "Under the present circumstances, Punjab can supply around 12,800 MW. The supply touched 13,000 MW for a short period on Tuesday," said All-India Power Engineers Federation spokesperson VK Gupta.

He claimed the excess amount (about Rs 6,000 crore) was short of the 12,800 MW that the PSPCL has been able to

## Hry launches AC-on-subsidy plan, ties up with three firms

Tribune News Service



CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30  
Haryana Power Minister Ranjit Singh today launched the first-of-its-kind "demand side management-AC scheme" in the state for the domestic consumers to ensure energy saving.

Under the scheme, 1.05 lakh ACs will be made available to the people at a discounted price. Those interested would have to apply by August 24.

The minister said the power department had tied up with Daikin, Blue Star and Voltas companies that would provide power-saving split ACs (1.5 tonne capacity) at discounted price to the people.

Domestic consumers would also have the option of buying ACs in exchange for old ones.

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### PROJECTED SAVINGS

Every new AC will save 657 units of power annually when compared with an old 3-star AC, resulting in annual savings of up to ₹5,000.

### LOAD REDUCTION

The move aims at reducing domestic power consumption

### GOVT INCENTIVE TO STATE RESIDENTS

₹2,000 on a new AC and ₹4,000 on exchange of an old one in rural areas  
₹4,000 on a new AC and ₹8,000 on replacement of an old one in rural areas

1.05 lakh power-saving ACs will also have special discount on price by manufacturers

Besides discount and exchange offer by the firms, the state government will also provide subsidy on new ACs.

To apply for ACs under the scheme, people can visit the electricity department's web

portal <https://acreplacementscheme.ubhvn.org.in>.

In urban areas, Rs 2,000 subsidy will be given on buying a new AC, while the benefit will be of Rs 4,000 on the

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## UGC norms not met, five HP varsities without VCs

BHANU P LOHUMI  
Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, JUNE 30

Five private universities in the state are without Vice Chancellors as they have failed to comply with the directions of the Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission.

The five universities are APG Shimla University, Bahra University, Indus International University, Maharishi Markandeshwar University and Shoolini University.

The posts have been lying vacant since last year after a three-member committee constituted by the education regulator pointed out that the VCs of these universities were ineligible for the post. They were either overage or did not have the requisite qualifications and experience as per the UGC norms.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA UNFULFILLED FOR STAFF

- A committee to scrutinise documents of faculty of six private universities in state found several failings
- 80 per cent of faculty found ineligible in one university
- 10 to 50 per cent faculty did not meet the eligibility criteria in five universities.

The five universities are yet to appoint VCs and submit a compliance report, confirmed chairman of the regulatory commission Maj Gen Atul Kaushik (retd) while adding that the deadline for the compliance report ended today.

The universities, however, have pleaded that the VCs could not be appointed as per the UGC norms as it was mandatory to have a UGC member on the selection panel.

### IN BRIEF

Justice Bhushan given warm send-off

NEW DELHI: Justice Ashok Bhushan, who was part of the Bench that decided the Ayodhya case, was on Wednesday given a warm send-off ahead of his July 4 retirement. — TNS

### SC to Ramdev: Give record of statement

NEW DELHI: The apex court on Wednesday asked Baba Ramdev to place before it the original record of his alleged statement against the use of allopathic medicines. — TNS

### AFSPA for six more months in Nagaland

NEW DELHI: The Centre has notified Nagaland as "disturbed area" for six more months, under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act. — TNS

## Protesting Khorri residents lathicharged

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT  
Tribune News Service

VARIDABAD, JUNE 30  
The police today used force to disperse residents of Khorri village who gathered here in protest against the impending demolition of illegal structures on 172 acres of Aravalli forest land.

A clash ensued after some youths on being stopped to

enter the protest venue pelted cops with stones. The police resorted to canecharge and detained some protesters. Locals claimed 30-35 protesters were injured in the incident.

Following the incident, people staged a dharna, which was joined by BKU leader Gurnam Singh Charuni.

Addressing the gathering,

Charuni said the government should ensure rehabilitation of the residents prior to demolition as the colony was more than 30 years old.

The leader said, "We will wait for the government response till Sunday before chalkling out the next move." Sources said two of the four persons detained were released later.



A cop uses force to disperse villagers at Khorri in Faridabad. PTI

# CMO marks probe into Bathinda 'illegal' mining

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



ACTION AFTER OUR PLAIN, SAYS SAD

BATHINDA, JUNE 30 The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) has marked a probe into illegal mining allegations at Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Plant land in Bathinda to Secretary, Local Bodies Department, Ajay Kumar Sinha.

"I had lodged a complaint with evidence regarding illegal mining on government land in Bathinda with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh, acting on which the CMO has directed Sinha to conduct a probe into the matter. A copy of the order has been sent to him as well," SAD leader and former MLA Sarup Chand Singla said.

Welcoming the probe, Singla said if a fair inquiry was done in the matter, Finance Minister Manpreet Badal and his rela-

ting over the illegal mining charge levelled by Singla. Congress halqa in charge Harvinder Singh Laddi has also written a letter to CM Capt Amarinder Singh demanding an inquiry against Manpreet, his son Arjun Badal and Jaijeet Johal in this regard.

In the letter, Laddi alleged the Finance Minister and his relative had caused losses worth crores of rupees to the state government and dented the image of the Congress in Bathinda.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Johal said he did not want to comment on Laddi's allegations. He said he welcomed the probe but the matter was with the Local Bodies Department, which is under the state government. So the media should investigate the matter independently to ensure fairness.

## SAD alleges violations on Beas riverbed, dept denies

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, JUNE 30

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on his way back from Amritsar today conducted a "raid" after suspecting illegal mining on the Beas riverbed located along the national highway.

As Sukhbir, along with his cavalcade and mediapersons, reached the spot, drivers ran away abandoning the mining machinery and JCBs.

He lodged a complaint against Cabinet Minister Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria and MLAs Santokh Singh Bhalaipur, Sukhpal Bhullar, Inderbir Bolaria, Ramanjit Singh Sikki and Kulbir Singh Zira. He also named mining kingpins Ashok Chandak, Rakesh Chaudhary and Mohan Pal while registering the complaint at the Beas police station.

Truck drivers who were allegedly being charged a

Firm files complaint against SAD chief

'goonda tax' of Rs 16,000 per truck filed a separate complaint against the sand mafia. On the other hand, a counter-complaint has been submitted by M/S Friends and Company to the Director General of Police, Punjab, and the SSP (rural) against Sukhbir, Amarpal Boney Ajnala, Virsa Singh Vatohra, and other SAD leaders for threatening its employees and obstructing the legal mining operations at the desilting site in Wazir Bhullar duly allotted to the company by the state government.

The Mining Department clarified that the place Sukhbir visited was a completely legal site and leaders "were trying to take political mileage with unfounded allegations of illegal mining".



Police officials escort Sadhu Singh Dharamsot near Nabha on Wednesday. RAJESH SACHAR

## Villagers gherao Dharamsot over 'unfulfilled' promises

PATIALA, JUNE 30

Farmers, local villagers and AAP workers today gheraoed Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, who was in Bhadson to lay the foundation stone of a 18-ft road from Chahal village to Kalsana.

As soon as the minister reached the venue, hundreds of farmers gathered there and started raising anti-government slogans. The minister took cover in a nearby shop, where he stayed for some time. The police had no option but to use mild force to maintain law and order. "The state has no power; no jobs for youths; roads are in a bad shape and the trade of drugs continues unabated. Only those close to ministers are minting money," said farmer union leaders, who were accompanied by AAP workers.

Dharamsot blamed AAP workers for disturbing peace in the state. "Our government has fulfilled a majority of promises and implemented several pro-people schemes," the minister claimed. — TNS



Cops try to stop protesting farmers in Bathinda on Wednesday.

## BJP MP faces farmers' ire

BATHINDA, JUNE 30

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member Shwait Malik, who arrived at AIIMS here today to attend its first estate committee meeting, faced the wrath of farmers.

Under the banners of the BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan), BKU (Sidhpur), BKU (Dakoda) and Democratic Kisan, farmers in large numbers gathered outside AIIMS and staged a protest. The police had to arrange Malik's escape through a temporary route. When Malik's convoy was entering AIIMS around 10 am amid

BSP holds bike rally against Puri, Bittu

heavy police deployment and barricading, farmers raised slogans against the Centre, demanding repeal of the farm laws. They also showed him black flags. Meanwhile, protesting against the comments on 'panthic' seats by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and Congress MP Ravneet Bittu, BSP workers took out a bike rally from Morinda to Chamkaur Sahib today. — TNS

## Capt to meet 'sulking' leaders at luncheon

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30 Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has initiated a move to mollify Congress' Hindu leaders, who have been marginalised in four and a half years of the party's rule.

Sources in the party said the invites for a luncheon meeting were being sent to Hindu leaders, including some former MLAs and ministers. The recent episode of Ashwani Sekhri reportedly holding parleys with the SAD before the Chief Minister intervened has prompted the party leadership to assuage the concerns of annoyed leaders. — TNS

AMRITSAR, JUNE 30

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today termed Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu as a 'misguided missile' which could go in any direction and also criticised AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, terming his visit to Punjab as a 'deceptive' one.

Within minutes of Sukhbir's remarks, the cricketer-turned-politician hit back and tweeted, "Guided and aimed at you to destroy your corrupt businesses... Until your Sukh Vilas built on Punjab's ruins is not turned

AIMED AT YOU

Guided and aimed at you to destroy your corrupt businesses. Until your Sukh Vilas is turned into a public school, I won't relent.

Navjot Singh Sidhu,  
CONGRESS MLA

into a Public School & Public Hospital to serve Punjab's poor, I won't relent !!!"

Sukhbir was in Amritsar today and after paying obeisance at the Golden Temple

along with his wife Harsimrat Kaur Badal, he said Sidhu, like a misguided missile, could explode in any direction. "I fear that it could hit him too," he said

sarcastically while adding "right from a cricketer to a politician, he remained a controversial figure".

Launching an attack on Kejriwal, he said, "Kejriwal has no association or connection with Punjab. Who will be held accountable if Kejriwal's words were not kept? His announcement of 300 units of free power, if AAP comes to power, proved to be hollow at the spot when he was made to clarify if the power consumption exceeded the prescribed limit, every unit will be charged. He was here just to deceive the people of Punjab," Sukhbir said.

## Muktsar farmers protest poor power supply

MUKTSAR, JUNE 30

Farmers today lodged protest at Charewan, Gulabewala, Fattanwala and Madhir villages in the district over the erratic power supply.

Meanwhile, farmers lifted their protest from Marhmalu village after the authorities concerned released the water in canals. "We are now planning to gherao the district administrative com-

plex on Friday. The farmers are facing acute shortage of power supply. Protests were lodged at four places in the district today," he said.

SAD's Muktsar MLA Kanwarjit Singh Rozy Barkandi along with his supporters today blocked the Muktsar-Kotkapura highway at Charewan village here, demanding eight-hour free power supply to the fields. — TNS



SAD leaders stage a dharna in Muktsar on Wednesday.

**Haryana Government**  
**Resolving disputes of urban properties**

**Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana**

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## Hit by farm stir, store owners seek govt help

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30

Store and building owners, who have rented their premises to a corporate house for operating its various businesses across the state, submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh here today.

They urged the CM to intervene and advise the authorities concerned to ensure law and order and allow them to safely open their stores, which have been closed due to farm

ers' agitation all across the state for the last eight months.

The owners said they were in a deep financial crisis and moving towards bankruptcy as they had not been getting any rental income for the past seven to eight months.

Sandeep Singh Brar, OSD to the CM, who interacted with the aggrieved building owners, assured all possible support to them and promised to take it up with the CM. — TNS

## 26-year-old arrested in Red Fort violence case

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

The crime branch of the Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested another accused in the Red Fort violence incident from his native village in Punjab. Buta Singh (26) had been carrying a reward of Rs 50,000.

The youth's family and neighbours made all efforts to stop the police from arresting him, but to no avail. Police officials claimed Buta Singh was present at the Red Fort during the violence on January 26. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Monika

Cops face resistance from family, neighbours

Bhardwaj said, "We received specific information about Buta Singh and a team was immediately sent to Punjab. Subsequently, a raid was conducted in his village at Talwandi Sobha Singh and he was nabbed." The police official said the raiding team faced resistance from the youth's family and neighbours, who tried to get him out of police custody. — TNS

## AI-based grain quality check in mandis

VIBHA SHARMA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

Aiming to bring transparency in the time-consuming and subjective method of quality assessment of grains brought to the mandis, the Centre is testing technology to ensure that the process is carried out in a quick manner without any scope for subjectivity or human intervention.

FCI officials say pilot projects were initiated this wheat procurement season in some 'mandis' in Punjab and

AI-based grain quality check in mandis has not reached acceptable levels of accuracy so far. Based on experience, they are working on improvements in the equipment for further testing during coming paddy procurement season," they said.

The current quality-testing is a time-consuming process and also has certain levels of subjectivity. "The FCI is working with start-ups for developing a simple and handy testing equipment which can be deployed in mandis operated by government agencies for foodgrain procurement," they said.



get all quality refractograms measured through machines instead of human analysis. The AI-based software is able to identify the refractograms but

# ₹70-cr cocaine seized in P'kot, Jammu man held

RAVI DHALIWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HINTS AT RAVE PARTIES

- SSP Surendra Lamba says the rave party angle can't be ruled out
- "Prima-facie it appears the drug was meant for onward supply to Mumbai and Goa," he says
- The accused is in possession of a fleet of high-end cars in Jammu. "All his links are being probed. We have procured his call details record (CDR)," he added.

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Amit was arrested and an FIR was registered under

the NDPS Act at the Sadar police station.

SSP Surendra Lamba said the rave party angle could not be ruled out. "We are investigating all angles. Prima-facie it appears the drug was meant for onward supply to Mumbai and Goa. We are also probing whether it was meant for local consumption or not," he said.

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## 10 nabbed with over 7K tablets

MOGA, JUNE 30  
The Moga police have arrested 10 drug smugglers and recovered 7,290 intoxicating pills, 50 kg poppy husk and 105 gram heroin from their possession in the past two days, the police said today.

Hardeep Singh and Sandeep Singh of Buttar Kalan village were arrested from Badhni Kalan village. At least 1,170 intoxicating pills and a motorcycle were recovered from them. Darshan Singh of Lande village was on his way to deliver intoxicating pills when the police intercepted him. At least 4,200 intoxicating pills were recovered from him. Ramandeep Singh of Kokri Kalan village was arrested from Khosa Kotla village with 100 intoxicating pills.

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PATHANKOT, JUNE 30  
In a first-of-its-kind seizure, the Pathankot police today recovered 5.75 kg cocaine worth Rs 70 crore in the international market from a Jammu-based smuggler.

The development comes as a surprise as the previous seizures used to be of heroin, opium and poppy husk. It also hints at rave parties being held in and around the city, a development being denied by the police.

Acting on a tip-off, a police party led by SP (Investigation) Prabhjot Singh Virk set up a check post near Madhopur on the Pathankot-Jammu national highway. The cops signalled a black SUV to halt following which the driver, Amit Sudan, tried to flee but in vain. The police found a large packet of

cocaine hidden in a cavity of the vehicle.

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## IN BRIEF

### 128 medics get job letters

Chandigarh: Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu on Wednesday distributed appointment letters to 128 medical specialists. Sidhu said under the 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar' plan, jobs were being provided to unemployed youths and 11,500 vacancies had already been filled under different categories. TNS

### 8 cellphones found in jail

Ferozepur: In yet another seizure, eight mobile phones were recovered from the Central Jail in Ferozepur. A case under 52-A Prisons Act was registered against an accused undertrial and one unidentified person. Earlier, on March 30, five mobile phones were recovered from a packet which was lying abandoned near the outer wall of the jail which was tossed over from the road side. TNS

**Soon, e-portal for stray cattle**  
Chandigarh: Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan on Wednesday instructed the Governance Reforms Department to develop an e-portal with 24x7 facility of uploading photos of stray animals in public areas. The pictures on the portal shall be accessed at the headquarters, from where these will be transferred to officials concerned for catching the photographed animals. TNS



The accused in police custody with the recovered cache of arms and ammunition smuggled from Madhya Pradesh. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Robbers' gang busted in Kapurthala; 4 held

KAPURTHALA, JUNE 30  
The police today arrested four members of a robbers' gang and seized a cache of arms and ammunition smuggled from Madhya Pradesh from their possession. They were planning to loot fuel stations and farmers.

Trigades were recovered from their possession. Earlier, a team of the Fattu Dhinga police station received a tip-off that some miscreants armed with deadly weapons had gathered in the Mand Begowal area on the banks of the Beas and planning to strike in the district.

Acting swiftly, teams were formed under the supervision of DSP, Sultanpur Lodhi, Sarwan Singh Bal to arrest the criminals. The police cordoned off the area and arrested four of the accused. During the preliminary investigation, the accused revealed that the gang was headed by Harsimranjit Singh Simar and all of them had gathered to hatch a conspiracy to loot a fuel pump and farmers. —TNS

## Two doses of vaccine 98% effective, finds study on cops



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DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
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Bathinda	28	1
Jalandhar	23	1
Patiala	23	0
Kapurthala	20	2
Total	5,95,609	16,052

■ Moga district has run out of vaccine and just 11 persons were vaccinated on Wednesday. On Tuesday, 102 got the shot.

### MOGA OUT OF JABS

■ Dr Ashok Singla, vaccination drive in charge, says the stock has dried up and senior health officials in Chandigarh have been informed about it

The study shows 98 per cent protection among the cops after two doses of vaccine," Dr Kumar said. So far, around 79,000 cops have been vaccinated of whom 57 per cent have received the second dose.

The study shows that 4,868 cops didn't get even a single dose of vaccine and the number of casualties among them was 15. It makes 3.08 incidence per 1,000 population. However, among 35,856 who had received just one

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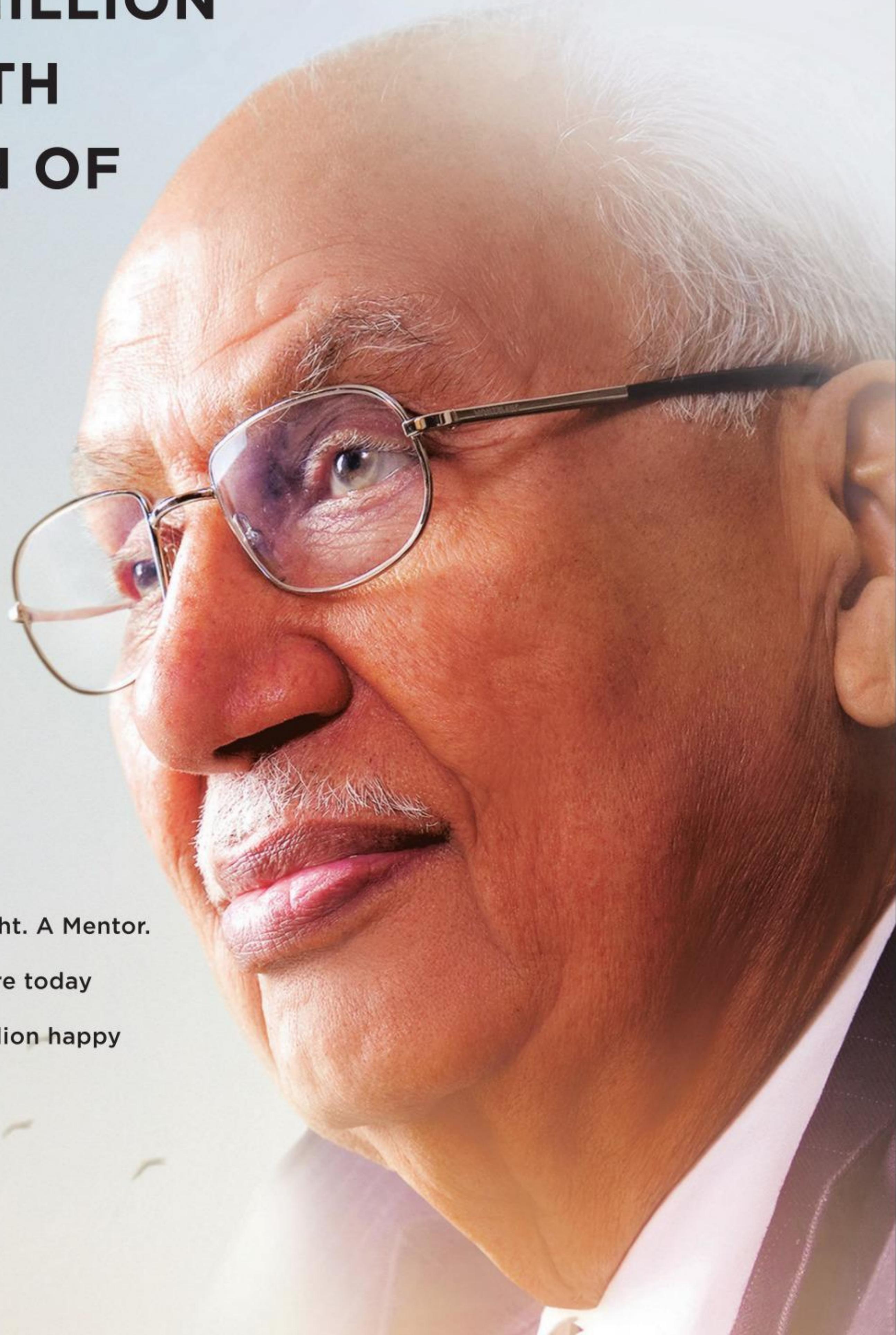
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## Migrants' misery

Centre, states not doing enough to arrest the slide

**A** day after the Centre announced that it would spend Rs 93,869 crore this year to provide 5 kg of foodgrains per month to over 80 crore people till November under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, the Supreme Court termed as 'unpardonable' the Union Government's 'apathy and lackadaisical attitude' towards creating the National Database for Unorganised Workers (NDUW). The court has ordered that the database should be made operational by July 31 so that all migrant workers are registered this year. The same deadline has been fixed for the laggard states to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme.

It's inexplicable that the benefits of welfare schemes continue to elude migrant workers even more than a year after the Covid-induced nationwide lockdown devastated their lives and livelihoods. Just when they were trying to pick up the pieces, the second wave dashed the hopes of many of them of regaining employment. A study by Pew Research Centre has shown that about 7.5 crore people have slipped into poverty since the outbreak of the pandemic—and this is just a conservative estimate. According to a survey conducted by the National Statistics Office in 2017-18, migrant workers account for more than one-fourth of India's population. Since they work in the unorganised sector, the NDUW is vital for their accurate headcount that can further help in finalising the quantum of relief packages. The inordinate delay in establishing the database has left these workers to fend for themselves.

The ONORC, which offers countrywide portability of the ration card for poor migrant workers and their families, has also not been fully implemented by some states. In the absence of food security, the intended beneficiaries are finding it tough to cope with repeated disruptions caused by lockdowns. No wonder many of them prefer to return to their home states as they have no access to free ration in the state where they work. The Centre and the states have allowed things to drift for too long. They need to get their act together, with or without court intervention.

## CM, Guv on collision course

Dignity of constitutional offices should be maintained

**T**HE confrontation between West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar appears to be unrelenting, with the latter being accused of creating social divisions in the state. The CM has now questioned Dhankhar over his alleged role in the Jain hawala scam in which the names of several BJP leaders had cropped up. Dhankhar has also been accused of involvement in illegal land deals in Haryana. The Governor, on his part, has not helped matters by asking for an audit of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration and raising a question mark over the prepared text he will be required to read in his address to the upcoming session of the Assembly.

The CM has repeatedly asked for the Governor's recall, even as an NHRC committee has submitted its report to the Calcutta High Court regarding post-poll violence in the state. While the Governor had taken up the matter of post-poll violence after prodding by the Centre over the law and order situation in the state which raised the hackles of the CM who holds the Home portfolio, how the Centre reacts to Mamata's persistent demand will be under watch. As the Chief Minister, while Mamata may have a point in registering her protest against the Governor's actions, there is a precedent: Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the then Governor who was at odds with the Left Front government, had visited Nandigram after the violence in 2007. MK Narayanan, who had generally cordial relations with the CM, had to resign as the Governor to facilitate a probe into the AgustaWestland helicopter deal.

Stand-offs between chief ministers and Governors are not something new, but as the West Bengal CM has herself maintained, such fights should be apolitical and democratic in nature. Dhankhar has in the past visited the CM on festivals as a goodwill gesture and both should strive to maintain the dignity of their constitutional offices without allowing political differences to mar a working relationship.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity.— Dalai Lama

### ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

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CHANDIGARH, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1971

### Messy affairs of P&T Department

WITH refreshing candour, Mr. H.N. Bahuguna, Union Minister for Communications, conceded on Tuesday that Posts and Telegraphs Department affairs were in a mess. Absenteeism and overtime charges irrespective of any duty having been performed, he said, were "a perpetual malady". During the debate on the demands for grants to the Ministry, MPs from both sides of the House referred to the persistent complaints against all branches of P&T. Though the Minister's admission disarmed many critics, his attempt to shift much of the blame to allied agencies failed to carry conviction. Blaming inefficiency on others is in any case a fruitless pastime and succeeds rarely in diverting attention from the skeletons in one's cupboard. For the P&T Department's lapse in meeting the demand for more telephones, he held the Indian telephone industries responsible. These industries, he said, were not turning out an adequate number of telephones. But he chose not to refer to the public grievances against the frustrating performance of the present telephones. On present reckoning, more telephones would merely create a greater mess. The Hindustan Cables, according to him, did not produce enough cables since it was working at 40 per cent of its capacity. Then there were the thieves who stole and sold overhead copper wires. His own state of UP, he admitted, led in such thefts. How he proposed to check them, he did not say. But he wound up his case by referring to the shortage of funds at his disposal. He forgot that mere supply of funds would not inculcate discipline or ensure efficiency. On the contrary, it might cause more waste. Additional money would provide more equipment, but it might at the present rate also mean more pilfering.

# Time for public scrutiny

Vaccination and pandemic-related policies need transparency, accountability



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SCIENCE COMMENTATOR



TALL ORDER: The goal of vaccinating all Indians by the year-end seems improbable. PTI

A review of the vaccine policy and other aspects of the Covid response should be entrusted to a parliamentary committee.

made in mainstream media and social media about what went wrong, but we have not had any systematic public review of the pandemic response in India—both at the national and state levels. The parliamentary committee on science and technology headed by Jairam Ramesh recently initiated a discussion on vaccines and genome sequencing but members belonging to the ruling party reportedly opposed it.

We have passed through two waves of the pandemic. In the first wave, which as we reckon now was comparatively milder, the response consisted of national lockdown and steps to prepare the health system for a likely surge. Efforts to develop and manufacture vaccines were also initiated. Vaccines became available in early 2021 but the rollout was sluggish. Meanwhile, the second wave hit the country, exposing gaping holes in the health system and its poor state of preparedness. Early and strategic vaccination, preventing political and religious gatherings, better genomic surveillance etc may have averted the tragedy of the second wave.

The government response to the pandemic in months and weeks preceding the second wave needs public scrutiny. Claims and counter-claims have been

brought the figure down from 216 crore doses to 186 crore doses, which it said will suffice for all Indians above 18. For this, 51 crore doses will become available by July 31 and the rest 135 crore by December 31. Of this, 50 crore will be Covishield, 40 crore Covaxin and 10 crore Sputnik V. For the rest 35 crore, the government is banking on under-development vaccines of Biological E and Zydus Cadila. On production capacity too, conflicting figures are being advanced. In May 2021, the same government had informed the same court that the monthly production capacity of Covishield would reach 6.5 crore doses a month in July. It means SII will produce 39 crore doses by December 2021. In the June affidavit, the government has jacked up SII's production capacity to 50 crore. In the same way, the number for Covaxin doses has been hiked from 33 crore to 40 crore in between the two affidavits.

The number of fully vaccinated Indians at the end of June is little over 4 per cent. It can't reach 100 by the year-end even if all the vaccine doses materialise as claimed in the court. The vaccine doses will become available progressively over the next few

# Oppn unity should transcend poll alliance



YOGENDRA YADAV

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

merger of egos, ambitions and designs of all those who fall under the broad rubric of the Opposition. Even if this miracle were to happen, the cost of stitching together such an alliance would clearly outweigh its possible gains. It would have to be a sub-optimal coalition in terms of its efficacy in defeating the BJP. Besides, it might help Modi play the lone warrior who is taking on an entire 'gang'. This could also help the BJP's booth workers go for successful counter-mobilisation of the Hindus.

To abandon the idea of a hold-all Opposition unity is to give up on the current quest for a coalition of the willing. The Opposition here must be a selectively crafted coalition of the deserving. Those who enter such a coalition would have to show what they bring to the table. Those who bring heft in terms of votes would be the most obvious candidates. It is impossible to think of any meaningful Opposition unity without the Congress and many of the key regional players who have taken on, and many times defeated, the BJP. The only filter here would be the willingness to subordinate individual or party ambitions to the collective project.

The definition of Opposition must not be limited to political parties, that too electorally successful ones. We must not forget that the real opposition to the BJP hegemony has come from non-party peoples' movements. Popular mobilisation is as important as electoral success.

The idea of 'unity' must be expanded beyond a one-time electoral alliance to a more enduring political union. The most common understanding of Opposition unity is that of the non-BJP parties forming a pre-



election alliance for seat-sharing and vote-pooling.

But we tend to forget that such a unity is not relevant for most states of the country. There are states such as Kerala, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, where the BJP is still not an electoral force that calls for a unity of the non-BJP forces. Then there are states such as West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, where the dominant non-BJP party does not need an alliance partner. Then there are BJP-Congress contest states such as MP, HP, Uttarakhand, Gujarat and, arguably Rajasthan, where the problem is not the lack of Opposition unity but the lack of an Opposition itself. The Congress is unable to take on the BJP and does not have anyone else to align with.

So, the formula of a pre-electoral alliance holds force in only a few states: Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand and UP. With more than 200 Lok Sabha seats, these states carry a lot of weight, but they cannot set the template for Opposition unity in the rest of the country where the need is coordination rather than alliance.

At this stage, we need political unity more than electoral unity of the Opposition. We could do without the premature and necessarily fractious negotiations of a nationwide electoral alliance. What the Opposition needs to demonstrate at this stage is political cohesion. The voters, especially those who may have recently got wary of the BJP, do not doubt that anti-Modi leaders will come together to unseat him.

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BIG PICTURE: The country needs not just a *vipaksha*, but a *pratipaksha*. PTI

They doubt if these leaders would do so in a meaningful way. They doubt if the Opposition parties can deliver a better and stable government. They doubt if these leaders can hang together even for some time.

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Above all, we must realise that while Opposition unity of some sorts is necessary, it is certainly not sufficient. At this stage, the country is not ready to anyhow throw the BJP out. There is disenchantment with this government and PM Modi, but it has not

reached a point where the people would vote for a lamp post to throw the incumbent out. They are anxiously looking for an alternative that is at least as attractive as Modi was in 2014.

As it stands today, the Opposition does not fit the description. It lacks credibility. It does not have a message of hope, a vision for the nation. It does not have messengers who inspire confidence, leaders who can be entrusted with the country's future. This deficit cannot be made up by Opposition unity. Any Opposition unity that glosses over this lacuna is bound to magnify its own deficit and likely to fail in attracting new voters.

The country needs not just a *vipaksha*, but a *pratipaksha*. *Vipaksha* is limited to offering opposition and criticism; *pratipaksha* offers constructive criticism and feasible alternatives. *Vipaksha* is aimed at power-capture, *pratipaksha* is guided by a national purpose. *Vipaksha* is episodic, mostly active for elections; *pratipaksha* is omnipresent. *Vipaksha* has to be united; *pratipaksha* is unified to begin with.

The Opposition needs a glue to hold itself together and a glow to connect it to the people. That cannot happen through a mechanical stitching together of an alliance of the existing Opposition parties. The oppositional space needs a magnet to pull all the forces that seek to reclaim the republic. That magnet cannot be any one party or a leader. It has to be a coming together of citizens who enjoy credibility, movements that have demonstrated resilience and ideas that hold out hope.

Once this is achieved, the coming together of the existing Opposition parties and leaders can and will follow.

*Views are personal*

## What other states can learn from Tamil Nadu



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TAMIL Nadu's newly elected DMK Chief Minister MK Stalin has put together a formidable team in his first Economic Advisory Council which requires a close look to see if it can hold some lessons for the rest of India. This is because it would be difficult to think of a better collection of global talent with focus on the Indian economy that can help the government steer the economic ship along the right channels.

Two of its members — former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan and former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian — know more about how to run the country's economy than most, combining both high academic credentials and day-to-day hands-on experience. Two others — Nobel laureate Esther Duflo and Jean Dreze — are top-flight academic economists with Left and grassroots focus. The fifth member of the team — S Narayan — former Union finance secretary who moved on to the PMO to oversee economic policy under Vajpayee, can hardly be bettered in terms of experience in helping shape and put in place the country's economic agenda.

The most obvious thought that comes to mind is that a chief minister has given himself a team which a prime minister should be proud to call his own. Through this, Stalin is also being credited with having very subtly scored a debating point with the present Prime Minister by saying in so many words — 'look, I have been able to put together advice which was there for you to use, but you chose not



WELL-GROOMED: Stalin has had years of experience as a lieutenant to his father, former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Karunanidhi. PTI

to.' This way, he has joined the current Centre-versus-states battle of wits without being raucous like the West Bengal Chief Minister.

The advisory team in place, the most critical issue that emerges is: will Stalin be able to put to good use the formidable array of talent that he has had the resounding good sense to line up by his side?

Stalin has had years and years of experience as a lieutenant to his father, former longstanding Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Karunanidhi. He has had all the grooming he could possibly need to prepare for the top job he now holds.

He has also had direct hands-on administrative experience by having

served as Chennai's mayor. During his term, he was credited with equipping the city with flyovers which eased traffic temporarily. Flyovers are currently out of favour among urban planners, but till not so long ago, city dwellers considered them a status symbol and thought they were a magic solution to the urban traffic snarls.

Stalin is considered to be a doer, who is sensible. He is politically mature, in fact full of political savvy, and is far from being an intellectual himself. All this appears to have enabled him to play down the anti-Brahminism of the Dravidian movement which would have unnecessarily antagonised the present ruling dispensation at the Centre.

With all this going for him, what is the task ahead and how is he likely to use the advice he will get? The foremost challenge before the DMK government is to fight and get the better of the pandemic, with Tamil Nadu having one of the highest levels of infection and fatalities. But the DMK government is not alone in this battle and can be expected to use the agenda for action that emerges as a kind of a consensus across the country.

In sum, as the country gets the better of the virus, Tamil Nadu can be expected to do the same. For its part, Tamil Nadu, under Stalin, is considered to have been quite proactive in the Covid-19 fight by actively organising Covid beds, bringing Covid-19 treatment in private hospitals under the government's insurance scheme and issuing a global tender for vaccines.

The longer term and, perhaps, the most important challenge that the DMK government faces is having to live with a highly strained financial situation. Its own revenue mobilisation efforts will have to go beyond relying excessively on taxes from liquor and fuel. Again, in this, it will be in the company of other Opposition-ruled states in fighting with the Centre for a legitimate share of the GST revenue. But it has made its financial task more difficult by making abundant election promises of freebies which will have to be kept.

In a truly long-term sense, the big challenge before the government will be defining its development strategy. Here, it can be argued that the state already has the right strat-

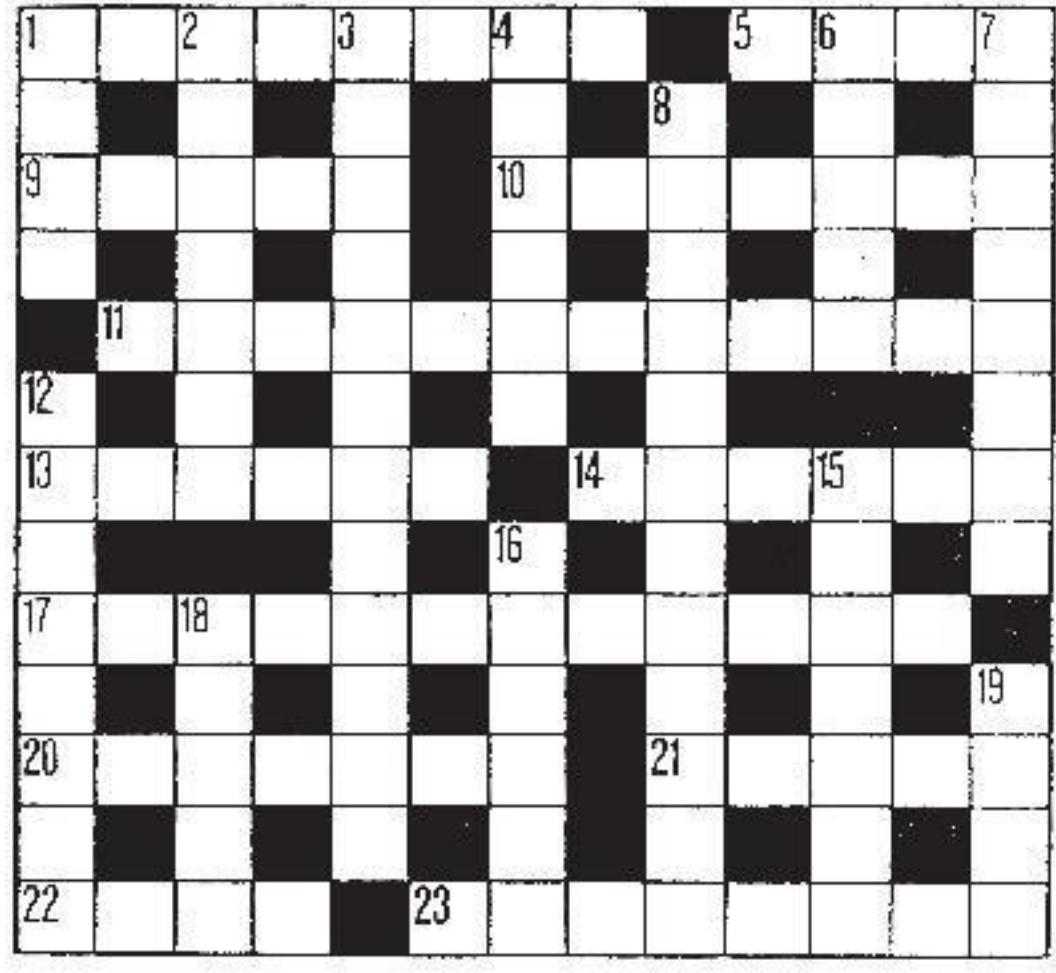
egy, being one of the foremost in per capita income and also scoring very high in terms of human development indicators.

So, it can be argued that Duflo and Dreze cannot tell Tamil Nadu to do this and not that as it has already in place some of the basic elements of taking care of those at the bottom of the pyramid. For example, in Tamil Nadu, women who can choose sometimes, prefer to go to a government hospital instead of a private one for child birth, thus giving a certificate to the quality of public healthcare. Kerala is known to lead in this, but Tamil Nadu is not far behind.

Useful advice from the council will be two-fold. Rajan and Subramanian can give a lot of good advice on how to manage the state's finances so as to keep its head above water and also how to fight with the Central government for more GST revenue and other resources. Duflo and Dreze can give highly useful advice on how to take the human development agenda further forward from an already high base.

What can the country or the other Opposition-ruled states learn from all this? Get a leader who is a practical doer, get the best advice possible, and use it to get things done. Luck plays a role in every human situation. In this, Tamil Nadu is blessed with one of the best bureaucracies in the country. So, other states should try and turn luck their way by seeking to improve the quality of their own bureaucracy. This cannot be done in a day, but a beginning can be made.

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Across: 1 Broadside, 8 Slain, 9 Cursory, 10 Thrash, 11 Thread, 12 Drawback, 15 Ethereal, 18 Fallow, 20 Lordly, 21 Pungent, 22 Cross, 23 Head start.

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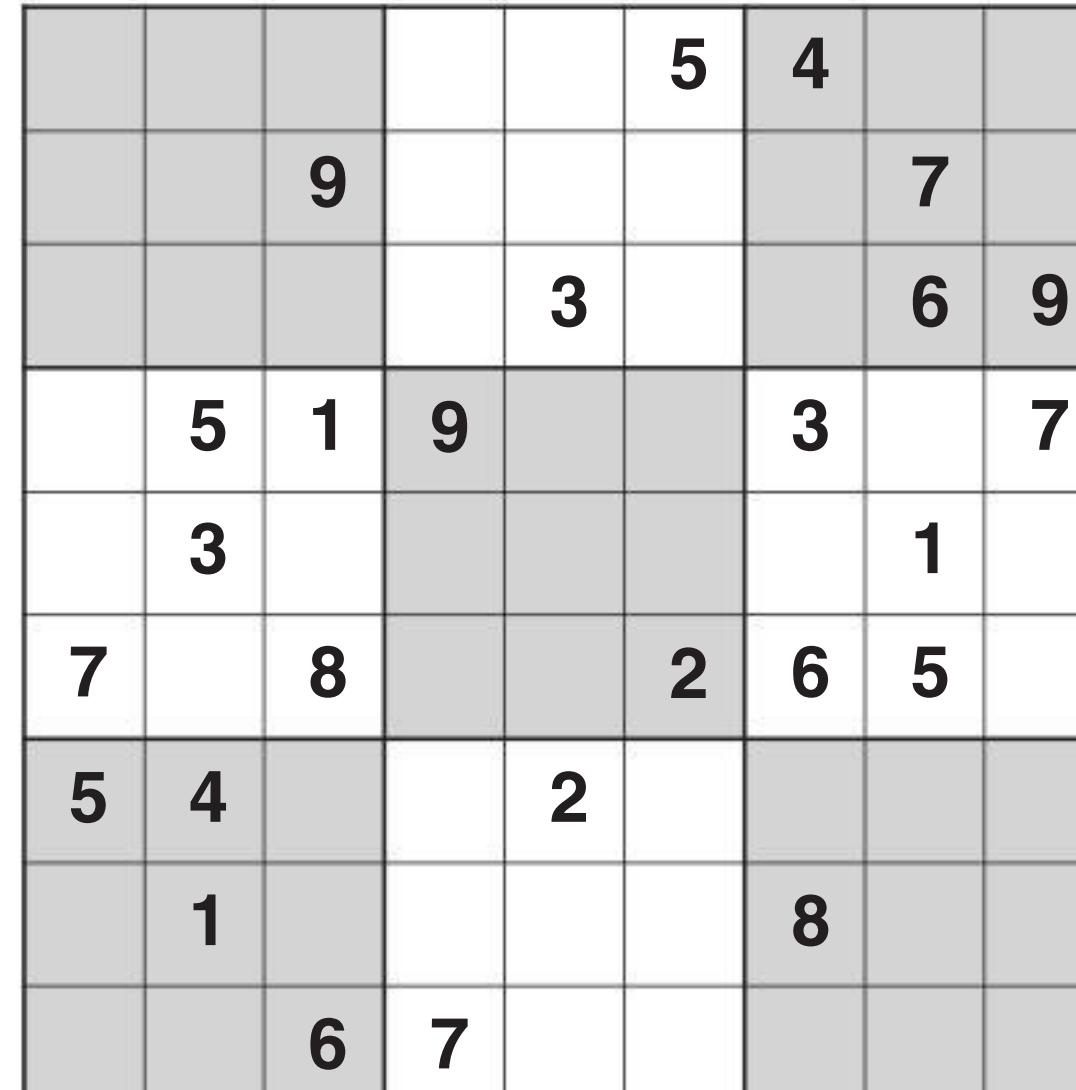
### ACROSS

- 1 Betray (4,4)
- 5 Near (4)
- 9 Disunited (5)
- 10 Present for acceptance (7)
- 11 Unrestrained (3,2,7)
- 13 King of the fairies (6)
- 14 Rough (6)
- 17 A superstitious belief (3,5,4)
- 20 Slavery (7)
- 21 German opera composer (5)
- 22 Donations to the poor (4)
- 23 Fish yielding caviar (8)

### DOWN

- 1 The main point (4)
- 2 Carrion-eating bird (7)
- 3 Immeasurably great (12)
- 4 Facial expression (6)
- 6 Deduce (5)
- 7 Uncompromising (4-4)
- 8 Submarine's superstructure (7,5)
- 12 South American country (8)
- 15 Talkative (7)
- 16 Deprived (6)
- 18 A hard-wearing fabric (5)
- 19 A golf club (4)

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HARD

### CALENDAR

JULY 01, 2021, THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Ashadha Shaka	10
■ Aashadh Parvishi	17
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 7, up to 2.02 pm	
■ Saubhagya Yoga up to 10:46 am	
■ Ultrabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 3:49 am	
■ Moon in Pisces sign	
■ Gandmool 3.49 am	

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

6	2	4	7	3	8	1	5	9
7	3	1	2	9	5	4	6	8
9	8	5	1	6	4	7	2	3
3	5	8	6	7	9	2	1	4
1	9	2	5	4	3	8	7	6
4	7	6	8	2	1	3	9	5
8	4	7	9	5	2	6	3	1
2	1	9	3	8	6	5	4	7
5	6	3	4	1	7	9	8	2

### FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 19:28 HRS  
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 05:25 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	40	29
New Delhi	41	29
Amritsar	44	29
Bathinda	42	30
Jalandhar	39	29
Ludhiana	41	29
Bhiwani	41	31
Hisar	43	31
Sirsia	41	32
Dharamsala	32	21
Manali	28	17
Shimla	28	20
Srinagar	32	17
Jammu	42	28
Kargil	31	15
Leh	27	11
Dehradun	35	24
Mussoorie	24	17

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Policy regarding restoration of cancelled allotment of industrial plots and built up sheds allotted by Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Limited/Punjab Infotech in the different focal points/growth centers in the State of Punjab

Considering the demand of industry and exceptional circumstances caused by second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Punjab/PSIEC has decided to extend the operation of policy applicable to the restoration of cancelled allotment of industrial plots/built up sheds allotted in different focal points developed by PSIEC/Punjab Infotech in the State of Punjab from 30.06.2021 to 30.09.2021. The other terms and conditions of restoration policy bearing memo No. PSIEC/Estate/28973-980 dated 17.03.2021 shall remain the same.

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**NOTICE FOR QUOTATIONS REGARDING ROI FOR TERM LOAN**

Quotations for rate of interest for term loan of Rs 155 Cr (tentative) for the purchase of 587 new ordinary buses are invited from various banks. Last date of submission of quotation is 15.07.2021. For detailed terms and conditions please visit website <http://punjabroadways.punjab.gov.in/>. Any Corrigendum, if required, will be published only on this website.

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Contact Number 96461-14505)

Tender Enquiry No.: 2/CE/DS, West Zone/2021-22 Dated: 30.06.2021

Chief Engineer/West Zone, PSPCL, Bathinda invites e-tender for work of attending to resolving the Fuse-Off-Call Complaints & LT/HT line Breakdowns for restoration of Electrical Power Supply in the various Sub-divisions under CE/DS, West Zone, Bathinda. For detailed NIT & tender specification, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 30.06.2021 (5:00 PM onwards).

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NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021/ASHADHA 1, 1943

### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

#### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 21st June, 2021

**S.O. 2461 (E).**— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening)/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc., maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No. 205-K in the stretch of land Ludhiana to Rupnagar from Km. 66.700 to Km. 91.000 in the District of Rupnagar in the state of Punjab, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, District Revenue Officer Roopnagar in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

#### SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling National Highway No. 205-K in the stretch of land Ludhiana to Rupnagar from Km. 66.700 to Km. 91.000 in the District of Rupnagar in the state of Punjab.

State: PUNJAB District: RUPNAGAR

Sl. No.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectare)
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Taluk: Chamkaur Sahib

Village: Bada Gadhram (157)

1	11/11/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0228000
2	12/16/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0202000
3	12/17/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0329000

Village: Badi Jhallian (168)

1	31/24	Private	Agriculture	0.1214000
2	33/19	Private	Agriculture	0.1138000
3	34/25/1	Private	Agriculture	0.2580000
4	49/8/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0076000
5	49/8/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0455000

6/0/25/1

1	50/25/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0379000
7	50/25/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0481000

8/5/13

1	57/13	Private	Agriculture	0.6070000
9	57/26/1	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.4223000

10/5/26/2

1	57/26/2	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.6070000
11	57/26/3	Private	Non-Agriculture	0.0582000

12/5/5

1	57/5/5	Private	Agriculture	0.0683000
13	57/7/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0430000

14/5/7/2

1	57/7/2	Private	Agriculture	0.4223000
15	57/7/3	Private	Agriculture	0.4223000

Village: Balsanda (167)

1	178	Government	Garmumkin Rasta	0.0632000
2	179	Government	Garmumkin Rasta	0.0379000

20/1/1

1	20/1/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0506000
4	20/1/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0506000

20/1/5

1	20/1/5	Private	Agriculture	0.0809000
6	209	Government	Garmumkin Rasta	0.0379000

21/18/4

1	21/18/4	Private	Agriculture	0.0708000
8	21/18/6	Private	Agriculture	0.0379000

9/21/5

1	9/21/5	Private	Agriculture	0.0632000
10	21/22/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0632000

11/6/3

# App for welfare plans launched

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30 Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today launched the "Jan Sahayak Aapka Sahayak" mobile app for Government to Citizen (G2C) and Business to Citizen (B2C) services. He also announced a scheme for providing ownership rights to urban local bodies (ULBs) property holders.

Addressing a press conference, the CM said the app was a single platform for availing government services, emergency helplines and other services which included information on tenders and jobs and payment of bills.

The helplines included 112 for emergency calls, 100 for police, 108 for ambulances, 101 for fire, 104 for health, 1091 for women, 1098 for children and 1075 for Covid.

One can file a complaint on CM Window or request for FIR or an RTI application through the app.

For giving ownership rights to property holders, Khattar launched the "Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Swarnitva Yojana" portal. Those having houses, shops of the municipality on a lease or rent basis for the past 20 years can get ownership rights by registering on the portal.

The process of inviting applications will start from July 1. The occupiers will get a maximum of up to 50 per cent discount on the present collector rate.

Khattar said, "Since the announcement of this scheme till date, data of as many as 16,000 applicants is available



CM Manohar Lal Khattar in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

**TECH NEED OF HOUR**

**“**We have taken several e-governance initiatives to ensure timely delivery of services. In this era of smartphones, a need is felt for delivery of services to every individual at their doorstep. **ML Khattar, CM**

# 6K bags of mustard missing, warehouse in-charge booked

ROHTAK, JUNE 30 An in-charge of the Haryana State Warehousing Corporation's warehouse in Kalanaur has been booked after it came

to notice that 6,512 bags of mustard were missing from there. An HSWC official said the bags were worth more than Rs 1.5 crore.

The accused, identified as Rajesh Grewal, has been booked under Section 409 of the IPC. He has been missing ever since a committee

formed by the HSWC inspected the warehouse on May 2.

"The HSWC had procured mustard last year. In all, 8,239 bags should have been in the

stock but, when the warehouse was inspected on May 2, only 1,727 bags were found,"

said Rajesh Disodia, manager at the HSWC's office in

Kohlawas, Charkhi Dadri.

He further said Grewal was part of the verification committee, but he did not turn up on May 2. — TNS

with the Urban Local Bodies Department. As the process of inviting applications is beginning from July 1, this number is likely to increase. Hence a weekly plan for staggering the applications has also been made under which the process of accepting applications would automatically be blocked after 1,000 applications."

On the Khor Gaon Basti colony, he said 1,400 families residing there were voters of Haryana. "These families will be provided flats in Dabua Colony at the prescribed rate. For this, arrangements will be made so that they can easily get a loan from banks," he said.

## PGIMS to get genome test lab

## Hooda moves HC in corruption case

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30 Health Minister Anil Vij said directions had been given to set up a Genome Testing Lab at Rohtak PGIMS. Genome tests of all RT-PCR samples are being done. — TNS

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 30 Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda has moved the Punjab and Haryana HC, challenging Panchkula CBI Special Judge's order, vide which charges have been framed against him and other accused.

The petition, filed through counsel Arshdeep Singh Cheema, is listed for hearing on Thursday.

Cheema has sought directions for setting aside the impugned order dated April 16 passed by the Special Judge in an FIR registered on April 5, 2017, for cheating and criminal conspiracy, besides provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. — TNS

**COVID METER****Cases****Recovered****Active****Deaths****DISTRICT-WISE COUNT****DISTRICT****+VE****DEATHS****Palwal****Ambala****Bhiwani****State total****7.69L****9,431**

## Builders violating construction norms: Gurugram residents

SUMEDHA SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, JUNE 30 While the Covid's second wave kept the authorities busy, there has been a spurt in the construction of floors and flats allegedly in violation of building bylaws in the HSVP sectors here.

The new housing trend, which has considerably changed the character of the HSVP areas, has left residents, especially in Sector 14, 15, 17 and 31, up in arms. They have approached the authorities, alleging no on-ground review or a survey, leading to violation of building bylaws and encroachment on common green areas and pavements in sectors.

According to the HSVP norms, prior to starting construction on a given plot and eventually getting an occupancy or completion certificate, one has to get a building plan approved. Subsequently, a property gets registered and basic amenities such as sewerage and water connections are provided.

**KEEPING TABS**  
**“**Violation of building norms will not be tolerated. We are keeping a check on any such instances. Owners of properties found violating the norms will be penalised. **Jitender Yadav, HSVP ADMINISTRATOR**

It has been found out that "kothis" are pulled down and floors are constructed without seeking the approval and then in alleged connivance with certain officials, the occupancy certificate is obtained.

Sources claim there has been an increase of 20 per cent in occupancy certificate seekers of builder floors in the past two months and a majority of them have violated the norms of the covered area ratio.

Also, many of them had got constructed more than two flats and even two to three duplexes in bigger plots in Sector 17-A.

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**Capt. Amarinder Singh  
Chief Minister, Punjab**

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

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**LOSS & FOUND**

Nitu Khanna S/o Maman Singh Khanna lost SBI Card's ID card company Dream Deba Solutions Pvt. Ltd. ID unique-268209, 30.11.2020 in Sector 23, Chandigarh. Contact: 78371-82997. (CL21028328)

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

I, Salu Goyal w/o Anil Goyal resident 48, HUDA Complex, Rohtak 124001 Haryana, have changed my name to Shalu Goyal. (CL21028448)

I, Dharampal S/o Gyan Singh resident VPO Kharawar Rohtak-124021 have changed my minor daughter name from Sneha Malik to Sneha (CL21028447)

I, Davinder Pal s/o Roor Chand r/o 1512/1, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh declare that my son Kashish Kapoor and his wife Pooja and their children are out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable/immoveable property. I shall not be responsible for any of their acts and anybody dealing with them shall do so at their own risk. (CL21028451)

I, Buta Singh Bhankar w/o Sh. Bant Singh r/o near Gurudwara, LIC Colony, Ward No. 4, Mundi Kharar, Mohali-140301 (Punjab) have changed my name to Buta Singh. (CL21028452)

I, Gargi Kaul (maiden name Gargi Tiwari) w/o Late Sh. Triloki Nath Kaul, House No. 2438/1, Sector 37-C, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Gargi. (CL21028518)

I, Nainika d/o Vijay Kumar Jindal, r/o # 10c-8 Shivpuri Mohalla Dhuri, Punjab- 148024, declare that I have changed my name from Nainika to Nainika Jindal vide affidavit dated 21 June 2021, Sworn before the notary, Dhuri Punjab. (CL21028464)

I, Nancy Sharma w/o Sh. Ashish Sharma r/o Village Parsi, PO Bajer, Tehsil Shahpur, Distt. Kangra (HP), have changed the name of my minor daughter from Myra to Myra Sharma. All concerned note. (CL21028504)

I, Harbalas s/o Jagar Ram, VPO Budhiana, (Jalandhar), declare that my son Surjit Kumar and his wife Lakhwinder Kaur are out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit them from my all moveable/immoveable property. Anybody deals with them will do so at his own risk and responsibility. (CL21028511)

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SOLAN, JUNE 30

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**143 new cases; two deaths, 1 in Kangra**

SHIMLA, JUNE 30

As many as 143 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 202,123. Besides, two persons died of the virus in Kangra and Bilaspur in the last 24 hours, taking the total Covid fatalities to 3,463 since the outbreak of the pandemic.

There were 31 cases in Shimla, 24 in Chamba, 21 in Mandi, 18 in Una, 17 in Kangra, four each in Bilaspur and Kinnaur, three in Solan, two in Sirmaur and one in Hamirpur. —TNS

**COVID METER****DISTRICT-WISE COUNT**

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,728	78
Chamba	11,199	142
Hamirpur	14,362	254
Kangra	45,871	1,030
Kinnaur	3,242	38
Kullu	8,917	154
Lahaul & Spiti	2,709	17
Mandi	27,148	389
Shimla	25,185	599
Sirmaur	15,327	210
Solan	22,206	311
Una	13,302	241
Total	202,123	3,463

**BA final exams from today, temples to open**

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 30

As part of the unlock plan, temples will be thrown open for pilgrims, besides interstate bus service will resume from tomorrow.

The government today issued SOPs for allowing the entry of pilgrims to religious places. All winter closing government schools, too, will open after 15 months since the outbreak of the pandemic last year.

The devotees will not be allowed to touch bells, idols, railing, floor or any other surface. Cash donations will be allowed only in the donation box. The temple management will ensure proper crowd management in strict adherence to social distancing norms. Frequent cleaning and sanitisation of the temple premises will be ensured.

**Postpone exams: AICC secy**  
All India Congress Committee (AICC) secretary Sanjay Dutt today joined a protest

by Youth Congress and NSUI activists against the government decision to hold examinations without first vaccinating all students against Covid.

Dutt said that the demand of the students was valid. He sat on a dharna holding a placard outside the Deputy Commissioner's office along with the Youth Congress and NSUI activists. The students have been demanding the postponement of the examinations scheduled to held next month.

"How can the government expect students to enter the examination hall without being vaccinated," he said. He added that the government must take a call on holding the final examinations only when all students, teachers and other staff members in all colleges and universities had been vaccinated.

**Hotel allows gambling, to lose licence**

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 30

The Nalagarh police have recommended the cancellation of the licence of a local hotel after 14 persons were arrested while gambling on its premises yesterday.

"On a tip-off, the hotel at New Nalagarh was raided by a team led by the DSP, Nalagarh, and the SHO on Monday. As many as 14 persons were found playing cards with money at stake," said Baddi SP Rohit Malpani.

"Around Rs 4,89,260 of stake money along with a deck of cards was seized," the SP said.

An FIR has been registered under Section 13 of the Public Gambling Act, 1867 and an investigation is underway.

Those arrested included three residents of Anandpur Sahib in Punjab while others were local youths.



Doctors protest at IGMC hospital in Shimla on Tuesday. AMIT KANWAR

**IGMC doctors join pen-down strike**

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur urged the doctors to exercise restraint. "The government is going through the Punjab notification. We will be able to comment once we figure out what exactly it says," he said while reacting to the two-hour pen-down strike in all medical facilities of the state.

HMOA secretary Dr Pushpendra Verma said, "We don't want to cause inconvenience to patients. The emergency service will continue during the pen-down strike, but the OPD service will be affected," he said. —TNS

**Hospital at Solan soon, ₹10 crore approved**

AMBIIKA SHARMA  
TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 30

The foundation stone of a new hospital at Solan will be laid soon, around three years after the land for the project was identified. In the first phase, a maternal and child care centre will be constructed, followed by a trauma centre and a 200-bed hospital in the next two phases.

Around 79 bighas on the Kather bypass were selected for the hospital after former Health and Family Welfare Minister Vipin Parmar inspected the site in August 2018. The process to transfer land by seeking NOCs from various departments had then begun and it took several months.

The case was then sent to the Revenue Department, which raised some objections and the process was finally completed in August 2019.

The construction of the new hospital has become necessary as the existing building of the Regional Hospital is facing a space crunch and is unable to handle the increasing patient influx from Solan and Sirmaur districts.

The lack of space has also stalled the implementation of several important Central health programmes, including the setting up of

**SITE INSPECTED**

- Health and Family Welfare Minister Rajiv Saizal had inspected the proposed hospital site last week
- ₹10 crore has already been approved for the first phase and its foundation stone will be laid soon

an early intervention centre for the detection of deformities and deficiencies aimed at improving the survival rate, besides a maternal and child care centre for which funds had been received years ago.

The much-needed trauma centre has also failed to come up due to the paucity of space in the hospital.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Rajan Uppal, says, "The new hospital will be constructed in three phases. A maternal and child care centre and a trauma centre will be constructed in the first two phases while a 200-bed hospital will be set up in the final phase. The work will begin soon after the foundation stone is laid."

**Despite early monsoon, 16% less rain in June**

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 30  
Himachal received 84.6 mm rains against the normal rainfall of 100 mm from June 1 to 30 — a deficit of 16 per cent — even as the monsoon arrived early by two weeks on June 13.

Barring three districts of Una, Sirmaur and Solan — which received 17 per cent, 12 per cent and four per cent excess rains — eight districts received deficit rains up to 50 per cent while the deficit was negligible at one per cent in Kullu district. The tribal Lahaul and Spiti district received 50 per cent deficit rains, followed by Hamirpur with 44 per cent deficit rains, Kangra with 34 per cent and Chamba 23 per cent.

The state had three active spells of monsoons and moderate rains on June 3, June 10-11 and June 16-17. The monsoon weakened by the end of June.

The local meteorological office has issued a yellow warning of thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds with a speed of 30-40 km per hour in lower and middle hills from July 1 to July 4, predicted rains and thunderstorms at many places in lower and middle hills during the next four days and rains and snow in some places in higher hills.

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# Ban imposed on use of drones in Rajouri

Govt agencies using flying objects need to inform officials

JAMMU, JUNE 30

Amid heightened security across J&K after the recent bombing of an IAF station by armed drones here, authorities ordered a ban on the storage, sale or possession and use and transport of the flying machines in Rajouri on Wednesday. District Magistrate (DM) Rajesh Kumar Shavan, exercising his powers under Section 144 of the CrPC, also directed those having drones or similar objects to deposit the same with the local police station. The government agencies using drones for mapping, survey and surveillance will have to inform the local police station in-charge and executive magistrate, the order stated.

In what was the first instance of Pakistan-based terrorists deploying drones to strike a vital installation, two bombs were dropped at the IAF station in Jammu in the early hours of Sunday, causing minor injuries



A UAV patrols the area at the IAF station in Jammu. PTI

## SECURITY THREAT

- The decision has been taken after Pakistan-based terrorists attacked the Jammu IAF station using drones
- People possessing drone cameras or flying objects or toys will have to deposit the same with the police

to two personnel.

The order states, "Those already having drone cameras/flying objects, toys or similar objects will have to deposit the same with the local police station against proper receipt."

Defending his decision, the

district magistrate said it had been observed that anti-national elements were using drones and flying objects to cause damage, injury and risk to the human lives in certain parts of the UT. "It has also been noticed that for the last 10-15 years the domestic use of small drone cameras has also increased in society for capturing photos and videos in the social and culture gatherings. Youths in particular are more fascinated to have drone-like toys and electronic gadgets. In the current situation, to avoid any confusion and to secure the aerial space near the vital installations and highly populated areas, it is rationale and expedient to discontinue the use of any drone/small flying toy/object in all social and cultural gatherings to eliminate any risk of injury to the life and property," the order stated, adding that violation, if any, would attract punitive action. — PTI

"PM Cares For Children benefits to be extended in Union Territory," he said in another tweet.



L-G Manoj Sinha launches the SASCM in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

## Welfare scheme comes up for Covid-affected families

Srinagar, JUNE 30

The J&K administration on Wednesday rolled out its Special Assistance Scheme for Covid Mortalities (SASCM) to help the Covid-affected families in the UT. Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha took to Twitter to announce its launch. The administration will take all necessary steps for their well-being and education, he said.

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The UT on Wednesday recorded 364 fresh Covid cas-

## Physical hearings in HC from July 5

The J&K High Court will resume physical hearing of cases from Monday. Only vaccinated people will be allowed to enter the court premises, an official order said. PTI

es that took its infection tally to 3,15,662 while seven more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,323. Ladakh saw 16 new cases. Its caseload stands at 20,038. Ladakh has registered 202 Covid-related deaths so far. — PTI

## Vacate official houses, 'darbar move' staff told

JAMMU, JUNE 30

The J&K administration on Wednesday cancelled residential accommodation of 'darbar move' employees in Jammu and Srinagar, days after Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha announced an end to the age-old practice.

The officials have been asked to vacate their quarters in the twin capital cities within 21 days. Sinha had on June 20 announced that the administration had completely transitioned to e-office, thereby ending the practice of the bi-annual 'darbar move'.

"This will save the government Rs 200 crore per year, which will be used for the welfare of the deprived sections," he had said. An order issued by M Raju, Commissioner Secretary, Estates Department, said the sanction had been accorded for the cancella-

tion 149-year-old practice to save ₹200 crore per year

## STAFF GIVEN 21 DAYS

- The administration has asked the officials concerned to vacate their government accommodation within 21 days.
- The estate department has 4,678 dwelling unit. Staff also have private accommodation provided by government.

tion of allotment of residential accommodation of officials in Srinagar and Jammu. Employees from Jammu had been allotted residential accommodation in Srinagar and those from Srinagar in Jammu.

The 'darbar move' was started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872. — PTI

## 3 ultras killed in Kulgam encounter

SRINAGAR, JUNE 30

Three unidentified militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Kulgam district of J&K on Wednesday, the police said.

The gun battle between the militants and security forces started in Chimmer village during a cordon-and-search operation launched by the law enforcement agencies in the area. Two militants were killed in the early exchange of fire while the third ultra engaged the security forces for several hours before being neutralised, the official said.

The identity and group affiliation of the slain militants was being ascertained, he added.

In Rajouri district, a soldier was injured in an exchange of fire with suspected terrorists near the LoC. The incident took place during a search operation in Dadal village on Tuesday night.—PTI



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Online Application Form along with detailed relevant information like number of seats, age, entrance Test, exam centres, admission procedure, etc. is available on the websites [www.istc.ac.in](http://www.istc.ac.in) or [www.csio.res.in](http://www.csio.res.in) w.e.f. 01-07-2021. Before applying online, the candidates are advised to read instructions carefully given in Information Brochure-2021 available on websites. Last date for submitting online application is 31-07-2021 up to 11:59 PM. For further information related to admission, please contact on following:

Phones: 0172-2657811, 2657826 (Ext: 263/419); 0172-2672263  
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## No wrong done: Biotech...

Bharat Biotech today said all due processes were followed and no advance payments had been received from Brazil.

The Brazilian Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga tweeted about the deal, saying: "According to the CGU's (auditor) preliminary analysis, there are no irregularities in the contract but due to compliance the Ministry of Health opted to suspend the contract for further analysis."

Bharat Biotech has received advance payments from several other countries at the above price points, with supplies in process, pending approvals. Commenting on allegations of graft against Precisa Medicamentos, Biotech said, "Precisa Medicamentos is Bharat Biotech's partner in Brazil, providing assistance, guidance and support with regulatory submissions, licensure, distribution and conduct of phase III clinical trials.

"Biotech follows a similar partnership model in all countries, where its vaccines are supplied, as it does not have its own offices in these countries."—TNS

## NDMA failed in its duty, decide relief for Covid...

approvals and supplies in several countries worldwide where Covaxin was being supplied successfully.

Defending its pricing, Biotech said the Covaxin price has been clearly established between \$15-20 per dose for supplies to governments outside India.

The firm added that pricing for Brazil had similarly been indicated at \$15 per dose.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 24th June, 2021

S.O. 2520(E)—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) vide notification No. S.O.264(E) dated 19.01.2021 (hereinafter referred to as the said act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH-21 on the stretch of land from Km. 190.000 to Km. 310.400 (P-4/17 Jarai Colony Pandoh Dist Mandi (H.P) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Tribune" and "Amar Ujala" both dated 28.02.2021; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the

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## ENGLAND SHED AGONISING HISTORY BY KNOCKING OUT GERMANY



England's Harry Kane scores their second goal against Germany in their pre-quarterfinal match. REUTERS

LONDON, JUNE 30  
As the Wembley Stadium announcer roared the final score—"England 2, Germany 0"—Gareth Southgate's vision was momentarily diverted from his victorious players to the big screen.

Shown beaming from the VIP seats, reveling in England's passage to the European Championship quarter-finals on Tuesday, were David Beckham and Ed Sheeran. Prince William, wife Kate and seven-year-old Prince George were also there celebrating, as fans just like their subjects rather than royalty. But it was the sight of David Seaman that caught Southgate's eyes and made him pause, to think back—in one of his greatest moments as England coach—to the pain of 25 years ago.

It was Southgate's penalty miss at the old Wembley that denied an England side with Seaman in goal the chance to reach the Euro '96 final. "For the teammates who played

## BRIEFLY

**NEW DELHI**  
**Injured opener Shubman could miss England series**  
Indian opener Shubman Gill could miss the entire five-test series against England owing to an undisclosed injury. It is still not clear whether Gill's condition warrants a surgery ahead of the series starting August 4.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Neeraj, Shubhankar, Anjum nominated for Khel Ratna**  
Olympics-bound javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been recommended for the Khel Ratna by the Athletics Federation of India. Meanwhile, Shubhankar Sharma has been recommended for the award by the Indian Golf Union. Olympics-bound rifle shooter Anjum Moudgil was recommended for the award by the National Rifles Association of India.

**NEW DELHI**  
**It's official: Swimmer Nataraj qualifies for Tokyo Olympics**  
Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj officially booked himself a Tokyo Olympics berth today after the sport's world governing body FINA approved his A' standard qualification time in the men's 100m backstroke time trial at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Bopanna, Divij miss cut for men's doubles at Olympics**  
In a setback to India's medal chances in the tennis event at the Tokyo Olympics, Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan have missed the cut for men's doubles. It was imperative for Bopanna to be in men's doubles so that he can be paired with Sania Mirza in the mixed team competition. Mirza is set to compete in her fourth Olympics with Ankita Raina in women's doubles. AGENCIES

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## No gain, only pain

Wimbledon ends in tears for injured Serena

LONDON, JUNE 30

Seven-time champion Serena Williams' hopes of claiming a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon ended in tears as the American quit with an injury early in her first-round match against unseeded Belarusian Aliaksandra Sasnovich.

The 39-year-old needed treatment off the court when leading 3-2 in the first set and was clearly in distress on her return before being forced to retire at 3-3. "I was heartbroken to have to withdraw today after injuring my right leg," Williams wrote on Instagram. — Reuters



Serena Williams after sustaining an injury. REUTERS

## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION &amp; RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Hospital Engineer (Civil-I), PGIMER Chandigarh on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh invites online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors in appropriate class of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWDs/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Civil works on two bid system (Eligibility & Financial Bid) for the following work(s):-

1) NIT No.: PG/Engg/Civil/I/2021/1, Name of Work: Installation of Fire Fighting System at Sarai Complex in PGI Campus, Sector-12, Chandigarh, Estimated Cost: Rs. 24.89 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 49,780/-, Period of Completion: Four Months, Last date and time of submission of bid: 14.07.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., Last date and time of submission of Original EMD: 15.07.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 16.07.2021 at 11.30 A.M.

2) NIT No.: PG/Engg/Civil/I/2021/2, Name of Work: Replacement of damaged flooring & allied civil work behind Mess ODH Sector-12, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Estimated Cost: Rs. 9.73 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 19,460/-, Period of Completion: One Month, Last date and time of submission of bid: 14.07.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., Last date and time of submission of Original EMD: 15.07.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 16.07.2021 at 11.30 A.M.

The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E. (Civil-I) as per above schedule. Tailing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) and official website of PGIMER [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in). Press notice is also available on [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). The Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk for registering- 0998844783). For any technical information Contact (0172-2755860).

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two packet system for the under noted work:

Name of Works and Location	Construction of station buildings, staff quarters, passenger platform, goods platform, platform for track machines, water supply arrangements (deep tube wells & overhead water tanks) & ancillary works at Bhanera Khas, Jhabrera & Roorkee Railway stations in connection with Deoband - Roorkee New B.G. Line project.
Completion Period of the works	06 (Six) Months
Approx. Cost of works	₹1672.76 Lakh
Earnest Money to be deposited	Nil
Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tenders	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on 29.07.2021 on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the Technical cum Commercial Bids of which will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 29.07.2021. Financial Bids of the eligible tenderers would be opened subsequently on the date & time to be notified later on.
Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway web site i.e. <a href="http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in">www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in</a> and tender document is available on <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> . Above tender document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> from 08.07.2021 to 29.07.2021. All other terms and condition in respect of above tender are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice can also be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No.: 89-W/DY/CE/C/UMB/2021-22 Dated : 30.06.2021 1466/21

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## GERMANY'S LOEW HITS ANOTHER LOW

**LONDON:** Germany returned home today following their Euro 2020 last-16 defeat to England, with departing coach Joachim Loew at the centre of fierce criticism after another early tournament elimination. Loew, who had a contract to 2022 but following several bad results decided in March to leave after the Euros, should have gone much earlier, many people believe. "It is too early to analyse what worked and what didn't," Loew told a news conference on Wednesday, back at the squad's Bavarian base. "Some things worked really well, some not. What I know in these four and a half weeks we invested everything we had. Going into detail now about what went wrong makes little sense for me. I take full responsibility for yesterday's defeat and the early tournament exit." REUTERS

## LUKAKU FACES FAMILIAR FACES IN ITALY

**MUNICH:** Doubters over Italy's chances of going all the way at Euro 2020 have pointed to their comfortable path to the quarterfinals, but that will all change on Friday, up against a Belgium side whose leading marksman knows the Italians all too well. Romelu Lukaku enjoyed one of the best seasons of his career in 2020-21, voted player of the year in Italy's Serie A as the Belgium forward fired Inter Milan to their first top-flight title in 11 years. Next in his sights are club teammates and players used to trying to stop him on a weekly basis in Serie A as Belgium and Italy, who have won four out of four games each, go head to head in Munich in the last-eight. Italy are on a record unbeaten run of 31 matches, last losing back in September 2018 against Portugal. However, such a run has not convinced everyone, given Roberto Mancini's side have beaten lower-ranked opposition in Switzerland, Turkey, Wales and Austria so far. With Lukaku in town, spearheading the attack for the world's top-ranked team according to FIFA, Italy will have no such easy ride. "We know Lukaku well because we also face him in Serie A," Italy and Napoli defender Giovanni Di Lorenzo said. REUTERS

**2 ND EVER WIN** It was England's second-ever win in the knockout stage of the European Championship. The last such triumph came on penalties against Spain at Euro '96

**4 GAMES** England are yet to concede in their four games. Just like at the 1996 World Cup – and that ended well.

## SITOLINA'S GOOD

Third seed Elina Svitolina was pushed the distance by Alison Van Uytvanck before the Ukrainian advanced to the second round with a 6-3 2-6 6-3 victory.

## ANDREESEN STUNNED

Unseeded Alize Cornet crushed fifth-seeded Canadian Bianca Andreescu 6-2 6-1.

**Novak Djokovic beat Kevin Anderson 6-3 6-3 6-3. REUTERS**

## DAY 3: HIGHLIGHTS

## FIERY KYRGIOS

Nick Kyrgios overcame a nasty fall on Court 1 in his opener against 21st seed Ugo Humbert before sealing a 6-4 4-6 3-6 11-9 7-win.

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# Cabinet clears ₹3 L-cr scheme for smart meters, separate feeders

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## GOVT EXTENDS SCHEME FOR JOB CREATION

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 30** The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, on Wednesday cleared two major financing proposals, one for providing broadband in all villages and the other and more ambitious plan worth over Rs 3 lakh crore for power sector reforms with the help of smart meters and artificial intelligence.

Both outlays were included on Monday by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Rs 6.29-lakh crore stimulus package to revive the economy hit by the second Covid wave.

Having missed two deadlines for connecting all gram

panchayats, the Cabinet decided to infuse Rs 19,041 crore as sustainability gap funding for the BharatNet project (formerly National Optical Fibre Network). The project was announced in 2017 with an outlay of Rs 42,068 crore, said Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

The Union Cabinet also approved a reforms-based and

results-linked revamped distribution sector scheme to improve the operational efficiencies of state power distribution companies by helping them strengthen their infrastructure.

The scheme plans to reduce transmission losses to 12-15 per cent by 2024-25 besides improving the quality of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient distribution sector. It has a major focus on improving rural electricity supply through "solarisation" of agricultural feeders. Besides, the separation of 10,000 agriculture feeders would be taken up through an outlay of Rs 20,000 crore.

## ENSURE VAX FOR ALL: PM TO MINISTERS

**New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a nearly five-hour-long meeting of the council of ministers and is learnt to have urged his colleagues to ensure Covid vaccination for all. TNS



## CA exams: SC allows option to opt out

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Wednesday said students who are to appear for the upcoming CA exams in July would be entitled to opt out, if they or their family members have suffered from Covid-19 recently. A Bench led by Justice AM Khanwilkar said the candidate must get a certificate from a medical practitioner that the candidate was unable to prepare for the examination due to Covid-19. — TNS

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