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'Arbitrary, irrational': SC on vax policy

Slams paid vaccination for 18-44 age category | Seeks record of all jabs from Centre

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2 Holding that Covid vaccination policy is "prima facie arbitrary and irrational", the Supreme Court has asked the Centre to place on record all relevant documents and file notings along with purchase history till date of all jabs — Covaxin, Covishield and Sputnik V.

"The policy of the Union Government for conducting free vaccination itself for groups under the first two phases and replacing it with paid vaccination by the state/UT governments and private hospitals for the 18-44 age group is prima facie arbitrary and irrational," a Special Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud said.

Noting that the Union Budget for 2021-22 had earmarked Rs 35,000 crore for procuring vaccines, the Bench directed the Centre "to clarify how these funds have been spent so far and why these cannot be utilised for vaccinating persons aged 18-44 years". The top court, which had taken suo motu cognisance of Covid management, had issued a series of directions on May 31, but the order was released on Wednesday.

Seeking complete data on the government's purchase history of all vaccines — Covaxin, Covishield and Sputnik V — till

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594 DOCS DIED IN SECOND WAVE, SAYS IMA
As many as 594 doctors have died due to Covid in the ongoing second wave with Delhi recording maximum 107 fatalities, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) said. It said 748 doctors had died in the first wave. Delhi was followed by Bihar (96), UP (67), Rajasthan (43), Jharkhand (39), AP and Telangana (32 each). PTI

DEMANDS EXPLANATION ON...

- 1 Dates of purchase orders placed by the Centre for all 3 vaccines
- 2 Quantity of vaccines ordered on each date
- 3 Projected date of supply of the vaccines

'CLARIFY HOW ₹35,000 CR BUDGET FOR JABS SPENT'

Union Budget for 2021-22 had earmarked ₹35,000 crore for vaccines. The SC directs the Centre to clarify how these funds have been spent and why not spend it on buying jabs.

1,32,788 FRESH CASES

TOTAL DEATHS 3,35,102 ACTIVE CASES 17,93,645

3,207 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

INDIAN PSU HAFFKINE TO MAKE 22.8 CR COVAXIN DOSES A YEAR

Let Centre buy vax for all states: Patnaik to CMs

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2 With vaccine coverage plans of states faltering in the absence of direct procurement from manufacturers, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik today took the lead to seek consensus among CMs to return to the original policy of central procurement of jabs.

In a letter to his counterparts, he said the best option right now was for the Centre

Odisha CM writes to his counterparts

to procure vaccines and distribute those to states for early coverage of all citizens.

"Many states have floated global tenders for vaccines. However, it is clear that the global vaccine manufacturers are unwilling to get into supply contracts with the state governments. Domestic manufacturers are having supply constraints. Under these circumstances, the best option is for the Government of India to procure the vaccines and distribute it among the states," he wrote.

Informing other CMs that he had written to the Centre in that regard, Patnaik sought consensus among all states on the issue. —TNS

Rtd officials need nod from top to publish sensitive info

Pension can be withheld, withdrawn in case of violation

Tribune News Service

STERNER RULES IN PLACE

- No govt servant retired from any intelligence or security-related dept shall without clearance make any publication relating to organisation
- It includes any reference or info about any personnel and his designation and expertise or knowledge gained by virtue of working in that organisation

The Central Civil Services (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2021, notified by the Department of personnel & Training (DoPT) late Tuesday evening, also mention that such officers "need to take prior permission from

the head of the organisation" for publishing such material. As per 2007 rules, permission was to be taken from the head of the department.

It has been made clear in

the amended rules that all employees would require to give an undertaking to the head of organisation that they would not publish such information failing which pension can be "withheld or withdrawn".

According to the Central Civil Services (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2007, all such employees are already barred from publishing any sensitive information, "the disclosure of which would prejudicially affect the sovereignty and integrity of India".

The amended provision now reads, "No government

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Indemnity likely for Pfizer, Moderna

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2 India is actively considering the grant of indemnity to US firms Pfizer and Moderna for their vaccines with an eye to boost the domestic availability of foreign jabs.

Sources said indemnity had been granted to Pfizer and Moderna across many countries. "Indemnity from liability has been sought in cases of adverse events arising from the use of these vaccines in India. A decision is yet to be taken," a top source said.

Meanwhile, regulatory path-

DCGI EASES NORMS

The DCGI on Wednesday exempted vaccines cleared by the US, UK, Japan, EU regulators and those on the WHO list from being tested by the Central Drug Laboratory, Kasauli, if the vaccine batch has been certified and released by the National Control Laboratory of the country of origin.

ways for foreign vaccines were further eased today. Days after the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) altogether dropped the requirement of local trials for "well-established foreign vaccines", it today exempted vaccines cleared by the US, UK, Japan, EU regulators and those on the WHO list from being tested by a lab in Kasauli, if the vaccine batch has been certified and released by the National Control Laboratory of the country of origin.

This exemption is in addition to the previous two major waivers — conduct of bridging trials in India prior to grant of approval and post-emergency authorisation bridging trials. —TNS

son of the human rights body. Justice Mishra had attracted widespread criticism after he heaped praise on the Prime Minister at the 'International Judicial Conference 2020' and described Narendra Modi as an "internationally acclaimed visionary" and a "versatile genius, who thinks globally and acts locally".

Justice Mishra's appointment as the new chairperson of the NHRC comes

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Justice Mishra is first non-CJI to head national rights panel

Tribune News Service

Law was amended in 2019 to allow retired SC judges to hold post



JUSTICE ARUN MISHRA
the amendment to the Protection of Human Rights Act in 2019 and the eighth chairper-

son of the human rights body. Justice Mishra had attracted widespread criticism after he heaped praise on the Prime Minister at the 'International Judicial Conference 2020' and described Narendra Modi as an "internationally acclaimed visionary" and a "versatile genius, who thinks globally and acts locally".

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CBSE: Evaluation criteria may take 2 wks, results by July-Aug

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BOARD DISPELS FEARS

“The results will be prepared keeping in mind all considerations. Anurag Tripathi, CBSE SECRETARY

ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Schools may inflate internal assessment
- A student who hasn't performed well in past loses scope of improving
- There's option of boards later, but by then much water would have flown under bridge

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EDIT: CBSE BOARD EXAMS

BJP leader shot by ultras in Tral

SRINAGAR, JUNE 2

Militants shot dead a BJP councillor in Tral area of Pulwama district in J&K on Wednesday, officials said.

The militants opened fire on Rakesh Pandit at his home in the evening, they said. He was rushed to a hospital where he died, the officials said. They said a woman also sustained injuries in the firing by militants. —PTI



Punjab Health Minister Balbir Sidhu (C) with other MLAs in New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUJ

Pb Cong ex-chiefs meet panel; Dullo says give loyalists their due

Tribune News Service

PARTY REVIVAL MUST

“The party must be revived and the only way to do that is by according traditional Congress loyalists their due space. Shamsher Singh Dullo, CONG LEADER

Kayne, Hanspal, Shamsher Singh Dullo and Partap Singh Bajwa, the latter two also sitting Rajya Sabha members.

The committee also met other sitting MPs, including CM's wife and Patiala MP

Pneet Kaur, Anandpur Sahib MP Manish Tewari and Khadoor Sahib MP JS Gill.

CM Amarinder Singh is likely to reach Delhi tomorrow with the meeting expected to be scheduled on his arrival, either tomorrow or on Friday.

The MLAs who were engaged by the panel today included Balbir Sidhu, Raminder Awla, Indu Bala, BS Pahra, Surjeet Dhiman, Nathu Ram, Kuljit Nagra, Kushaldeep Singh Dhillon, Gurpreet GP, Harjot Kamal,

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New IT rules don't apply to search engine: Google

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

US-based Google LLC has contended that India's new IT rules for digital media were not applicable to its search engine, and urged the Delhi High Court on Wednesday to set aside its single judge order which applied them on the company while dealing with an issue related to removal of offending content from the internet.

The single judge's decision had come while dealing with a matter in which a woman's photographs were uploaded on a pornographic website by some miscreants and despite court orders, the content could not be removed in entirety. —PTI

of the criteria for evaluation may take two weeks. We are in the process of structuring the criteria. We will put it in public domain as soon as it is completed," he said, requesting students not to panic or worry.

"The results will be prepared keeping in mind all considerations. Structuring the criteria for evaluation may take some time, however, it will be the best solution. Only in some rare condition will a student ask for a board exam," he said.

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EDIT: CBSE BOARD EXAMS

Centre clears Model Tenancy Act to boost rental housing

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

The Centre today approved the "Model Tenancy Act" for circulation among the states and Union Territories (UTs) with assemblies for adoption by way of enacting fresh legislations or amending existing rental laws suitably.

Noting that this will help

overhaul the legal framework with respect to rental housing across the country and minimise the "trust deficit", the

government, in an official

release, said the decision was

taken at a meeting of the

Union Cabinet, chaired by

PM Narendra Modi, today.

The government said, "The model Act aims at creating a vibrant, sustainable and inclusive rental housing market in the country. It will enable creation of adequate rental housing stock for all income groups, thereby addressing the issue of homelessness. This will enable institutionalisation of rental

2-MONTH SECURITY FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

- Renting of premises to be only through a written agreement
- Needs to be submitted to rent authority on dedicated portal
- Maximum security deposit of two-month rent in case of residential premises, six-month for non-residential premises
- Complaint/appeal disposal by court/tribunal in 60 days
- Tenant to pay rent even during pendency of dispute
- No eviction of tenant during tenancy period
- Jurisdiction of civil courts barred
- New provisions not to affect existing tenancies



housing by gradually shifting it towards the formal market." It said the Act would facilitate unlocking of vacant houses for rental purposes and is expected to give a fillip "to private participation in rental housing as a business model" for addressing the huge housing shortage.

It is a fact that the rental housing market in the country has been struggling to find a balanced position in the real estate space. Apart from

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Seems like 'manual for rape victims': Bombay HC on Tejpal case verdict

PANAJI, JUNE 2

The Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court on Wednesday observed that the sessions court's judgement acquitting journalist Tarun Tejpal in a 2013 rape case was like a "manual for rape victims" as it goes into how a victim should respond in such cases.

Justice SC Gupte issued a notice to Tejpal and posted for June 24 the appeal filed by

HC's Goa Bench issues notice against acquittal



the Goa Government against the sessions court's order acquitting him in the case.

"The judgement goes into how she (victim) responded. There are some observations on this. It is like a manual for rape victims," Justice Gupte said. The HC said the judgement also did not include the prosecution's case. It (judgement) directly goes into the gist of the case and then the victim's evidence and statements of witnesses, Justice Gupte said. —PTI

Sacrilege accused moves court overwriting sample

Claims CFSL report already submitted by earlier SIT

BALWANT GARG
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, JUNE 2
A day after the Special Investigation Team (SIT) collected the handwriting sample of one of the accused in the sacrilege cases to compare it with those on the blasphemous posters, Sukhjinder Singh, the accused, today moved the court.

He approached the court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class (JMIC) here with a protest application, saying the comparison of the handwritings by the SIT was in violation of the HC order on January 4.

The investigation in all three sacrilege cases was handed over to the CBI on November 2, 2015. "During its investigation, the CBI had taken my handwriting specimen and compared it with that on the posters. On August 27, 2018, the Central Forensics Science Laboratory in its report revealed that my writing did not match with that on the posters and this report was submitted in the CBI court on June 29,

HC ORDER 'VIOLATED'	CONG 'POLITICISED' CASES
■ Sukhjinder Singh, the accused, approached the court, saying the comparison of the handwritings by the SIT was in violation of the HC order on January 4	■ SAD chief Sukhbir Badal on Wednesday said the incidents of sacrilege were deeply painful and the Congress had politicised those in the past four years
■ "The CBI had compared my handwriting with that on the posters and the CFSL confirmed that the two didn't match," he said	■ He said the Congress could not be trusted to deliver justice as instead of fighting 'Covid ki ladi', it was fighting 'kursi ki ladi'
■ The HC on January 4 told the CBI to handover all evidence to the police, who were to just submit a supplementary report, he said	■ "After coming to power, the Congress took the case back from the CBI but failed to make any headway for four years," he alleged

2019," Sukhjinder claimed in his application.

After the Vidhan Sabha resolved to withdraw the investigation of all sacrilege cases from the CBI and the latter submitted its final report in the CBI court, in this "fight" over the investigation of the sacrilege cases between the Punjab Police and the CBI, Sukhjinder said in his application.

He said in view of the High Court orders, the SIT was not authorised to collect his handwriting specimen as it was already on record.

On January 4, the High



The accused in police custody in Fazilka on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

GST panel can't take decisions for council: FM

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2
Finance Minister Manpreet Badal has reiterated his demand for not allowing the GST Implementation Committee (GIC) to take the decisions on behalf of the GST Council.

In a letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Manpreet said he was not "fault finding" by raising the issue, rather was trying to enhance the GST Council's ability to collectively make decisions, backed by consensus and unsusceptible to any future legal challenges.

The letter has reportedly been written by Manpreet after the concerns on the issue raised by Punjab were reportedly not received well in the GST Council meeting held last week. Asking the Union Finance Minister to examine the issue seriously, he said the recommendations of the GIC do not amount to recommendations of the GST Council. "Their recommendations can only be advisories and not legally binding. All rules made on the basis of the recommendations are subject to judicial review," he said. — TNS

2 held with intoxicant tablets, poppy husk

FAZILKA, JUNE 2
The Fazilka police claimed to have busted an interstate intoxicant tablet smuggling network today with the arrest of two drug peddlers and recovered 1,15,350 tablets and 51 kg poppy husk from them. Fazilka SSP Deepak Hilori and SP (Investigation) Ajay Raj Singh said on a tip-off, the police intercepted a bike and arrested Gurcharan Singh, alias Channu, of Muthianwali village and recovered 1,050 intoxicant tablets from his possession near Asafwala village. He was booked under the NDPS Act. During interrogation Gur-

charan reportedly confessed that he used to bring the tablets from Ravinder Singh, alias Ravi, of Pattiwala village. Ravi was also nominated in the FIR. The police raided Ravi's house and arrested him. As many as 20,400 intoxicant tablets, 21 kg poppy husk and Rs 1.77 lakh were recovered from his possession.

Both were produced before the judicial magistrate who remanded them in two-day police custody. The police recovered another consignment of 93,900 tablets and 30 kg poppy husk from Ravi's possession from a different location. — OC

State to set up utility firm to supply water to rural areas

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2
The Cabinet today approved the creation of a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for operations and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply schemes across the state.

The move aims at ensuring supply of potable water on a long term sustainable basis in rural areas of water quality-affected districts. This first-of-its-kind SPV in India will be a utility company, "Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company", under the Water Supply and Sanitation Department.

Chaired by CM Capt Amarinder Singh, the Cabinet, at a virtual meeting, also accorded approval to opening an account in the name of the SPV, with seed money of Rs 25 crore allocated from the World Bank funds (64 per cent) and state budget (36 per cent), to support its functioning in the initial five years of operations. The allocation will help meet the shortfall in revenue collection, if any, to fulfil the contractual obligations of the SPV and its administrative expenses.

The Water Supply and Sanitation Department is currently in the process of executing five new multi-village surface water supply projects covering 612 vil-

M'KOTLA 23RD DIST

- Cabinet formally approved the creation of Malerkotla as the 23rd district
- It also gave a go-ahead to upgrading sub-tehsil Amaragarh as sub-division/tehsil

WOMEN DC, SP POSTED

- Malerkotla will be led by two women officers. Amrit Kaur Gill will be the first DC of the district, while Kanwardeep Kaur will be the first SSP

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

- With a three-member panel appointed by the Congress chief hearing Punjab leaders in Delhi, half of the ministers attended the virtual Cabinet meeting from Punjab Bhawan, Delhi
- Sources said due to hectic political activity, only two of 23 agendas were approved in the 30-minute meeting

lages of Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Gurdaspur districts, and another project covering 408 villages in the fluoride-affected blocks of districts Patiala and Fatehgarh Sahib. These projects are under construction. — TNS

Cong infighting has pushed state to the brink: BJP

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2
The BJP today alleged that infighting within the Punjab

Congress has paralysed the governance and has brought the state to the brink of collapse.

BJP leader Tarun Chugh said it was reflected in mismanagement of Covid-19 in the state as

a result of which Punjab recorded 2.8 percent death rate in May, highest after Delhi. "Covid spelt

vacuum, while the CM and his Cabinet was busy settling personal scores," he said. — TNS

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Farmers to gherao police stations on June 7; demand FIR against JJP MLA

DEEPENDER DESWAL
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HISAR, JUNE 2
Farmers have announced to gherao all police stations in the state for two hours on June 7 to press for their demand for the registration of a criminal case against JJP MLA Devender Singh Babli.

They held a meeting at Tohana in Fatehabad district after the police booked some farmers in connection with yesterday's incident when the JJP MLA was allegedly heckled by protesters during his visit to the Tohana Civil Hospital.

BKU (Charuni) president Gurnam Singh Charuni said, "We have taken three decisions if the police failed to book the MLA. All police stations will be gheraoed from 11 am to 1 pm on June 7. On June 10 and 11, farmers will carry out a procession carrying the effigy of the MLA in an open jeep in all villages of Tohana subdivision. Later, the effigy will be consigned to flames. If the police fail to take note of our demands even then, we will urge khap panchayats to boycott the MLA."

In reaction to the FIR against farmers, the protesters, led by

To urge khap panchayats to boycott Devender Singh Babli



Farmers gather outside the SDM's office in Tohana on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Charuni, staged a demonstration at Madan Lal Dhirng park near the SDM office.

A delegation of administrative officials also held discussion with the farmers, who reiterated their demand for registering a criminal case against the MLA for assaulting one of the farmers and allegedly using abusive language against them.

VIJ WARNS OF STERN ACTION

■ A day after JJP MLA from Tohana, Devender Singh Babli, faced protest from farmers, Home Minister Anil Vij on Wednesday warned of stern action if law was taken into hands by protesters

■ Vij said farmers could protest against leaders by showing black flags, if they chose so, but it must be from a distance of 200 m

■ "What kind of agitation is this?" asked Vij, adding that stern action would be taken against miscreants indulging in such activities

■ Babli had accused farmers of launching a "murderous attack" on him and injuring his PA



ICMR guidelines are awaited to start the therapy on Covid patients.

Karnal hospital to start clinical trial of antibody cocktail

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COVID METER	
Cases	1,171
Recovered	2,705
Active	14,668
Deaths	78
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT	
Sirs	127
Hiss	102
Faridabad	127
State total	7,591
	8,461

KARNAL, JUNE 2

The state has selected the Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College (KCGMC), a dedicated Covid facility for Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Yamunanagar districts, to conduct the clinical trials of monoclonal antibody cocktail to treat patients with mild to moderate infection.

"We have received a communication from the US president Donald Trump. Now, it is being administered in several corporate hospitals in India. Following the results, the state has allowed its clinical trial on Covid patients," he said, adding that the therapy was a cocktail of two monoclonal antibodies.

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Academician Prof Chaudhry dead

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2

Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar has put an end to all speculation regarding the Class XII exams of the Haryana School Education Board and said the state would follow the directions of the Centre in this regard.

He said the state would conduct internal assessment, based on which the results would be declared soon. The result of Class X exams would also be declared by June 15.

He said the situation was not conducive to hold the exams, but if a child wants to appear, it can be conducted when the normalcy returns. — TNS

Former MLA dies of Covid

HISAR, JUNE 2

Former INLD legislator Puran Chand Dabri died of Covid at a private hospital in Gurugram on Wednesday. He was 75.

The former legislator was a

native of Hisar's Dabra village. He represented the erstwhile Ghirai Assembly segment in the district from 2000 to 2005. He joined the JJP and was designated as its national general secretary. — TNS

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Percentage Rate online composite e-Tender in two bid system is invited for proposed Construction of Shree Sheetla Mata Devi Medical College at Kherki Mazara, Sector-102, Gurugram (Haryana) having estimated cost Rs. 531.30 Crore (Rupees Five hundred thirty one Crores). Eligibility Criteria, detailed terms and conditions can be seen on web site <https://etender.up.in> and UPRNN's web site www.uprnn.usdc.gov.in. The e-tender can be submitted online till 25.6.2021 up to 2.30 PM. Technical bid of tender shall be opened same day at 3.00 PM. Amendment/ Corrigendum, if any, shall be posted on above web sites.

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E-QUOTATION

It is hereby informed that E-quotations for the work of 1. Supply of material of DP sets pipe fittings in District Jind & 2. Supply of material of EP sets pipe fittings in District Jind are invited with the opening date and time 02.06.2021, 17:00 hrs and closing on 09.06.2021 at 15:00 hrs. The E-quotations will be live on scheduled time at the site www.etenders.hry.nic.in. The interested bidders may check all the details online & quote their rates online accordingly. In case of any query please contact on 0184-2261462.

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Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (HARTRON) and Hartron Informatics Limited (HIL) is 100% Subsidiary of Hartron, A Public Sector Undertaking of Haryana Government intends to seek Expression of Interest from registered Depository Participants with SEBI for dematerialization services. Interested Depository Participants may apply in prescribed Proforma alongwith application fee of Rs. 1180/- in the shape of Demand Draft. The application form alongwith eligibility criteria, terms and conditions are available on the website of HARTRON i.e. www.hartron.org.in. The last date of submission of application is 17.06.2021 by 4:00 PM. The Addl. Managing Director, HARTRON reserves right to reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason.

Addl. Managing Director,
HARTRON, Haryana

पुलिस कमिशनरेट, पंचकूला
आपको सूचित किया जाता है उपयोग विधि के संबंध में निर्देश कि पूजा पुरी स्व. विजय पाल वार्सी बड़ी मोहल्ला मुरावाचार, UP हाल वार्सी विटना सियुडी, कालका पंचकूला, उम्र 20 साल जो कि 17.01.2021 को घर से बिना कुछ बातें चर्चा गई है जोकि अब तक घर पर वापस नहीं आई है जिसकी तत्वात्र के लिए पुलिस थाना कालका में धारा 346 भा.द.स. के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया है। जो अधिकारी संख्या 39 दिनांक 19.03.2021 u/s 346 भा.द.स., पुलिस थाना कालका दर्ज रजिस्टर है। जिस किसी को इस लड़के के बारे कुछ सूचना या जानकारी प्राप्त हो तो इसकी सूचना प्रवंधन, थाना कालका, पंचकूला, मोबाइल नं. 9729990501 तथा 9992100227 पर संपर्क करके सूचित करें।

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'Ignored', protesters step up stir

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2

With the Centre "ignoring" the protest against the three farm laws and keeping mum on the offer to resume talks, farmers have decided to make their presence felt by stepping up the stir against the ruling BJP-JJP alliance.

Three protests took place during the last fortnight. While farmers and cops clashed following CM Manohar Lal Khattar's function in Hisar, the protesters showed black flags and gheraoed wrestler-turned-BJP leader Babita Phogat in Charkhi Dadri. In Tohana, JJP MLA Devender Babli faced the ire of the farmers.

"We have been staging protests wherever BJP-JJP leaders are visiting. It has been over six months since the stir began but the government seems unconcerned. The protests would follow the leaders wherever they go," said BKU's Gurnam Singh Charuni.

NOTICE
The Advertisement No. 101/2021 issued by this office for recruitment of 940 posts of Community Health Officers on contract basis which appeared in the Newspapers on 01.06.2021 (The Tribune, Amar Ujala, and Dainik Jagran) is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect, due to administrative reasons.

Sd/- Mission Director,
National Health Mission.
DPR/HP/113

'Humiliated' in panchayat, Y'nagar Dalit man ends life

YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 2

A 60-year-old Dalit man reportedly died by suicide after he was allegedly humiliated in a panchayat meeting held in the district's Barauli Majra village on May 25.

The deceased was identified as Ram Chander. On his wife's complaint, sarpanch's father Arinder Singh has been booked under Section 306 of the IPC and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act. The case was registered at the Chhachhauri police station on May 31.

The complainant, Shiksha Devi, who is the former sarpanch of Barauli Majra

village, alleged the accused hit her husband with shoes during the meeting and made casteist remarks. The FIR mentioned "election rivalry" as the reason behind Chander's extreme step. There was, however, no mention of the reason for convening the meeting, but sources said the panchayat assembled to discuss a matter concerning Chander's son and a girl of the village.

"Ever since the last sarpanch elections, Arinder Singh nursed a grudge against my husband. He hit my husband with shoes and made casteist remarks. Humiliated, he consumed poison on May 31," alleged the complainant.

A handwritten suicide note reportedly written by Chander was recovered from his house. He reportedly wrote that the sarpanch's father took out his shoe to hit him. The accused, however, denied the allegations.—TNS

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TENDER NOTICE					Dated: 01.06.2021
(E-Tendering Mode only)					
The Director DCS&CA on behalf of Governor of Goa invites sealed item rate tender online mode only from the approved and eligible (As per the Approved RFP) transport contractors for the below mentioned work.					
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD Rs.	Cost of e-Tender document (Non Refundable) (Rs.)	E-tender Processing fees (Non-Refundable) Rs.
				Mode of Payment	Time Limit
1.	Loading, Unloading, Stacking, handling and Transportation of grain stocks by mechanical transport from FCI Godown Vasco to DCS&CA Godowns across the State of Goa	4,32,97,142	8,65,943	15,000	4,000
Schedule of Tendering					
1. The bidder who wish to participate in the tender process have to remit the Tender Processing Fee (TPF), Tender Document Fee (TDF) at the time of application for issue of tender document through online payment gate way on portal. The last date and time for online application for issue of tender 18.06.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.					
2. The last date and time for submission of technical bid and financial bid is 21.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m.					
3. The date and time of opening of technical bid is on 21.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m.					
4. The date and time of opening of financial bid amongst eligible bidder at 22.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m.					
Mode of Payment					
Bidders participating in e-tendering have to remit the tender processing fees, tender document fee and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through online payment Getaway on portal www.goaenvida.gov.in to any following four modes of payment.					
1. Internet payment Gateway: Any Bank Visa/Master Credit Card/Debit Card can be used for the payment process.					
2. Direct pay bar internet banking payment can be made through the internet banking of Axis bank.					
3. NEFT/RTGS - (National Electronic Fund Transfer/Real Time Gross Settlement): Bidders are required to download NEFT/RTGS challan and make payment to dynamically generated account number through any bank.					
4. OTC (Over the Counter): Bidders are required to download OTC challan and make payment to dynamically generated serial number to any authorized branch of Axis Bank.					
5. The tender should be quoted exclusive of GST and the GST will be added by the computer directly Or www.goaenvida.gov.in .					
6. Validity of Tender: The validity of tender for issue of work order is 120 days from the date of opening of tender.					
7. Period of Tender: The period of tender starts from 15 days after issue of work order for a time period of 1 year (365 days).					
Note: Any payment made through RTGS/NEFT/OTC normally takes 24 hours for its reconciliation. Hence applicants are therefore advised to make the payments through NEFT/RTGS/OTC at Two bank working days					

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China-Pak exercise

Indian troops must be well prepared for any misadventure

IT'S no coincidence that the China-Pakistan military exercise in Tibet comes amid celebrations marking 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries which share their borders with India. The drill has taken place near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) — the scene of a prolonged standoff between Indian and Chinese troops — weeks ahead of the first anniversary of the bloody clash in Ladakh's Galwan valley. Both the venue and the timing of the exercise have struck a discordant note for India, bringing under scrutiny the intentions of the two allies. The bilateral show of strength reeks of aggressive posturing apparently aimed at unnerving India. The development is also a grim reminder that the disengagement process in eastern Ladakh has only flattered to deceive, even as Pakistan's overtures to bring peace along the LoC can't be taken at face value.

The writing is on the wall: military and economic ties between China and Pakistan are getting stronger by the day and India needs to remain wary of both its neighbours, which have a long history of duplicity. The leaders of the two nations congratulated each other recently on the progress of the \$60-billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a major infrastructure project that connects Xinjiang province with Gwadar port in Balochistan. Though New Delhi has lodged a protest with Beijing over the CPEC, which passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), China has asserted that it is an economic initiative that won't affect its 'principled stand' on the Kashmir issue. The argument has failed to convince India of China's credibility.

The Chinese consolidation of air defence assets along the LAC makes it obvious that peace and tranquillity in the area will continue to be elusive as the neighbour is in no mood for de-escalation. With the Chinese Communist Party gearing up for its centenary celebrations next month, several grand displays of military might are to be expected. That's reason enough for Indian troops to be well prepared for any mischief or misadventure from across the border or on the high seas.

CBSE board exams

Students' safety is important, but so are careers

CITTING safety of the students in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, the government has finally decided to cancel the CBSE Class XII board exams. The decision itself is unprecedented, for the Class XII exams are regarded as the gateway to higher education, enabling students to gain admission into an institution of their choice and pursue courses and careers that make them independent and come up in life. The pandemic has already forced many changes in the realm of education, with online classes taking precedence over physical classrooms to keep the clock ticking, and now the impact of the cancellation of exams on the students will also have to be assessed. Absence of offline classes had already left the students with not much outlet by way of extra-curricular activities and social interaction. Hostels too had to be vacated, inconveniencing the students.

The Prime Minister has directed that the results be prepared in accordance with 'well-defined objective criteria in a fair and time-bound manner', but practical problems are bound to arise as different schools conduct internal assessment differently. With the CISCE, which does not come under the Education Ministry, also cancelling the Class XII exams and other state boards expected to follow suit, the cancellation is going to affect a large number of students. While it has been decided that students who want to take the exam may be allowed to do so when the situation becomes conducive, it remains all too uncertain.

Coaching institutes have adapted to the new situation by switching to the online medium, but the cancellation of board exams may have an effect on college admissions and counselling schedules, delaying the beginning of a new academic year with concomitant effect on the prospects of students. Like it did earlier, the education system may respond by making suitable alterations, restricting academic sessions and curtailing syllabus. Students too will have to take care not to let down their guard and pursue studies while making adjustments in the methodology required in such times of adversity.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability. — William Osler

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1921

AN EMPHATIC DECLARATION OF POLICY.

IT was in many ways a striking speech which the Viceroy made at the Chelmsford Club. That part of the speech in particular in which His Excellency referred to the fundamental principle of British rule in India was felicitous. "I suppose," he said, "there is no one (there is no section of the British community I am sure) who would dispute the proposition that here in India there can be no trace and must be no trace of racial inequality." His Excellency could not and did not deny that there was "some suspicion and perhaps at the present moment some misunderstanding between us" but promptly added: "I say we do not for a moment indulge in any notions of racial superiority or predominance. I think this is axiomatic of British rule, although I am perfectly prepared to admit that there may be undoubtedly certain questions with which I am striving to make myself familiar; in which there will be an opportunity for putting this equality on a firmer basis than at present exists." He added: "There must never be humiliation under British rule of any Indian because he is an Indian." Lastly: "We British people in India and those also in our own country must realise that we have much suspicion to disperse, many misunderstandings to banish from amongst us, and in truth the essence to my mind of co-operation between us and Indians is that we should convince them by our actions, which will accord with our thoughts and intentions, that we honestly mean what we have said with regard to India." It is difficult to think of a more emphatic declaration of policy, and the fact that this declaration was made not by a Secretary of State in the more or less detached atmosphere of the British House of Commons, as Mr. Montagu did make a similar declaration in his speech in the Punjab debate, but by the head of the Government of India in his official capital and in the presence of members of his Executive Council lends added importance to the declaration.

Just what the doctor ordered

Evidence-based medicine the way to go, be it allopathic, ayurvedic or other systems



DINESH C SHARMA

SCIENCE COMMENTATOR



COEXISTENCE: In a country like India, it would be unwise to completely reject traditional systems in favour of modern medicine. TRIBUNE PHOTO

The likes of Ramdev and Anandaiah want their concoctions to be labelled as 'scientific' but without going through the rigours of science.

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Despairing India needs a JP for this century



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public opinion, attitude and behaviour, one thing never ceased to surprise me: the optimism of the Indian public. No matter how horrid the reality on the ground, a question about expectations of the future always got an overwhelming positive response. The analyst in me found this intriguing. The political animal in me found this frustrating.

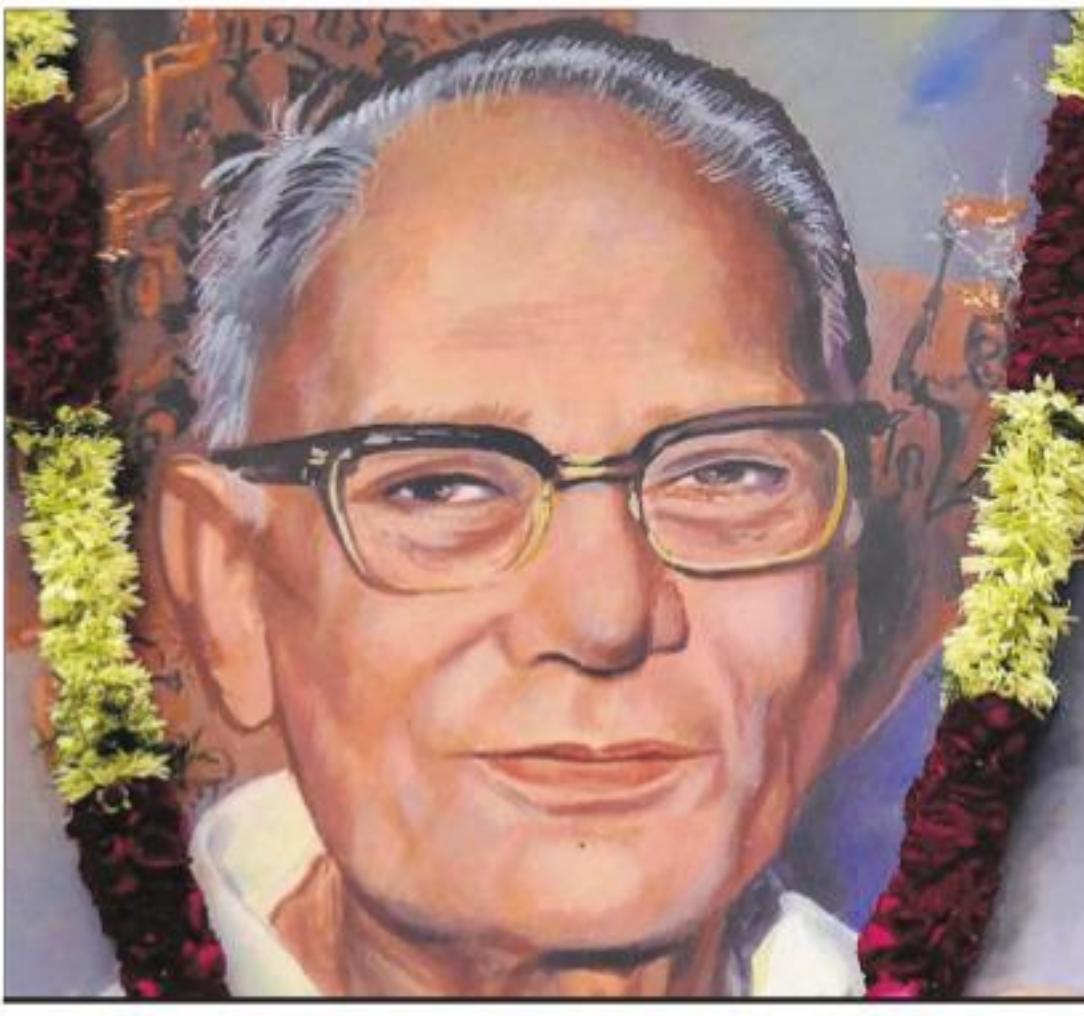
Looking back, I think this naive optimism may have been the oxygen that kept democracy alive despite all odds.

That optimism is under threat today. Take three recent examples. Mahesh Vyas of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy reports that the share of households that expected a rise in their income over the next one year had come down to just five per cent in April this year, compared to 30 per cent in 2019, when the economy was already in a bad shape. On the same day, FICCI's Business Confidence Survey — no good indicator of popular mood — reported a nosedive in its index of business confidence. More to the point, Yashwant Deshmukh — no critic of Modi government — writes that the CVoter poll found 80 per cent Indians in a state of despondency, saying they do not think anything is on the right path.

Hope is the most scarce commodity in today's India. Loss of hope is an indicator of the loss of faith in the Modi government. But this is also a challenge to the Opposition and democratic system. India desperately needs hope.

This is not a challenge of crafting a positive political communication. This is not about coining a smart political slogan, or a new 'jumla'. Indians have been through that. They believed in "ache din" and have seen the reality.

In my previous birth as a student of



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AHEAD OF HIS TIMES: Jayaprakash Narayan insisted that a revolutionary transformation must be non-violent. PTI

They still yearn for hope, but one that is believable, that maps on to the ground, that shows a path and offers a vehicle.

This is what ideologies do. An ideology provides a frame to understand the present, diagnose what is wrong with it and identify seeds of change. It offers a utopia, an imaginary future destination that we must strive for. And it traces a path from the present to that imagined future with the help of agents of change and their strategies.

It is not fashionable to use this word in the 21st century, after the collapse of political systems that foregrounded their ideologies. But let us not delude ourselves: those who call themselves non-ideological are also purveyors of an ideology, the ideology of status quo.

We don't need that. India needs a forward-looking ideology that provides a frame for instituting hope.

This cannot be done by any of the existing ideologies. We have lived for far too long in the 21st century with the carcasses of ideologies of the 19th century. They were already outdated by the second half of the 20th century; they make no sense in the 21st. This applies as much to the ideologies of the Right as it does to the Left. These ideologies received from the past force square pegs of a new reality into pre-fabricated round holes. They fail to incorporate new ideas, new issues, new energies.

Instead of integrating various ideas, we turn to patchwork ideologies like Gandhian Socialism or hyphenation

like Ambedkarite-Feminism or absurd labels like Left-Liberal. No wonder these ideologies or their combination do not generate the kind of hope that India needs today.

This is where JP's call for a total revolution comes in. By the time he gave this call in 1974, he had been through the entire spectrum of ideologies of his time. Beginning as a naive nationalist in his childhood, he converted to Marxism-Leninism in his youth and was an ardent champion of the USSR. Disillusionment with communism in his 40s led him first towards democratic socialism and then towards Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave. Through the 60s, he advocated a communitarian ideology. His call for a total revolution

was not one more stage in his intellectual journey; it was the summation of the entire journey and an attempt to integrate all the ideologies of the 20th century for our purpose.

JP was ahead of his times. Thus, the idea remained necessarily sketchy. He did not go beyond saying that total revolution entails a radical refiguring both of the system as well as the human being, that it meant a revolution in the political, economic, social, cultural as well as spiritual spheres. He insisted that a revolutionary transformation must be non-violent and cannot happen overnight.

Standing on his shoulders, we can do much better. We can incorporate ideologies that JP's wide spectrum did not encompass: Phule-Ambedkarite legacy, feminism, environmentalism. We can attend to issues that he did not quite grasp: caste, gender, ecology, information order.

We can discard many of the superstitions of the ideologies of the 19th century: the idea of a vanguard of history, and universal models of revolutionary transformation and one-stroke revolution.

Instead of deducing the picture of a good society from a universal utopia, we can anchor a new ideology in the values of the Indian Constitution. We can revolutionise the idea of revolution.

Creating such an ideology is one of the biggest challenges of our times. This is not just a challenge for political leaders and workers; this is a challenge for all social activists, intellectuals, academics and artists. Let this June 5 be the starting point of this difficult but necessary journey.

Views are personal

Draw lessons from Covid to improve jail healthcare



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LAST month, the Bombay High Court questioned the Maharashtra Government on the staff vacancies of doctor in the state's 47 prisons. Almost one-third of the sanctioned posts are lying vacant in these prisons. Stating that there are only 32 doctors for more than 30,000 prisoners, the Bench hearing the matter stated, "We are not asking you to increase the sanctioned strength, at least fill the sanctioned posts. Once you have sanctioned, is it not your duty to fill the posts?"

This comes at a time when the country is reeling from the deadly second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Prisons continue to be one of the vulnerable spaces for the spread of the virus. Yet, little has changed since last year when Covid-positive cases were reported from prisons.

It was already very late last year, when concrete measures were rolled out to control its spread inside prisons. Data compiled by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) shows that between May and December 2020, more than 18,000 prisoners and prison staff had tested positive, while 17 persons lost their lives. Healthcare systems inside prisons, that were inadequate to deal with the needs of inmates and authorities, had suddenly found themselves forced to deal with the pandemic.

This trend continues in the second wave of the pandemic. In 2021, there have already been more than 4,000 positive cases and 18 deaths, both of prisoners and jail staff.

The issues of inadequate medical infrastructure, heightened concerns about staff vacancies and increasing



NEEDED: Fill medical vacancies, with at least one doctor per 300 inmates. TRIBUNE PHOTO

workload in prisons has remained largely absent from public visibility. International rights bodies have emphasised the need for governments to prioritise prisons and take steps to curb the spread of the virus.

The World Health Organisation (WHO), in a joint statement with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, drew international attention to the "heightened vulnerability of prisoners" and urged the authorities to take all appropriate public health measures in respect of this vulnerable population.

Terminating physical distancing and self-isolation as practically impossible inside prisons, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, too, had pressed the governments to find ways to

release prisoners, especially those more vulnerable to the infection.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau data in its annual report, Prison Statistics India, as in December 2019, there were only 1,962 medical staffers catering to the day-to-day medical needs of 4.78 lakh prisoners. In the same period, on an average, only Rs 5 per day was being spent on the healthcare needs of a prisoner.

Various other underlying issues that reflect the overall grim state of healthcare inside prisons include:

- Lack of specialised doctors visiting prisons
- Lack of medical escorts for transportation of inmates to hospitals outside jail premises
- Challenges with regard to procurement of medicines
- High rate of persons suffering from tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C and skin allergies.

High rate of death by suicide inside prisons also points to inadequate access to mental counseling and treatment. In 2019, the rate of death by suicide stood at 24.24 per lakh prison population, which was more than double than in the general population.

Healthcare management and medical infrastructure are crucial aspects of prison management due to the unique nature of the system of confinement: large numbers of people in close contact with each other in restricted spaces, often leading to overcrowding. As a result, prisons are bound to face constant health issues and recurring medical requirements.

Access to adequate and quality healthcare is a basic right which becomes even more crucial in spaces of confinement. It cannot be denied to any person. As observed by the Institute of Criminal Policy Research (ICPR), "a sentence to imprisonment is a sentence of deprivation of liberty, not a damage to health."

In the ongoing pandemic, prisoners are cut off from the outside world at a time when improved public health communication and the attention and care of and by loved ones are crucial. They face severe curbs, including temporary suspension of physical *mulaqaat* (meetings) and delays in their trials.

The pandemic has created hindrance in the court work, with focus laid on hearing of urgent matters. This has resulted in a significant increase in the pendency of cases. According to the National Judicial Data Grid, between 2019 and 2020, the backlog of cases has increased by 18.2 per cent in district courts, 20.4 per cent in high courts, and 10.35 per cent in the Supreme Court.

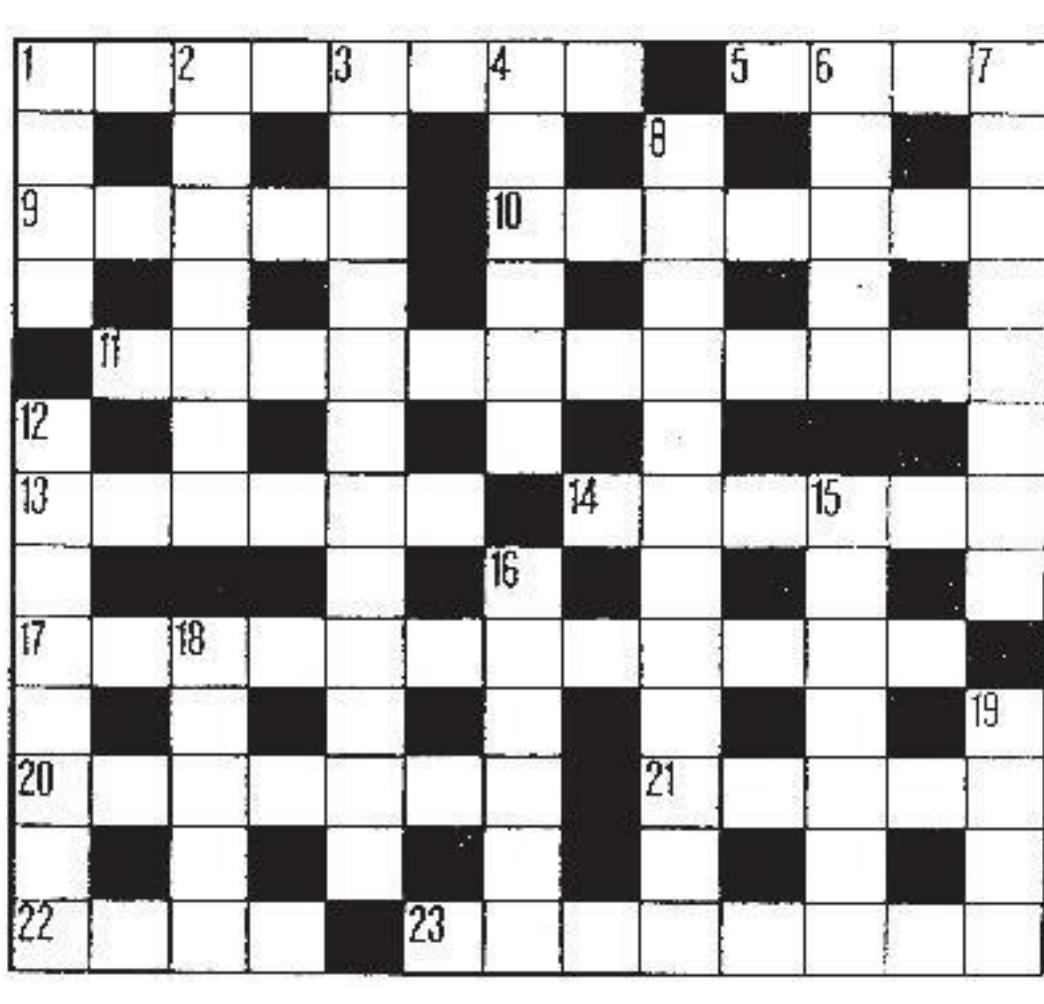
With an increase in the period of detention pending trial, it is bound to impact the undertrial prison population — that accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total prison population in India.

The pandemic presents an opportunity for prisons to meet the gaps in prisoners' access to medical care. The governments should treat health as a top priority for all citizens, including those behind bars. Prison healthcare should be an integral part of the public healthcare system in India, both in letter and spirit.

Public healthcare received a meagre 1.8 per cent of the GDP in 2020-21. The National Health Policy of 2017 recommends that the expenditure on health should be increased to 2.5 per cent of the GDP by 2025. The pandemic also resulted in an increased burden on the already under-resourced prison system, both financially and in terms of human resources. It is only when the overall healthcare systems are improved in the country through adequate funding, will things start improving inside the prisons.

To start with, the focus must be on filling medical vacancies in prisons, with at least one doctor per 300 inmates as per the Model Prison Manual 2016. Prison overcrowding is one of the key issues contributing to poor health standards and hygiene. It must be kept in check. Both men and women inmates should enjoy equal access to prison hospitals, proper diet and timely referral to outside and specialist hospitals. Prison departments and state health departments must collaborate to ensure regular visits by psychologists, psychiatrists, dentists, gynaecologists and other medical specialists.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 White flag, 8 Usage, 9 Grimace, 10 Immune, 11 Cereal, 12 Earnings, 15 In person, 18 Fracas, 20 Forest, 21 Crucial, 22 Ninon, 23 Go it alone.

Down: 2 Horde, 3 Temper, 4 Faceless, 5 Gunman, 6 Calumny, 7 Seven seas, 11 Cut it fine, 13 Run for it, 14 Sparing, 16 Raging, 17 Rascal, 19 Again.

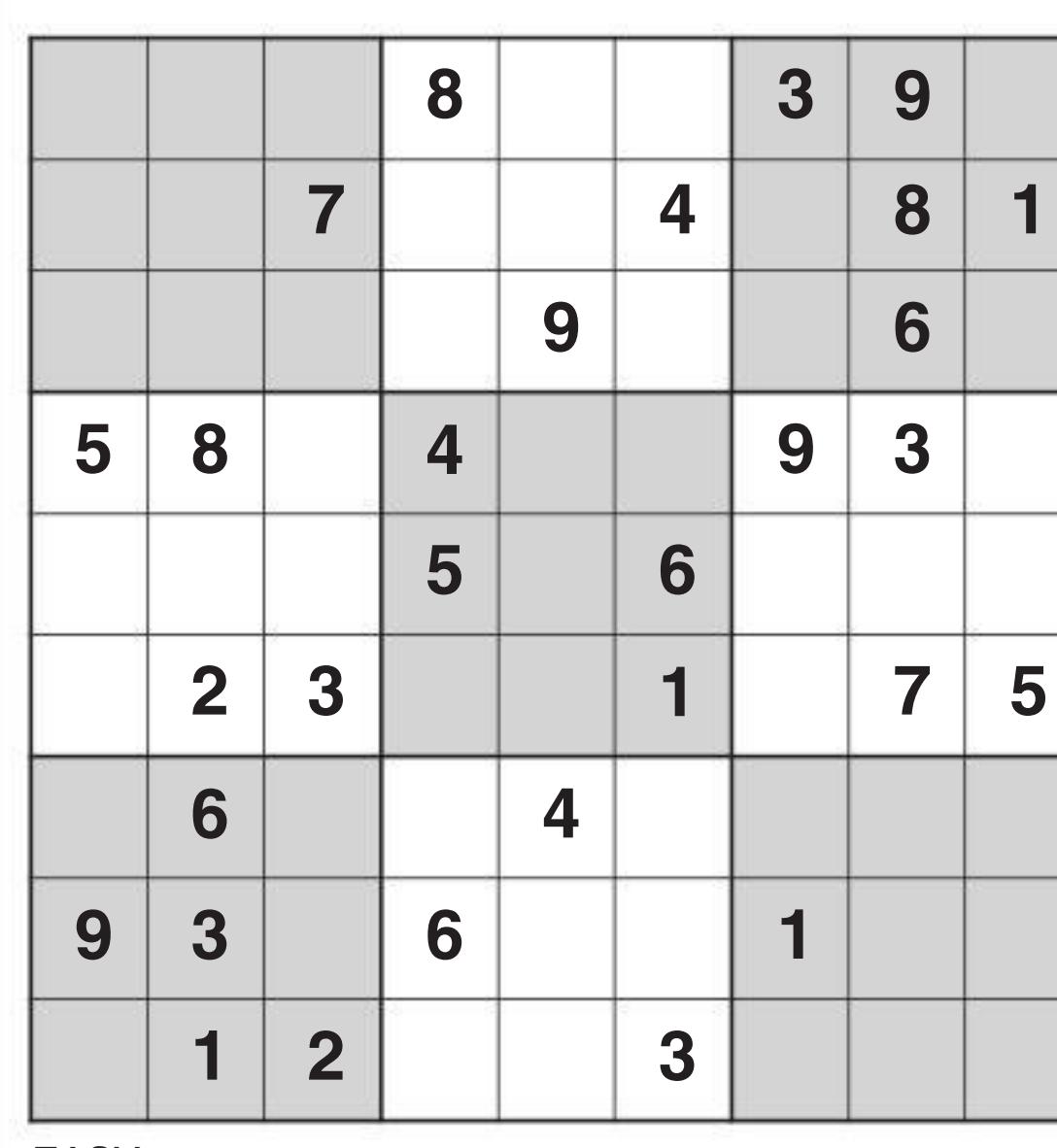
ACROSS

- 1 Unevenly balanced (8)
- 5 Young of whale (4)
- 9 Restrict (5)
- 10 Prisoner (7)
- 11 Unwillingly (5,7)
- 13 Mass departure (6)
- 14 Harmonious agreement (6)
- 17 Finally (2,10)
- 20 Council of senior ministers (7)
- 21 Fish with hook and line (5)
- 22 A fencing sword (4)
- 23 Tired old joke (8)

DOWN

- 1 Temporary quiet period (4)
- 2 Allspice (7)
- 3 With fair chance of success (2,3,7)
- 4 Not including (6)
- 6 Tolerate (5)
- 7 Transitory (8)
- 8 Deeply involved (2,2,4,4)
- 12 Second-rate (8)
- 15 A firearm (7)
- 16 Grasp tightly (6)
- 18 Thick rope (5)
- 19 Achievement (4)

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CALENDAR

JUNE 3, 2021, THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat 2078

■ Shaka Samvat 1943

■ Jyeshta Shaka 13

■ Jyeshta Parvishtha 21

■ Hijari 1442

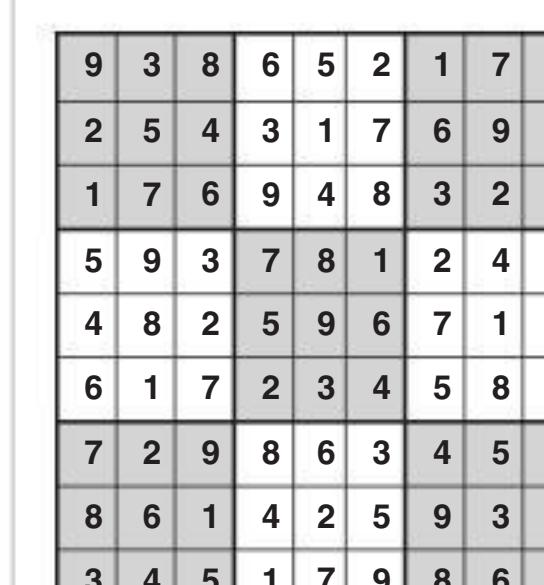
■ Krishan Paksha Tithi 9, up to 2.23 am

■ Priti Yoga up to 2.23 am

■ Purvabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 6.35 pm

■ Moon enters Pisces sign 12:07 pm

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 19:20 HRS

SUNRISE: FRIDAY 05:21 HRS

CITY MAX MIN

Chandigarh 36 24

New Delhi 38 23

Amritsar 38 26

Bathinda 37 24

Jalandhar 37 26

Ludhiana 36 24

Bhiwani 36 27

Hisar 37 24

Sirsa 37 25

Dharamsala 30 17

Manali 18 12

Shimla 26 18

Srinagar 26 12

Jammu 37 24

Kargil 23 10

Leh 17 07

Dehradun 35 21

Mussoorie 24 13

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Pro-Chancellor can't work as VC: Edu panel

BHANU P LOHUMI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 2

The appointment of a Pro-Chancellor to function as a Vice-Chancellor is not recognised according to the University Grants Commission (UGC) and recoveries will be sought if private universities have made such invalid appointments.

The Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission (HPPIERC) had constituted a three-member committee last year following complaints that Vice-Chancellors

(VCs) appointed by some universities did not fulfil the prescribed criteria. The committee had found that the VCs of eight private universities were ineligible for the post and were later removed.

"I have been informed that after removing ineligible VCs, some universities created the posts of Pro-Chancellor and made them officiating VCs, which is not valid," said Major Gen Atul Kaushik (retd), Chairman of the HPPIERC. He added that recoveries would be sought if private universities had made invalid

Only official appointees can communicate

In a letter to registrars of all private universities, the commission said only official appointees — Chancellor, V-C, registrar and chief finance officer of the university — would communicate with it and correspondence from any other officer wouldn't be recognised

appointments.

"The commission has been lenient due to the ongoing Covid pandemic but the officiating VCs cannot continue beyond three months. Of the

eight universities only three — Arni University, Baddi University and Chitkara University — have appointed VCs. We have asked the universities to appoint VCs and submit the details regarding their biodata, educational qualifications, and experience with the process of appointment by June 30," he told The Tribune.

"When directions were issued to remove ineligible VCs, the university management designated them as Pro-Chancellors or gave them other appointments. Now, these persons are again

acting as Officiating Vice-Chancellors. Therefore, strict action is needed against these institutions, as they have bluffed the UGC as well as the HPPIERC," said RTI activist Rohit Bhagwat.

The universities had also been told to pay salaries to the staff and non-compliance of the orders would call for legal action, Kaushik cautioned. Complaints about private colleges not paying salaries to their staff had been received and all private educational institutions would be directed to pay salaries to the staff, he added.

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Chamba invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Last date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1	CAD work of FIS Silla Khad Sarot Kuth in GP Baror and Jadera Tehsil & Distt. Chamba (HP) SH- C/o Out-Let 74 Nos. Excavation, laying, jointing & testing of HDPE pipe in Distribution system and Laying jointing of GI Pipe at road crossing)	Rs. 33,10,930/-	Rs. 57164/-	Six Months	400/-	08.06.2021
2	CAD work of FIS Andraloo in GP Baror Tehsil & Distt. Chamba (HP) SH- C/o Out-Let 40 Nos. Excavation, laying, jointing & testing of HDPE pipe in distribution system)	Rs. 14,71,318/-	Rs. 29426/-	SIX Months	400/-	09.06.2021

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hipiph.org.

No-EE-JSD-CBA-GA-Tender/2021- 2197-98 Dated:- 02.06.2021 DPR/HP/1206

PUBLIC NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL ZONES OF COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-14A) AND IMFL (L-2) VENDS IN EIGHTEEN (18) DISTRICTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE POLICY YEAR 2021-22 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.

It is informed to the general public that e-TENDERS for ALLOTMENT of retail zones of country liquor (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) vends in 18 districts are invited for the policy year 2021-22. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code						
1.	Bhiwani	BWNZ03	BWNZ06	BWNZ08	BWNZ09	BWNZ10	BWNZ12	BWNZ14
		BWNZ25	BWNZ29	BWNZ38	BWNZ45	BWNZ47	BWNZ50	BWNZ51
2.	Faridabad	ZFBD03	ZFBD10	ZFBD30	ZFBD51	ZFBD52	ZFBD63	ZFBD76
3.	Fatehabad	ZFTB004	ZFTB035					
4.	Gurugram (East)	ZGRE01	ZGRE02	ZGRE03	ZGRE05	ZGRE07	ZGRE10	ZGRE11
		ZGRE12	ZGRE14	ZGRE16	ZGRE17	ZGRE21	ZGRE22	ZGRE25
		ZGRE26	ZGRE29	ZGRE33	ZGRE34	ZGRE35	ZGRE37	ZGRE39
		ZGRE41	ZGRE44	ZGRE45	ZGRE55	ZGRE60	ZGRE61	ZGRE62
5.	Gurugram (West)	ZGRW02	ZGRW04	ZGRW05	ZGRW09	ZGRW10	ZGRW13	ZGRW15
		ZGRW20	ZGRW21	ZGRW25	ZGRW26	ZGRW29	ZGRW31	ZGRW37
		ZGRW38	ZGRW41	ZGRW54	ZGRW71			
6.	Hisar	ZHSR01	ZHSR03	ZHSR05	ZHSR13	ZHSR65		
7.	Jagadhri	ZJAG01	ZJAG29	ZJAG30	ZJAG33	ZJAG35	ZJAG37	ZJAG38
8.	Jhajjar	ZJJR16						
9.	Jind	ZJND08	ZJND24	ZJND28	ZJND38	ZJND43	ZJND46	ZJND47
10.	Kaithal	ZKTL27						
11.	Karnal	ZKNL14						
12.	Narnaul	ZNNL19						
13.	Panchkula	ZPKL14	ZPKL15	ZPKL17	ZPKL25	ZPKL26	ZPKL31	
14.	Panipat	ZPNP08						
15.	Rewari	ZRWR04	ZRWR09	ZRWR16				
16.	Rohilkhand	ZRTK05	ZRTK24	ZRTK31				
17.	Sirsia	ZSRS02	ZSRS03	ZSRS08				
18.	Sonepat	ZSNP03	ZSNP14	ZSNP41	ZSNP45	ZSNP48	ZSNP50	ZSNP51
		ZSNP53	ZSNP63	ZSNP63	ZSNP70			

Schedule for invitation and evaluation of e-Tenders for un-allotted Zones of retail liquor vends

1. Starting date and time for placing e-tenders. From 4th June, 2021 (09:00 a.m.)

2. Closing Date and time for placing e-tenders. Till 5th June, 2021 (04:00 p.m.)

3. Evaluation of e-tenders. 5th June, 2021 (05:00 p.m.)

1. The e-Tenders for these zones should be submitted online as per Public Notice issued by the Department (published on 01st June, 2021) in the leading newspapers inviting e-Tenders for allotment of retail liquor licenses of Zones of vends for the year 2021-22. The copy of Public Notice is available on the departmental website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

2. The excise arrangements of these Zones of vends in the Districts and venue for evaluation of e-Tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) & DETC (ST) concerned. The detail shall also be available on the departmental website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

3. The e-Tenders shall be received and the Zones of vends shall be allotted in the manner prescribed in the Excise Policy for the year 2021-22 and the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder. The detailed procedure for participating in the e-bidding process is available on the Departmental website i.e., www.haryanatax.gov.in. Any clarification regarding procedure may be obtained from office of DETC (Excise) in the districts.

4. The relevant provisions contained in the previous Public Notice issued for allotment of vends for the year 2021-2022 shall hold good and are not reiterated.

5. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be within 10 days of the date of allotment.

**Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana.**

PRDH-1037/11/30/2022/3142/314



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER

OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX. IN RUPEES)

CLOSING DATE WEBSITE OF THE NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

213.05 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 01275-252006 pwd-eepd-palwal@hry.nic.in

97290-63221 pweepd-yamunagar@hry.nic.in

128.18 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 9962 123

0172-2570121-124, 2584125, 2585125 supplies@hry.nic.in

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Army Chief reviews security in Valley; Pak violates truce again

SRINAGAR/NEW DELHI, JUNE 2
Army Chief General MM Naravane arrived on a two-day visit in Kashmir to review the prevailing security situation as the ceasefire understanding between India and Pakistan along the Line of Control (LoC) completed 100 days on Wednesday.

Accompanied by Northern Army Commander, Lt Gen YK Joshi, and Chinar Corps Commander, Lt Gen DP Pandey, Naravane visited units and formations in the hinterland where he was briefed by the local commanders on the existing security situation, an Army official said.

General Naravane was also briefed about the measures being taken to identify and target the overground workers' (OGWs) network involved in radicalisation and recruitment of youth into terrorist ranks.

Efforts to prevent local recruitment and facilitate the surrender of local terror-



Army Chief Gen MM Naravane arrives in the Valley on Wednesday. PTI

TWO-DAY VISIT

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- The visit assumes significance as Indo-Pak ceasefire pact completed 100 days on Wednesday

PAKISTAN RANGERS OPEN FIRE IN ARNIA SECTOR, NO CASUALTY

Jammu: Pakistani Rangers fired at an earth-mover machine engaged in cleaning bushes along the International Border on Wednesday in what could be the second ceasefire violation in nearly four months. There was no report of casualty. The BSF neither con-

firmed nor denied the incident. Sources said Pakistani Rangers fired a few rounds upon noticing the bullet-proof JCB machine clearing the bushes in Arnia sector's Vikram post area around 8.15 am. The BSF also fired a few rounds in retaliation. PTI

ists were also discussed.

General Naravane, while interacting with troops, expressed his appreciation for the jawans and commanders who are relentlessly battling the dual challenges of Pakistan-abetted terror

and the Covid pandemic.

He reinforced the need to be prepared to meet emerging security challenges effectively. Gen Naravane also met Lt Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan here and discussed the emerging

challenges and roadmap for long-term peace in the UT.

Later, the COAS was briefed by the Chinar Corps Commander on the overall situation pertaining to the LoC and the hinterland, the official said. — PTI

Evaluation criteria may take 2 weeks...

Tripathi said exams had been cancelled keeping in view the safety of students and timely announcement of Class XII results.

The Central Board of Secondary Education, he said, was assessing the criteria for evaluation and marking. "Now we have got two months (to prepare the results). They should be announced around July-end or mid-August, well in time for students to apply in universities and institutions," he said.

Retd officials need nod...

servant having worked in any intelligence or security-related organisation shall without clearance from the head of the organisation make any publication after retirement of any material relating to and including domain of the organisation, including any reference or information about any personnel and his designation and expertise or knowledge gained by virtue of working in that organisation."

The rules apply to employees who retire from the Intelligence Bureau,

Research and Analysis Wing, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, Enforcement Directorate, Aviation Research Centre, Border Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, National Security Guards, Central Industrial Security Force and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police among others. The list also includes the Narcotics Control Bureau, Special Frontier Force, Special Protection Group and Financial Intelligence Unit.

Model Tenancy Act cleared..

demand issues, tenant-landlord conflicts have been rampant, which added to the challenge in the absence of adequate legislative framework.

"Some key features of the Act revolve around conflict resolution, security deposit, vacating premises, increase in rent and tenancy agreement. The proposed law is set to streamline the roadmap for states to follow laws and policy as per tenant and owner sentiments," said a senior government official.

Pb Cong ex-chiefs...

CM INACCESSIBLE

● The Chief Minister is not accessible. There is mafia rule in the state.

Shamsher Singh Dullo, CONGRESS LEADER

people were fed up with the corruption of Akali Dal, but we are now facing the same problem. The party must be revived and the only way to do that is by according traditional Congress loyalists their due space," he said. The panel will submit a report to Sonia Gandhi next week.

'Arbitrary, irrational..

Centre asked to file affidavit in two weeks

and eventually prices would come down.

Finding fault with the policy, the top court said, "Prima facie, the only room for negotiation with the two vaccine manufacturers was on price and quantity, both of which have been prefixed by the Centre. This casts serious doubts on government's justification for enabling higher prices as a competitive measure."



People stand in a queue to buy liquor at an outlet in Jammu. PTI

Heavy rush at liquor shops

JAMMU, JUNE 2

Liquor shops opened across Jammu region on Wednesday after over a month-long closure owing to the Covid-induced lockdown, drawing heavy rush of tipplers who were seen standing in long queues. Policemen had been deployed to maintain order and ensure adherence to Covid-19 guidelines but at many places there were reports of flouting of social distancing norms by the waiting customers. The liquor shops were closed in the last week of April after the lockdown was imposed.

J&K sees 1,718 fresh cases, 24 deaths

- J&K on Wednesday recorded 1,718 new Covid cases, taking the caseload to 2,94,078, while 24 deaths took the toll to 3,963
- Ladakh saw 88 fresh cases and one death, taking its caseload to 18,750 and death toll to 190

Meanwhile, volunteers of Red Cross were seen making rounds of different markets in the city to make people aware about the need for social distancing and masks. — PTI

Justice Mishra...

FROM PAGE 1
almost nine months after he retired as an SC judge – a position he held for more than six years between July 7, 2014, and September 2, 2020.

Ex-Chief Justice of the J&K High Court Justice MM Kumar and Intelligence Bureau ex-Director Rajiv Jain also joined the NHRC as its members.

Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, dissociating himself from the process of selection of the new chairperson and members of the NHRC.

In his letter to the PM, he said he had raised concerns over the manner in which the NHRC appointments were made.

The government refused to consider any person belonging to SC, ST, OBC or minority communities, he said. "Moreover, the appointments smack of partisanship & quid pro quo. I strongly condemn this," he tweeted.

As a Supreme Court judge, he dealt with many politically sensitive cases and headed a Bench that directed in 2019 the demolition of illegal flats built on the coastal zone of Kochi's Maradu.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB E-Tender Notice No. 216 dt. 01.6.2021

The Department of Punjab W/S & Sew. Board, reinvites/invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Closing Date and Time
1.	O & M of STP of 4 MLD capacity at Banur for the Year 2021-22 (01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022) for 11 Months.	15.06.2021 at 05.00 P.M.
2.	Operation & Maintenance of Sewer lines in Rajpura for the year 2021-2022 (01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022).	

For details log onto: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Patiala.
0175-2200731.
eep.1.pwss@punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/5039

पंजाब मंडी बोर्ड

Email ID: pmb.xenchar@punjab.gov.in

आमदानियों को सेवा मंडी बोर्ड

ट्रैकर नंटर नं. 15 (2021) फ़िटी 02/06/2021

CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON RESEARCH REGIONAL STATION, SIRSA-125055 (HARYANA)

Ref.No.Rectt./21-22/Corrigendum Dated: 02/06/2021

CORRIGENDUM- 3

Refer to advertisement F. No. Rectt. /2021-22/Y.P.-I and Y.P.-II / dated 30/04/2021 and corrigendum-1&2 of this office in respect of Walk-in-interview for Y.P.-I & Y.P.-II . It has been decided to postpone due to lockdown in Haryana and it is now rescheduled on 22.06.2021 at 10:00 AM. All candidates desiring to apply are required to send their bio-data on e-mail : cicrsirsa@yahoo.co.in while all other terms and conditions remains the same.

The above information is also available at our website www.cicr.org.in. Head of Station DI-3708

PUNJAB STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (PSHRC)

SCO No. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH

FAX No. 0172-2635435

Website: www.pshrc.net

E-mail: pshrc.nod@punjab.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from experienced and eligible Companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 for providing various professional support services such as accounting & financial services etc. for the office of the Commission. The eligible bidders may download the Bid Document containing the detailed terms and conditions from the website of the Commission mentioned above or collect the same from the office of the Commission at the address given above on any working day (except Saturday and Sunday), up to 01:00 p.m. from 07.06.2021 at the latest, on payment of Rs. 1000/- (Non-Refundable) as cost of the document. The cost of Bid Document downloaded from the website may be paid in cash in the office of the Commission on or before 25.06.2021 up to 01:00 p.m. The tender documents will be received in the office of the Secretary up to 01:00 p.m. on 28.06.2021 and opened on 28.06.2021 at 03:30 p.m. in the presence of the authorised representatives of the firms who may like to be present.

DPR/Pb/5028

SECRETARY

NATHPA JAKRI HYDRO POWER STATION AMENDMENT-II

The following amendment is hereby made in the bidding document of "Package (W)-250(O&M)/2021- for Complete Retrofit Solution covering Design, Manufacture, Quality Assurance, Quality Control, Shop assembly, Shop testing and.....of existing two (02) nos. 420KVGIS Generator bays with latest circuit breaker complete with Operating Mechanism & associated equipment's at existing 420KV GIS System of the NJHPSI[for complete Description of tender Refer NIT uploaded on websites]".

1. The due dates of tender are EXTENDED as under:
a) Last Date & Time for availability/downloading of Bid Documents - 15/06/2021 at 12:00 Hrs.
b) Last Date & Time for submission of Bid Documents - 16/06/2021 at 13:00 Hrs.
c) The techno-commercial bid opening - 16/06/2021 at 14:00 Hrs.
d) The pre bid meeting - 10/06/2021 at 11:00 HRS
All other terms & Conditions remain unchanged.

DGM (P&C) Deptt.

NJHPS, SJVN Ltd., Jakhri-172201.

Ph. 01765-503568, Fax 01765-503532,
E-mail: mcgv@ymail.com

दस्तावेज़ दर्शक को संबंधित उत्तराधिकारी

दस्तावेज

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1	C/o WTP & replacement of distribution system of SC Village Suredla & Pukhri under WSS Bachuni Pukhri in GP Pukhri Tehsil Salooni Distt. Chamba HP (SH:- C/o RCC sedi tank 20000 ltrs. cap. 1 Nos. & C/O RCC Filter Bed 50.00 sqm. 1 No.).	10,21,926/-	20,500/-	Six Months

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through online dated 10.06.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs. The Tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website <http://htptender.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DPR/HP/1140

China, Pak, Af to hold talks on peace prospects

BEIJING, JUNE 2

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will host a trilateral meeting with his counterparts from Pakistan and Afghanistan on Thursday to discuss the Afghan peace and reconciliation process as Beijing stepped up its diplomacy with the two nations in the wake of the US troops withdrawal from the war-torn country.

Wang will chair the fourth China-Afghanistan-Pakistan trilateral foreign ministers meeting via video link in which his counterparts from Pakistan and Afghanistan, Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Mohammad Hanif Atmar, would take part, the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced on Wednesday. The three foreign ministers will have in-depth exchanges of views on the Afghan peace, practical cooperation and counter-terrorism — PTI

Xi asks Chinese media to tone down aggression

BEIJING, JUNE 2

President Xi Jinping has called for better international communication, urging the bellicose official Chinese media and "wolf warrior" diplomats to adopt a tone that displays openness and conveys modesty, in what observers see as a rare admission of Beijing's growing isolation exacerbated by Covid-19.

President Xi, 67, who carries the image of being the most powerful Chinese leader after chairman Mao Zedong with possible life-long tenure in power, in a candid conversation at a group study session of the Politburo of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC), said new concepts, domains and expressions should be created to tell China's stories in a better way.



FOR OPENNESS

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as an expression of dissatisfaction with the current lot of "wolf warrior" diplomats and bellicose official media outlets, Xi spoke of the need for conveying the message with modesty and humility.

Xi said a tone that displayed openness, confidence and conveyed mod-

esty and humility must be maintained, the state-run China Daily said in its report on the speech. China needs a voice that matches its national strength and international status, it said. He also emphasised the efforts to introduce the Chinese culture abroad. — PTI

US starts trial to assess safety of booster shots

WASHINGTON, JUNE 2

The US National Institutes of Health (NIH) has started a Phase 1/2 clinical trial in which adult volunteers who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will receive booster doses of different Covid-19 vaccines to determine the safety and immunogenicity of mixed boosted regimens.

"Although the vaccines currently authorised by the US Food and Drug Administration offer strong protection against Covid-19, we need to prepare for the possibility of needing booster shots to counter waning immunity and to keep pace with an evolving virus," National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony S Fauci said.

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TRACKING VIRUS

NATION	DEATHS
US	61,0497
BRAZIL	4,65,312
INDIA	3,35,489
MEXICO	2,23,568
UK	1,27,794

WORLDMETER
TILL JUNE 2, 11 PM



President-elect Isaac Herzog shakes hands with Yariv Levin, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, in Jerusalem. REUTERS

Veteran leader Herzog elected Israel's 11th Prez

JERUSALEM, JUNE 2

Veteran Israeli politician Isaac Herzog will be the Jewish nation's new President after his overwhelming victory in a secret ballot held in Parliament, it was announced on Wednesday.

The 60-year-old former Labour leader will be the first Israeli President who is the son of a former President. His

father Chaim Herzog served as Israel's head of state between 1983 and 1993.

Herzog won the support of an overwhelming 87 lawmakers in the 120-member Knesset (parliament) on Tuesday to defeat his rival Miriam Peretz and become the 11th President of Israel.

The trial, to be led by Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, and the University of Maryland, College Park, will include approximately 150 individuals who already have received one of the three FDA authorised vaccines. — IANS

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$	BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
₹73.09	₹88.93	₹103.21	₹0.66	₹11.43	₹60.49	₹56.41	₹55.17	₹9.40	51,849.18	15,576.20	₹48,230 (MCX)	₹71,900 (MCX)

Exports jump 67% in May

Imports up 69%, trade deficit widens to \$6.32 bn

NEW DELHI, JUNE 2

India's exports grew by 67.39% to \$32.21 billion in May driven by healthy growth in sectors such as engineering, petroleum products and gems and jewellery, even as trade deficit widened to \$6.32 billion, according to government data released on Wednesday.

Exports in May last year stood at \$19.24 billion and in May 2019 it was at \$29.85 billion, the Commerce Ministry's preliminary data showed. Imports in May rose by 68.54% to \$38.53 billion, from \$22.86 billion in May 2020. In May 2019, imports stood at \$46.68 billion.

"India is thus a net importer in May 2021 with a trade deficit of \$6.32 billion, an increase of 74.69% over

trade deficit \$3.62 billion in the same period last year. It was \$55.88 billion in Apr-May 2019, the data showed.

Imports during April-May 2021 were \$84.25 billion, up from \$39.98 billion in April-May 2020. In April-May 2019, it stood at \$89.07 billion.

Exports during Apr-May 2021 this year have jumped to \$62.84 billion, as against

\$29.6 billion in the same period last year. It was \$55.88 billion in Apr-May 2019, the data showed.

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Tesla recalls nearly 6,000 cars in US

CALIFORNIA, JUNE 2

Tesla Inc is recalling nearly 6,000 US vehicles because brake caliper bolts could be loose, with the potential to cause a loss of tyre pressure.

The recall covers certain 2019-2021 Model 3 vehicles and 2020-2021 Model Y vehicles. Tesla's filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had no reports of crashes or injuries related to the issue and that the company will inspect and tighten, or replace, the caliper bolts as necessary.

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Despite low sales, oil firms' profit zooms

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 2

Despite low fuel consumption in the fiscal ended March 31, the net profit of three public sector oil companies zoomed past Rs 50,000 crore.

According to data, the country's fuel demand contracted by 9.1% in 2020-21 amid lockdowns and restrictions imposed to combat the spread of Covid. As per data compiled by the Oil Ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, India consumed 19.46 crore tonne of petroleum products in 2020-21 as compared to 21.41 crore tonne in the previous year.

FUEL DEMAND SHRINKS 9.1%

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with consumption rising by 4.7% to 2.75 crore tonne from 2.63 crore tonne in 2019-20.

Huge contraction in fuel demand notwithstanding, the three state-owned oil companies posted a record profit. Indian Oil reported a record annual profit of Rs 21,836 crore in FY21 as compared to Rs 1,313 crore in FY20. The company attributed the rise in profit to inventory gains, which came from fluctuations in global oil prices and rising sales of high-margin petrochemical products.

Similarly, Bharat Petroleum reported a record standalone net profit of Rs 19,041.67 crore in FY21 due to higher refining margin, resulting from inventory gains accruing from rebounding oil prices. In FY20, its net profit was Rs 2,683.19 crore. Hindustan Petroleum posted a net profit of Rs 10,664 crore in FY21 as compared to Rs 2,637 crore in FY20.

was led by diesel — the most consumed fuel in the country. It fell by 12% to 7.27 crore tonne while petrol demand plummeted by 6.7% to 2.80 crore tonne. Also, jet fuel consumption fell 53.6% to 37 lakh tonne. LPG was the only retail fuel that posted growth,

with consumption rising by 4.7% to 2.75 crore tonne from 2.63 crore tonne in 2019-20.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Short Term E-Tenders are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/Authorised Distributors of OEM in case of indigenous equipment or Principal National Distributors in India in case of imported equipment for procurement of Digital Hemoglobinometers required for H.P. Government Health institutions on F.O.R. delivery basis. The detailed tender document can be viewed from 02.06.2021 on website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>, and downloaded from 02.06.2021 to 16.6.2021 up to 12.30 PM. The Pre-bid meeting to be held on 08.06.2021. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is 16.6.2021 up to 01:00 PM. The Tenders will be opened on 16.6.2021 at 2.30 PM. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

Director Health Services
Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-171009

DPR/HP/1213

H.P. P.W.D. TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders on the form 6 & 8 are invited by the Executive Engineer Indira Division HPPWD, Indira on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted with the HPPWD.

TENDER SCHEDULE:

- Date and time of receipt of application 09.06.2021 up to 2.00 PM for tender form:
- Date and time of issue of tender form: 09.06.2021 up to 5.00 PM
- Date and time of receipt of tenders: 10.06.2021 up to 10.30 AM
- Date and time of opening of tenders: 10.06.2021 at 11.00 AM

The tenders form will be issued against cash payment (non refundable).

The earnest money in the shape of NSC/FDR/Deposit at call of any Post Office/Bank in H.P duly pledged in the name of the Executive Engineer Indira Division HPPWD Indira must accompany with each tender.

The contractors/firms should possess the following documents (Photocopy to be attached):

(i) The contractor/Firms should be enlisted with the HPPWD.

(ii) PAN (Permanent Account No.)

(iii) Registration under GST

(iv) Ambiguous/geographic/conditional tenders or tender by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/considered in any case.

(v) The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason(s).

Paver and finisher shall be used at site.

On behalf of Governor

Executive Engineer,

Indira Division, HPPWD,

Indira.

DPR/HP/1193

Oppn, govt fight it out over GDP growth, GST regime

State FMs with contrary views being treated as errant schoolboys: PC

Tribune News Service

LOCKDOWN DIDN'T IMPACT ECONOMY: ANURAG

- Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur refuted the claim that the lockdown had a deleterious effect on the economy
- Having saved lives, the government has embarked on policies that showed a sharp economic bounce-back, Anurag argued on a day when the government missed announcing GST collection figures for the second day in a row



especially former Union Minister P Chidambaram. But criticism also came from Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Badal, former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh and Tamil Nadu FM Palanivel Thiagarajan (PTR). The minister argued that the Indian economy was not the only one to have faced a

GDP contraction and maintained that growth had returned from a contraction of 24.4 per cent in the first quarter of 2020-21 to 1.6 per cent in the year's last quarter.

The NDA government had been much more generous with cash transfers to farmers and the socio-economically challenged as well as in

giving good credit to entrepreneurs, Anurag said.

He did not touch on Badal's letter to Sitharaman, where he argued that bureaucrats had taken over the work of political leaders at the GST Council in making rules.

Chidambaram also said the "GST Implementation Committee (consisting of officers) became the tail that wagged the dog" and said Sitharaman was treating all FMs who expressed a contrary view as "errant schoolboys".

PTR termed Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot's tweet that states expressing a contrary view were kept out of the GoM to report on the reduction of GST rates "distressing".

The minister took on critics,

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