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CUMMINS GIVES \$50K FOR
INDIA'S COVID FIGHT SPORT

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EC 'singularly' to blame for 2nd Covid surge, says Madras HC

CHENNAI, APRIL 26
The Madras High Court on Monday castigated the Election Commission over the Covid-19 second wave in the country, holding it "singularly" responsible for the spread, called it the "most irresponsible institution" and even said its officials might be booked on murder charge.

The EC allowing political parties to organise rallies and meetings led to the spread of the pandemic, the court said. "Were you (living) on another planet," the Bench of Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy asked EC officials. The Bench made the stinging observation on a PIL by Karur AIADMK candidate and Transport Minister MR Vijayabaskar for the April 6 Assembly poll, seeking a direction to the authorities to ensure fair counting of votes on May 2 observing the Covid-19 protocol. When the EC counsel told the judges that

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EDIT: DEATH BY APATHY



A patient gets free oxygen at a gurdwara in Ghaziabad on Monday. PTI

BIDEN DIALS MODI | US TO SHARE ASTRA VAX WITH WORLD

CHINA STOPS CARGO FLIGHTS TO INDIA

China's state-run Sichuan Airlines suspended cargo flights to India for 15 days to insulate its people from the virus. Sources said this was the second time China has done so. BACK PAGE

PUNJAB SHOPS TO BE SHUT BY 5 PM

Punjab orders closure of shops by 5 pm | Extends night curfew from 6 pm to 5 am daily | Imposes weekend curfew

Mask up even at home to halt spread: Govt

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26
The Centre today said the risk of runaway spread of Covid infection was real unless people began practising Covid-appropriate behaviour now and states resorted to tough local lockdown measures to curb steep surge.

CENTRE TELLS SII, BHARAT BIOTECH TO SLASH RATES

After India logged 3,52,991 daily cases in a new world record for the fifth day, the Health Ministry said most states had crossed previous infection peaks by several times. The Centre had last night advised lockdown in cities and districts reporting over 10 per cent positivity for a week and more than 60 per cent occupancy of oxygen or ICU beds.

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5 die in Hisar for want of oxygen, probe on

DEEPENDER DESWAL

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HISAR, APRIL 26

Five Covid-19 patients died at Soni Burns Hospital here today due to oxygen shortage. While the hospital management blamed it on delay in supplies, DC Priyanka Soni called it sheer negligence on part of the hospital.

"We have three oxygen suppliers in the district. Had the hospital contacted us, we would have made arrangements for the supply," she said, adding that a magisterial inquiry into the deaths had been ordered and the matter referred to the District Medical Board. Refuting the negligence charge, Dr Rajat Soni of

3 MORE DEATHS IN REWARI HOSPITAL

Three more Covid patients have died at Virat Hospital in Rewari because of oxygen shortage. "Their condition worsened on Sunday after the hospital ran out of oxygen. They were put on ventilator but two died at night and the third on Monday morning," said hospital director.

Soni Burns Hospital claimed he had repeatedly sought the assistance of the district authorities for the oxygen supply and posted messages on the WhatsApp group created for the purpose. An official source said Dr Soni posted messages at 4.07 am, saying that

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31 fatalities in a day at Rajindra

Tribune News Service



An ambulance outside Patiala's Rajindra Hospital. RAJESH SACHAR

PATIALA, APRIL 26
The Government Rajindra Hospital here reported 31 Covid deaths in the past 24 hours. Doctors at the hospital said 19 patients had died within 24 hours of admission and nine within 48 hours. Currently, 300 patients are undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Surbhi Malik, in-charge, Covid isolation, said while the proportion of moderately ill patients was much higher than those very sick or critical in the previous wave, "it is now the reverse". INSIDE

Only 1 O2 hospital plant working in Punjab, none of six in Haryana

VISHAV BHARTI & SUSHIL MANAV

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26
Even as the Centre announced installation of three oxygen plants in Punjab last year, it could set up only one. The Centre was to install 162 plants across the country under the PM Cares Fund. The three plants in Punjab were to be installed at the government medical colleges in Faridkot, Patiala and Amritsar. The plant at the Faridkot college became functional last month.

Taru Kashyap, MD, Punjab Health Systems Corporation, said they had submitted a site preparation certificate to the Centre on December 31 last

THESE WERE ANNOUNCED UNDER PM CARES FUND



PB SHORT OF 85 MT DAILY

DAILY NEED FOR COVID PATIENTS	200 MT
DAILY NEED FOR NON-COVID PATIENTS	50 MT
AVAILABILITY	165 MT
SHORTFALL	85 MT
EXPECTED DEMAND IN TWO WEEKS	300 MT

year. "We were told the vendor who was allotted the contract had backed out and that government agencies would do the needful," the MD said.

Still worse, none of the oxygen plants announced for six Haryana districts — Faridkot, Hisar, Karnal, Ambala, Sonipat and Panchkula — are functional. Machinery for the plants was supplied to the district hospitals nearly two-four months ago. Hisar Deputy Commissioner Priyanka Soni said the company responsible for the installation was to be blamed for the delay. A senior doctor in Ambala, who did not want to be quoted, said the company had assured them that the

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What happened at Jaipur Golden Hospital

BL VOHRA

I have some connection with Jaipur Golden Hospital in Delhi in which 20 critical patients died on the intervening night of April 23-24 due to non-supply of oxygen by the government on time, sending shock waves across the country.

On 24th early morning, I got a call asking me if I could help in getting oxygen as the hospital supply would last only till 9 am. I immediately called the Union Health Secretary, who assured me help and asked



A man waits to refill cylinders with medical oxygen in New Delhi. PTI

Since time was running out and lives were at stake, I sent a tweet to PM and some media houses... finally after quite a few hours only 1,000 litres of oxygen came which was hardly sufficient for a few hours.

me to get in touch with the Health Secretary of Delhi Government, to whom he said he would speak right away.

It took me more than half an hour to get in touch with the latter as his number was constantly busy. Meanwhile, I had spoken to the Delhi CP and a very high functionary of the Delhi Government. Finally, when I could speak to the Health Secretary of Delhi, he was very nice, offered prompt help and asked me to speak to another senior officer who was coordinating the supplies.

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New SIT to probe Kotkapura case

Decision after fireworks in Cabinet meet | Jakhar, Randhawa offer to quit, Capt rejects

RAJMEET SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

Fireworks were witnessed during the discussion in the Cabinet meeting today on the situation arising after quashing of former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh-headed SIT probe by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

After discussions, the Cabinet decided to reconstitute the SIT and also file a limited SLP in the Supreme Court with regard to observation and conclusion of the High Court which was "beyond its remit and even at times beyond the law."

Upset over the political and

MINISTERS WANT RESPONSIBILITY FIXED

- The Cabinet discusses the situation arising after the quashing of SIT probe into the Kotkapura firing incident
- Ministers upset over failure in taking the investigation to its logical conclusion, want responsibility fixed on the officers who acted as impediment in the process

administrative failure of the government in taking the SIT probe into the Kotkapura police firing incident to its logical conclusion due to shoddy handling of the investigation, PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar and Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa are learnt to have offered their written resignations. However, the Chief Minister is learnt to have

rejected the same.

Joining the issue, Technical Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Channi reportedly told the Chief Minister that the responsibility of giving justice to people of Punjab lied on his (the CM's) shoulder, provided there was conviction and willingness to do so. The ministers wanted responsibility fixed on the

officers who acted as impediment to the probe.

Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan, DGP Dinkar Gupta, Advocate General Atul Nanda, Justice Mehtab Singh Gill (retd) and Justice Ranjit Singh (retd) were also present in the meeting.

The issue flared up when the Chief Minister expressed his annoyance over some ministers attacking their own government.

"The Chief Minister while praising some of the ministers dealing with the Covid-19 situation said those who do not have faith in him were free to resign from the Cabinet. One of the ministers pointed out that it was

the prerogative of the CM to keep or remove any minister," said a minister.

It is learnt that Randhawa also pointed out holding of a pre-Cabinet meeting of some of the ministers by Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Sodhi. The PPCC chief too joined the issue before the Chief Minister prevailed upon them.

"Who is responsible for embarrassing the Congress government, when the DGP and AG have said they were not involved in the SIT probe by IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh. Why action is not being taken against the IG for leaving gaps in the probe," said another minister.

CM, ministers must step down, says SAD

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today demanded immediate resignation of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh as well as his Cabinet colleagues for ordering a "political inquiry" into an unfortunate incident by a hand-picked officer whose findings have been termed malicious, irrational and absurd by the High Court.

Addressing a press conference here, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia said besides the CM, others who had held meetings to frame the chargesheet in the case included Navjot Singh Sidhu, Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Singh

Bajwa and Kushaldeep Dhillon. He said the CM and ministers should put in their papers immediately, but action should be taken against all leaders who politicised the case.

Majithia said former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap was chosen by the CM, his colleagues and senior leaders. Majithia also asserted that AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema was also working in tandem with the Congress to target the SAD and simultaneously protect the former IG. — TNS



Ex-IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh

HSGPC, other Sikh bodies to honour ex-IG

AMRITSAR, APRIL 26

The Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (HSGPC) and allied Sikh organisations have announced to honour former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh in recognition of his services for the 'panth'.

HSGPC president Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal said

Praise him for 'unbiased' probe

Ex gratia, job for martyred sepoys' kin

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday announced ex gratia of Rs 50 lakh, along with a government job each to the families of Sepoys Prabhjot Singh and Amardeep Singh of 21 Punjab, who laid down their lives in the line of duty yesterday.

Extending his sympathies with the bereaved families, Capt Amarinder said their utmost dedication to defend the country's unity and integrity, even putting their

Both soldiers were killed in avalanche



MLA Sukhpal Khaira and Health Minister Balbir Sidhu during the inauguration of a dialysis unit in Bholath.

Khaira shares stage with Congress minister, sets political circles abuzz

DEEPKAMAL KAUR

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KAPURTHALA, APRIL 26

Bholath MLA Sukhpal Khaira today shared stage with Health Minister Balbir Sidhu as both showed unusual bonhomie at an event to unveil a dialysis unit at the Civil Hospital, Bholath, triggering speculation of the former rejoining the Congress ahead of the 2022 Assembly polls.

The event was organised by an NGO run by NRIs from Bholath. As minister Sidhu cut the ribbon, Khaira held it for him. Both leaders' names were on the plaque. During the event,

NO PLAN TO JOIN PARTY

There is nothing of the sort. The NRIs who donated for the Civil Hospital invited the minister and me to the function. I was there as the Bholath MLA.

Sukhpal Khaira, Bholath MLA

Sidhu made Khaira sit beside him, as both eulogised one another during their addresses.

Bholath MC chief Ved Parkash Khurana, representing the Congress, said: "It may bode well for the party.

The youth here are eagerly awaiting Khaira's comeback. He is a mass leader and will be an asset for the party."

The Congress had got its security deposit forfeited on the seat in 2017 after Khaira quit the party in December 2015 and joined the AAP.

Khaira got elevated as the Leader of Opposition, but left the AAP too in January 2019. Since then, he continues to be the MLA as he has not been disqualified by the Assembly. The Congress, too, has been unable to find a suitable replacement for Khaira in the constituency.

Khaira, however, dismissed the speculation.

On April 22, setting aside the gangster's apprehension of a fake encounter during transit to Faridkot, the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) court here had asked the police to bring him from the Ajmer jail for production in the local court on April 27.

Armed with court orders, the Faridkot police approached the jail authorities in Ajmer today for Bishnoi's custody but were told a

Capt colluding with accused: AAP

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today accused Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh of colluding with accused persons/officials involved in the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib and Bebhal Kalan and Kotkapura firing cases.

State AAP president Bhagwant Mann said SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal and his aides were celebrating because of the alleged backing of Capt Amarinder Singh. He rued neither the Guru nor the sangat had received justice and neither had any culprit received the punishment.

BADALS STILL IN DOCK

The Badals have not yet received a clean chit. Neither the trial has been held nor the investigation has been completed.

Bhagwant Mann,
STATE AAP PRESIDENT

He said the 10th challan of former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh's SIT in which the names of the former CM and the Deputy CM (Parkash

Singh Badal and Sukhbir Singh Badal), including other accused, were listed for submission, but before that the probe was quashed under a conspiracy.

Mann said the celebrations of the Badals suggested Sukhbir had full confidence in his 'uncle' Capt Amarinder Singh, who would not let the Badal family get harmed in any way. He said Capt Amarinder had taken oath holding Gutka Sahib within a week of the formation of the government, the culprits of sacrilege and firing cases would be jailed. — TNS

Faridkot cops fail to get Bishnoi's custody

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DELHI POLICE GET THE GANGSTER FIRST

FARIDKOT, APRIL 26

The Faridkot police today failed to get the custody of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, a prime suspect in the Youth Congress leader's murder case, on a production warrant.

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approached the jail authorities in Ajmer today for Bishnoi's custody but were told a

team of Delhi Police had already taken him in custody in connection with a criminal case registered against him in the national capital.

then move an application in the CJM court here for a fresh production warrant," said a senior police officer.

Bishnoi is one of the key

accused in the murder of District Youth Congress president Gurpal Singh Pehlwan on February 18. The police have been seeking to get his custody for the past two months.

Bishnoi had recently moved an application in court, opposing his production warrant, fearing a fake encounter, after the Faridkot police approached the court for his custody. Bishnoi was demanding questioning through video conferencing.

However, dismissing Bishnoi's plea, the CJM court on April 22 observed there was no reason to distrust the police and it should make formal arrest of the accused and make him join investigation in the case. Custodial interrogation of the accused was necessary as Bishnoi was accused of playing a role in the crime at the back stage, observed the court.

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

To facilitate e-learning in government schools amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Cabinet today approved modalities for distribution of mobile phones to 2.15 lakh students of Class XII for the 2021-2022 session under the Punjab Smart Connect Scheme.

The decision was taken during a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh at Punjab Bhawan here this evening. The state government has allotted a budget of

Rs 100 crore to the School Education Department for the scheme for the financial year 2021-22.

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lar students (boys and girls)

studying in Class XII of government schools were given mobile phones last year. It has now been decided to extend the scheme to the students to be admitted to Class XII of the 2021-2022 academic year.

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Patiala hospital sees 31 deaths in 24 hrs

KARAM PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, APRIL 26
Amid the rising Covid-19 cases in the state, Patiala's Government Rajindra Hospital reported 31 deaths due to the pandemic over the past 24 hours. With this development, the total toll at the hospital rose to 1,221 since the outbreak of the disease last year. This is the highest number of Covid deaths at the hospital since the deadly virus emerged.

Of the 31 patients, 14 were from Patiala, six from Mohali, four Sangrur, two Ludhiana and one each from Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, SBS Nagar, Ropar and Mansa.

Sources said the maximum deaths — 13 — were reported from the ICU of the Covid ward at the hospital. Doctors said 19 Covid patients died within 24 hours of the admission while nine passed away within 48 hours.

Currently, around 300 patients are undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Meanwhile, Surbhi Malik, in

Most succumb within 48 hours of admission



Two girls wait for their father's body outside the mortuary of Government Rajindra Hospital in Patiala. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

50 CRITICAL PATIENTS ADMITTED IN 2 DAYS

We admitted 50 patients in the past two days. Most of the deaths were witnessed within 48 hours of the admission. People were coming to the hospital in a critical condition. Surbhi Malik, IN CHARGE, COVID ISOLATION WARD

charge, Covid Isolation Ward, Rajindra hospital, said, "We admitted 50 patients in the

past two days. A majority of deaths were witnessed within 48 hours of the admission."

COVID METER

Cases	6,318
Critical	85
Active	49,894
Deaths	98

WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Ludhiana	753	10
SAS Nagar	749	11
Jalandhar	658	6
Bathinda	468	4

30 ARMY MEN TO ASSIST MEDICS

The Patiala district administration has started utilising the services of the Army. In all, 30 Army men on Monday joined duty and will help manage bodies in addition to looking after the sick. "Thirty Army men will help paramedics look after Covid patients at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala," said DC Kumar Amit while reviewing the arrangements. TNS

She said the people were coming to the hospital in a critical condition.

Surbhi said the proportion of moderately sick patients was much higher than those in "very sick" and "critical" condition in the previous wave. "It is reverse now. The level three patients (very sick and critical) are more in number this time." The hospital had all necessary equipment and facilities, including specialist doctors and ventilators, she pointed out.

She said as per the data collected from inside the hospital, the people who had taken two doses of vaccine were hardly among the critical patients. "This suggests that the vaccination goes a long way in reducing mortality and extreme sickness," she said.

Following the rising deaths, the mortuary that has the capacity of 14 bodies is running out of space.

Meanwhile, Dr Rajan Singla, Principal, Government Medical College, said, "We have enough space at the mortuary. Apart from 14 chambers, we have one more room where more bodies can be kept."

Amid O2 rationing, Jalandhar dist falls short of Remdesivir

No supply for a week | Drug officials unresponsive

APARNA BANERJI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, APRIL 26

With the administration is already rationing the oxygen supply in the district, a shortage of Remdesivir has now been reported in Jalandhar.

For the past four to five days, the Remdesivir stocks have dried up, forcing hospitals to send SOS calls to wholesalers — who too, have run out of supply. The drug department, doctors say, has stopped picking up the calls on Monday.

On April 24, the drug department formed the State Remdesivir Injection Monitoring Centre and deputed nodal officers to control the supply and black marketing of injections. But doctors alleged the department had been unresponsive amid drying supplies.

Sources said the injection sells for Rs 10,000 to Rs 12,000 on the black market and calls from individuals keen on hoarding the vaccine for personal use were also common.

Dr BS Johal, owner, Johal Hospital, said, "We haven't received Remdesivir for the past five days. We have reports of Remdesivir being supplied to two-three other hospitals while the rest are left watching."

Meanwhile, the ZLA said: "I don't have any information about any hospitals being given Remdesivir last night."

NO INFO ON STOCK

"We're not getting any injections. I have no clue when the next stock will arrive. Besides, Remdesivir is being allotted by the drug department. Nodal officers only do monitoring, not allotment. Lakhwanti Singh, NODAL OFFICER FOR REMDESIVIR MONITORING

How are we going to treat patients if we are not getting life-saving drugs?"

Meanwhile, Dr SPS Grover, MD, New Ruby Hospital, said, "We don't have a single vial of Remdesivir. Four days ago, we received six vials by the drug department. We need at least 10 to 15 vials a day. Oxygen is already being rationed, now Remdesivir is also unavailable. These are life-saving drugs on which patients are heavily dependent."

Sharanjit Vij, wholesaler, Pratap Medical Agency, said,

"We are getting non-stop calls from all hospitals seeking Remdesivir. But we are not receiving any stock. The last delivery was about five to seven days ago. We received 80 vials, which were quickly disbursed as per the need."

Meanwhile, the ZLA said: "I don't have any information about any hospitals being given Remdesivir last night."

Only 1.9 lakh vax doses left: Govt

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

The state is left with only 1.9 lakh doses of Covid-19 vaccine owing to low supply from the Union Government. Of this, more than 1 lakh doses are expected to be exhausted today.

Inaugurating a dialysis unit, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said 1.5 lakh beneficiaries got vaccinated on April 25. Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had already raised the red flag, demanding regular supply of vaccine and oxygen from the Centre.

On the ongoing vaccination drive, the minister said the state government was vaccinating people at primary health centres and health wellness centres besides holding special camps in the rural areas. "We have capacity to vaccinate more than 3 lakh beneficiaries daily," said Sidhu.

He said more than 30,05,083 individuals had been vaccinated in the state so far. Of these, 26,82,393 had received their first dose, while 3,22,690 had got the second shot.

He said the government had already urged the Centre to

Says 15L required a week, can inoculate 3L people daily

VACCINATED SO FAR	
Doses	Beneficiaries
First	26,82,393
Second	3,22,690
Total	30,05,083

regularise the supply of vaccines as 15 lakh doses were required every week, given the capability of the trained staff and infrastructure to vaccinate 3 lakh people daily.

He said the Health Department had written to the Union Ministry of Health on April 22 demanding 10 lakh vaccine doses. In reply, the Centre said it would send only 1.5 lakh doses of Covishield against the demand by Tuesday, he claimed. —TNS



People sans mask attend Ropar MC chief's installation ceremony.

Norms go for a toss at Ropar MC event

ARUN SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, APRIL 26
Covid-19 norms went for a toss during the installation ceremony of newly-elected MC president Sanjay Verma, who took oath in the presence of Punjab Youth Congress president Brinder Singh Dhillon here on Monday.

While the state government had prohibited assembly of more than 20 persons during such events, more than 100 persons attended the ceremony, many of whom were without a facemask.

Interestingly, the police had arrested a bridegroom last evening for organising a party attended by 30 persons in his fields near Anandpur Sahib.

Dhillon, washing his hands of any responsibility in this regard, said he didn't organise the function and was there only as a guest. Verma, too, said the

Over 100 attend function, most without mask

invite was not sent to so many people. They just thronged the venue due to his "popularity", he added.

SSP Akhil Chaudhary said organising such functions with a gathering of more than 20 persons was an offence and he would take appropriate action after going through the matter.

Meanwhile, 147 new Covid-19 cases were reported in the district on Monday, of which 81 belonged only to Ropar block. Beside, two persons succumbed to the virus during the past 24 hours, taking toll in the district to 256 since the epidemic broke out last year. The number of total active cases in the district stood at 1,088 on Monday.

COVID-19 Proning for Self-care

- PRONING is the process of turning a patient with precise, safe motions, from their back onto their abdomen (stomach), so the individual is lying face down.
- Proning is a medically accepted position to improves breathing comfort and oxygenation.
- It is extremely beneficial for COVID-19 patients with compromised breathing comfort, especially during home isolation.

Importance of Prone Lying

- Prone positioning improves ventilation, keeps alveolar units open and breathing easy.
- Proning is required only when the patient feels difficulty in breathing and the SpO2 decreases below 94 (less than 94).
- Regular monitoring of SpO2, along with other signs like temperature, blood pressure and blood sugar is important during home isolation.
- Missing out on hypoxia (compromised Oxygen circulation) may lead to worsening of complications.
- Timely proning and maintaining good ventilation could save many lives.

POSITIONING OF PILLOW

- One pillow below the neck
- One or two pillows below the chest through upper thighs
- Two pillows below the shins



For Self-Proning

- You will need 4-5 Pillows
- Regular alterations in lying position
- Don't spend more than 30 minutes in each position



Avoid Proning in conditions like

- Pregnancy
- Deep venous thrombosis (Treated in less than 48 hours)
- Major cardiac conditions
- Unstable spine, femur or pelvic fractures
- Avoid proning for an hour after meals
- Maintain proning for only as much time as easily tolerable.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Harbans Singh s/o Ramkrishan Singh, village Dalla, Tehsil Chankaur Sahib (Rupnagar), have declared that my daughter's name is in English Sarabjeet Kaur, but the correct name is Sarabjeet Kaur. All concerns please note. (CL21009905)

I, Raju alias Mukesh Kumar S/o Ram Sawroop R/o 330 Sector 45, Burail, Chandigarh have changed my name to Raju. (CL21009906)

I, Sukhjit Singh s/o Surinder Singh r/o 1100/1, Sector 29-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sukhjit Singh Cheema. (CL21009909)

I, Durga Singh S/o Shri Padam Singh R/o Village & P.O. Mandorehat, Tensil Sunni, Distt. Shimla, H.P. declare that in my Army Service record my wife's name wrongly entered as Mamta Thakur which may be corrected as Mamta Devi. Concerned note. (CL21009920)

I, Sub. Sukhdev Singh (JC-354328-N) of Unit 108 Engr. Regt. c/o 99 APO, declare in my service records my wife Ranjita Kaur's birth date wrongly recorded as 20.06.1979 instead of correct birth date 01.07.1973. Concerned note. (CL21009925)

I, Ranbir Kaur w/o Darshan Singh Cheema r/o House No. 2918, Extension-6, Sunny Enclave, Sector 125, Mundi Kharar (Mohali), have changed my name from Ranbir Kaur to Ranbir Kaur Cheema. (CL21009930)

I, Rajdevi w/o Ex Rifleman Balwant Singh (No. 2857515-M) s/o Gopiram r/o Village Sunderpur, District Rohtak, declares that I have changed my name from Rajdevi to Rajkala hence in future my names be recorded as Rajkala for all purposes. (CL21009945)

I, Bijender Singh s/o Hoshbir Singh r/o VPO Khidwali, District Rohtak, have changed my name from Bijender Singh to Bijender for all future purposes. (CL21009952)

COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Ms. Pavleen Singh
Civil Judge (Jr. Division),
Ludhiana.
Jasmohinder Singh
Vs.
Jasbir Kaur
CNR No.
PBLOD-004075-2020
Next Date: 12.05.2021

Publication issued to:
Parampreet Kaur d/o Late S. Amarjit Singh, Harkiran Singh s/o Late S. Amarjit Singh, Prabhjot Singh s/o Late S. Amarjit Singh all r/o House No. 1052, New Model Town, Mullanpur, Distt. Ludhiana.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
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Dated, this day of 17.03.2021.

Sd/- Civil Judge
(Junior Division),
CL20109979 Ludhiana.

In the Court of
Sh. Gurpreet Singh
Civil Judge (Junior Division),
Ludhiana.
Prem Lata
Versus
Surinder Rani
CS/706/2021
CNR No.

PBLD02-000960-2021
Notice to:
General Public

The Plaintiff Prem Lata wife of Arun Kumar has filed the suit for declaration to declare the plaintiff Prem Lata as legal Heir, being class-1 heir, resident of House No. 4554, Shivaji Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana. Notice is issued in the name of General Public that in case anybody has any objection for the grant of succession certification, he/she can file objections to the same on or before 11.05.2021 at 10.00 a.m. failing which the suit shall be decided in accordance with law.

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COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of
Chandna Bhatti
Civil Judge (Junior Division)-13,
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Rajnish Kumar
Versus
Mohinder Pal etc.

CNR No. PBLOJ02-001504-2018
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(4) Binny Khosla w/o Late Roshan Lal 227, Phase 1, GMS Road, Engineer Enclave, Dehradun.
(5) Chandresh Kumar s/o Late Roshan Lal 145, Phase 1, GMS Road, Engineer Enclave, Dehradun.

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Kapurthala.

Daljit Singh

Versus
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CNR No.

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Next Date: 12.05.2021

Petition U/S 13 (1) (ia) and

Section 13 (1) (ib) of HMA

Publication issued to: Sarbjit Kaur W/o Daljit Singh D/o: Balwinder Singh S/o Banta Singh R/o Village Bholath Sharki, Tehsil Bholath, District Kapurthala.

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Sd/-

District and Sessions Judge,

CL21009956 Kapurthala.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of
Preeti Saini

Principal Judge,

Family Court, Jalandhar.

Sukhwinder Kaur d/o Niray Singh Address: Village Jahangirpur District Kapurthala.

Versus

Gurpreet Singh s/o Kulwant Singh

Address: Village Moga, P.S. Bhogpur, Jalandhar.

CNR No:

PBJL01-002487-2020

Next Date: 11.05.2021

Petition Under section 13 of

Hindu Marriage Act for

dissolution of marriage by a

decree of divorce.

Publication issued to:

Gurpreet Singh Father:-

Kulwant Singh Village Moga,

P.S. Bhogpur, Jalandhar.

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Sd/- Principal Judge,

Family Court,

Jalandhar.

DISCLAIMER

8 civil hospitals, zero ventilator in Fatehgarh



Doctors in the district are helpless in treating emergency cases.

SURINDER BHARDWAJ**FATEHGHAR SAHIB, APRIL 26**

While Fatehgarh Sahib has three MLAs and a doctor MP from the ruling party, none of the eight civil hospitals in the district is equipped with a ventilator to cater to the urgent needs of Covid and other critically ill patients.

With the state reeling under crisis, doctors in the district are helpless in treating emergency cases and are forced to refer them to Government Rajendra Hospital, Patiala, or the PGI, Chandigarh. Some even die on their way.

Dr Baljeet Kaur, Civil Surgeon, Fatehgarh Sahib, said the district had eight hospitals with capacity of 300 beds. There were 112 isolation wards for level two Covid patients.

As none of the hospitals has a

a

ventilator, seriously ill patients were referred to hospitals out-

side of the district. She said they had written to the Health Department to provide ventilators, but were awaiting response. Three advanced life support system machines donated by NGOs had been installed in ambulances, she said.

Dr Kuldeep Singh, SMO, Civ-

il Hospital, said being a district headquarter facility, it direly needed a ventilator. The hospital had five anaesthesia specialists and MD doctors to operate ventilators and platforms had been constructed for two machines. There was no shortage of oxygen, he said.

"It has been six years since

Amid surge, rural docs defer Covid duty boycott

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**LUDHIANA, APRIL 26**

Rural medical officers, who threatened to boycott the Covid duties from Monday if their demand for Dynamic Assured Career Progression (DACP) of cadre is not fulfilled, have deferred the move seeing the recent surge and assurance by the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat.

The rural medical officers are wearing black bands to work as a mark of protest. "Rural medical officers are serving in remote areas of the state since 2006. Earlier, they were on contract and were later regularised in 2011. The cadre has been granted salary and allowances on a par with medical officers of the health department. In 2015, they became eligible for the application of DACP, but it has been delayed and the demand is still unfulfilled," said Dr JP Narula, state president, Rural Medical Services' Association.

"We are eligible but have been denied our right. We had decided to protest but seeing the rising cases and assurance from the minister concerned, we have deferred our decision," said a rural medical officer.



A rural medical officer wears a black band while on duty.

DEMAND EQUAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT

- Dynamic Assured Career Progression is given to all doctors working under the Department of Health and Family Welfare
- Rural medical officers have been ignored and as a result they are getting 20% less pay as compared to their counterparts

we are eligible but have been denied our right. We had decided to protest but seeing the rising cases and assurance from the minister concerned, we have deferred our decision," said a rural medical officer.

Abohar hospital to increase testing capacity

ABOHAL, APRIL 26

Kiran's parents die of Covid

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26
The parents of former Congress minister and Tosham MLA Kiran Choudhry passed away in Delhi today.

People close to the family said Choudhry's father Brig Atma Singh (retd) died in the morning, while her mother Sarla Devi passed away in the evening.

It is learnt that both died due to Covid. Posting a tweet in the night, Choudhry said, "It is quite painful to see both my mother and father passing away on the same day."

DSP PASSES AWAY

Jhajjar: DSP Ashok Kumar posted at Badli died of Covid at an extension centre of AIIMS in the district's Badhsa village on Monday. He was 50. He was admitted to the hospital last week after having tested positive. The last rites were performed at Thana Khurd village in Sonepat district. TNS

More oxygen-supported beds

PGIMS to have 1,000 beds | Oxygen quota increased to 200 MT

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26
Amid the shortage of oxygen and beds in hospitals, Haryana has decided to add 3,850 more oxygen-supported beds.

Senior IAS officer PK Das, who has been specially deputed for increasing the bed strength, said in the next seven days, 2,750 oxygen-supported beds would be added in medical colleges. At present, there are 1,750 such beds.

"About 100-beds will be added in Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hospital in Faridabad by Thursday which will be manned by the Army personnel," said Das.

He added that oxygen in gas form is available at the Panipat IOCL refinery and Jindal Steel facility in Hisar. But for transportation, it has to be converted into liquid state. "We are planning to set up 500-bed facility each in Panipat, near the IOCL refinery and Hisar near the Jindal Steel facility. The oxygen will



Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Hisar on Monday.

CM INSPECTS SITE FOR HOSPITAL

Hisar: Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday inspected Om Prakash Jindal Modern School, the site which has been finalised for a temporary Covid hospital here. It will be one of the two 500-bed hospitals announced by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The other one will be in Panipat. TNS

be directly supplied there. These will be temporary hospitals. These will come up in the next 15 days. The work has started," he said.

"We are carrying out analysis of our needs in the coming days by extrapolating figures," he said. On oxygen shortage,

he held a meeting with Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vijayendra Kumar, for diverting industrial oxygen for medical use. "We will need over 200 MT oxygen per day in the coming days. At present, we are getting 162 MT per day. I hope we

will be able to meet the demand through industry," he said.

He said the state had enough number of ventilators.

On the shortage of beds in Panchkula and Gurugram, he said a temporary hospital would come up in Gurugram.

"The Command Hospital under the Western Command would be approached for help," he added.

Rohtak: CM Manohar Lal Khattar has said the state government was making all-out efforts to supply medical oxygen in adequate quantity to Covid patients.

Haryana has an oxygen quota of 162 MT. It has been increased to 200 MT. Besides, 240 MT of oxygen has been sought from the Centre. The number of beds earmarked for Covid patients was being increased from 350 to 1,000 at the PGIMS," he told the media after having taken stock of the healthcare services at the PGIMS here today.

Protest against Khattar foiled, 35 detained in F'bad

GURUGRAM, APRIL 26

More than 35 persons, including Congress activists, who assembled to protest the Chief Minister's visit to Gold Field Hospital, Chhainsa, were detained today in Faridabad. They were released an hour later.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar went to Faridabad's Chhainsa village on Monday to take stock of the situation at a hospital.

People here planned to show black flags to the Chief Minister, accusing the government of not preparing for the pandemic. Local Congress leader Rakesh Tanwar, along with his supporters, staged protest and raised slogans against the government. They were rounded up about 20 minutes before the arrival of CM Manohar Lal Khattar.

The protesters were taken away in a police van and sent to City police station, Ballabgarh, where after noting their details, they were released after the CM left for Gurugram. — TNS

As many as 6,211 patients

75 die; testing dips

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

COVID METER

Cases	11,504
Critical	1,308
Active cases	79,466
Deaths	75

WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar, Sonepat and Karnal

LOCKDOWN IN 3 F'BAD ZONES

- The Faridabad administration has imposed lockdown in three micro-containment zones for a week
- There are 3,291 patients in zone 1, 2,389 in zone 2 and 1,751 in zone 3
- District Magistrate Garima Mittal has imposed the lockdown till May 2 up to 6 pm
- Besides, she imposed Section 144 of the CrPC in the district

recovered in the last 24 hours and at present, there are 79,466 active cases in the state.

Vij: Deaths in Hisar, Rewari to be probed

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26
Health Minister Anil Vij has said Covid-related deaths in Hisar and Rewari would be investigated.

It is alleged that Covid patients died because of shortage of oxygen.

"The inquiry reports will be available by tomorrow," Vij said after the state-level Covid monitoring committee meeting today.

He further said MBBS and final-year PG students studying in medical colleges would be deployed for Covid duties.

The minister ordered that 20 vehicles of Dial 112 would be deployed in each district as ambulances.

Vij appealed to the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Haryana chapter, to help the state with doctors and paramedical staff in view of the surge in Covid cases.

He tweeted: "Haryana IMA is humbly requested to come forward in this Corona crisis. We want to create extra Corona hospitals at places of need. For that, we

Daily positivity rate rises to 22 pc, transmission rate up

SUSHIL MANAV

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26

The daily positivity rate has surged to over 22 per cent and reproductive number to (R Naught value) 1.36 in Haryana, as the state witnessed 60 per cent increase in weekly cases and double the number of deaths in the last seven days over the preceding week.

During the same period, deaths due to Covid-19 surged to 352 from 147, an increase of 139 per cent in a week.

Also, 352 mortalities during the past seven days

were the highest-ever deaths in seven days in the state ever since the pandemic began in March 2020.

According to the weekly status report of Covid-19 in Haryana compiled by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (ICDP) of the Health and Family Welfare Department, the highest daily positivity rate where the authorities tested 29,820 sam-

pling the last week.

During the past seven days, the Health Department collected 3,09,224 samples, of which 67,348 tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19), making it a weekly positivity rate of 21.77 per cent.

With 32.01 per cent, Faridabad district has the highest positivity rate where the authorities tested 29,820 sam-

ples for 9,546 positive cases.

Sonepat 29.42 per cent (18,116 samples for 5,332 cases) is another district with higher positivity rate, while Panchkula, with 2,317 positive cases from 14,766 tests, had a relatively lower positivity rate of 15.69 per cent.

CORRIGENDUM

This has reference to advertisement published in this newspaper on 27th March 2021 for requirement of Land for Retail Outlet (Petrol / Diesel Pump) in the State of Haryana. It is to notify that the last date for submission of application is extended till 26th May 2021. All other terms and conditions remain same. The applications already received will be considered valid and those applicant need not to apply again.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 167/Tend/COR/2020-21/3/4-A

Online Tender of Medical consumables for a period of Six Months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus, Haryana of "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 26.04.2021 onwards on e-procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

For Managing Director, HMSCL, Panchkula

Grant-in-Aid opportunity for Agri-startups

Him Pal RKVY-RAFTA Agri-Business Incubator of CSK Haryana invites applications from budding entrepreneurs for its following Agri-Startups Programmes being funded by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India:

- Him Aarambh programme-2021 aiming at providing Grant-in-Aid up to 5 Lakh for developing innovative, scalable business models (Minimum Viable Products), and scaling up/commercializing their innovative business models (Minimum Viable Products).
- Him Utikarsh programme-2021 aiming at providing Grant-in-Aid up to 25 Lakh for scaling up/commercializing their innovative business models (Minimum Viable Products).

For the prescribed application and other details, Click the running message on Home Page of University website (www.hillagric.ac.in).

Send duly completed and signed application form latest by 31.05.2021 either through Speed Post to THE HEAD, HIM PALAM R-ABI, DEPARTMENT OF SOIL SCIENCE, CSKHPKV, PALAMPUR, HIMACHAL PRADESH - 176062 or Email its scanned copy to rabihi@palam@gmail.com.

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TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

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2.	Sanitation work on road of Sector 88 and 89, SAS Nagar (Re-invited)	Rs. 40.66 Lac

Tender Processing Fee (Appx.) : As mentioned online Duration of Work : Sr. No. 1 & 2 : 16.05.2021 to 31.03.2022

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1 & 2	From 27.04.2021 07.05.2021 11:00 AM	To 07.05.2021 11:00 AM	Shall be initiated after evaluation of technical bid

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Man booked for thrashing live-in partner

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 26
The state has issued shifted 26 HCS officers and one HPS officer. Kuldhir Singh, CEO, Zila Parishad, Rewari, and CEO, DRDA, Rewari, has been posted as CEO, Zila Parishad, Kaithal, and CEO, DRDA, Kaithal.

Kamal Preet Kaur, CEO, ZP, Kaithal, and CEO, DRDA, Kaithal, has been posted as Deputy Secretary, Finance Department, Mahesh Kumar, Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Bhiwani, has been posted as CEO, Zila Parishad, Rohtak, and CEO, DRDA, Rohtak.</p

The Tribune

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Death by apathy

Make bureaucratic, political bosses answerable for O₂ crisis

THREE is no end to the nation's misery as citizens are left lamenting their losses, while running in circles begging for beds in hospitals and oxygen cylinders. If the defining picture of the 2020 lockdown was that of law-abiding people travelling in the bowels of cement mixers, the lasting image of the second surge of the pandemic in 2021 is that of patients dying in hospitals gasping for breath with their caregivers begging for oxygen in the national capital. Theirs cannot be termed a natural death; they were killed by apathy. And they were not voiceless migrant labour but the middle class that could afford expensive treatment.

Our politicians do a lot of forward planning to get elected. They spend months or even years mobilising people, conducting several rounds of surveys understanding the choices of the voters, deploying artificial intelligence to airbrush their image and finally, reaching out to the electorate through innovative means like *panna pramukh* or page-in-charge of the voters' list for every booth. Such meticulous planning and execution make them wonder-men of our democracy. But, that democracy appears to have become seriously sick like a Covid patient as it doesn't perform any function other than electioneering. After getting elected, these same super-efficient men and women cannot even install 162 Pressure Swing Adsorption oxygen plants worth a meagre Rs 200 crore in a whole year — apparently the tendering process itself took about seven months. This Sunday, the Prime Minister announced 551 more such plants — one in almost every district. Better late than never.

Kerala is also ruled by politicians accused of being vile and corrupt, but if that state could become oxygen-surplus in no time, there ought to have been nothing stopping the Centre or the other states. All those responsible for not ramping up oxygen production, creating transportation facilities and installing oxygen plants, despite being tasked to do so, should be punished. Also, the bureaucratic and political bosses who failed to prepare for the second surge should be made answerable. What separates a failed State from a successful one is the latter's ability to enforce accountability.

Punjab's reckless netas

Don't spare those who violate Covid protocols

EVEN though Punjab's Covid positivity rate of over 10 per cent is among the highest in the country, a section of the state's politicians — including those from the ruling party — is cocking a snook at the safety protocols. On Friday night, several Congress leaders assembled for a celebration at a resort on the outskirts of Bathinda, in violation of the Covid norms. It was only after footage of the incident went viral on social media and sparked public outrage that the police sealed the place and registered a case against the owner. Another video clip that shows a Congress MLA dancing at a wedding with his friends and relatives — all of them without a mask — is also being widely circulated.

On April 7, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had announced a ban on political gatherings in the state till April 30 in view of the surge in coronavirus cases. He had warned that violators, including political leaders, would be booked under the Disaster Management Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act. However, just five days later, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu was spotted without a mask at an event where newly elected councillors of the Mohali Municipal Corporation took oath. Social distancing was conspicuous by its absence when he posed for photographs with his brother — the new Mayor — and other local politicians.

The Assembly elections are not due in Punjab before January 2022, yet political leaders seem to be already in the poll mode amid the raging pandemic. Delhi Chief Minister and AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal and Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal addressed rallies in the state last month, exposing large crowds to the risk of contracting the virus. Unfortunately, such irresponsible behaviour is continuing unabated, albeit on a smaller scale, even after the imposition of the so-called ban on political events. The onus is on the law enforcement agencies to take the offenders to task, irrespective of their party affiliations, while the politicians themselves need to mend their ways. Unless there is zero tolerance to the violations at all levels, the situation will only worsen in Punjab.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Leadership is about taking responsibility, not making excuses. — Mitt Romney

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1921

REPRESSION A LASTING REMEDY?

THE Punjab Government notification announcing the extension of the Prevention of Seditious Meetings Act for another period of six months in the districts of Lahore, Amritsar and Sheikhupura, while expressing regret at the necessity which has forced Governments to extend the operation of the Act, holds out a threat that the Act would not be withdrawn so long as the present conditions prevail. The position, therefore, amounts to this. The Government is prepared to extend the Act not once or twice but as many times as they think it necessary in the interests of law and order. Nobody questions the right of the Government to adopt all necessary measures to secure the vast bulk of the people against seditious propaganda. That is one of the prime duties of a civilised Government and we do not believe any man in his senses would seek to quarrel with the Government on that score. However the question that faces the province and the country at the present moment is: how long is this process of mutual estrangement between the Government and the people to last? It is a mistake to regard the present disturbed state of the public mind in certain districts of the Punjab as something isolated from the conditions prevailing in the rest of the country. The fact is that the present unrest which one witnesses in the Punjab is not sporadic but generic. The Gurdwara agitation, though in itself a religious movement, is yet another expression of the unrest which one witnesses today in the Province in common with the rest of the country. The cure to be applied, if it is to be effective, ought to be radical. Has repression ever proved a lasting remedy? The teaching of history does not warrant a reply in the affirmative. Even in our own time within the British Empire itself, repression has been tried over and again in Egypt, in Ireland and in India. It has often failed.

It's complacency, not conspiracy

RSS general secy's remarks will only encourage a culture of evading responsibility



MANOJ JOSHI

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW, OBSERVER RESEARCH FOUNDATION



IN DENIAL: Whatever be Hosabale's belief, the fact is that people have begun to distrust the State which has let them down. PTI

THE statement issued by RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale cautioning that 'destructive anti-Bharat forces' could exploit the second Covid wave to 'create an atmosphere of negativity and distrust' is, to put it politely, tone-deaf. Just what he means about being 'cautious of conspiracies of these destructive forces' is not clear; unless he is pointing fingers at those who are criticising the handling of the pandemic by the government.

There is no doubt that we confront an extremely serious crisis that has bred an atmosphere, to use his own words, 'negativity and distrust'. But what did he expect? People are right now running from pillar to post for oxygen cylinders, keeping relatives alive in makeshift gurneys outside hospitals and cremating their loved ones post-haste in makeshift crematoriums.

They are in a negative mood, and yes, they have begun to distrust the State which has let them down. Hosabale's response to all this seems to focus more on what 'anti-Bharat forces' may be up to rather than the travails of the 'Bharat vasis'. All this is even more remarkable because Hosabale (67) has an ABVP background and is well educated and was expected to be a modernising force in the outfit since he is one of the few in the higher echelons of the outfit to have worked in a front organisation like the ABVP.

Instead of worrying about destructive anti-Bharat forces that could take advantage of the situation, Hosabale would have done signal service if he had led the process of introspec-

tion as to where things went wrong. The RSS has a big equity in the BJP government. It is perhaps the only organisation which the government will listen to in the present circumstances. See how Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan fobbed off the advice offered by former PM Manmohan Singh.

Such an exercise would reveal that complacency, bred by overweening arrogance, was the major problem. Responsibility for this rests on both the Union and the state governments, but more on the former because it guides issues under the Disaster Management Act. There must be some explanation as to why the government 'experts' did not anticipate this second wave, since such waves were occurring around the world.

It would be evident, too, that there were spectacular acts of carelessness. Running a multi-phase election campaign which featured mass rallies was not the acme of common sense. Hosabale wants people to show 'self-restraint and discipline' but that advice could have been better direct-

ed to PM Modi and Home Minister Shah's electioneering. As for the states, Uttarakhand took the prize in permitting the Kumbh mela. The erstwhile RSS pracharak and CM Tirath Singh Rawat made the extraordinary claim that 'Ma Ganga's blessings are there in the flow' that would protect the devotees. Ganga Ma did not oblige either the devotees or Rawat himself.

Hosabale's remarks will only encourage a culture of evading responsibility. Some of this extreme attitude can be seen, for example, in the response of UP CM Adityanath to reports that patients and hospitals are struggling to find and maintain oxygen supplies. Reportedly, Adityanath has asked officials to take action under the National Security Act, seize property of people who spread rumours. He has asserted that the problem is not shortage of oxygen, but black marketing and hoarding. All this has an echo to the 1970s when shortages of food and consumer items were ascribed to hoarding. The quality of policing in Adityanath's bailiwick is evident from the fact that

population, thinking they were helping the British. Dr Dewan Singh was asked not to serve the civil society, but he refused. The Japanese could not judge his spirit. He was tortured and attained martyrdom in the same jail where he was a medical officer.

As he lived in the hearts of the people, they came together to construct a beautiful gurdwara, a solace for the locals as well as the visitors. The gurdwara dispensary provides free service to those in need of medication. It is one religious place in that remote location where members of the management belong to all religions, serving as a lighthouse in what was known as Kala Pani during the colonial rule.

A lighthouse in the Andamans

SS CHHINA

ANY mention of the Andaman and Nicobar islands had been of much interest to me because of the tales of freedom fighters imprisoned in the Cellular Jail there. So, it was a pleasure when I was entrusted with the task of undertaking a study of the panchayat elections in those islands.

Prior to my departure for Port Blair, I was told that about half the population of Andaman and Nicobar comprised Punjabis who settled there after serving their term of imprisonment. When I arrived at Port Blair and headed towards the guesthouse, I looked on both sides of the road, but

could see just a lone turbaned Sikh

driving his scooter on this 5-km route.

Dalwinder, another prominent Punjabi, came to see me after a short while and discarded my misconceptions. These are not two islands of Andaman and Nicobar, rather there are 550 islands spread in a periphery of about 600 km. The group of 28 Nicobar Islands is about 500 km from the Andamans. Only 36 islands are inhabited. The population is only of 5 lakh, and the Punjabi population is hardly 1 per cent, numbering about 5,000. People from all states of India and all religions live here. The literacy rate is 100 per cent and nobody is below the poverty line.

The next day, while in a dense jungle, we saw a memorial in the memo-

ry of 40 Army men killed by the Japanese army, in which 22 were Punjabis. While visiting the Cellular Jail, the large number of Punjabi names could be read on the long list of prominent prisoners, particularly the statue of Baba Budh Singh outside the jail gate. The other Punjabi concern was the rush at dhabas in Port Blair. Rangat Road is 150 km long and was constructed by linking the islands with bridges.

But once I visited Dr Dewan Singh Gurdwara, I realised why the man was so revered. A medical officer of the jail, he served all sections of the population facing penury and distress. When the Japanese occupied those islands, they resorted to acts of tyranny on the civil

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Canvassing rules

Like government employees who are paid from the government exchequer from a peon to Chief Secretary, are not allowed to directly take part in elections or canvass for any political party or an individual during elections, the ministers, MPs, MLAs, etc., also should not be allowed to do it. They are the representatives of whole areas and people, and not merely members of a party. They are supposed to watch the interest of the people of his/her area. Had these conditions been enforced, the prevailing alarming Covid situation in the country would have been somewhat lighter. Canvassing should be the job of a political party through members of the party and not elected persons.

SUKHDEV SINGH, PATIALA

Need national plan

Refer to 'SC wants national plan to tackle Covid crisis'; the court has stated that a national plan is sine qua non to control the deadly disease. Because of the disease, not only human lives are lost, but also medical bills scale up massively. I was astonished to see huge gatherings of people without masks in West Bengal election rallies. Also, why during this crisis period, people were still visiting

religious places? If I am healthy, my family will be healthy, society will be healthy.

SHANKAR CHATTERJEE, HYDERABAD

Being America

We Indians are gullible and trust easily. We sent vaccines to other countries, as it is in our culture to help others. Last year we sent medicines to America. But now when we need vaccines, it is dithering on sending us raw material. The US calls India a friend, only to use us against China. History shows that the US sees its own interest first.

NARENDR K SHARMA, JOGINDER NAGAR

Lockdown in parts

A national lockdown can't be ruled out. However, the Centre, once bitten, has left any decision on lockdowns to the states. It is not a political buck that is to be passed around; it could serve as a smart instrument in combating the crisis.

The challenge is in managing the pandemic with the least required disruption in economic activity. A better design for restrictions is essential. Lockdowns can give the government the breathing space to prepare. Ramping up of the health infrastructure must be taken up on a war footing. The Centre must join hands with the states and the Oppo-

sition to frame a phased scheme of restrictions that take into account specific requirements of various places, and sectors of the economy.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

State failure

States are responsible for the steep rise in Covid cases and claim that it is the duty of the Centre to preserve the health of all citizens. Smaller countries are shocked to see the scarcity of medical oxygen in India. This had to happen. Our preparedness is sketchy. We are densely populated and lack scientific temperament. Religion always wins over science. How can we think of becoming a superpower?

JASVINDER S HUMSAFAR, MALOUDH

Congress party at resort

Refer to 'Resort sealed after Congress bash in Bathinda'; when the mighty violate the law it is always the person who is forced to violate the law for the mighty who suffers. A politician arranged a party at a resort, violating Covid norms, and the authorities arrest the resort owner and seal the resort. Why no action against the party? Congress members violating Covid norms should have been arrested, too.

PS BHATTI, CHANDIGARH

Not the time for stir

Refer to 'Khattar's advice on Sec 144 puts question mark on stir'; banning the assembly of more than four persons is a better option than curfew and lockdown to tame the Covid monster. Rakesh Tikait and others of his ilk must shed defiance of logic and law in the guise of farmers' agitation (since hijacked by political interests). There is no room for agitations in the current national corona emergency.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

IPL game-changers

Apropos of 'Man of the hour', Chennai Super Kings' talismanic captain MS Dhoni knows how to pull out the best from his players. And why not, he has been doing this job for more than a decade. Jadeja's excellence in the match against the Royal Challengers is an epitome of this. After a thundering performance with the bat, the left-arm all-rounder gave a jolt to the opponent with the ball, too. But it was Dhoni who kept guiding him from behind the stumps. After a pathetic season last year in the UAE, the Chennai Super Kings seems to have been back in form with four consecutive wins. It is imperative for the three-time IPL champions to regain their lost glory.

TUSHAR ANAND, PATNA

94 of 120 orders on the NSA were quashed by the Allahabad High Court in the period between January 2018 and December 2020.

A more proactive government could have anticipated the second wave and unrolled a vaccination programme at the highest possible speed. Instead, the government dawdled and diverted the effort by boasting of their success and busying themselves exporting vaccines. The government experts could not have been unaware of the scale of the task the country would have had in vaccinating a country of 1.4 billion.

Yet, no effort was made to put down extra money to speed up things, create more lines for vaccine production and construct storage and distribution networks and oxygen plants. Indeed, Serum Institute CEO Adar Poonawalla was criticised for drawing the attention of the government to the issue of planning and guiding vaccine manufacturers for procurement and distribution of the vaccine. India also did not cater for the possibility that the AstraZeneca vaccine may develop problems and that would have left India high and dry. Ignore for a moment the fiasco about unrolling the indigenous vaccine on August 15.

The US government, for example, put down serious money in six different vaccine projects since early 2020. The sense of purpose has been evident from the fact that it has managed to fully vaccinate 29 per cent of its population so far, while India's figure is just about 1.6 per cent. Given India's well-known capacity as a vaccine producer, this should not have been the case. That it happened is an administrative failure.

The Sangh Parivar will be the net loser in trying to push critics of the government's ineptitude into the category of anti-nationals. It is this kind of attitude that probably led to this crisis in the first place. When you believe that everything that you do is right and all critics are motivated by some sinister desire to undermine you, you are unable to see the problems till they hit you in the face.

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Civil service finds itself at the crossroads



KS CHALAM

ECONOMIST AND FORMER UPSC MEMBER

THE present chaos and confusion in the management of the upsurge of Covid-19 cases in different parts of the country make us reflect on the delivery of public services. Is it, to quote *The Guardian*, 'overconfidence' or overemphasis on 'minimum government, maximum governance'? India is known to have a systematic rule-based or *dharma*-controlled government. Kautilya's *Arthashastra* (Book IV) noted that there are eight kinds of providential visitations: fire, floods, pestilential diseases, famine, rats, tigers, serpents and demons. 'From these shall the king protect his kingdom.' It is his *dharma*. There is a separate chapter on how to overcome pestilence. The same remedial measures shall be taken against epidemics. We are obliged here to provide references to our past and the glory of great traditions of governance, though World Bank experts and/or Harvard-educated bureaucrats today may not consider these as important. There seems to be some contradiction or incongruity between the declared policy of 'minimum government, maximum governance' and the past administrative traditions of India.

Governance in India is understood through the delivery of public goods and services carried out by a cadre of trained officers initiated by the East India Company. Macaulay wanted a civil service to put in practice the compa-

ny rule and recommended inter alia that it was "undoubtedly desirable that the civil servants of the company should have received the best, the most liberal, the most finished education that the native country affords." The ICS officers were recruited and trained in London and sent to India. The induction into the civil service after the Macaulay Committee report was based on merit replacing some kind of a spoils system. The modern bureaucracy imported into the country during colonial rule was introduced through the Northcote-Trevelyan report of 1854 that included the colonies. The Government of India Act, 1858, further strengthened the system. Though we cannot deny that the aim of the British rule was to exploit the resources of India to their advantage, the officers had sincerely established institutions and placed civil service values of 'neutrality and impartiality' as unblemished conditions of service.

After Independence, the Constitution made elaborate provisions for a permanent civil service system for the country. In fact, the basic structure of the Constitution is based on the principle of separation of powers wherein the executive consisting of the civil service is made autonomous and accountable to the legislature through the political executive under whose control it functions. It has also facilitated a permanent tenure with pension. Articles 311-320 empowered the government to create the All-India services and the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to recruit civil servants on the basis of merit established through examinations with a minimum educational qualification of an undergraduate degree. The legacy of British and Mughal revenue administration was



combined in the collection of land revenue and administering of law and order through the district magistrate and the collector. During the planning period, the cadre was further strengthened to deliver different kinds of services for the welfare of the people. These officers, mostly serving in a state other than their own, symbolise national integration.

Indian economy and society have been built not only by the committed leaders but also by the officers of the civil service in every nook and corner of India. The role of the civil servants both in policy-making and planning has helped young recruits like SR Sankaran remain committed to the poor and the socially marginalised. Enlightened officers like IG Patel, in association with

the experts, laid a strong foundation for a growing economy in heavy engineering, space, pharmaceuticals, electronics, banking etc. This trend continued till the late 1980s; the 'selfish bug' bit the bureaucrat thereafter through the philosophy of Margaret Thatcher's New Public Management. A civil servant is reduced to a manager of easing business and not a public servant representing the constitutional mandate of serving the people. The dichotomy between public administration and New Public Management is explained by John A Rohr, a scholar on public service: "Managerial innovations cannot change the fact that administration is governance... the connection between ethics and governance is immediate." Public service ethics presuppose that

one has made, or at least should have made, a prior judgement on the moral legitimacy of the regime under which one serves. "Recall Aristotle's distinction between a good man and a good citizen who may also be a bad human being; for example, a good Nazi is by definition a bad person. Consequently, the question of public service ethics cannot arise in a thoroughly unjust regime because an unfavourable answer to the fundamental question on the moral legitimacy of the regime itself precludes further inquiry."

Thus, in the given context, civil service is becoming a blessing of the party in power that cares less for constitutional morality to carry out its functions. The young civil servant is in confusion and some are becoming

turncoats to follow the rules of the game. The founding fathers were very clear in protecting the civil servant through the UPSC in case of charges of misdemeanour. They are recruited, trained and put in service to carry out functions to deliver constitutionally valid public goods and there is no provision as of now to minimise their role. The whole system will crumble if a district magistrate is ordered in the present scenario to withdraw or minimise the scope of governance. Can we minimise the option of delivery of healthcare, agricultural services, rural development, social justice, education etc. and leave it to the private sector? Yes, we can if we are prepared to face the challenges we are witnessing today.

INCONGRUITY: There seems to be a contradiction between the policy of 'minimum government, maximum governance' and the past administrative traditions of India. PTI



R KUMAR

PRESIDENT, SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF ETHICAL AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

The country's rural healthcare is not adequate or prepared to contain Covid-19 transmission, especially in densely populated northern states, because of the shortage of doctors, hospital beds and equipment. Even the facilities for vaccination are scanty in the villages. The villagers often have to travel long distances to receive specialised treatment in the cities.

A couple of months ago, Indians were taking it easy as many felt that Covid-19 had chosen to wreak havoc elsewhere in the world but spared India. Sadly, the virus is back with a vengeance; the number of infected cases and deaths is surpassing previous records. India has already overtaken Brazil and become the second worst-affected country in the world (after the US), with the daily caseload in excess of 3 lakh. The situation has worsened as children and youngsters are also getting infected in the second wave and the virus is often not benign.

It is well-known that the second and the third waves are greater killers than the first wave, as per the lessons learnt from the Spanish flu of 1919. As the human tragedy gets accentuated with the second wave, there is a shortage of everything in Indian cities — oxygen, drugs, beds, ventilators, vaccines, even cremation space. Doctors and other Covid warriors are dying or quitting; exhausted, worn out, insulted or thrashed by desperate mobs. India's urban healthcare system is overwhelmed under the weight of Covid, while rural needs are out of sight. The media as well as the political class are preoccupied with the scarcity of hospital beds in the metros; none has commented on the impending catastrophe in rural India, where health infrastructure is as good as non-existent. Rural people, constituting two-thirds of the total population, have been neglected. The availability



PRIORITY: There is an urgent need to invest in rural healthcare and health education. PTI

of rural hospital beds per 10,000 people is only 2.3. Also, the hospitals are devoid of trained manpower, ICU beds, specialists, tertiary care institutions or state-of-the-art ambulances. With ignorance and poverty prevailing in villages, gatherings are a common sight, be it religious events, elections or political agitations. India may witness a sharp spike in daily deaths by the first week of June, despite a fall in the case fatality rate to 0.87 per cent from 1.3 per cent, according to a *Lancet* report. The need to invest in rural healthcare and health education is real and urgent. The vaccination

drive should now focus on rural India. As of now, about 9 per cent of India's population has been administered one or both doses of a vaccine. The government has allowed vaccination for all adults from May 1. However, Indian manufacturers are producing 70-80 million doses of vaccines per month (Covaxin and Covishield). Even if 100 per cent of this supply was for domestic use, at a target of 5 million doses a day, the monthly supplies would fall short by half. "The government must help vaccine makers raise their manufacturing capability by compulsory licensing, providing funds and other

assistance," demanded former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The Centre has given its nod for emergency approval for other jabs that have met efficacy and safety standards as well as received regulatory green signals in other markets. These comprise Sputnik V, Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson. Although vaccine acceptance is increasing, only 37 per cent of the frontline health workers could be jabbed in the first phase and 57 per cent of the respondents in the second phase stated that they were ready to get vaccinated. This situation has been worsened by the hesitancy in accepting the vaccine and stigma and misinformation attached to Covid-19.

Genome sequencing needs to be boosted to assess various variants. Wherever there are Covid cases, we should immediately do testing and contact tracing and isolate all Covid-positive people. What is needed is a combined strategy of vaccination and breaking the chain of infections. In rural India, even basic preventative measures of washing hands pose a challenge because of the lack of access to clean running water. Compliance of 'do gaz ki doori, mask hai zaroori' is conspicuous by its absence.

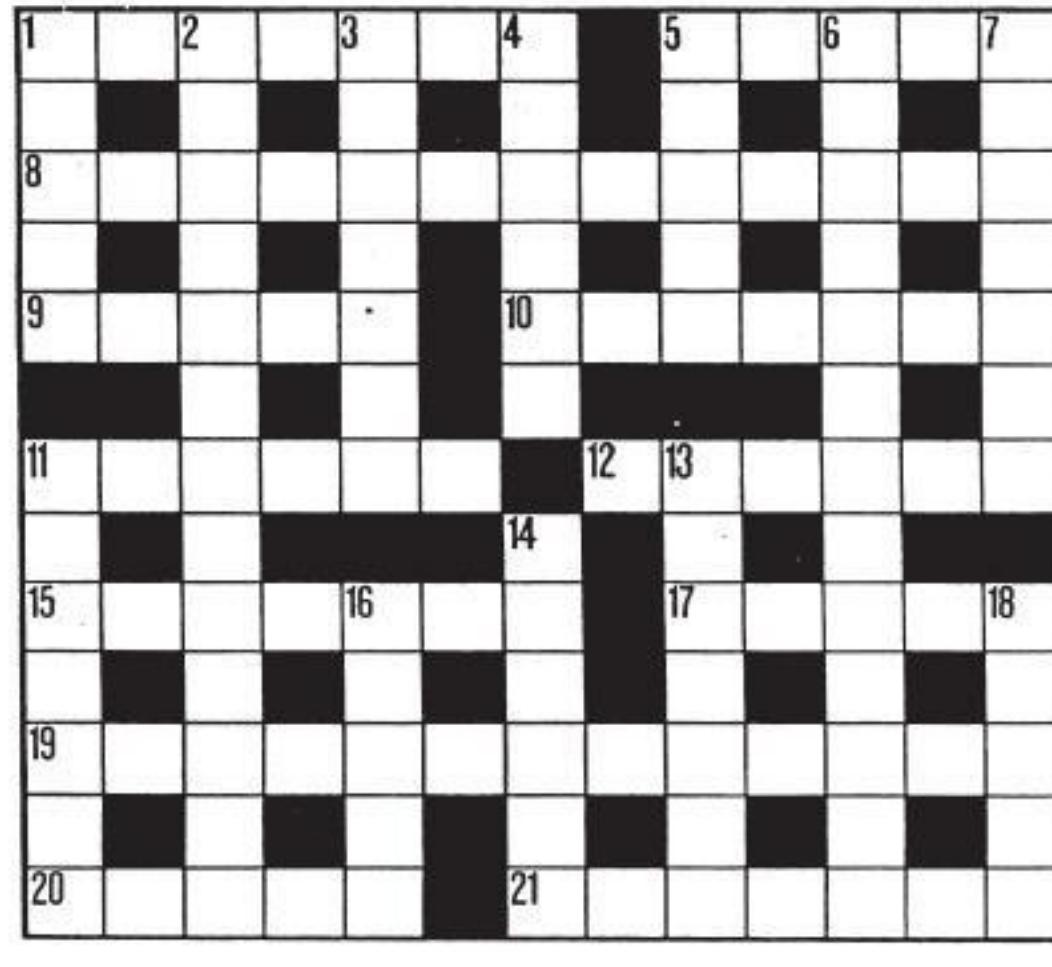
Governments need to give attention to rural healthcare on priority if a catastrophe is to be averted due to the raging pandemic as well as disruptions to non-Covid health services. In financial terms, India may need to expend over \$7.8 billion on testing and \$1.7 billion on healthcare usage

because of Covid-19 by September 2021, as per the *Lancet* report.

The WHO's Chief Scientist, Dr Soumya Swaminathan, has warned that rural India may become the next coronavirus hotspot and emphasised the need to use this opportunity to strengthen and improve its primary healthcare system. The country's rural healthcare is not adequate or prepared to contain Covid-19 transmission, especially in many densely populated northern states, because of the shortage of doctors, hospital beds and equipment. Even the awareness and facilities for vaccination are scanty in the villages.

The pandemic has created a major challenge due to the paucity of testing services, a weak surveillance system and above all poor medical care. The villagers often have to spend time and money travelling long distances to receive specialised treatment in the cities. Technology has come to provide some help. The e-Sanjeevani OPD has provided rural doctors with quality consultations from their counterparts in urban hospitals. Tracing and monitoring apps help individuals and governments collate data to ensure compliance and disease control. Providing and distributing this information to rural areas was a challenge that was addressed by mobile phones and apps. Video training can now be streamed simultaneously to thousands of people. It all boils down to how this technology can be put to optimum use.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Hitch, 8 Stone Age, 9 Spice, 10 Go halves, 11 Fever, 12 Beg, 16 Secede, 17 Animus, 18 Dry, 23 Adore, 24 In unison, 25 Egret, 26 Bit by bit, 27 Coast.

Down: 2 In pieces, 3 Cockeyed, 4 At home, 5 On tap, 6 Naive, 7 Dense, 12 Bed, 13 Gay, 14 Lie doggo, 15 Quarters, 19 Rookie, 20 Limbo, 21 Musty, 22 Vinyl.

ACROSS

- 1 Continual competitive scramble (3,4)
- 5 Intercept (5)
- 8 Terrified (5-8)
- 9 Parasitic insect (5)
- 10 Definitely stated (7)
- 11 A glazed cotton fabric (6)
- 12 Thickset (6)
- 15 In a particular area (7)
- 17 To mature (5)
- 19 Contingencies (13)
- 20 Symbol (5)
- 21 Resilient (7)

DOWN

- 1 Drive back (5)
- 2 With ironical intent (6-2-5)
- 3 Of long ago (7)
- 4 Privilege of admission (6)
- 5 Fresh and bracing (5)
- 6 To object (4,9)
- 7 Truthfulness (7)
- 11 Gather (7)
- 13 Small hunting dog (7)
- 14 Circumvent (6)
- 16 Reveal a secret (3,2)
- 18 Objectionable (5)

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CALENDAR

APRIL 27, 2021, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Vaisakha Shaka	7
■ Vaisakha Parvishtha	15
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 15 up to 9:02 am	
■ Krishan Paksha Tithi 1, up to 5:15 am	
■ Siddhi Yoga up to 8:02 pm	
■ Swati Nakshatra up to 8:08 pm	
■ Moon in Libra sign	
■ Chaitra Purnima	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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		1	7	5				2

FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 18:57 HRS

SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:43 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY

MAX MIN

Chandigarh	40	19
New Delhi	41	18
Amritsar	38	19
Bathinda	42	17
Jalandhar	38	19
Ludhiana	39	20
Bhiwani	39	21
Hisar	41	17
Sirsia	42	21
Dharamsala	26	14
Manali	22	07
Shimla	26	14
Srinagar	26	08
Jammu	36	20
Kargil	09	01
Leh	05	-04
Dehradun	37	18
Mussoorie	25	13

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 15th April, 2021

S.O. 1632(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 4449(E) dated 08 December, 2020, 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) (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 Delhi - Amritsar - Ludhiana - Katra National Highway (NH-NE5) on the stretch of land from Km. 190.5 to Km. 192.8 (Sangrur tehsil) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Ajit (Hindi)" and "The Tribune (English)" both dated 16 December, 2020; 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 sub-section (2) 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 Delhi - Amritsar - Ludhiana - Katra National Highway (NH-NE5) on the stretch of land from Km. 190.5 to Km. 192.8 (Sangrur tehsil) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB.

State: PUNJAB		District: SANGRUR			
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Sangrur					
Village: Santokhpura (232)					
1	150	Common (Jumla Malikan)	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0025	Jumla Mustrica Malakan
2	25//15/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0025	Sukhchain kaur son khajan pasang son sansar 1/4 part, Manjot kerr widow gurpal singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Sukhwinder Singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Surinder kaur daughter son khajan singh 1/12 part, Rajinder kaur mother Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Anuradha wife Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, jippi dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, sahib dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Bhupinder Singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/8 part, bharpur singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part, Amrik singh son son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part.
3	33//24/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0076	Sukhchain kaur son khajan pasang son sansar 1/4 part, Manjot kerr widow gurpal singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Sukhwinder Singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Surinder kaur daughter son khajan singh 1/12 part, Rajinder kaur mother Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Anuradha wife Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, jippi dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, sahib dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Bhupinder Singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/8 part, bharpur singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part, Amrik singh son son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part.
4	33//7/2	Private	Agriculture	0.043	Sukhchain kaur son khajan pasang son sansar 1/4 part, Manjot kerr widow gurpal singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Sukhwinder Singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Surinder kaur daughter son khajan singh 1/12 part, Rajinder kaur mother Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Anuradha wife Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, jippi dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, sahib dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Bhupinder Singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/8 part, bharpur singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part, Amrik singh son son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part.
5	33//14/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0253	Sukhchain kaur son khajan pasang son sansar 1/4 part, Manjot kerr widow gurpal singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Sukhwinder Singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Surinder kaur daughter son khajan singh 1/12 part, Rajinder kaur mother Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Anuradha wife Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, jippi dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, sahib dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Bhupinder Singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/8 part, bharpur singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part, Amrik singh son son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part. 33//14/2
6	33//17	Private	Agriculture	0.1113	33//17/3 Sukhchain kaur son khajan pasang son sansar 1/4 part, Manjot kerr widow gurpal singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Sukhwinder Singh son khajan singh 1/12 part, Surinder kaur daughter son khajan singh 1/12 part, Rajinder kaur mother Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Anuradha wife Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, jippi dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, sahib dullat daughter Amrinder Singh son ram gopal singh 1/16 part, Bhupinder Singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/8 part, bharpur singh son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part, Amrik singh son son gurdev singh son khajan singh 1/16 part. 33//17/3
7	40//12/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0051	Gurmali Singh son Kishan Singh son Fatta singh
8	74/1	Common (Nagar Panchayat)	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.5083	Nagar Panchayat
9	74/2	Common (Provincial Government)	Gair Mumkin Drain	0.0455	Provincial Government
10	90	Common (Gram Panchayat)	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0607	(90/1) Nagar Panchayat
				TOTAL	0.8118

[F. No. NHAI/PIU/LDH(Expway)/701/LA/2020/DAKE-1/3D3]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

PUBLIC-NOTICE

(Under Section 3G(3) of National Highway Act-1956)

It is to inform to all concerned that in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956); and, further in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government declared that the land specified in the said notification No. S.O. 1632(E) dated 15th, April, 2021 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part II, Section 3- Sub Section(ii) has vested absolutely in the central Government free from all encumbrances, for building, maintenance, management and operation of Newly Delhi - Ludhiana, Amritsar - Katra Expressway(National Highway) in the stretch of land from Km 190.500 to Km 192.800 (Sangrur Tehsil) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the 3D within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority.

All the persons interested [owner of the lands and other interested person(s)] in the lands specified in the 3D Schedule are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/ trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of village/ Town	Name of the Landowner/ interested person	Field Survey No.	Area of land in his share	Any structures/ trees/ tubewell attached to the land	Name of the Bank & Branch in which he/ she holds the Account	Particulars of the Bank Account No. _____, IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

Sub Divisional Magistrate/
Competent Authority for Land Acquisition,
Tehsil Sangrur, District-Sangrur

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e-registration for entry to state leads to confusion

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 26

The state government has made e-registration for people coming to the state mandatory from tomorrow. Utter confusion prevails among people of Kangra and Una districts that share borders with Punjab regarding the new restrictions. Many Himachal residents, who live or go to Punjab, for personal or official purposes, are clueless about what to do as the government has not even publicised the procedure for registration.

Seema Sharma, a resident of Una, told The Tribune that she went to meet her brother in Chandigarh yesterday. She was to return tomorrow but is now clueless about what to do.

Rakesh Sharma, a resident of Shahpur, has gone to Chandigarh for an official

Option of monthly pass on e-portal

- Every person coming to the state will have to register on covidepass.hp.gov.in.
- Himachal residents will also have to register every time they enter or leave the state
- People coming from Covid hotspots will have to produce RTPCR test negative report
- After registration, a QR code will be generated that will be scanned on the borders
- Commercial vehicles carrying essential items exempt

meeting but would be required to get an RT-PCR negative test report to return to the state.

Thousands of people, including traders, and workers, go to Punjab for various reasons. Last year, when the government enforced restrictions on the borders, utter chaos prevailed.

Rakesh Prajapati, Deputy Commissioner, Kangra, said that every person coming to the state would have to register on covidepass.hp.gov.in.

After registration, a QR code would be generated that would be scanned on the borders, he added.

He said even Himachal residents would have to register every time they enter or leave the state. People coming from Covid hotspots would have to produce an RT-PCR test negative report to enter the state, he added.

However, commercial vehicles carrying essential commodities would be exempted from the condi-

tion of registration. People, who work in industries in Punjab and commute daily, would be allowed to go after inquiry, he added.

Prajapati said the aim of the restrictions was to check Himachal residents coming from Covid hotspots and ensure that they remain in home quarantine for at least 14 days or else undergo the RTPCR test.

Deputy Commissioner, Una, Raghav Sharma said that the restrictions would be enforced from tomorrow midnight. He added that there was an option to generate a monthly pass on the e-portal.

Sources say even officials are not clear on how to implement the orders. Congress leaders Sudhir Sharma and former minister GS Bali have termed the government measures as ill-planned that will only harass Himachal residents and tourists.

1,692 new cases,
27 dead in state

SHIMLA, APRIL 26

As many as 1,692 persons tested positive for Covid-19 in the state today, taking the tally to 89,193. Besides, 27 deaths due to the virus were reported in the past 24 hours. — TNS

COVID METER	
Samples tested	1456,795
Recovered	73,478
Active cases	14,326
Positive cases	89,193
Deaths	1,350
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT	
DISTRICT	+VE
Una	6,229
Solan	11,610
Kangra	15,257
Chamba	3,872
Hamirpur	5,621
Sirmaur	6,165
Mandi	13,080
Bilaspur	4,727
Shimla	13,759
Kullu	5,513
Kinnar	1,625
Lahaul & Spiti	1,735
Total	89,193
	1,350

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 26

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, while presiding over the review meeting of Covid-19 situation in Kangra district today, said that efforts were on to acquire Radhaswami Complex at Parour in Kangra district to operationalise 1,000-bed makeshift hospital.

Thakur said the state had adequate PPE kits, face masks and essential medicines to check spread of coronavirus. The state also had adequate supply of oxygen. The focus of the government was on increasing bed capacity for Covid-19 patients to meet any emergency situation. A 50-bed City Centre Multi-specialty Hospital at Gaggal

Ammo seized in Kishtwar

JAMMU, APRIL 26

Security forces have seized a cache of arms and ammunition, including two pistols, during a search operation in Kishtwar district, Army officials said on Monday.

A joint team of the Army and police launched a search operation in Chhatru forest and seized arms, including two pistols, 40 rounds of ammunition, two wireless sets and other war-like stores. — PTI

2,135 new cases, 25 Covid deaths

SRINAGAR, APRIL 26

J&K on Monday recorded the highest single-day spike of 25 fatalities, taking the toll to 2,172, while 2,135 fresh cases pushed the tally to 1,62,868.

Out of the fresh cases, 791 were from the Jammu division and 1,344 from the Kashmir division of the UT, they said. Srinagar recorded the highest of 632 cases, followed by 472 in Jammu district and 139 in Kulgam district.



Patients' kin take oxygen cylinders at a Srinagar hospital. PTI

The active cases have now crossed the 20,000 mark. Conference-led by Mirwaiz Umar

Farooq has expressed concern over the health of Kashmiri political prisoners in jails across the country amidst the pandemic. He demanded their immediate release.

Quoting the family sources of Shahid-ul-Islam, who is Mirwaiz's media adviser and currently in Tihar jail, the Hurriyat alleged he was ill and showed all Covid symptoms, but "authorities weren't taking him to hospital". — PTI

Army to train Ladakh youth for college entrance examinations

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

As part of the Army's initiative for Ladakhi youth, the Leh-based 14 Corps has launched a project to mentor and guide children from Ladakh for entrance examinations of various medical and engineering colleges.

The Army would oversee the operations to include administration and logistics while Hindustan Petroleum

Minds: A Centre of Excellence and Wellness", the project will be a full-time residential programme that will run a 12-month mentoring programme for children to take entrance examination of medical and engineering colleges.

The Army would oversee the operations to include administration and logistics while Hindustan Petroleum

Corporation Limited (HPCL) will be the funding partner.

An MoU was signed on Monday between the Army and Kanpur-based NGO National Integrity & Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO). Lt Gen PGK Menon, the GOC, 14 Corps, said such efforts were the result of a continuous interaction of the Army with locals.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 15th April, 2021

S.O. 1634(E)—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 4338(E) Dated 3 December, 2020, 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) (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 Newly Proposed Delhi - Ludhiana - Amritsar - Katra National Highway on the stretch of land from Km. 175.9 to Km. 177.8 (Sunam Tehsil) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Ajit (Punjabi)" and "The Tribune (English)" both dated 16 December, 2020; 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 sub-section (2) 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 NH-NE5 in the stretch of land from Km. 175.9 to Km. 177.8 (Sunam Tehsil) in the district of SANGRUR in the state of PUNJAB.

State: PUNJAB District: SANGRUR

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.	6
Taluk: Sunam Village: Ghanaur Jattan (100)						
1	16//10	Private	Agriculture	0.0101	Jabra singh son Bhagwant singh 1/8 hisa Gurmail singh son Bhagwant singh 217/2136 hisa Surjeet kaur vidhwा Ajmer singh son bhagwant singh 317/2136 hisa Ratan singh son Jashwant singh son Dharmi 1/6 hisa Baghali singh son Jashwant singh son Dharmi singh 25/63 hisa Joginder singh son jashwant singh son Dharmi 301/6630 hisa Charanjeet kaur vidhwा Tardev singh son bhagwant singh 1/40 hisa Kirpal kaur daughter Tardev singh son bhagwant singh 1/40 hisa Gurpreet singh son Tardev singh son bhagwant singh 1/40 hisa Parkash kaur vidhwा ranjeet singh son Ginder singh 553/8840 hisa Amandeep singh son ranjeet singh son ginder singh 553/8840 hisa Karamjeet kaur daughter ranjeet singh son ginder singh 553/8840 hisa Gurpreet singh son Hardev singh urf Gurdev singh 1/20 hisa	
2	18//19/2/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0303	Harbans Singh son Karan Singh son Jagir Singh 757/10920 share, Jamail Singh alias Pola Singh son Jagir Singh 7/64 share Gulzar Singh son Inder Singh son Bishan Singh 184/1667 share Jagroop Singh son Kartar Singh 37/1667 share Nazar Singh son Kartar Singh 37/1667 part Lachman Singh son Jagir Singh 80/1667 part Surmukh Singh son Nand Singh 15/3334 part Harpal Singh son Nand Singh 15/3334 share Harjot Kaur wife Jarnail Singh son Jung Singh 74/1667 part Jaswinder Kaur Mata Gutej Singh son Nazar Singh 269/5001 share Gurpreet Singh son Nazar Singh son Inder Singh 269/5001 share Jaswinder Kaur widow Nazar Singh son Inder Singh 269/5001 part Hardev Singh son Jagir Singh 1/64 share Amarik Singh, Gurmeet Singh, Karnai Singh, Garja Singh , Sarja Singh Putran Changan Singh Son Keshar Singh 5/42 Part Bhagwant Kaur 1/336 Part Gurmail Kaur 1/336 Part Putriyan Raldu Singh Son Keshar Singh, Baghel Singh Son Inder Singh Son Bishan Singh 5/24 Part Ranjot Kaur Wife Raja Singh Son Baldev Singh 76/1365 Part	
3	18//23/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0152	Gamdoor singh son sanpooran singh son natha singh	
4	18//23/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0025	Gamdoor singh son sanpooran singh son natha singh	
5	18//24/2	Private	Agriculture	0.0481	Harjinder singh s/o. Naajar singh s/o. Amar singh	
6	34//11/1/3/2	Private	Agriculture	0.129	Harameet kaur w/o. Ragheveer singh son Chaju singh 55/232 hisa Harbansh kaur daughter raja singh son Mauta singh 2/87 hisa Bant kaur daughter raja singh son mauta singh 2/87 hisa Jagjeet singh son darbara singh son chaju singh 55/464 hisa Gurjewan singh son amrik singh son bachan singh 95/174 hisa satwinderpal singh son jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa Bhupinder singh son Jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa jashwant kaur wife amrik singh son bachan singh 5/1392 hisa Jagjeet kaur wife jamail singh son jang singh 16/541 hisa	
7	34//11/2/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0051	Harameet kaur w/o. Ragheveer singh son Chaju singh 55/232 hisa Harbansh kaur daughter raja singh son Mauta singh 2/87 hisa Bant kaur daughter raja singh son mauta singh 2/87 hisa Jagjeet singh son darbara singh son chaju singh 55/464 hisa Gurjewan singh son amrik singh son bachan singh 95/174 hisa satwinderpal singh son jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa Bhupinder singh son Jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa jashwant kaur wife amrik singh son bachan singh 5/1392 hisa Jagjeet kaur wife jamail singh son jang singh 16/541 hisa	
8	34//20/1/1	Private	Agriculture	0.1012	Naranjan Singh urf nand singh son Narain Singh 1/2 hisa Mukhiyar Singh son Gurdev Singh son narain Singh 1/4 hisa Keshar Singh son Gurdev Singh son narain Singh 13403/157164 hisa Rajinder Singh son Gurdev Singh son narain Singh 13403/157164 hisa Mahinder Singh son Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 3/26194 hisa Chinder kaur daughter Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 625/78582 hisa Ranjeet kaur daughter Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 625/78582 hisa Karam Singh son Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 12430399/377395668 hisa Jashwant Singh son Jagir Singh son pala Singh 133/16809 hisa Gurjeet Singh son Jashwant Singh son Jagir Singh 133/16809 hisa Gurjinder Singh son Jashwant Singh son Jagir Singh 1026679/94348917 hisa Surjeet Singh son sarban Singh son Lohi Singh 156/5063 hisa Gurmail Singh vidhwā Gurcharan Singh son Sukhdev Singh 50/16839 hisa Harjinder Singh son Gurcharan Singh son Sukhdev Singh 50/16839 hisa Angrej Singh son Charanjeet Singh son Gurnaam Singh 152/16839 hisa Angrej Singh son Charanjeet Singh son Gurbakh Singh 34/5613 hisa Chamkaur Singh son Amarjeet Singh son Gurdev Singh 231/5603 hisa	
9	34//20/1/2	Private	Agriculture	0.1012	Gurbhagat Singh S/o. Sukhdev Singh S/o. Narain Singh	

10	35//15/2	Private	Agriculture	0.1897	Harameet kaur w/o. Ragheveer singh son Chaju singh 55/232 hisa Harbansh kaur daughter raja singh son Mauta singh 2/87 hisa Bant kaur daughter raja singh son mauta singh 2/87 hisa Jagjeet singh son darbara singh son chaju singh 55/464 hisa Gurjewan singh son amrik singh son bachan singh 95/174 hisa satwinderpal singh son Jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa Bhupinder singh son Jagroop singh son gurnaam singh 67/928 hisa jashwant kaur wife amrik singh son bachan singh 5/1392 hisa Jagjeet kaur wife jamail singh son jang singh 16/541 hisa
11	35//16/3	Private	Agriculture	0.0152	Naranjan Singh urf nand singh son Narain Singh 1/2 hisa Chamkaur Singh S/o. Amarjeet Singh 67/1578 hisa Karam Singh 5309/132552 hisa Mukhiyar Singh son Gurdev Singh son narain Singh 1/4 hisa Keshar Singh son Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 3775/44184 hisa Rajinder Singh son Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 3775/44184 hisa Mander Singh son Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh 3775/44184 hisa Sultan ,Gurdev Singh Son Narain Singh ,Bindra Kaur,Ranjit Kaur 85/5523 hisa Gurdev Singh son Narain Singh Son Sarjan Singh 160/5523 hisa Jaswant Singh Son Jang Singh 400/49707 hisa Gurdev Singh 400/49707 Gurjinder Singh 550/49707 Jaswant Singh Gurmail Kaur Widow Baljinder Kaur Harjinder Singh son Gurcharan Singh Son Sukhdev Singh 50/5523 hisa Anraj Singh Son Charan Singh 152/16569 hisa
12	46//13/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0228	46 // 13/1 / 1 Gurjot Singh Putra Harpal Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 1/4 share Bhim Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 1/4 share Benefit Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 1/4 share Bikkar Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 1/4 Part 46 // 13/2 / 2 Bikkar Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 667/3287 Part Lakhkha Singh Son Joginder Singh Singh 411/3287 Part Kaka Singh Son Joginder Singh Son Gajjan Singh 411/3287 Part Nirbhay Singh Putra Kaur Singh 289/3287 Part Nirmal Singh Son Mohinder Singh 227/3287 Part Karamjeet Singh Son Jarnail Singh Son Gahina 99/3287 Part Harpal Singh 99/3287 Part Karamjeet Singh Son Jarnail Singh Son Gahina 99/3287 Part Mandeep Singh Son Jarnail Singh Son Gahina 99/3287 Part Harpal Singh 99/3287 Part Gobind Singh Son Narajan Singh 99/3287 Part Kulwinder Singh 99/3287 Part Manjot Kaur widow Gurnaib Singh son Kaur Singh 289/13148 part Balwinder Singh son Janak Singh 84/3287 Part Balwinder Singh Son Janak Singh Son Mahinder Singh 99/3287 SS Rajinder Singh son Janak Singh son Mahinder Singh 99/3287 share Bhim Singh son Gurcharan Singh son Gajjan Singh 155/13148 share Gurjot Singh son Harpal Singh Son Gurcharan Singh 155/13148 share Mandeep Singh Putra Benefit Singh Gurcharan Singh 155/13148 Part
13	46//9	Private	Agriculture	0.1694	46 // 9 / 2 Bikkar Singh Putra Gurcharan Singh 667/3287 Share Lakhkha Singh Son Joginder Singh Son Gajjan Singh 411/3287 Share Kaka Singh Son Joginder Singh Son Gajjan Singh 411/3287 Share Nirbhay Singh Son Kaur Singh 289/3287 Part Nirmal Singh Son Mohinder Singh 227/3287 Part Karamjeet Singh Son Jarnail Singh Son Gahina 99/3287 Part Mandeep Singh Son Jarnail Singh Son Gahina 99/3287 Part Harpal Kaur Vidya Naranjan Singh Son Mahendra Singh 99/3287 Part Gobind Singh Son Narajan Singh son Mahinder Singh 99/3287 part Kulwinder Singh son Gurnaib Singh son Kaur Singh 289/13148 part Manjot Kaur widow Gurnaib Singh son Kaur Singh 289/13148 part Balwinder Singh Son Janak Singh 84/3287 Part Balwinder Singh Son Janak Singh Son Mahinder Singh 99/3287 Part Rajinder Singh Son Janak Singh Son Mahinder Singh 99/3287 Part Bhim Singh Son Gurcharan Singh Son Gajjan Singh 155/13148 Part Bikar Singh Son Gurcharan Singh Son Gajjan Singh 155/13148 Part Gurjeet Singh son Harpal Singh Son Gurcharan Singh 155/13148 part Mandeep Singh son Benefit Singh Gurcharan Singh 155/13148 part
14	5//24	Private	Agriculture	0.0	

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Hospital Engineer (CIVIL), PGIMER Chandigarh invites on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh online percentage rate bids from Specialized agencies dealing in similar type of works on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid) who will fulfill the Eligibility Criteria for the following work(s):-

No.: PG/Engg/Civil/I-2021/08, **Name of Work:** Annual Operation of Booster Pumping stations on job basis for APC, New OPD Block, Main Pump House & PGI Residential Colony Sector-12, Chandigarh. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 55.02 Lakh. **Earliest Money:** Rs. 1.10 Lakh. **Period of Completion:** One year. **Last date and time of submission of bid:** 10.05.2021 up to 4.00 p.m. **Last date and time of submission of bid:** 12.05.2021 till 11.30 a.m.

The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the bidders in the office of H.E. (Civil-I) The tender form and other details can be obtained from the website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in/eproc/app, and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. The Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk for registering-09988474883).

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Sr. No.	Online Sale of Bidding Documents	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Documents	Opening of Technical Bids
1	26.04.2021 11.00 AM	17.05.2021 11.00 AM	17.05.2021 03.00 PM

ਕੋਈ ਦੀ ਟਿਕੋਣੇ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ eproc.punjab.gov.in ਵੱਖਾਂਵਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਸੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ, ਕੋਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਤੋਂ ਰੇਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਓਚਰ 2/3 ਵਰਾਤ ਦੋ ਸੂਚਨਾਵਾਂ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੁਹੱਤ ਕਰ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੋਜ਼ ਦਾ ਸਾਡਿਲੂ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ।

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OFFICE OF LUDHIANA IMPROVEMENT TRUST, LUDHIANA ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION

Architectural Designs are invited from qualified, experienced and reputed architects borne on the list of council of architects for the 'Construction of Senior Secondary School, Near Mahatma Enclosure, Ward No. 13 & Construction of Primary School, Near Puneet Nagar, Ward No. 15, East Constituency Community Centre & Fire Station in Dairy scheme, Taipur Road, Ludhiana.'

i) The Designs to be submitted should be supported with conceptual plans, layout plans, Elevations, Isometric view and preferably with models.

ii) The Submission should be made in three different sealed envelopes. The 1st envelope should contain bio-data of the applicant, projects undertaken and certificates issued by concerned authorities regarding successful completions of the projects. The 2nd envelope should contain the detailed designs & drawings and the 3rd envelope should contain fee demanded & terms & conditions, if any. The envelopes will be opened serial wise accordingly, but keeping in view of satisfaction about the contents. The 2nd envelope will only be opened keeping in view eligibility of the applicant as per his bio-data form 1st envelope and in case the applicant has completed/undertaken similar works of same magnitude. Accordingly third envelope will be opened keeping in view the selection of designs given in 2nd envelope.

iii) The Designs drawings etc. submitted by the participants will become property of this Improvement Trust.

iv) The honorarium amounting to Rs. 20,000/- for the 1st best design will be paid by this Trust.

v) A copy of site plan along with the detailed terms & conditions etc. can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 500/- each.

vi) The Last date for the submission is 10.05.2021.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Sd/- Chairman, Improvement Trust, Ludhiana. DPR/Pb/3985

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 35/PWSSD/SGR Dated: 23.04.2021

The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., Sangrur reinvites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakh)	Period of completion	Approx. value of the Work (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Providing, Installing, Testing & commissioning of 1 No. T/W size 300mm x 200mm dia with reverse Rotary Rig up to 200 mtr. (650') deep complete in all respect, Construction of Pump Chamber, Providing & installing Pump Set Stringing DIK7 pipe of 150mm id connection line at Khanauri Distt. Sangrur as per DNTI.	0.39	3 Months	19.02
2.	DNTI of Laying & crossing of 400mm dia RCC pipe & 315mm dia UPVC pipe by bypassing the 900mm id M.S. sheet pipe under the National Highway at Bhawaliyan Distr. Sangrur.	1.50	3 Months	74.65

Closing Date & Time : Up to 12.05.2021 at 5.00 p.m.

Date & time of opening Technical Bid : 13.05.2021 at 11.00 a.m.

For details log on to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn., Sangrur.

DPR/Pb/3983

GOVT. OF PUNJAB, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (TREASURIES AND ACCOUNTS)

Vit te Yojna Bhawan

Plot No. 2, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Iqbal Singh, Assistant Treasurer has been chargesheeted under Rule 8 of Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970, vide No. E365066 TA (T3-Chargesheet Assistant Treasurer) 2020/7698 dated 01.12.2020 for unauthorized, continuous absence from duty w.e.f. 17.07.2020 and leaving for abroad without the approval of Finance Department (T&A), Punjab.

The chargesheet was sent to District Treasury Officer, Barnala to be delivered to the employee at his residential address. The District Treasury Officer, Barnala vide letter dated 11.12.2020 sent the chargesheet through registered post at the home address of the employee which has been returned Undelivered on 04.01.2021 with the remarks "ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਕਿਸਾ ਹੈ, ਵਾਪਸ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।"

Mr. Iqbal Singh, Assistant Treasurer through this public notice is directed to appear in person in the office of the District Treasury Officer, Barnala within 15 days from the issue of the notice for service of above mentioned chargesheet and to file the reply, if any, within one month from the date of issue of this Public Notice. It is also made clear that if the Department does not receive any reply within the stipulated time, it will be considered that no reply whatsoever, is to be filed by you and necessary action, as per the rules, will be initiated/ taken.

Sd/- Dr. Abhinav Trikha, I.A.S., Director, Treasuries & Accounts Finance Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.

DPR/Pb/3968

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Pakistan army to help enforce Covid norms

ISLAMABAD, APRIL 26

Pakistan on Monday deployed army across the country to help civil institutions in implementing the standard operating procedures against the coronavirus, amid the surge in the Covid-19 cases. Army spokesman Major General Babar Iftikhar said enhanced deployment was done in 16 major cities with "very high positivity rate".

These cities include Peshawar, Mardan, Nowshera, Charsadda and Swabi (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province), Rawalpindi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Bahawalpur and Gujranwala (Punjab), Karachi and Hyderabad (Sindh), Quetta (Balochistan), Muzaffarabad (Pakistan-occupied Kashmir) and Islamabad.

Maj Gen Iftikhar said army teams would be led by brigadiers at the administration division level and by lieutenant colonels at the district level. He said that 75% of oxygen production was dedicated to the healthcare sector but it would be enhanced if required by reducing industry's share. — PTI

EU sues AstraZeneca over delay in delivery of vaccine

BRUSSELS, APRIL 26

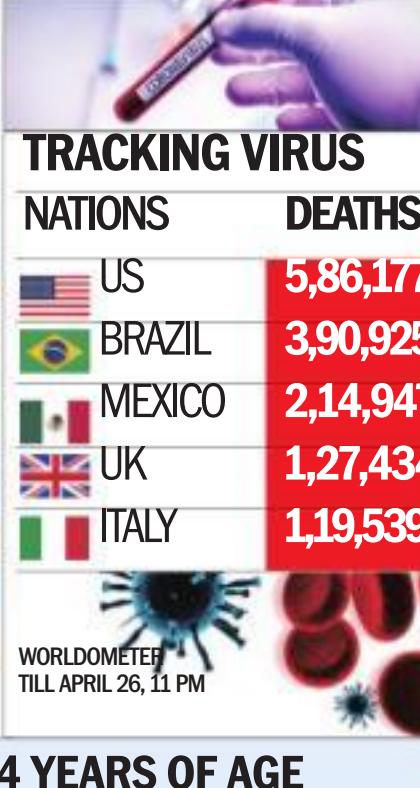
Ursula von der Leyen-led European Commission said on Monday it had launched a legal action against AstraZeneca for not respecting its contract for the supply of Covid vaccines and for not having a "reliable" plan to ensure timely deliveries.

Pledging to defend itself strongly in court, AstraZeneca said the EU's legal action was without merit. "AstraZeneca has fully complied with the Advance Purchase Agreement with the European Commission and will strongly defend itself in court. We believe any litigation is without merit and we welcome this opportunity to resolve this dispute as soon as possible," AstraZeneca said in a statement on Monday.

Under the contract, the Anglo-Swedish company had committed to making its "best reasonable efforts" to deliver 180 million vaccine doses to the EU in the second quarter of this year, for a total of 300 million in the period



Schoolkids get themselves tested for Covid in La Trinite, France. REUTERS



Wife-husband duo of Deepika-Atanu win individual titles

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Many things went right for the competition-starved Indian recurve archery team in Guatemala. A rare husband-wife gold medal for Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das may be the talk of the town, but it was the Indian team's ability to find the big points during the tense moments that stood out at the Archery World Cup Stage I in Guatemala City on Sunday.

The battle of nerves started with the women's team final, in which Deepika struck perfect score of 10 to stay in the fight. Mexico needed a score of nine to win the shoot-off for gold, but Aida Roman shot a lowly 7 to hand the gold to the Indian trio of Deepika, Komalika Bari and Ankita Bhakat.

Before long, Atanu and Ankita snapped up the mixed team bronze medal 6-2 from the American pair of Casey Kaufhold and Brady Ellison.

Individual gold

However, the real scrap for the golden couple of Indian archery came during their Individual matches in the final.

Deepika edged out USA's Mackenzie Brown by the tiniest of margins after the

A couple of gold



Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das won individual gold medals, and the Indian women won the team event. PHOTO: WORLD ARCHERY

ARCHERY WORLD CUP

“It feels great and, at the same time, I am happy and nervous. It gives me confidence and pushes me to give better performances.” Deepika Kumari

“It feels amazing. It's like dreams are coming true. I have worked so hard for so many years, and now this is paying off.” Atanu Das

duo had finished tied at 5-5 (29-27, 27-27, 27-29, 27-28, 28-29) in the women's final. In the shoot-off both the archers scored a nine but Deepika was adjudged the winner as her arrow was closer to the centre. Deepika was trailing 3-5 but tied the match with a near perfect score of 29 to Brown's 28.

“It's been a long time since I shot in the finals,” Deepika said after winning her third individual gold medal. “It feels great and, at the same time, I am happy and nervous. It gives me confidence and pushes me to give better performances,” she added.

Moments later, it was Atanu's turn to hit the spot-

light. After winning the opening set 29-28 against Spain's Daniel Castro, the India ace trailed 2-4. He then nailed the last two sets 28-24 and finally got a perfect score of 30 to win his first-ever individual gold medal.

“It feels amazing. It's like dreams are coming true. I have worked so hard for so many years, and now this is paying off,” Atanu said.

Handled pressure well

Other than the bagful of medals, chief coach Poornima Mahto said that the team including the youngsters Ankita and Komalika were very consistent during training. “It is not surprising to me as I have been see-

ing them all do good during training sessions,” Poornima told *The Tribune*.

“Today's results are down to those hours spent in training sessions. Nevertheless, the most pleasing thing for me is that we did well during crunch situations in most of the medal matches. Deepika found a 10 in the women's team final, fought back well in the individual final and even Atanu fought back. We have shown that we are ready for the big tournaments,” she added.

The next challenge would be to do well against shooters from South Korea and China, who were not competing in this tournament.

— PTI

Ashwin, 3 Aussies exit IPL over Covid-19

Ashwin wants to support family, Australians fear being locked out of their country



Ravichandran Ashwin, who plays for Delhi Capitals, has decided to take a break from IPL. PTI

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Senior India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin and a few Australian players have withdrawn from the IPL in the wake of the escalating Covid-19 crisis in India. However, the Indian cricket board (BCCI) insisted that the IPL will go on.

The 34-year-old Ashwin, who plays for Delhi Capitals, decided to take a break, announcing his decision on social media. In a tweet that Ashwin posted around 1.15 am on Monday, he wrote: “I would be taking a break from this year's IPL from tomorrow. My family and extended family

are putting up a fight against Covid19 and I want to support them during these tough times. I expect to return to play if things go in the right direction.”

While Ashwin left a door open for his return to the IPL, three Australian players — Andrew Tye (Rajasthan Royals), Kane Richardson and Adam Zampa (both Royal Challengers Bangalore) — withdrew from the league and left the country.

Getting home

While Zampa and Richardson have not yet spoken about their “personal rea-

sons” for leaving, Tye said he feared getting locked out of Australia due to increasing quarantine cases from India in his hometown of Perth.

Last week Tye's teammate Liam Livingstone of England returned home, citing “bubble fatigue”.

“I just thought to try and get on the front foot and get home before I got locked out of the country... Think I've had 11 days at home out of the bubble since August, so for me I just wanted to get home,” Tye said in an interview from Doha, where he was in transit before taking his flight to Perth.

Incidentally, Richardson

India captain Rani, six others test positive for Covid



The Indian women's hockey core group had returned to the national camp in Bengaluru on April 18. HI

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Seven members of the Indian women's hockey team, including captain Rani Rampal, and two support staff members today tested positive for Covid-19 ahead of a training camp at the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) centre in Bengaluru.

All the players and support staff are asymptomatic and have been placed under observation at the SAI centre.

“They were tested on April 24, post quarantine after their return from their respective home towns to their training base at SAI Bengaluru, as per the laid down protocol,” the SAI said in a statement.

Besides Rani, the others who have been infected are Savita Punia, Shamrila Devi, Rajani, Nayjot Kaur, Navneet Kaur and Sushila.

The two support staff members who have tested positive are video analyst Amrutanprakash and scientific advisor Wayne Lombard.

The Indian women's hockey core group had returned to the national camp in Bengaluru on April 18 to restart the preparations for the Tokyo Olympics after a 10-day break. The 25-member Olympics core group underwent mandatory quarantine before the commencement of training. — PTI

Cummins chips in with \$50K donation

I'm advised Indian government views IPL as some respite for people: Cummins

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Australian fast bowler Pat Cummins has donated \$50,000 to the PM CARES Fund, “specifically to purchase oxygen supplies for India's hospitals”.

Cummins, who was bought for Rs 15 crore by Kolkata Knight Riders at the IPL auction, expressed the hope that his donation would make a difference in India's fight against the virus.

“As players, we are privileged to have the platform that allows us to reach millions of people that we can use for good. With that in mind, I have made a contribution to the PM CARES Fund, specifically to pur-

chase oxygen supplies for India's hospitals,” Cummins stated on Twitter.

“There has been a lot of discussion over here as to whether it is appropriate for the IPL to continue while Covid-19 infection rates remain high,” he added. “I am advised that Indian government is of the view that playing the IPL while the population is in lockdown provides few hours of joy and respite each day at an otherwise difficult time for the country.”

“To know so many are suffering so much at this time saddens me greatly,” he said. “At times like these, it is easy to feel helpless. I've certainly

felt that of late. But I hope by making this public appeal we can all channel our emotion into action that will bring light into people's lives. I

know my donation isn't much in the grand scheme of things, but I hope it will make a difference to someone.”

“I encourage my fellow IPL players — and anyone else around the world who has been touched by India's passion and generosity — to contribute. I will kick it off with USD 50,000,” Cummins said.

India recorded over 3.53 lakh new Covid cases on Monday, the highest across the world since the pandemic began last year.

Cummins described India as a country “I have come to love dearly over the years and the people here are some of the warmest and kindest I've ever met.” — TNS

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REAL MADRID VS CHELSEA

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(WEDNESDAY)

— PTI

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UAE sends aid



Oxygen tankers being airlifted on an IAF plane in Dubai. PTI

India, China among top 3 military spenders

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the military spending across the world rose to \$1,981 billion in 2020, registering an increase of 2.6 per cent as compared with figures for 2019.

The five biggest spenders in 2020, which together accounted for 62 per cent of the global military expenditure, were the United States, China, India, Russia and the United Kingdom, according to the data published on Monday by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The US military expenditure reached an estimated \$778 billion, representing an increase of 4.4 per cent over 2019, while the spending by China grew for the 26th consecutive year, says the report

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titled "trends in world military expenditure, 2020".

At \$72.9 billion, India's military spending in 2020 was 2.1 per cent higher than that during 2019. The increase can be largely attributed to India's ongoing conflict with Pakistan and renewed border tension with China.

"We can say with some certainty that the pandemic did not have a significant impact on global military spending in 2020," the report said. —TNS

Phase 7: Over 75% turnout in West Bengal

KOLKATA, APRIL 26

Voting concluded for the seventh phase of the West Bengal Assembly elections on Monday. More than 8.6 million voters exercised their franchise to decide the fate of 284 candidates in 34 constituencies.

About 75.06 per cent turnout was recorded till 6.30 in the evening. The polling percentage is expected to go up after reports from polling booths located in remote areas arrive.

Initially, 36 constituencies were to go to polls in this phase but voting in two – Jangipur and Samserganj – was rescheduled due to the death of contestants. Today's polling saw a huge turnout at Dakshin Dinajpur and Murshidabad. Both districts registered over 80 pc turnout. Six constituencies from Dakshin Dinajpur and nine from Murshidabad went to polls. —TNS

ITBP's 500-bed Covid centre opens in Delhi

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

A Covid care centre with 500 oxygen-supported beds run by the ITBP began functioning in South Delhi's Radha Soami Beas campus at Chhatarpur from Monday with the admission of at least 25 patients, officials said.

"The facility, named Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Covid Care Centre (SPCCC), started functioning today," ITBP spokesperson Vivek Kumar Pandey said earlier in the day. Officials in the ITBP said at present, the centre was operating with 500 oxygenated beds, adding that 5,000 more beds would be added in the coming days.

A team of 60 doctors, 120 paramedics, 100 security personnel and the administrative staff have been tasked to run the centre. "All SOPs for the admission of patients will be strictly followed and all

New guidelines on use of O₂ as hospitals grapple with shortage

HC expresses concern, says people may die for want of treatment

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 26

Amid persisting shortage of medical oxygen across hospitals in Delhi, the government on Monday issued guidelines on its rational use, saying efforts were under way to ease the supply situation.

This even as the Delhi HC took note of several city hospitals halting admission of Covid patients expressing concern that people might die at home because hospitals were not taking them anymore due to past casualties over oxygen shortage. The HC also noted how one oxygen cylinder was costing Rs 1 lakh. The government, however, said the availability of oxygen was not an issue and transport was the real challenge.

Daily production of medical oxygen rose to 9,103 metric tonnes on April 24 as against the previous 7,259 MT a day.

The sale as of April 24 was 7,017 MT. "Oxygen is available. The challenge is transportation due to shortage of cryogenic tankers. The government has used the Indian Air Force to supply empty oxygen tankers to the producer states so that one-way travel time of tankers can be cut. Filled tankers cannot be airlifted. It is too dangerous. The Railways is transporting oxygen to high-surge states



Relatives of Covid patients wait to get cylinders refilled in Delhi. PTI

FIVE AMU TEACHERS DIE IN A WEEK

Five Aligarh Muslim University teachers have died in the past week after brief illnesses, some of them showing "Covid-like symptoms". During the same period, five retired faculty members have also died. Two

of the teachers died in the past 24 hours, with their family members saying they displayed Covid-like symptoms. It couldn't be confirmed whether the teachers had conducted a Covid test. PTI

AI BRINGS 318 O₂ CONCENTRATORS FROM NY

All efforts to strengthen India's fight against the pandemic are on. 318 Philips oxygen concentrators on @airindia flight from JFK airport land at @DelhiAirport.

Hardeep Singh Puri, MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION

CDS briefs PM on Covid readiness

on a war footing," Piyush Goyal, Additional Secretary, Home Ministry, said.

The Ministry of Health, meanwhile, issued revised guidelines on oxygen, mandating hospitals to adjust the flow of oxygen to the lowest permissible level to target a saturation

of 92 per cent to 94 per cent for hospitalised Covid patients and to encourage patients to lie in prone (on the stomach) position to enhance lung capacity. They also mandate hospitals to form oxygen monitoring teams for each shift at each hospital. "The team should visit all areas

where oxygen therapy is instituted, inspect gas pipelines, wall mounted gas outlets as well as gas cylinders to detect and promptly address leakages, if any. At the facility level, an Oxygen Audit Committee must be formed to supervise inventory planning," the guidelines say.

GANGA RAM STILL IN BEG, BORROW MODE

Ganga Ram Hospital on Monday evening received 64 out of 104 oxygen cylinders it had sent for refill three days back, saying it continued to be in the beg and borrow mode receiving medical oxygen in tanks intermittently through the day on an hour-to-hour basis.



3 SECTORS EXEMPTED FROM OXYGEN BAN

A day after banning the use of liquid oxygen for non-medical purposes, the government on Monday allowed three sectors – ampoules and vials, pharmaceutical and defence forces – to use the commodity. Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla had on Sunday imposed a ban on the use of liquid oxygen for non-medical purposes. PTI

Citing risk, China suspends cargo flights to India

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BIDEN DIALS PM MODI

A day after the US promised to rush emergency supplies of vaccine raw material and medical assistance to India, US President Joe Biden dialled PM Narendra Modi on Monday. The PM later tweeted that he had thanked Biden for the US support. The two leaders discussed the evolving situation.



transport tanks from Germany.

With Biden taking the lead, Vice-President Kamala Harris, Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy tweeted their solidarity with India and highlighted the decision to rush raw material for Indian manufacture of vaccines, besides ventilators, therapeutics and oxygen concentrators.

A day earlier, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken too had tweeted in solidarity with India while NSA Jake Sullivan spoke to Ajit Doval. "We will have to work on this and find viable ways around this ban," said sources while confirming talks for a substantial package on commercial terms. Japan also promised to extend assistance following a phone call between PM Narendra Modi and his counterpart Yoshihide Suga. PM Modi will hold a virtual summit with the EU on May 8 to discuss Covid support and cooperation.

The full-court charm offensive was intended to take the edge of intense criticism in India and elsewhere over the US disrupting the supply chains. This attitude was in contrast to the joint pledge by the Quad countries to "address financing and logistical demands for production, procurement, and delivery" of vaccines.

What happened...

Only 1 plant

plant would become functional by Wednesday. Dr Piyush Sharma, Principal Medical Officer, Karnal Civil Hospital, said the hospital authorities had provided the site for the plant in January and the machinery too had arrived in February. "However, till date, we have no information when the engineers of the company will arrive for the installation work," Dr Sharma said.

Patients would require to first report at the reception, after initial documentation, their physical examination would be done and then they would be admitted to the care centre at their allotted bed. —TNS

5 die in Hisar

patients on the ventilator would die because of the delay in supply and that oxygen at the hospital would last only 30 minutes. A senior health official replied within 10 minutes and rushed to the plant for ensuring the supply. At 4.50 am, the hospital posted another message to inform that four patients had died. The fifth patient died 30 minutes later. Among the deceased was a resident of Mansa district in Punjab. The families of the victims held a protest outside the hospital.

(The writer is a former IPS officer)

Since time was running out and lives were at stake, I sent a tweet to the PM and some media houses, which started flashing the crisis in the hospital and in other hospitals struggling to get oxygen. Finally, a representa-

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