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Mistrust hits pullback, troops not yet back at home bases

AJAY BANERJEE
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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Even as there has been visible disengagement of Indian and Chinese troops along a section of the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, the de-escalation and deinduction — which means pulling back troops and war equipment to the pre-April 2020 home bases — have not yet begun in the area.

At the commander-level meet on Saturday, the two sides did discuss phased de-escalation and deinduction, but there has been no forward movement on the two issues, sources told *The Tribune*, adding that "it could take more talks as a lack of trust exists for now".

The first phase of the disengagement process commenced on February 10 with simultaneous withdrawal by both sides from both banks of the Pangong Tso, a 135-km-wide glacial lake. The matters of disengagement at Depsang, Gogra or Hot Springs are likely to come up in subsequent talks.

Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, speaking at an event of a think tank in New Delhi on Wednesday, sounded a word of caution: "We still have a long way to go. We now have to go on to the stage of de-escalation, then deinduction of troops. We have to be wary and cautious."

A senior functionary explained that it was a clear

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Present position not face to face, but within striking range of artillery fire

LONG WAY TO GO, MUST BE WARY

"There is trust deficit with China... will be watching Chinese moves closely. We now have to go on to the stage of de-escalation, then troop deinduction. We have to be wary and cautious.

Gen MM Naravane, ARMY CHIEF

CATERING FOR REDEPLOYMENT

The two sides don't want to pull back to locations from where redeployment, in case of an exigency, could take time, say sources.

Phase 2: Free jab for 60+ in govt centres

From March, 45-plus with comorbidities also to be covered | 1.21 crore vaccinated so far

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

From March 1, all elderly aged 60 years and above and the 45 plus with underlying health conditions will get free Covid vaccination at designated government health facilities as the country commences the second phase of the inoculation drive that started on January 16.

The Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi today decided to bear the cost of jabs for these categories, provided they seek doses at the 10,000 designated facilities in the government sector.

Announcing the decision, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said: "There are 10 crore people in the 60-plus segment. The Health Ministry will soon clarify which comorbidities will be covered for those aged 45 and above. If vaccines are taken at the 20,000 private facilities, people will have to pay."

The Health Ministry is working out the vaccine cost and will announce it soon, said the government, which had borne the cost of vaccination for health and frontline workers covered in the first phase. India has so far administered 1,23,66,633 doses with an overall coverage of eligible beneficiaries hovering at 60 per cent.

The government further clarified that the efficacy of Indian vaccines Covaxin and Covishield had been firmly established worldwide and several countries had received these vaccines.

The government is aiming to speed up vaccinations to ensure early herd immunity

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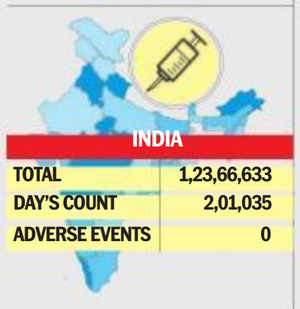
COVID-19 VACCINATION



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TOTAL	1,23,66,633
DAY'S COUNT	2,01,035
ADVERSE EVENTS	0

PB NO. 2 IN 24-HR SPURT AFTER MAHA

The Centre on Wednesday deputed multidisciplinary teams to 10 states, including Punjab, showing consistent rise in Covid-19 cases for a week. Punjab remained a cause for concern as it reported the second highest 24-hour rise in active cases after Maharashtra. **INSIDE**

STATES TOLD TO SPEED UP INOCULATION

- Centre has written to high-burden states to escalate inoculation in districts reporting a rise in cases
- Punjab's SBS Nagar, Kapurthala and Muktsar as well as J&K's Pulwama are among districts of worry

"It's clear Covid was launched as a bioweapon by China. **Indresh Kumar,** RSS

President Ram Nath Kovind and Union Home Minister Amit Shah with captain Virat Kohli at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. PTI

Row as Patel stadium renamed after Modi

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AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 24

In a controversial development, the reconstructed Sardar Patel Stadium in Motera, near Ahmedabad, was rechristened as Narendra Modi Stadium. The cricket stadium, which is now the world's largest having a seating capacity of 1,32,000, was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind on Wednesday.

Soon after the inauguration, social media was flooded with remarks, including by leaders of the Congress and other parties, who termed the move as an "insult" to Sardar Patel.

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor tweeted: "Maybe they just realised the stadium was named after a Home Minister who had banned their parent organisation! Or is this the beginning of a legacy-creation-through-labelling spree?"

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Oppn terms it 'insult' to leader; govt defends move

RAHUL GANDHI'S JIBE

Beautiful how the truth reveals itself. Narendra Modi stadium — Adani end — Reliance end. With Jay Shah presiding #'HumDoHumareDo'.

Union Cabinet for Prez rule in Puducherry

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Puducherry is set to see a brief spell of President's rule ahead of the Assembly elections in April-May this year. The Union Cabinet approved a recommendation in this regard today. Chief Minister V Narayanasamy had resigned on February 22 after failing to win the "trust vote" in the Assembly. Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said no other political party had come forward to form a government. — TNS

Sardool Sikander passes away

MOHALI, FEBRUARY 24

Punjabi singer Sardool Sikander died at a private hospital around 11.55 am on Wednesday. He was 60. He was admitted to the hospital on January 19 in a "very serious" condition with complaints of low oxygen level. Sikander, a diabetic, was recently treated for Covid-19 and had undergone renal transplant in 2016 and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty in 2003. — TNS

Tomar sets terms for talks with farm unions

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The government is ready to resume talks with the protesting farmers if they respond to its offer to put the three farm laws on hold for one and a half years and iron out differences through a joint committee, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said.

"The government had been sympathetically holding discussions with the farmers. Even now, if their response comes, we are ready to talk," he said on the sidelines of an event to mark the second anniversary of PM-Kisan.

He was replying to a query on BKU leader Rakesh Tikait's threat to march to Parliament on 40 lakh tractors if the laws were not repealed.

Tomar announced estimates, according to which foodgrain production in 2020-21 is slated to touch a record 303.34 million tonnes (MT).

MSP SPIKE HISTORIC

We ushered in a historic increase in MSP. We are doing everything possible to double farm income. **PM**

"No farmer will be seen near Delhi by Holi.

Bilas Sharma, HRY EX-MINISTER

ANOTHER FARMER DIES; NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR NODEEP

A PROTESTER AT GHAZIPUR.

Punjab gets over ₹1,000-crore FDI proposals; land purchased

VIJAY C ROY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Punjab has managed to attract global companies from the US, UK, Canada and France across diverse sectors, such as sports infrastructure, real estate, IT, pharmaceuticals and industrial gases.

The state received over Rs 1,000-crore FDI proposals during April 2020 — January 2021. The companies have already procured land and submitted the detail project report (DPR) to the government, according to Rajat Aggarwal, CEO, Invest Punjab.

RoundGlass Well Being (P) Ltd, a subsidiary of US-based RoundGlass LLC, has submitted a proposal for investing Rs 455.32 crore on the state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in Mohali. It will offer players access to an international-level sports ecosystem through a team of certified coaches along with world-class technical staff, nutritional, educational, medical and training facilities.

Vadhera Apartments (P) Ltd plans to invest Rs 270 crore in a real estate project in Ludhiana in collaboration with Malhotra Group's Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK). Also, Smarter e-Learning Pvt. Ltd, a subsidiary of New York-based Netsmartz LLC, a software development company, will invest Rs 151.78 crore in Mohali's IT sector.

Centrient Pharmaceuticals India Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of US-based Centrient Pharmaceuticals, proposes to invest Rs 135 crore in a pharma unit in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar.

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FIRMS	INVESTMENT
Hero E-Cycles	₹264.70 cr
National Fertilisers	₹218.84 cr
Ralson India	₹88.65 cr
Saurav Chemicals	₹67 cr

PROJECT REPORTS SUBMITTED

Post-protests, varsity in HP puts off classes

DHARAMSALA, FEBRUARY 24

Amid rising protests by students demanding permanent campus for the Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CUHP), the varsity administration today decided to suspend classes till March 2.

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) activists organised protests outside the varsity's temporary campus and the Registrar's residence. They said the varsity students were facing difficulties in the absence of a permanent campus.

VC Kuldeep Agnihotri could not be contacted for comments, despite repeated calls on his mobile phone. — TNS

IN BRIEF

US award for Indian social activist Anjali

WASHINGTON: Indian activist Anjali Bharadwaj is among 12 persons named by the Biden regime for the newly instituted International Anti-Corruption Champions Award. PTI

Naxals kill 2 security personnel in C'garh

RAIPUR: Two security personnel were killed and another one was injured in three separate incidents involving Naxals in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Wednesday. PTI

UP passes Bill to curb conversion

LUCKNOW: Amid protests by the Opposition, the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed by voice vote a Bill aimed at curbing religious conversion by fraudulent means. PTI

Minor gang-raped in Hry, juvenile among 3 held

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KURUKSHETRA, FEBRUARY 24

A 17-year-old girl of the Babain area in Kurukshetra was allegedly gang-raped by five persons, including a minor.

The Kurukshetra police arrested Ajay (18), Abhishek (18) and the juvenile in connection with the case and produced them in a court on Wednesday. While the juvenile was sent to an observation home, the other two were remanded in judicial custody.

Victim's father said her daughter, a Class XII student, used to go for an English speaking course after school hours. She would usually reach home by 4.30 pm, but on Monday she got late. When her family members contacted her teacher, they came to know that she didn't attend the class that day.

Her family members were at Barara Chowk around 7 pm when they saw two youths and the minor girl on a motorcycle. They managed to rescue the girl and also caught the juvenile. Accused Nitin, however, managed to flee. The girl was allegedly in an inebriated state.

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Cousin of victim's friend among accused

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566 Covid positive, eight dead in past 24 hours

State caseload 1,79,819 | Total deaths 5,786 | Centre asks Punjab to increase RT-PCR testing

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, FEB 24

Even though active Covid cases nationally remained below 1.5 lakh today for the third straight day, settling at 1,46,907, the Centre deputed multidisciplinary teams to 10 states, including Punjab, showing consistent rise in daily cases for a week.

Punjab remained a cause for concern as it reported the second highest 24-hour rise in active cases after Maharashtra today. While Maharashtra reported the highest daily rise in active cases in the country today adding 298 cases, Punjab was second with 128 cases.

The state reported 566 Covid cases and eight deaths in the past 24 hours. Such high number of cases have been reported after a long time as for the past two weeks, the average daily cases has remained around 300.

As per a media bulletin released on Wednesday, the total number of cases has reached 1,79,819 and number of deaths reached 5,786.

At present, 82 patients are on oxygen support and nine on ventilator support. The state reported eight deaths in the past 24 hours. In the district-wise breakup, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur and Kapurthala reported two deaths each, Ferozepur and Jalandhar reported one death each.

Multi-disciplinary teams have reached Punjab and other states for supporting the local administrations for targeted Covid response. The Centre today also wrote to the state to increase RT-PCR testing. In his letter to states, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has exhorted focus on measures to break the chain of transmission and ensure that RT-PCR testing is amplified to flush out hitherto undetected cases. — TNS

Health officials collect a swab sample at a centre in Jalandhar on Wednesday. MALKIAT SINGH

FULLY PREPARED

"The state govt is fully equipped and prepared to combat the possible fresh wave but the citizens should also follow appropriate Covid behaviour.

Vini Mahajan, CHIEF SECRETARY

Health officials worried over case fatality rate

VISHAV BHARTI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

With people in Punjab throwing safety norms to the wind, it is no news that the state has been topping the Covid fatality rate in the country.

The trend has left the health officials in the spot as no other state is near Punjab's 3.23 Case Fatality Rate (CFR). The distant second is Maharashtra where CFR is 2.5 per cent, followed by Sikkim (2.2).

Punjab's CFR is more than double the national average of 1.45. It has emerged as such a big worry that even CM Capt Amarinder expressed concern over the trend. Even neighbouring states are performing much better than Punjab. In Haryana CFR is 1.1 per cent, Himachal Pradesh J&K and Chandigarh 1.6 per cent each.

> No other state near Punjab's CFR of 3.23%

Punjab has been continuously figuring on top for the past more than four months. The health officials say that it is because the number of cases had witnessed a sudden dip in January.

But independent experts say the number of high deaths is because of high prevalence of co-morbidities. "Punjab has the highest number of patients with co-morbidities. It is a well established fact that Punjab has the highest number of patients suffering with communicable diseases. So the number of casualties will be more," said Dr JS Thakur of PGI's School of Public Health.

8 teachers, 3 students in Patiala test positive

PATIALA, FEBRUARY 24

Eight teachers and three students from six government schools tested positive for Covid-19 in a random sampling today. Consequently, the Health Department has shut down the two government schools located in the Tripuri area and Naugawan, for the next 48 hours.

Patiala on Wednesday reported 63 positive cases. With this, around 50 staff members and nine students have already tested positive in the district in February alone.

Following the Covid surge in the government schools, the Health Department has asked the District Education Officer (DEO) to further direct school heads to strictly comply with the Covid norms.

The department, in its letter to DEO, wrote that as Covid clustering had already been recorded in many government schools, therefore the risk of further spread loomed. Meanwhile, sources informed that the number of positive cases in government schools might be much higher.

Patiala Civil Surgeon Dr Satinder Singh, said, "We have been closely watching the sudden rise of Covid cases in the schools. We have directed the Education Department to ensure that everyone on school premises wears the mask."

Singh added that he had already directed health officials to ramp up testing in schools to stave off the spread. — TNS

LUDHIANA SCHOOLS TOP POSITIVITY RATE

Ludhiana: Ludhiana, which had earlier assumed the dubious distinction of Covid capital of Punjab, has topped the state with highest virus positivity in the schools. Against the state's average positivity rate of 1.1 per cent, Ludhiana has recorded a whopping 3.1 per cent Covid positive students and school staffers, the official figures compiled by the Health Department have revealed.

Muktsar officials shun masks at dist complex

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MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 24

Even though the Centre on Tuesday expressed its concern over rising Covid-19 cases in Punjab, top officers in the district administration were today found in their offices without mandatory face masks.

During a visit to the District Administrative Complex, it was found that a majority of people were entering the complex without masks. Shockingly, some officers and their subordinate staff too were not wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Notably, as of now, just 392 health workers have got the second dose of the vaccine in the district. Health Department officials further informed that 1,228 workers and 469 frontline workers had so far got the first dose of the vaccine in the district.

Just a few commuters were seen wearing masks. Cops at some places challaned people for not wearing masks.

Meanwhile, some parents have appealed to the state government to rethink its decision to reopen schools. They even said when the Centre and state government were issuing fresh advisories and restrictions to deal with Covid-19, then the schools too should be closed for some time.

Dr Ranju Singla, Chief Medical Officer, Muktsar, said there had been a rise in Covid cases in the past week. At present, the district has 22 active Covid-19 patients.

BJP's base has eroded in state, says Mohindra

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Demolishing the BJP's claims of giving due representation to the Hindu community in Punjab's political set-up during the 2022 Assembly poll, the state's Cabinet Minister Brahm Mohindra today reminded the saffron party that its base among the community had eroded during the 10 years of SAD-BJP government in the state from 2007 to 2017.

Breaking his silence on the BJP's narrative for the next Assembly poll, Mohindra said, "What are they talking of? When in power, the BJP leadership proved to be weak compared to the Akalis. Despite playing an important role in forming the government in 2007, they could not bargain for equal power-sharing like getting the post of Deputy CM or other political appointments.

As a result, the Hindu community has weaned away from the BJP," the minister said. — TNS

Farmers protest the central agricultural laws at a toll plaza near Balachaur in Nawanshahr on Wednesday. PHOTO:MALKIAT SINGH

SKM writes to Prez, demands end to 'repression'

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Farmers across the state today observed the 'Anti-repression Day' against the attempts being made by the Delhi Police to arrest farmers from Punjab and book farm union leaders in allegedly fake cases.

As part of this, the farmers staged dharnas at 35 places across the state and gave memorandums to the President of India, through the local civil administration heads. The protesting farmers alleged that the Delhi Police, under the influence of the Centre, was trying to hit out at the farmers struggle going on at the borders of Delhi, by booking leaders and farmers in cases.

Prem Singh Bhangu, chairman of the Legal Committee of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), said the farmers were demanding immediate release of the farmers lodged in Tihar jail at Delhi. "We also want that notices issued to hundreds of farmers in Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh by the police, NIA and other government agencies, should be scrapped," he said.

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary of BKU Dakaunda, said farmers were left with no option but to seek the intervention of the President to stop the repression unleashed on them, in a bid to end the farmers' struggle. — TNS

AAP URGES KHATTAR TO RELEASE NODEEP

A day after Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders were not allowed to meet labour rights activist Nodeep Kaur during their visit to Karnal Jail, senior party leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Punjab Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema on Wednesday wrote to Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar seeking her immediate release.

Arrest Warring, in suicide case, demand Akalis

MUKTSAR, FEBRUARY 24

Three days after the wife of a PSPCL contractor from Faridkot, who allegedly shot his two children before killing himself and injuring her on February 6, named Gidderbaha MLA Amrinder Singh Raja Warring as one of the main culprits in the suicide case, a large number of SAD activists today took out a protest march in Gidderbaha town.

> Take out protest march in Gidderbaha

They demanded the arrest of Warring, his brother-in-law Dumpy Vinayak and burnt their effigies. Two weeks ago, Faridkot City police had booked Dumpy. However, no arrest has been made till date. SAD's Gidderbaha constituency in-charge Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon said, "The police should register a case against Warring on the statement of the deceased's wife. — TNS

OBITUARY

Sardool Sikander (JANUARY 15, 1961 - FEBRUARY 24, 2021)

A humble singer whose legacy will live forever

MONA

Duniya mein Sikander koi nahi... Haan, Waqt Sikander hota hai... reads legendary singer Sardool Sikander's bio on Instagram. He breathed his last on February 24 at Mohali. His demise sent artistes, politicians cutting across the parties and his fans in mourning. Sikander suffered from diabetes, kidney and other complications, and was recently treated for Covid-19. He had been undergoing treatment at a hospital for the past few weeks.

Coming from a humble background, Sikander, who was born at Kheri Naudh Singh, Fatehgarh Sahib, rose to a professional high with '*Roadways Di Laari*'. He had a good command of classical, folk, religious and playback singing. Sikander enjoyed success on radio, television and live shows. '*Ek Charkha Gali De Vich, Maula, Nanak Naam Chardi Kalah*' are some of his famous songs. One of his bestselling albums is '*Husna De Malko*' (1991) that has sold 5.1 million copies worldwide and counting. He also acted in Punjabi films like '*Police in Pollywood*' and '*Jagga Daku*'.

A melodious singer, Sikander was a humble soul. He revered his guru Charanjit Ahuja. "Happiest Birthday to the Maker of Sardool Sikander Mere Ustad — Janaab Charanjit Ahuja sahab (your birth day is the biggest blessing of my entire life)" was one of his last social media posts.

Famous folk singer Pammi Bai, who also got trained under Ahuja, calls Sikander's demise unfortunate and untimely. "He was a multitalented singer; his loss leaves a big void in the music world." Bai shares how Sikander and his two brothers would go to do kirtan on one bicycle. "Sardool would ride the bike, one brother would sit on the cross bar, another behind him and between them they would carry harmonium and *tabla* – all on one cycle. And that he was to be such a hit, speaks volumes about his ability." Bai recalls Sikander as a jovial man with characteristic '*meethe mazak*', "Once we were sitting at Jalandhar Doordarshan studio and a singer sang out of tune, when I exclaimed, 'what was it', he goes, "*Inha de suran naal matbhed ne*', he was kind, compassionate and outright funny."

> Govt condoles death; to pay hospital bills

Sikander was married to actor-singer Amar Noorie. He is survived by his wife and sons - Sarang Sikander and Alaap Sikander – both of them are carrying forward their musical lineage. His musical legacy would survive in music lovers across generations.

Is Sidhana pursuing political agenda?

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 24

With the Punjab Assembly elections less than a year away, gangster-turned-activist Lakha Sidhana's rise is setting alarm bells ringing in the political circles in the region.

Despite being on the run and wanted by the Delhi Police, Lakha's rally at Mehraj village has a bigger political meaning. His close aides made a political pitch for him by giving a call that people should reject the SAD, Congress and AAP and elect people like Lakha who only talked about Punjab.

In the rally, there were clear indications that Sidhana was eyeing to play a major political innings in the upcoming Assembly polls in 2022.

Lakha Sidhana

MOBIKE OWNER CALLED BY COPS

Bhola Singh, a resident of Mehraj village on whose motorcycle Lakha Sidhana fled from the rally on Tuesday, was called to the Rampura City police station. However, the police denied that they had called Bhola to the police station. TNS

Besides, even radical groups are sensing an opportunity to recover the lost political ground on the issue in the state and, hence, they all have come together on one platform and started rallying behind Lakha Sidhana and Deep Sidhu.

If Mehraj rally was any indication, Lakha Sidhana succeeded in presenting himself and Deep Sidhu as heroes of the community amongst the public with Khalsa flags outnumbering farmer unions' flags at the venue.

A large numbers of youth were seen wearing T-shirts with photos of Sidhana and Deep Sidhu and carrying placards in their support.

Sidhana had unsuccessfully contested 2012 Assembly elections from the Rampura Phul segment on PPP ticket, the party launched by Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, which later got merged into the Congress.

Govt extends benefits to peace-time Chakra awardees' families

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

In a move that resolves a long-pending anomaly related to grant of benefits to the kin of posthumously decorated armed forces personnel, the Punjab Government has extended the benefits to the families of those awarded peace-time gallantry medals before 2017.

The state government had instituted an "Honour and Gratitude" policy in 2000 offering government jobs to families of posthumous gallantry awardees as per their qualifications. However, due to an oversight, the policy had only included war-time gallantry awards and had left out peace-time awards even if those happened to be higher in precedence.

Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra are classified as war-time medals and are awarded for gallantry in the face of the enemy while Ashok Chakra, Kirti Chakra and Shaurya Chakra are peace-time medals for acts of courage other than in the face of the enemy. The policy was finally rectified in 2017 but the authorities concerned had interpreted the amendment to mean that family members of only those personnel would be eligible who were awarded after 2017 whereas the original policy of year 2000 did not contain any such cut-off date.

The rectification of the anomaly remained pending with the government since 2017. In December 2020, the Punjab and Haryana High Court had directed the government to take appropriate measures and introduce clarity in the policy within a period of three months.

The fresh policy issued this week now includes all 'Chakra' series awards in its ambit without any cut-off provision as to the date of the award. The applicant however needs to be within the prescribed age limits for the job that he or she is applying for.

Sources familiar with the matter said although the number of affected applicants may not be very high, the rectification of the anomaly is a huge morale booster for them.

ANOMALY REMOVED

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Cybercrime units to be set up across state

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

DGP Dinkar Gupta on Wednesday announced the recruitment of around 200 cyber crime and digital forensic experts and setting up of cybercrime units in all districts. "Amid Covid-19, many people are using online banking and students attending online classes still don't aware about the term cybercrime," said the DGP . — TNS

Loan of farmer-son duo was not waived: SDM

HOSHIARPUR, FEBRUARY 24

Primary investigation in the suicide of farmer and son at Muhaddipur village in the Dasuya subdivision has revealed that their farm loans had not been waived as they did not fulfil the eligibility criteria.

Dasuya SDM Randeep Singh Heer said the loan waiver was applied twice by Jagtar Singh and his son Kirpal Singh but it was not waived as the concession was only for those having less than 5 acres of land.

He said Jagtar Singh in 2018 transferred one-acre each to his sons. They then applied for the loan waiver again, but since at the time of taking the loan, Jagtar Singh had seven acres of land and Kirpal had none, so the applications were not approved again. — OC

Amarinder announces minibus permit policy

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced an Open-Ended Mini Bus Permit Policy, with no deadline for rural youth to apply for such a permit.

Laying foundation stones of Rs 55.16-crore high-tech State Transport Department institutes, the Chief Minister also virtually launched distribution of 3,000 minibus permits for the rural youth to give a boost to the 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar te Karobar' mission, with token presentation of permits to five beneficiaries.

He said while 3,000 permits were being handed over today, another 8,000 would be given during the rest of the year, generating both direct and indirect employment.

RURAL CONNECTIVITY

"These novel initiatives will go a long way in providing smooth rural connectivity and seamless delivery of citizen-centric services."
Capt Amarinder Singh, CHIEF MINISTER

Captain Amarinder directed the Transport Department to create a user-friendly online facility within the next three months for receipt and processing of applications of all bus permits to make the system far more transparent and eliminate corruption.

These novel initiatives would go a long way in providing smooth rural connectivity and seamless delivery of citizen-centric services, said the Chief Minister, lambasting the previous SAD-BJP regime for issuing illegal permits to chosen people without due publicity or adherence to legal procedures/rules.

Recalling that his government had promised cancellation of all illegal bus permits to ensure that genuine people get the benefit of the scheme, Captain Amarinder said under the transparent system adopted by the department, a public notice for minibus permits was issued for the first time in newspapers. People were encouraged to apply online without any hassle, and as many as 12,384 applications were received.

While inaugurating home delivery of driving licences and registration certificates, the Chief Minister said Punjab was the first state in the country to implement this unique system.

Behbal case: SIT to get CCTV footage of court complex

Had alleged suspended IGP Umranangal was trying to influence witnesses

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FARIDKOT, FEBRUARY 24

The court of the District and Sessions Judge, Faridkot, on Wednesday accepted an application of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Punjab Police and asked the superintendent of the court to provide the CCTV footage of the periphery of the court complex to the investigating team.

Probing the Behbal Kalan police firing case on Tuesday, the SIT had accused the suspended Inspector General of Police (IGP) Paramraj Singh Umranangal of trying to influence the witnesses and put undue pressure upon the prosecution agency by reaching the court complex with a large number of persons in order to create pressure on the prosecution agency and witnesses. To detect all these persons, the SIT wanted to procure the CCTV footage of cameras installed on the periphery of the court complex.

Paramraj Singh Umranangal

The SIT had moved an application for procuring the CCTV footage of the periphery of the court complex of February 19, timing between 11 am to 12 noon when the IGP had appeared in the court of the District and Sessions Judge in the Kotkapura police firing case.

Sources in the SIT revealed that there is not much clarity in the CCTV footage provided to it by the court to identify the persons. Sources revealed that while some of the CCTV cameras installed in the court complex were not functioning properly, the quality of picture in other cameras was not of good quality.

Youth found dead in car

ABOHAR, FEBRUARY 24

A 19-year-old youth was found dead under mysterious circumstances in his locked car parked near a ghee factory on Tuesday. Preliminary investigation into the case has indicated that he might have died due to leakage in a carbon monoxide cylinder that he was carrying in his car on Abohar-Malout stretch of the National Highway-10.

According to sources, kin of Waris Kalra of Malout suspect that he might had been murdered. The police said inquest proceedings had been initiated under Section 174 of the CrPC and other aspects would be examined after getting detailed post-mortem report. — OC

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₹26L fraudulently withdrawn from Labour Dept account

MOGA, FEBRUARY 24
An amount of Rs 26 lakh was withdrawn from the official bank account of the Labour Department by forging signatures on the cheques in Moga.

After a preliminary inquiry, the police have registered a criminal case against Rajinder Singh, a Class IV employee of the department, and his five associates. The case has been registered under Sections 381, 465, 467, 471 and 120B of the IPC at the City-I police station here.

The special cell of the Crime Branch of the state police is investigating the scam. — TNS

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PUBLIC AUCTION/SALE NOTICE

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Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Citizens Urban Coop. Bank Ltd., Jalandhar City.** Besides exercising other rights of the Bank available under the law, the bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers provided under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Hereinafter referred to as the Act issued a demand notice for recovery of sums from the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagor (herein referred as borrowers) as per details given below against each borrower. Under SARFAESI ACT 2002 read with rules 8 and 9 of security interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 Pursuant to the possession taken of the mortgage properties/ secured assets, detail given below. Whereas the sale of secured assets is to be made through Public Auction for the recovery of secured debts due to **THE CITIZENS URBAN CO-OP. BANK LTD**. From the borrowers as per Demand Notice plus future interest, cost and charges incurred by the bank thereon, less recoveries if any, thereafter.
The general public is invited to bid either through personally or by duly authorized person. **Bank will be free to bid for eligible properties**.

SCHEDULE OF SALE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sr. no	Name of Borrower	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Property alongwith Name of Mortgagor's	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit 15%	Last Date to Deposit Earnest money	Date & Time of Auction	Incremental Bid Amount
1	M/s Sharp Cut products Prop. Sh. Parshotam Lal Miglani	17.03. 2020	Land and Building measuring 1 Kanal, situated at Chak Hussain, Lamba Pind,Jalandhar comprised under Khasra No. 711(4-11) Hadbust No. 214 regd. Vide document no. 4850 dt. 06/11/1980 in the name of Sh. Parshotam Miglani	Rs. 4500000/-	Rs. 675000/-	24.03.2021 before start of auction	24.03.2021 at 11.00 Am at site	RS. 20000/-
2	Sh. Parshotam Lal Miglani	17.03. 2020	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
3	Sh. Parshotam Lal miglani	17.03. 2020	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
4	M/S S. G. Enterprises Prop. Sh. Nitin Gupta	04.09. 2020	A) All that part & Parcel of land and building measuring 09M 192 Sq FT comprised under khasra no.23//23, 32//6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 14/2, 15/1, 23//22, 24, 25, 32//2, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1 min, 9/1/1, 32//5/1 min situated at Vill. Gadaipur, Jalandhar Regd. Vide Document no.1006 dt.06.05.2008 in the name of Sh. Nitin Gupta S/o Sh. Balram Gupta. B) All that part & Parcel of land and building measuring 09M 192 Sq FT comprised under khasra no.23//23, 32//6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 14/2, 15/1, 23//22, 24, 25, 32//2, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1 min, 9/1/1, 32//5/1 min 32//13/2/1, 32//8/1 situated at Vill. Gadaipur, Jalandhar Regd. Vide Document no.2634 dt.09.07.2008 in the name of Sh. Nitin Gupta S/o Sh. Balram Gupta C) All that part & Parcel of land and building measuring 09M 192 Sq FT comprised under khasra no.23//23, 32//6/1, 7/1, 8/1, 14/2, 15/1, 23//22, 24, 25, 32//2, 3/1, 4/1, 5/1 min, 9/1/1, 32//5/1 min 32//13/2/1, 32//8/1 situated at Vill. Gadaipur, Jalandhar Regd. Vide Document no.7133 dt.09.02.2011 in the name of Sh. Nitin Gupta S/o Sh. Balram Gupta	Rs. 5900000/-	Rs. 885000/-	24.03.2021 before start of auction	24.03.2021 at 03.00 PM at site	RS. 20000/-
5	Smt. Rashmi Gupta & Sh. Nitin Gupta	04.09 2020	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
6	Kumar Shiv Kochhar	04.02. 2019	All the parts and parcel of land and building situated at Khasra No. 11//4/2/2(4-8), 11/6/2/2(1-5), 11//7/2(7-13), 11//14/1/(3-2), 11//18/1(0-1), 11/19/2(1-3), 19//14/3(3-1), 24//7/1(4-0), 24//8/1(4-0), 25//2/1(1-8),78/2(1-7), 79/2(1-19), 96/2(1-9), 19//25(8-0), 11/1/2(3-10), 11//2(8-0), 11//10/1(0-14), 11//11/2(1-14) 11//12(6-19), 24//3/2(3-16), 11//9(8-0), 11//10/291-18), 18//20(6-0), 19//17(8-0), 25//1/19(5-11), 11//13/19(6-4), 11//8(8-0), 19//16(6-12), 19//23/2(1-18), 19//24(8-0), 24//4(8-0), 24//5(8-0), 24//6/1(5-17) Village Bhatija Randhawa Sub Tehsil Kartarpur, Jalandhar measuring 10K 10 Marla(Marla 272 Sq. Ft.), Jalandhar as mortgage property is owned and possessed by Kumar Shiv Kochhar S/o Sh. C. L. Kochhar, R/o 70-71, Durga Colony, Jalandhar as mentioned in the pledged sale deed bearing no. 645 dated 14.11.2014 which was duly registered with the office of Jt. SR- Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar.	Rs. 18000000/-	Rs. 2700000/-	25.03.2021 before start of auction	25.03.2021 at 11.00 AM at site	Rs. 50,000/-
7	Kumar Shiv Kochhar	04.02. 2019	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
8	Kumar Shiv Kochhar	04.02. 2019	All the parts and parcel of land and building situated at Khasra No. 39//1/2/2(2-4), 39//2/2/2(2-18), 39//9/1(2-9) Village Bal Sub Tehsil Kartarpur, Jalandhar measuring 3K 15 Marla(Marla 207 Sq. Ft.), Jalandhar as mortgage property is owned and possessed by Kumar Shiv Kochhar S/o Sh. C. L. Kochhar, R/o 70-71, Durga Colony, Jalandhar as mentioned in the pledged sale deed bearing no. 722 dated 08.10.2013 which was duly registered with the office of Jt. SR-Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar.	Rs. 15500000/-	Rs. 2325000/-	25/03/2021 Before Start Of Auction	25/03/2021 At 3.00 PM at site	Rs. 50,000/-
9	Mrs. Asha Kochhar	04.02. 2019	All the parts and parcel of land and building situated at Khasra No. 39//1/2/2(2-4), 39//2/2/2(2-18), 39//9/1(2-9) Village Bal Sub Tehsil Kartarpur, Jalandhar measuring 3K 15 Marla(Marla 207 Sq. Ft.), Jalandhar as mortgage property is owned and possessed by Smt. Asha Kochhar W/o Sh. C. L. Kochhar, R/o 70-71, Durga Colony, Jalandhar as mentioned in the pledged sale deed bearing no. 723 dated 08.10.2013 which was duly registered with the office of Jt. SR-Kartarpur, Distt. Jalandhar	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
10	S. Simranjit Singh	23.02. 2018	All that part and parcel of Land and Building measuring 1 kanal 11 Marla 55 Sq Ft. Comprised under Khasra No. 9//17/1, 17/2, 18, 9//19/1, 9//15/2, 9//16, 10//11/2, 20 situated at village Chak Jindan, Jalandhar as mortgage property is owned and possessed by S.Simranjit Singh S/o S. Baljit Singh S/o s. Jagat Singh R/o 73A, hargovind Enclave, Kalia Colony, Jalandhar as mentioned in the pledged sale deed bearing no. 2898 dt. 19/09/2014 which was duly registered with the office of SR Jalandhar II.	Rs. 4500000/-	Rs. 6755000/-	26.03.2021 before start of auction	26.03.2021 at 11.00 PM	Rs. 20000/-
11	Smt. Kamlesh Rani & Sh. Sat Pal	11.04 2016	All the parts and parcel of land situated at 657, Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar measuring 01K 01M 153Sq. Ft. comprised in the revenue record under Khasra No. 1378, regd. Vide document no. 10633 dt. 11/3/2011 and possessed by Smt. Kamlesh W/o Sh. Sat Pal Mal R/o 667-668, Guru Tegh Bahadur Nagar, Jalandhar.	Rs. 14400000/-	Rs. 2160000/-	26.03.2021 before start of auction	26.03.2021 at 03.00 PM	Rs. 50,000/-
12	M/s Apex Traders prop. Mrs. Kamlesh	11.04 2016	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-	-DO-
13	India Metal Works	11.05. 2017	1.Land measuring 15 Marla, situated at VPO Randhawa Masanda, Distt. Jalandhar. Comprised khasra no. 1874, 1639/1, 1875/16, 39/2 Regd. Vide Document No. 7780 dt. 9/3/2009 (mortgage) Sh. Vipan Dhand S/o Sh. Krishan Kishore	Rs. 15 Lakh	Rs. 225000/-	29.03.2021 before start of auction	29.03.2021 at 11.00 AM	Rs. 20000/-
14	India Metal Works	11.05. 2017	1.Land measuring 15 Marla, situated at VPO Randhawa Masanda, Distt. Jalandhar. Comprised khasra no. 1874, 1639/1, 1875/16, 39/2 Regd. Vide Document No. 7780 dt. 9/3/2009 (mortgage) Smt. Chandani Dhand W/o Sh. Vipan Dhand	Rs. 15 Lakh	Rs. 225000/-	29.03.2021 before start of auction	29.03.2021 at 11.00 AM	Rs. 20000/-
15	India Metal Works	11.05. 2017	Land and Building Measuring 03 Marla 59 Sq Ft comprised in the revenue record under Khasra No. 1579, 1582, 1588, 1591, 1587, 1592, 2229/1593, 1583, 1590 situated at H. No. 40, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar (Mortgage) Sh. Anand Kumar S/o Sh.Shiv Charan Dass Mentioned in the pledged sale deed bearing no. 7355 dt.03/03/2006	Rs. 19.42 Lakh	Rs. 291300/-	29.03.2021 before start of auction	29.03.2021 at 03.00 PM	Rs. 20000/-
16	Mrs. Gurmeet Kaur & S. Darshan Singh	24.06. 2019	All the parts and parcel of land/plot of share612/1325 equal to6.12 M comprised khatta no.1141/2989 khasra no.114/4 min, total13.25 M situated at vill. Mansa Kalan, H.B. No. 76, Tehsil & distt. Mansa vide jamabandi for the year 2012-13, sale deed bearing vasika no.1969 dt. 03.09.2015 which was duly regd. with the office of sub-registrar Mansa	Rs. 6 Lakh	Rs. 90000/-	30.03.2021 before start of auction	30.03.2021 at 11.00 AM	Rs. 20000/-
17	Sh. Vipan Kumar & Smt Sujata Chadha	16.09. 2020	A)All the parts and parcel of land & building i.e. portion of property (ground Floor) measuring 1 marla and half share of (first Floor) measuring 8 Marla 94 Sq. Ft. dimensions as (25X70) situated at Moh. Charanjitpura, Jalandhar is possessed in the name of Mrs. Sujata Chadha as mentioned in the pledge sale deed bearing vasika no.6937 dt. 27.12.2002 which was duly regd. with the office of sub-registrar, Jalandhar B)All the parts and parcel of land & building i.e. portion of property (ground Floor) measuring 1 marla and half share of (first Floor) measuring 8 Marla 94 Sq. Ft. dimensions as (25X70) situated atMoh. Charanjitpura, Jalandhar is possessed in the name of Mrs. Sujata Chadha as mentioned in the pledge sale deed bearing vasika no.6938 dt. 27.12.2002 which was duly regd. with the office of sub-registrar, Jalandhar	Rs. 1100000/-	Rs. 165000/-	30.03.2021 before start of auction	30.03.2021 at 03.00 AM	Rs. 20000/-

BRIEF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

The sale shall be subject to the terms & conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions : **I.** The properties are being sold on "AS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS WHAT IS BASIS" **II.** The particular of Secured Assets Specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **III.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **IV.** The amount so deposited as earnest money will not carry any interest. **V.** Offer without Earnest Money and below Reserve Price will be rejected. **VI.** The successful Bidder will immediately be required to deposit 25% of the sale price by way of cash/pay order after adjusting the earnest money paid. Upon failure of the highest bidder to deposit immediately 25% of the sale price the property will be re auctioned and sold to the next highest bidder or cancelled and the earnest money of the previous highest bidder shall be forfeited. **VII.** The balance amount (75%) of the sale price is to be paid within 15 days of the date of auction or such extended period as permitted upon in writing by the Authorized Officer, in case of failure of deposit of the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount earlier deposited shall be forfeited **VIII.** Sale shall be confirmed in favor of highest bidder subject to the confirmation of the same by secured creditor. **IX.** All the charges include registration, stamp duty/ taxes etc. shall be exclusively borne by the successful bidder. **X.** The secured creditor does not in any way warrant the fitness, quality or usability of the properties being sold. **XI.** The Authorized Officer reserve the right to accept or reject any bid or postpone or cancel the auction without any reason and also to modify the terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Date : 23/02/2021 **PLACE : JALANDHAR** **S/d Authorised Officer**

State to amend Prisons Act, will strengthen security

CABINET MEET Nod to construction of 25K houses for EWS

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CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24
To strengthen the security across the state's prisons, the Punjab Cabinet led today approved draft of the new penal provisions in the Prisons Act, 1894, through stringent punishment for offences like rioting, escape from prison, damage to jail property, assault on jail staff, possession of drugs and other violations. A Bill to bring in the necessary changes will be introduced in the Budget Session scheduled to begin on March 1.

The amendments would be useful in wake of cases of use of mobile phones by the inmates in recent times, as well as riots inside the jails, assault on jail staff, damage to jail property and drug trafficking.

CHANGES IN MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

The Cabinet on Wednesday gave approval to amend Section 3 and Schedule of the Punjab Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1924 (Amended) to deal with issues like refund of lump sum tax paid in case of a motor car or motorcycle owner shifting to another state with the vehicle and ceasing to be resident of Punjab, or transfer of ownership of the vehicle to a person having residence outside Punjab.

Under the amended provisions, it has been proposed to extend imprisonment up to seven years from existing three years with fine, not exceeding Rs 50,000 or with both for offences against prison discipline. The existing provision provides for a maximum of one year imprisonment and a fine exceeding Rs 25,000 or both.

The Cabinet also paved the way for construction of more than 25,000 houses for the economically weaker sections, with developers and authorities required to develop 5 per cent of the project area for EWS housing. These houses would be constructed in reasonably sized pockets, along with social infrastructure, such as schools, community centres and dispensaries, at convenient locations to ensure comfortable living for the beneficiaries. They will be provided access to basic civic amenities.

The houses under the new policy would be constructed with the latest brick-less technology, using services of qualified Project Management Agencies (PMAs). They will be offered to eligible families, who will be financed by banks at affordable monthly instalment rates.

The Cabinet also approved the bifurcation of the common cadre of the Departments of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research. The move is aimed at prompt resolution of disputes arising out of the establishment matters between these two departments through separation of controlling authority and rules of both the departments. Since the beginning, the two departments were a single entity, with a common set of promulgated in 1945.

Members of SAD (Democratic) stage a protest in Bathinda on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

SAD (D) protests fuel price hike in Bathinda

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Submits memorandum to Union Govt

BATHINDA, FEBRUARY 24
Members of the SAD (D) sent a memorandum to the Centre via the Bathinda Deputy Commissioner today.

The memorandum stated that increased fuel prices were burning a hole in the pockets of common man and the government must decrease the rates immediately.

SAD (D) Bathinda district Jathedar Sarbjit Singh Doomwali led the party members, holding placards with slogans against the increased fuel prices, to the DC office.

Former MP Paramjit Kaur said, "We demand that the Centre must reduce fuel prices as soon as possible otherwise we will be forced to hold string of protests in the coming days. We have sent a memorandum to the government via DC to express the concerns of common man."

Sampla takes charge as SC panel chairman

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24
Former Union minister Vijay Sampla, who today assumed the charge of chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, said he would adopt "a three-tier appoach" to resolve all issues being faced by the Dalit community.

Sampla, who served as Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment from 2014 to 2019 and is counted among prominent Dalit faces of the BJP in Punjab, said it was a matter of pride for him that the Union Government had assigned him such an important responsibility.

Elaborating on the three-tier mechanism, Sampla said his focus would be on resolving the social issues being faced by the Dalit community. "Second, I will work to ensure that Dalits get justice in the government departments, whether it is the state or central, so that they are not subjected to any sort of exploitation," he asserted.

In order to prevent injustice, exploitation, and resolve various issues being faced by the Dalits, whether socially or in government departments, from time to time, he will be submitting his report, in the form of suggestions, to the President.

PROMINENT DALIT FACE

Sampla served as Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment from 2014 to 2019 and is counted among prominent Dalit faces of the BJP in Punjab

Union ministers and prominent leaders from the region, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash and former Punjab minister Tikshan Sud and several BJP functionaries were present during the ceremony.

They all extended their wishes to Sampla for a successful tenure.

Union ministers Rajnath Singh, DV Sadananda Gowda, Hardeep Puri and Anurag Thakur also greeted Sampla.

Cong leaders on stone-laying spree

DEEPKAMAL KAUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, FEBRUARY 24
Seemingly entering into election mode post the victory of the party in the recent civic bodies poll, the Congress MP, MLAs and councillors have begun making huge announcements regarding starting various projects in the city.

It being the last year of the term of the present government, the leaders have begun holding foundation stone-laying or ground-breaking ceremonies to show to the people that they are bringing in some development works.

A slew of projects have been started in the region in the recent days, including construction of flyovers, development of parks, sewage treatment plants, upgradation of railway stations, setting up rooftop rainwater harvesting systems, LED streetlight system, digitisation of government libraries, all at a cost of crores of rupees.

As Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh laid the foundation stones of some projects digitally from Chandigarh, the MLAs did attend the online event but then also went to the sites, organised gatherings, held foundation stone laying events and even got their pictures posted on social media.

"All this drama is being done to garner support of the masses ahead of the 2022 Assembly poll. We all know that these works will not get over within a span of less than a year. These will only cause inconvenience to us and hinder our day-to-day movement. Ideally, all such projects should have got started in the first year of the inception of the government," said Surinder Setia, a resident of Chuggiti area where work for a new flyover has started.

Even the Opposition has been raking up the issue as former BJP MLA KD Bhandari said, "All the projects which the CM announced yesterday are actually being done from funds they have got from the Centre under the Smart City or AMRUT schemes. The ruling Congress in Punjab is taking completely undue publicity out of these funds. The Congress leaders have gone to the extent that they are laying two foundation stones for one road. These stunts won't work."

Man killed over domestic dispute, four booked

ABOHAR, FEBRUARY 24
A 60-year-old man, Prithvi Raj, was allegedly beaten up by his relatives due to a domestic dispute on Tuesday in Rampura village near Abohar. The victim succumbed to his injuries.

Promila, daughter of the deceased, who was staying with her parents, said her brother Vinod and his wife Nirmala, who lived in a neighbouring house, engaged in some dispute last night. Following this, Vinod reportedly moved out of his house and later Nirmala along with her son Arjun, sister Anju and her son Karan barged into their house and attacked them.

A case has been registered against four persons. — OC

In The Court of Sh. Rajpal Singh, PCS Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Assistant Collector- Ist Grade/Collector, Bagha Purana, Distt. Moga

Case Title : Balwinder Singh etc Vs Jagjit Singh etc
Case Type : Appeal Partition
Village : Bhaloor
Tehsil : Bagha Purana

Public Notice

The public notice informs the general and special that the aforesaid appeal Partition case of Balwinder Singh etc. Versus Jagjit Singh etc. village Bhaloor, Tehsil Bagha Purana is pending in this court. The next hearing is scheduled for 10.03.2021. Respondents Sh. Jagdev Singh, Mewa Singh and Gursewak Singh son's of Ajaib Singh S/o Bishan all resident of village Bhaloor, Tehsil Bagha Purana, Distt. Moga are not appearing in the case. Therefore, if these public notices are read by the said respondents themselves or any of their relatives anywhere in India, who have any objection to the decision in favour of Balwinder Singh etc. in this case (Appeal Partition), then they can file their objection on 10.03.2021. He can appear in this court individually or through his lawyer till **10.03.2021.** No objection will be entertained after the due date and the appeal partition case will be decided on the basis of merit.

This Public Notice issued today on 18.02.2021 under my signature and seal.

DI-21193 Sd/- **Collector (S.D), Bagha Purana.**

Victory flame reaches Fazilka

FAZILKA, FEBRUARY 24
To commemorate the 50th anniversary celebrations of India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 war, the Swarnim Vijay Mashaal (victory flame) reached Asafwala War Memorial today. Rich tributes were paid to martyrs on the arrival of the victory flame.

Brigadier Hardeep Singh Burn, Deputy Commissioner Arvind Pal Singh Sandhu and Fazilka MLA Davinder Singh Ghubaya laid wreaths and pay homage to 218 fallen soldiers of the Indian Army. — OC

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Release protesters, withdraw cases: Bhagat Singh's nephew

'DAMAN VIRODHI DIWAS' Terms Union Government as 'pro-corporate'

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JHAJJAR, FEBRUARY 24

Shaheed Bhagat Singh's nephew Prof Jagmohan Singh today demanded release of all farmers arrested by the Delhi Police during the tractor parade on January 26 and withdrawal of cases registered against farmers during the three-month-long protest.

He raised the demands at a programme organised by the All-India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) at the Rohad toll plaza on the Rohtak-Delhi national highway. The event was organised to mark the "Daman Virodhi Diwas".

"The Modi government is pro-corporate. It becomes evident by its stance on the three contentious farm laws. The Centre is adamant on not revoking the legislations. The arrest of farmers is unjustified. They must be released immediately, while the police repression against farmers should come to an end," said Prof Jagmohan, who is an agricultural economist.

Inderjit Singh, state vice-president, AIKS, said the "Daman Virodhi Diwas" was observed with enthusiasm, giving out the message that protesters were angry.

Earlier, Prof Jagmohan was welcomed with slogans of "Shaheed Bhagat Singh Zindabad" at the Rohad toll plaza. He was garlanded at the Madina toll plaza in Rohtak district.

At the Tikri border, protesting farmers marked the "Daman Virodhi Diwas" by criticising the Centre for alleged repression against protesting farmers.

Kaithal/Karnal: Farmers today pasted a memorandum of demands on the premises of the Kaithal DC's office after they were informed that the DC was absent.

They demanded opening of all entry points to Delhi.

In Karnal, farmers handed over a memorandum of demands to the tehsildar.

Panipat: Members of the BKU and other organisations led by Sunil Dutt and Bintu Malik held a protest march to mark the "Daman Virodhi Diwas". They later submitted a memorandum to tehsildar Kuldeep Malik.

Farmers welcome Shaheed Bhagat Singh's nephew Prof Jagmohan Singh at the Madina toll plaza in Rohtak on Wednesday.

ANOTHER PUNJAB FARMER DIES

Sonepat: A 65-year-old farmer from Hoshiarpur district died at the Singhu border on Wednesday. The deceased has been identified as Malkeet Singh. When he did not wake up in the morning, fellow protesters took him to the general hospital, where doctors declared him as brought dead. The police said the farmer might have died of a heart stroke. TNS

Three more farmers destroy wheat crop

DEEPENDER DESWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR/JIND, FEBRUARY 24

Three farmers today destroyed their crops in protest against the controversial agricultural laws, even as BKU leaders Rakesh Tikait and Gurnam Singh Charuni have appealed to them to desist from such actions as, they have said, these would not serve any purpose.

The incidents were reported from Jind, Charkhi Dadri and Kaithal districts. A farmer from Hisar district was stopped from levelling his crop. Balraj, a farmer from Jind's Dharoli village, destroyed his wheat crop spread over one acre and donated the harvested crop to a "gaushala".

"Farmers have been protesting on the Delhi borders for three months, but the Centre has been ignoring their pleas. Its dictatorial attitude has exposed its devious design of allowing the corporate companies to grab the land of farmers," he said.

Angry that farmers' produce have failed to fetch remunerative prices, Om Prakash of Charkhi Dadri's Charkhi village his four-acre wheat crop.

"I have kept one-acre wheat crop for my family and destroyed the rest. I am pained at the injustice being meted out to farmers by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he said while running a tractor on the crop.

In Hisar's Khanda Kheri village, farmers stopped their friend Shiv Kumar Sharma from destroying his crop. He said he was upset at the "dictatorial" attitude of the Centre and had no intention of selling off his produce.

In Kaithal district, Virender Kundu destroyed wheat crop on 1.5 acres.

Put Nodeep's medical report on record: HC

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Just about two days after labour activist Nodeep Kaur claimed before the High Court that she was beaten black and blue in the police station after being arrested in a "false" case in connection with the farmers' agitation, the High Court on Wednesday noted the medical report had not been placed on record by the state.

As her petition seeking bail came up for resumed hearing, Justice Avneesh Jhingan asserted that the Sonepat Duty Magistrate/Judicial Magistrate First Class, vide order dated January 18, had ordered that Nodeep Kaur be medically examined.

"She was medically examined, but the report has not been placed on record by the state, rather only medico-legal report under Section 54 of the CrPC is placed on record," Justice Jhingan observed before fixing the case for further hearing on February 26 for the state counsel to place the report on record.

Nodeep had moved the court through senior advocate RS Cheema and Arshdeep Singh Cheema alleging a false implication in an FIR registered for attempt to murder, assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty and other offences.

Justice Jhingan also directed the placing on record medico-legal report in case of co-accused Shiv Kumar. The court, on February 19, had ordered Shiv Kumar to be examined by the Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh. "To appreciate the real controversy, report of medical examination of Shiv Kumar under Section 54 CrPC be also produced on record," Justice Jhingan directed. — TNS

Covid China's anti-human bio-weapon: RSS leader

Ex-minister hints at strict steps, says farm stir will end by Holi

SUNIT DHAWAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, FEBRUARY 24

RSS national executive member Indresh Kumar on Wednesday stated that Covid was an anti-human bio-weapon launched by China to assert its supremacy. He also gave a call to bring Lahore and Karachi under India.

The RSS leader was addressing a gathering at the launch of a book on the life of Haryana's first Chief Minister, late Pt Bhagwat Dayal Sharma, on the premises of Maharshi Dayanand University in Rohtak.

"It is quite clear that Covid was launched as a bio-weapon by China. That is why the virus, which originated in China, did not spread in Chinese towns and provinces in close vicinity, but spread widely in India, USA and European countries located thousands of kilometres away from China," he stated.

Kumar asserted that India had provided Covid vaccines "worth lakhs of crores of rupees" to 80 countries and other medicines to 130 countries free of cost during the pandemic.

He claimed that Indians had been exhorted to bang 'thalis' and light candles during the spread of Covid with a view to pulling them out of depression associated with the pandemic.

Referring to Pakistan, the RSS leader remarked that it was India's responsibility to rid the world of its "illegitimate and violent" neighbour. He called for bringing Lahore and Karachi under India.

"I ask you, residents of Rohtak. You have a house, a job or a shop in Rohtak. Won't you like to have these in Lahore?" he stated.

Veteran BJP leader and former minister Ram Bilas Sharma hinted at strict measures to end the ongoing agitation by farmers, stating that the stir would be over by Holi.

"We have seen Narendra Modi's rule in Gujarat as well as at the Centre for numerous years. No farmer will be seen near Delhi by Holi," he said.

Indresh Kumar

Four of family, 3 others die in eway mishap

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JIND, FEBRUARY 24

Seven persons, including four of a family, died in a road accident on the Yamuna Expressway near Jewar village in Gautam Budh Nagar of Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday.

> Were returning home in Jind after having visited Vrindavan

The deceased have been identified as Manoj Garg (45), his wife Babita (40) sons Abhay (18) and Hemant (16), two relatives Madhuri (14) and Tanu (11) and their Innova driver Rakesh. All were from Jind. The victims were returning home after paying obeisance at a religious place in Vrindavan when their vehicle rammed into a truck.

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Bail for Disha

Court stands up for individual's right to dissent

CLIMATE activist Disha Ravi is out on bail in the toolkit case, 10 days after her arrest that had sparked outrage in India and abroad. The 22-year-old shouldn't have been put in jail in the first place, going by the dressing-down given by a Delhi court to the police. Pulling no punches, Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana said, 'The offence of sedition cannot be invoked to minister to the wounded vanity of the governments.' This hard-hitting statement shows law enforcement officials as well as their political masters in a poor light. The Delhi Police were left red-faced as the court observed that the 'scanty and sketchy' evidence available on record was not sufficient to keep a person with no criminal record in custody.

Calling citizens 'conscience keepers' of the government in a democratic nation, the court has made it clear that people cannot be put behind bars simply because they choose to disagree with the State's policies. Such observations can help counter the unwelcome trend of vilification of protesters and hopefully deter cops from invoking the sedition law at the drop of a hat. In any case, the poor conviction rate of this colonial-era legislation is a good reason for the police not to go overboard time and again.

Judge Rana had been equally forthright last week when he granted bail to two persons who were booked on the charge of sedition for allegedly posting/sharing fake videos on social media regarding the farmers' protests. He had sounded a note of caution about the misuse of the law 'to quieten the disquiet under the pretence of muzzling the miscreants'. It's praiseworthy that the judiciary is intervening to prevent infringement of the individual's right to dissent. The onus now is on the executive to respect difference of opinion and let protesters fearlessly have their say, as long as they don't incite violence or disturb public peace. With India's global ranking on the Democracy Index down from 27 (in 2014) to 53 last year, the government direly needs to make judicious use of the powerful tools at its disposal to maintain law and order.

Alarm bells for OTT

Proposed ethics code can throttle creative liberty

JUST when the content on over-the-top (OTT) platforms was being hailed as an elixir for the artistic community, the government, it seems, has decided to clip its wings. As soon as the news of online news portals and streaming services coming under the ambit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting broke in November, tremors have been felt in the entertainment industry. Now there are more reasons for both the makers and streamers to rue. The code of ethics that the government is contemplating does not appear to be a mere guideline. The three-tier regulatory framework, including an inter-ministerial committee, it has proposed almost seems draconian on paper.

Proposals like parental lock, rating system and even the rules that suggest that the content should not impact India's sovereignty and unity are acceptable norms. However, much of the regulations and the qualifying words such as 'due caution and discretion' as well as 'potentially offensive impact of a film on matters of caste, race, gender, religion, disability, or sexuality' are open to subjective interpretation and could lead to a witch-hunt. Ironically, without the regulations too, producers have had to face flak. A case in point is the web-series '*Tandav*'; even after the makers edited out the scenes that some thin-skinned had taken umbrage at, the streaming platform, director and the cast have been embroiled in legal battles.

In a country where mainstream cinema as a rule churns out formulaic content, OTT had become a byword for creative liberty, quality and the go-to medium for hordes of viewers seeking alternatives to syrupy dramas. For the government to play moral nanny in an age where art knows no barriers is as perplexing as unwarranted. Or maybe, the move comes riding on political agendas. One can only hope that wiser counsel prevails before proposals fructify into rules. Instead of paying heed to the hyperventilating brigade of naysayers, the government would do well to factor in the views and interests of the stakeholders, for whom OTT has been the proverbial breath of fresh air.

How to privatise banks

Incentives for new owners to do good business in 'other India' are the key

SUBIR ROY
SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

THE government has decided that there will be no more than four public sector units in each strategic sector, of which banking is one. Since even after the merger of several public sector banks there are still a dozen odd left, the task ahead is a long one. Hence, the goal the government has set for the current financial year — privatise two public sector banks — is the minimum that needs to be done. But even this limited task will not be easy to fulfil.

The junior minister in finance has taken the first step to spell out the obvious boundary lines. No serious acquirer can be expected to come forward to acquire a sick bank. A sale has to be 'reasonable' and 'a fair deal' for the buyer, the government and also bank customers. Last but not the least, even though left-oriented trade unions are not a constituency of the present government, come the bank employees. Their long-term interests, including the pension commitments made to them, will have to be secured while going through the sale process.

But even if a bank is not formally designated a sick enterprise, it is well known that most public sector banks are weak. Periodic capital injections by the government have ensured that they are able to carry on doing business by meeting the regulator's capital adequacy norms. And their level of stressed assets has been kept under some kind of control through hefty write-offs.

But even what is there on paper does not reveal the whole truth. The pandemic has resulted in court-ordered moratorium on repayments and a standstill on recognition of NPAs. The true picture of the level of non-performing assets will only be known once regular repayments and asset recognition get under way. Knowing that the official numbers may not tell the full story, a practice of giving additional information through pro-forma numbers has been started.

THE GOAL: The government is looking to privatise two public sector banks in the current financial year. REUTERS

> No serious acquirer can be expected to come forward to acquire a sick bank. The average rural or semi-urban branch finds it difficult to make money.

According to information disclosed by 17 banks (six top public sector and 11 private sector banks), for the December quarter, 'gross NPAs' have been put at Rs 5.95 lakh crore, 'unrecognised NPAs' at Rs 1.04 lakh crore — the two together yielding a figure of 'pro-forma gross NPAs' of Rs 7 lakh crore.

This being the scenario, what is there in a public sector bank, except perhaps State Bank of India, and to an extent Bank of Baroda, for a prospective buyer to feel that he has before him a potentially viable asset which can be turned around to become a profitable one?

First, does the economy need the business model that public sector banks represent? They served a historical purpose but in the business of taking banking to the unbanked, the can is now being carried by the better and bigger microfinance institutions and the small finance banks which have mostly emerged from their earlier avatar of NBFC-MFIs which are rigorously supervised by the Reserve Bank of India. And these have far lower levels of stressed assets than the average commercial bank.

The government is keen to take financial inclusion forward through digital banking, which on the face of it, seems to be capable of doing away with brick and mortar bank branches. Under this scenario, the last mile will be delivered by hotspot-enabled *kirana* stores functioning as public data offices where you will get good bandwidth to do your basic banking with ease through your smartphone.

But bank branches which offer a physical interface between unlettered customers and banking staff is essential for first-generation users of even basic banking services to learn how to handle banking procedures. It is a mistake to think that those at the bottom of the pyramid do not need their own relationship managers. All you need to do to convince yourself of this is the queues of confused customers at bank branches even in urban areas waiting patiently to be told how to do what needs doing.

The most tangible values that public sector banks have to offer are their large deposit base and branch real estate. Plus, most ordinary Indians to this day wish to keep their meagre savings in a safe institution that carries de facto government guarantee against bank failure. For this, they are willing to earn a rate of interest which is below the inflation rate, that is their deposits losing real value over time.

The banks' foremost liability is that the average rural or semi-urban branch finds it difficult to make money. A key reason is their staff have poor knowledge of local business conditions so that an unacceptably high part of their small loans portfolio is non-performing. It is here that the microfinance institutions and the small finance banks score as they are part of the rural ecosystem and know it intrinsically. Plus, there is the traditional cynical attitude of the banks' unionised staff.

So is there a way in which public sector banks can be successfully privatised or should they be closed down and the staff paid off so that the banks do not represent a perpetual drain on the public exchequer through endless recapitalisation?

There is — through a process of patient transformation under which there are incentives for the new owners to do good banking business in the 'other India'. As the economy grows and rural non-agricultural services become more important, there is great scope for successful bank financing of micro and small businesses, like cell phone repair and solar panel servicing, not to speak of motorbike maintenance.

But the new owners, who should be akin to startup entrepreneurs, have a developmental mindset as well as bottom line orientation, cannot be identified in a day, and after the sale need hand holding to overcome the unexpected like a natural calamity or, God forbid, another pandemic. And that is a tall order.

Stuck with male name & owning it!

PULKIT SINGH

ON a balmy day, I met a girl on the banks of the Sutlej. We both were 10 years old. She was my namesake, which isn't much to start any story with. But the odds of sharing a boat ride with another girl with what was presumably a boy's name are way too less. We were Pulkits, not Paruls.

The warm afterglow of conviction dogged me for the rest of my life. Every time someone told me that they had a brother/boyfriend by that name, I had my 'Sutlej' story to back me.

My mother, an early riser, would switch on our shutter-equipped black-and-white TV to *Vande Mataram*. When I was born, mom's mind zeroed down to 'Pulkit' — a word that figures in *Vande Mataram*.

I grew up thinking my name was unique. The bubble had been pricked many times but it burst irrevocably when I went to college. Whenever I have introduced myself, people told me that they knew someone with my name. These namesakes were all – men!

When it was essential to be perceived as cool, I was stuck with a boy's name. After initial face-burning and numbing embarrassment, I dished out the argument about having known 'only-other-Pulkit-being-a-girl'.

The clincher was during a job interview. The manager had been caught on the offside of etiquette when he said he was expecting a Sikh boy when he saw my resume. At that moment I could have gladly taken the rather common name of a Purnima, a Puja or even a Punam.

With age has come wisdom. When courier fellows call and ask if this is 'Pulkit Singh's' number and I say yes, they invariably ask me to hand over the phone to 'Sir'.

Recently on a Facebook food group, someone tagged another Pulkit. What was I expecting? I clicked on the name knowing that it will be either a boyfriend or a husband of the lady. It wasn't. From the picture, it resembled the girl I had met so many years ago. I had found the other half of my story. My search of twenty-five years had culminated.

I take heart in the fact that there are many like me — people with names that factor in surprise when introductions are done. Gunjans, Prakashs, Sindhus and Debduttas of the world face what I do. A Bollywood actor, my namesake, is attempting to make it big. I don't know how far he will go, stuck with a girl's name. He owns it as much as I do. Does it matter? I could have been named 'The Most Awesome Version of Humanity' but if I don't do one thing right in my life, it will come to nought. A name is just a few letters put together. They mean nothing set in stone. Last time I checked, actions speak louder than words.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Good banking is produced not by good laws, but by good bankers. — **Hartley Withers**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1921

COMMITTEE ON THE PRESS ACT.

AT last the Government of India has realised the recklessness of letting the Press Act remain on the Statute Book, at any rate in its present form. At the last meeting of the Legislative Assembly, it was proposed by an official member that a Committee of officials and non-officials be appointed to examine the Press and Registration of Books Act and the Indian Press Act and report what modifications were required in the existing law. The proposal was carried, after it had been amended at the instance of two non-official members, so as to include the Newspapers Incitement to Offences Act within the scope of the inquiry and also to make it possible for the Committee to recommend the repeal of the Act if that was found advisable. We are of the opinion that what the circumstances of the case called for was not the appointment of a Committee, but the immediate introduction of a Bill to repeal the most obnoxious measure that exists in our Statute Book with the sole exceptions of the Defence of India Act and the Rowlatt Act. We are glad to find that this is exactly the view of every Indian member who took part in the debate. But if this was not to be, the appointment of a Committee to enquire into the matter and report at an early date was clearly the next best thing. Everything would, however, depend upon the composition and personnel of the Committee. Unhappily, on this vitally important aspect of the question, the resolution was silent, though in the course of the debate, two assurances were given on behalf of the Government, first, that the Committee would have a two-thirds majority of non-officials, and secondly that the non-official names would be submitted for the approval of the Assembly. Turning to the debate itself, what strikes one at the very outset is that for the first time since the Press Act had been put on the Statute Book, it was admitted on behalf of the Government that this Act was not the innocent victim of unjust attacks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dwarfing the individual

Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rama emphasised the importance of citizens as conscience keepers of the government while giving bail to Disha Ravi in the toolkit case. But there are attempts to dwarf the individual every now and then as per the whims of the State. In Himachal Pradesh, corporation elections are to be fought on the party symbols. Members will lose their seat if they change the party. Similar is the case in the Lok Sabha due to the party whip. You cannot vote as per your conscience. There is no such thing in the House of Commons or the US Senate. The US President may not get the support of all his party Senators. In India, the individual member is not expected to think; the party does the thinking. The House of Commons has a greater number of members with the UK's seven crore population. Our Lok Sabha has fewer seats with a 135 crore population.

LALIT MOHAN SHARMA, DHARAMSALA

Watch out for second wave

It is the casual attitude of the people post lockdown that is responsible for the reemergence of the corona strain in some parts of the country. With new mutant variants of the virus reported in several states, it is vital for people to shed their lax attitude. A second wave can emerge, especially in densely populated areas. A mass vaccination drive with the cooperation of the private sector is essential. Strict adherence to Covid protocols and safety measures should be made compulsory. Even as India's 'Vaccine Maitri' is making inroads into neighbouring and far-off countries, it is pertinent for all stakeholders to up the tempo in research in science and technology to bridge the technological divide on the domestic front also.

VIJAY SINGH ADHIKARI, NAINITAL

Surge in Covid cases

The daily increasing infection rate of Covid-19 cases in Chandigarh and Mohali is worrisome and has rightly been attributed to crowding and the complacency of people. At public places, religious and social functions, the SOPs are violated with impunity. There is no random checking by the authorities at these places. Videos recorded by organisers of these functions can easily prove the violations committed by the people. The orders issued in this respect are only on paper. In order to control the daily surge, the authorities should pay attention to implement the orders.

SOHAN LAL BHUMBAK, CHANDIGARH

No room for laxity

We should be wary of the second wave of the virus. Most government and private institutions have started functioning again. Herd immunity is a myth and these rumours are distracting people. The government has granted permission for gatherings in functions and other occasions, including election rallies. Most people have stopped wearing masks. Kerala, Maharashtra and Punjab are witnessing a resurgence. This is a matter of great concern. The government should impose strict rules and limit gathering numbers. Vaccination is still out of reach for the majority of the population. There should be a strong check at public places and transport. Entry at state borders should be keenly observed so that the rest of the states do not bear massive losses again.

SAROJ BANYAL, HAMIRPUR

Mamata link

Apropos of Abhishek Banerjee's wife's connection with the coal pilferage case, the Banerjees are the relatives of CM Mamata Banerjee, who is claiming that the BJP-led Central government is using its agencies to gain the edge in the West Bengal Assembly elections. If they hadn't smuggled anything, they need not worry. But Mamata Banerjee visiting his house before interrogation shows there is something that they want to hide. The case may impact the elections.

ASHWANI KUMAR, CHANDIGARH

Tolerance must for peace

Refer to 'Society devoid of compassion'; we may wax eloquent about our scientific temper, computer proficiency and technological progress, but we continue to remain indifferent to others' woes and often overlook the stark ground realities for furthering our own interests. The bane of the problem is growing intolerance which has afflicted our body politic, leading to meaningless squabbles over trivial issues and the spurt in violence and verbal jousts. Dwelling in our cocoons of complacency, we have turned a deaf ear to the teachings of the Buddha, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi, and the basic tenets of empathy and fellow feeling have been largely forgotten. Compassion should be inculcated in the youth in educational institutions in right earnest for fostering a more tolerant social order.

AMIT BANERJEE, NEW DELHI

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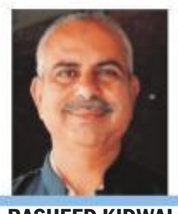
Cong giving short shrift to regional satraps



RASHEED KIDWAI
JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

ASSUMING that the Congress has a 'durbar' or 'high command culture', it needs a cogent durbar policy too, particularly in the selection of chief ministers of the party-ruled states.

This felt need assumes significance in the context of the fall of Puducherry government in a bizarre and pathetic manner with the V Narayanasamy government losing majority barely two months before the Assembly polls.

On the face of it, there is a simplistic and perhaps convincing narrative of putting the blame on the BJP's doorstep. Narayanasamy dubbed his fall from the chief ministerial post as a 'murder of democracy' and accused the BJP of indulging in 'poaching' and 'political prostitution'. Similar allegations were levelled when the Congress was upstaged or deprived of forming a government in Goa, Manipur, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh.

But beyond the rhetoric, the Congress needs to introspect and accept some plain facts. While the collapse of Congress governments may be attributed to amoral practices, misuse of Central agencies and resources or the office of the Governor, the party cannot escape blame for undermining the regional satraps and having utter disregard for their aspirations or the collective will of the MLAs.

Rahul Gandhi's stated bid to modernise and reform the grand old party, therefore, requires a 'standard operating procedure' for the selection of a chief minister. The culture of nomination or forcing a decision from 'Delhi' is eating into the vitals of the party organisation.

Old-timers may recall that Ajit Jogi was made the Chhattisgarh chief minister in 1999 when he did not have the support of even six MLAs in a House of 90. Instead of opting for a head count among the Congress MLAs, Sonia Gandhi had mandated Ghulam Nabi Azad, Prabha Rau and Digvijaya Singh to ensure that Jogi pipped aspirant Vidya Charan Shukla without any semblance of a democratic exercise.

There were similar stories when the Congress won the assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in December 2018. This time around, Rahul Gandhi was the 87th president of the AICC. Rahul had remained uneasy throughout when Kamal Nath, Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel were selected to head the three Congress-ruled states.

Rahul first tried pushing through the nomination of Jyotiraditya Scindia, Sachin Pilot and Tamradhwaj Sahu in the three states. However, a powerful lobby of the old guard swung into action. It had the backing of Sonia Gandhi. Within hours, caste-based aspirations and the idea of giving equal opportunities were buried and Rahul was made to own up the 'two-person rule' in the party. The results of that non-transparent selection process are still being felt in Jaipur and Raipur. This is not to say that Kamal Nath, Bhupesh Baghel (both state party unit chiefs then) or Ashok Gehlot lacked credentials or stature to head the government. The fault line was Rahul's inability to order a head count in a transparent manner.

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RIVEN BY DISSENSION: Factionalism led to the fall of the Congress government in Puducherry. PTI

Puducherry may be a tiny Union Territory, but it has vibrant democracy at the party level too. A few years ago, the rivalry between Delhi-based Narayanasamy and N Rangasamy was so intense that Rangasamy, now heading the breakaway AINRC, had requested the then AICC general secretary in charge of Puducherry, Kamal Nath not to let Narayanasamy sit in his car. Somewhat taken aback, Nath had reportedly asked the then Congress chief minister, Rangasamy, why he was making such an unusual request. The response of Rangasamy was telling. He reportedly told Nath that he did not want Congress workers in Puducherry to get an impression that Narayanasamy was close to Delhi (Congress high command).

Rangasamy was not off the mark. As a Delhi-based politician, Narayanasamy, like Jogi, was 10 Janpath's favourite. Many heads had turned in disbelief when Narayanasamy had succeeded Prithviraj Chavan as Minister of State during Dr Manmohan Singh's time.

Some had thought Rahul himself should have taken up the job for a real-time crash course in governance. There was the talented lot of Jyotiraditya Scindia, Sachin Pilot, Milind Deora, Jitin Prasada, RPN Singh and others who would have benefited working directly under Dr Manmohan Singh. The political grapevine had it that Narayanasamy was chosen because he would listen to and carry out instructions from Ahmed Patel who was not holding a government position.

Narayanasamy held several offices prior to his stint in the PMO and in Puducherry. Around 2008, he was the AICC general secretary looking after Madhya Pradesh. The faction-ridden Congress consisting of Scindia, Nath, Digvijaya, Suresh Pachauri, Ajay Singh and others required a person who could rein them in. But Narayanasamy lacked the authority that was expected from a senior party representative. At one meeting, Narayanasamy was even heard addressing Pachauri, then MPCC chief, as 'sahib' though purely in hierarchical terms, he was supposedly senior. A joke used to circulate at Indira Bhawan, the MPCC office in Bhopal, that someone once asked a senior leader about Narayanasamy's political stature. He replied that the stature was so high that many regional satraps seldom asked him to sit down. This may sound uncharitable but illustrates the deep rot that had set in the high command culture.

The Puducherry Congress had been seeking intervention for long. But the façade over the leadership issue in the AICC since May 2019 has been such that Sonia or Rahul never prioritised Puducherry. Resentment kept brewing. It was said that verbal offers of a change of guard were made and that the 'promise' was not fulfilled. There are talks galore of unfulfilled promises to aspirants in Jaipur and Raipur too. While there is no confirmation of these whispers, the key players keep nursing ambitions in the absence of a categorical denial.

The BJP may not be a major player but it kept a hawkish eye on A. Namassivayam, a restless Congress minister who resigned to trigger a crisis. As usual, there was talk that Namassivayam was not given an audience in the 'Delhi durbar' of the Congress.

The Congress leadership is still confident of preventing the BJP, Rangasamy and AIADMK from coming to power in the May 2021 polls, but a sense of demoralisation has set in after the loss of another Congress-ruled state. Would Jaipur be the next venue where informal promises have reportedly not been fulfilled?

No substitute for state funding of agriculture

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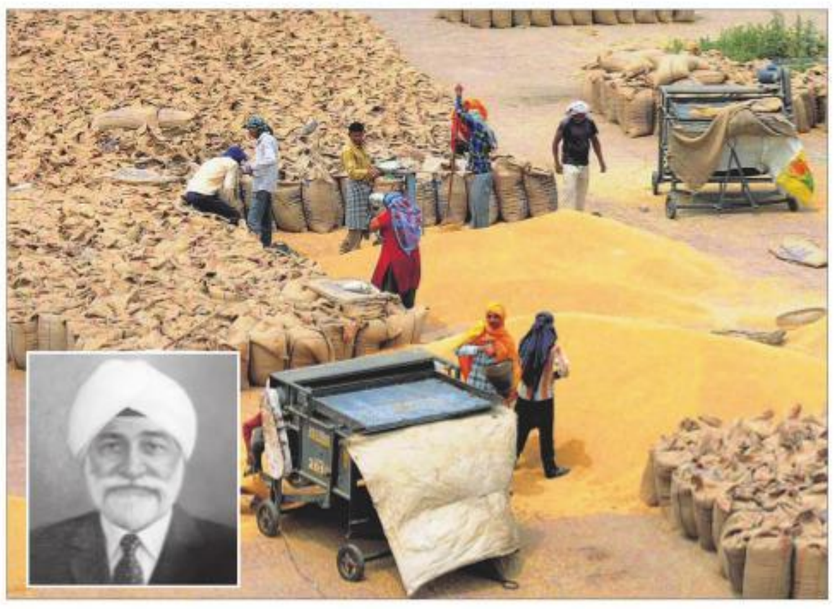
> Gurnam Singh, the first non-Congress CM of Punjab, believed that agriculture was viable only with govt support. Industry, on its own, can't sustain farming. But a prosperous farming community would sustain the industry by giving it a large consumer base. The govt will find that funding agriculture will pay far more social and financial dividends than subsidising bad industrial loans or promoting crony capitalism.

THE 122nd birth anniversary of Justice Gurnam Singh, the first non-Congress Chief Minister of Punjab, falls today. He was one of the architects of the agriculture policy that made India surplus in foodgrains. This is relevant today amid the farmers' agitation against the Central Government for repeal of the three new farm laws. In the mid-1960s, India suffered from major food deficits and even famine. It was dependent on American food aid, termed PL480. The country was an unregulated market where big traders purchased foodgrains at low prices from farmers and sold them at huge profits to deficient states. The then PM Indira Gandhi raised the alarm at the distress caused by food shortages and high prices.

After taking charge as CM in 1967, Gurnam Singh announced remunerative prices for farmers. The minimum support price (MSP) for wheat was fixed at Rs 72 for the new 'Mexican' variety and Rs 86 for the old varieties. Hoarding and export of wheat from Punjab was banned to ensure price stability for consumers. Union Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram accepted Punjab's request for the purchase of surplus foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) at the MSP. At the state level, a policy of setting up village mandis or agriculture market was framed; till then, the mandis were mainly restricted to urban centres. The policy of rural electrification and link roads for connectivity to mandis was initiated, making Punjab the first state to do so. The Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act for regulating the mandis was passed by the Unionist Party government of Sir Sikander Hyatt Tiwana in 1939. It was the brainchild of the then Development Minister, Sir Chhotu Ram. The Act was amended in 1961. The MSP was adopted by Union Agriculture Minister C Subramaniam on the advice of American scientist Frank Parker in 1966 at Rs 54 per quintal. But a major incentive to farmers that led to the food surplus came when Punjab revised the procurement price to Rs 72 in 1967. Haryana followed suit. Gurnam Singh went on to head the Indian delegation at the World Food Conference at Rome, the only Chief Minister to have this honour.



CM'S CONTRIBUTION: Gurnam Singh (inset) offered incentives to farmers. PTI

Coming back to the present, the new farm laws have been hailed by captains of industry and some economists as the '1991 moment', a reference to the economic reforms of Manmohan Singh.

However, the farmers have rejected the laws. It is feared that India will again become an unregulated zone for agriculture and market forces will determine prices for farmers and consumers. Provision for corporate houses to open private mandis without paying taxes applicable to the APMC mandis may lead to the latter's closure. Stockpiling is allowed. The stipulated contract is biased in favour of companies. The farmers say this is a return to the pre-1967 era of hoarding, artificial surpluses and shortages, low purchase prices for the cultivator and inflated prices for the consumers. Hence, they want the laws repealed and redrafted.

Farming involves, in some form, 70 per cent of the Indian population. About 90 per cent of the farmers are poor and marginal. Agriculture contributes only 16 per cent of the GDP because of lack of government funding. Farmers are under heavy debt and over 4,00,000 have committed suicide since 1996. The new reforms have triggered unease that will take over agriculture. Farmers fear they will lose their lands to crony capitalism. Farmers of Punjab and Haryana who made the country self-sufficient in foodgrains by their hard work, say that MSP and FCI procurement, their main source of income, are being eased out and they will be left at the mercy of big businesses. So, they have taken the path of agitation.

Instead of addressing the concerns of the farmers, the Centre has chosen the path of defaming them and suppressing the movement by repression and the use of draconian laws.

Punjab, which then included Haryana, saw the biggest agrarian agitation of the 20th century for the repeal of three farm laws enacted by the British Government in 1907. Then too, there were mass detentions and compromise formulas were floated, including one brought forward by Lala Lajpat Rai.

But after nine months of struggle, the laws were repealed. The agitation, titled Pagdi Sambhal Jatta or "preserve the rights and honour of farmers" is being replicated at Delhi's borders today and steadily spreading to other parts of the country. The violation of human rights of peaceful protesters and those speaking up for them has brought about international condemnation.

So, what is the way forward? Gurnam Singh believed agriculture was viable only with government support. Big business could supplement, but not be a substitute for state funding. Industry, on its own, could not sustain farming. But a prosperous farming community would sustain the industry by giving it a large consumer base. He found support from the likes of Dr MS Randhawa, a brilliant civil servant, a farmer himself, who served as Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, as also Partap Singh Qadian, founder of the original BKU. The US, Canada, EU, Japan and China heavily subsidise farming to maintain price stability and a minimum income for farmers. China subsidises agriculture four times more than India. So, the government must allocate more funds for agriculture through MSP and direct payment to farmers; and capital expenditure on technology, water and soil conservation, research, agro industry, opening APMC mandis and so forth.

It should give incentives to farmers of Punjab and Haryana to switch from rice and wheat to other crops. The government will find that funding agriculture will pay far more financial and social dividends than subsidising bad industrial loans or promoting crony capitalism. Or else, India will remain a poor country with weak institutions while other Asian countries move ahead.

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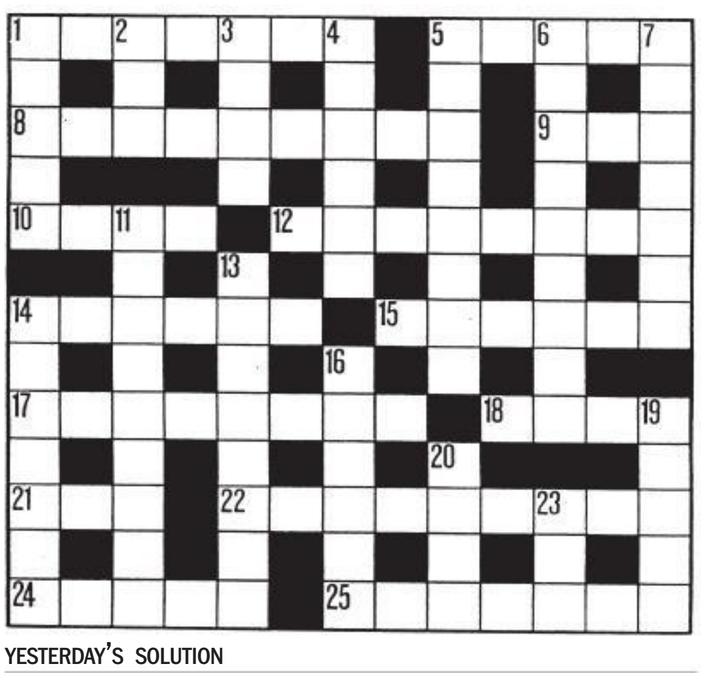

ACROSS
1 In relation to (7)
5 Financial resources (5)
8 Affect social superiority (3,2,4)
9 Bring an action against (3)
10 Move very quickly (4)
12 In decline (8)
14 Unsophisticated (6)
15 Intention (6)
17 Serene (8)
18 Widely held but false notion (4)
21 Hang down under weight (3)
22 Self-control (9)
24 Vestibule (5)
25 Hasty (7)

DOWN
1 A yellowish gemstone (5)
2 Clever humour (3)
3 Foul-smelling (4)
4 Long thin piece cut off (6)
5 Erroneous (8)
6 Extreme economy (9)
7 Make more agreeable (7)
11 Violent attack (9)
13 Inadvertent revelation (4-4)
14 Quick sharp reply (7)
16 The community in general (6)
19 Able to bear cold (5)
20 Stimulus (4)
23 To court (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Anaconda, 5 Mass, 9 Egret, 10 Fervour, 11 Make one's mark, 13 Artful, 14 Toucan, 17 End of the road, 20 Attache, 21 Tinge, 22 Knot, 23 Hercules.
Down: 1 Abet, 2 Abreast, 3 On the surface, 4 Define, 6 Aroma, 7 Striking, 8 Aristocratic, 12 Cakewalk, 15 Channel, 16 Cheese, 18 Ditto, 19 News.

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 25, 2021, THURSDAY

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- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Phalgun Shaka 6
- Phalgun Parvishte 14
- Hijari 1442
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- Pushya Nakshatra up to 1.17 pm
- Moon in Cancer sign

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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I, Sangeeta D/o Sh. Kartara Ram R/o House no. 210,HIG, Sector-71, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali declare that I have changed my name from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Singh for all intents and purposes. Concerned please note. (CL20100765)

I, KM. Anamika w/o Rajesh Jaswal, Village Andora Upper, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (HP) have changed my name to Anamika. Concerned note. (CL20100768)

I, Urmila w/o Parveen Kumar Mattu r/o Samrala, District Ludhiana, have changed my name into Urmila Mattu. (CL20100792)

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I, Krishani Devi spouse of No. 3958404, Sep. Prem Chand Vill. Saroun, PO Kanguk Ka Gehra, Teh. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi HP, declare that I have changed my name from Bimla Devi to Krishani Devi DoB 08.04.1954, vide affidavit 16AA 790644 before Executive Magistrate. (CL20100819)

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I, Ranvir Singh s/o Kurda Ram, Village Gindra, Distt. Sirsa, have changed my son name from Ankit Kumar Tokcia to Ankit. (CL20100897)

I, service Number 3988939P, Rank Ex-Hav. Gopal Krishan son of Om Parkash, village Nerna, PO Raja Ka Talab, Tehsil Fatehpur District Kangra (HP) declare that my son's name in my service record has wrongly entered Nishant Katoch whereas his correct name is Nishant. Concerned note. (CL20100912)

I, Sarita Jamwal w/o Anil Kumar r/o Village Tikri, PO Rakhoh, Teh. Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi (HP), have changed my name from Sarita Jamwal to Sarita for all purpose in future. (CL20100914)

I, Sakina Devi w/o No. 10515344W Hav. Jai Karan r/o Vill. Bharatpatt, P.O. Bassona, Teh. Lad Bharol, Distt. Mandi (HP) declare to correct my name from Sakeena Devi to Sakina Devi & DOB 15.01.1983 to 04.02.1981 in my husband's Army records. (CL20100915)

I, Neeru Narang w/o Satish Kumar r/o # 8A/1 Friends Colony, Patiala, have changed my name from Neeru Narang to Kavita Narang after marriage. (CL20100924)

I, JC-303785Y Binod Mech s/o Bidang Mech r/o Kushiabill Village, Distt. Dimapur (Nagaland) declare that the name of my wife Chandrawati Mech has wrongly mentioned as Chanpra Mech in my service record. It may please be corrected as Chandrawati Mech. (CL20100930)

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In the Court of
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Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Jyoti aged 28 years wife of Jatinder Kumar daughter of Om Dial resident of Village Allahabad, P.O. Bassi Purani P.S. Sadar, Teh. & Distt. Hoshiarpur.
...Petitioner
Versus
Jatinder Kumar aged 30 years son of Mohinder Pal r/o Village Harmoyan, P.O. Patti, P.S. Mehtiana, Distt. Hoshiarpur.
...Respondent
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S.A.S. Nagar.
Punjab & Sind Bank
Versus
M/s Punjab Yorkshire Breeders & Ors.
CNR No.:
PBSA02-001691-2019
Next Date: 22.04.2021
Notice to:

1. M/s Punjab Yorkshire Breeders, Village Kheri Jattan, Tehsil Derabassi, District Mohali (Punjab) through its Proprietor Smt. Maninder Kaur w/o Sh. Balbir Singh Chauhan.

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 22.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mohali
Dated, this day of 15.02.2021.
Sd/- Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Mohali, S.A.S. Nagar.
CL20097876

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Kuljit Pal Singh
Additional District and
Sessions Judge,
Rupnagar.
CNR No.:
PBRO01-002491-2020
Next Date: 30.04.2021
Mandeep Singh
Versus
Kiranjit Kaur
Petition U/S 13 of HMA
Publication issued to:
Kiranjit Kaur
Mother: Kulwinder Kaur wd/o Amrik Singh, Village Sarthali, Tehsil Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar.
Second Address:
C/o Sukhdeep Singh s/o Mohinder Singh r/o H.No. 2976/43, Jagjit Nagar, Ropar (Punjab).

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 30.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ropar
Dated, this day of 15.02.2021.
Sd/- Additional District and Sessions Judge, Rupnagar.
CL20097950

In the Court of
Sh. Prabhjot Singh Kaleka
Additional Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
Ludhiana.
Publication Notice in Petition under the Indian Succession Act 1925
CNR No.: PBLD02-005229-2020
Next Date: 01.04.2021
Rajinder Singh s/o Late Sh. Bhag Singh r/o H. No. 2312, New Punjab Mata Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Basant Avenue, Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana.
Versus
General Public and others.
Notice to: General Public

Whereas the above named petitioner "Rajinder Singh s/o Late Sh. Bhag Singh" has filed petition for the grant of Succession Certificate regarding the assets left by the deceased Bhag Singh s/o Sh. Niranjan Singh who died on 02.11.2018, in this Court.

Notice is issued in the name of "General Public" that in case anybody has any objection for the grant of succession certificate, he/she can file objections to the same on or before 01.04.2021, failing which the petition shall be decided in accordance with law.

For details logon to:
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana
Dated, this day of 17.02.2021.
Sd/- P.S. Kaleka, PCS, Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Ludhiana.
CL20100355

COURT NOTICES

In the Court of
Sh. Kuldip Singh Cheema,
Additional District and
Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur.
CNR No.: PBHO01-002907-2020
Next Date: 16.03.2021
Narinder Pal son of Gurmit Ram, resident of Village Chitton, Police Station Sadar, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.
...Claimant
Versus
Jarnail Singh son of Joginder Singh, resident of Village Bhatrana, PS Mehtiana, District Hoshairpur and Ors.
...Respondents
Claim Petition U/S 166 of Motor Vehicle Act.
Notice to:
1. Sudershan Sharma s/o Des Raj Sharma, R/o House No. 1597, Sector 7, Pushap Vihar-New Delhi.
2. Avtar Singh son of Sansar Singh r/o Pandori Bibi, PS Mehtiana, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.

In above titled Claim Petition, the respondents could not be served. It is ordered that respondents should appear in person or through their counsel on 16.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=hoshiarpur
Sd/- (Kuldip Singh Cheema)
Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Hoshiarpur.
CL20100600

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Manu Singla
Civil Judge
(Junior Division)-19,
Jalandhar.
Makhan Singh Alias
Harjinder Singh
Versus
Darshan Kaur
CNR No.:
PBJL02-005401-2018
Next Date: 15.03.2021
Suit for grant of decree of declaration as prayed for
Publication issued to:
Charanjit Kaur spouse:- Late Harbhajan Singh Vill. Puranpur, PO Bisrampur, Teh. and Distt. Jalandhar.

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 15.03.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=jalandhar
Dated, this day of 17.02.2021.
Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division)-19, Jalandhar.
CL20100601

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Amit Malhan
Additional Civil Judge
(Senior Division),
Hoshiarpur.
Tikshan Sood s/o J.R. Sood, resident of House No. 1, Saraswat Vihar Jodhamal Road, Hoshiarpur.
....Applicant
Versus
Sandip Singh s/o Darshan Singh r/o 59-L, Model Town, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.
....Respondent
Application u/s 13 of East Punjab Urban Rent Act 1949 as amended upto date for evication of respondent from the property.
CNR No. PBHO02-000056-2021
Next Date:- 15.03.2021
Order Dated:- 04.02.2021
Publication issued to:
Sandip Singh s/o Darshan Singh r/o 59-L, Model Town, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.

In above titled Civil Suit, the defendant(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 15.03.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=hoshiarpur
Dated, this day of 15.02.2021.
Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division),
CL20100602 Hoshiarpur.

In the Court of
Smt. Harpreet Kaur
Randhawa,
District & Sessions Judge,
Tarn Taran.
CNR No.
PBTT01-003515-2020
Next Date: 16.03.2021
Balihar Singh
Versus
Mohita Rana
(Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955)
Notice to respondent: Mohita Rana aged 24 years wife of Balihar Singh daughter of Varinder Singh Rana resident of Near Bharti Colony, Manjit Vihar Aman Nagar, Ludhiana, Central Ludhiana, Punjab-141008.

In the above titled petition the above respondent could not be served. It is ordered that above respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 16.03.2021 at 10:00 a.m. Take notice that, in default of her appearance on the day before mentioned, the above said case will be heard and determined in his absence.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=tarntaran
Sd/- Harpreet Kaur Randhawa, District & Sessions Judge,
CL20100605 Tarn Taran.

Congress to corner govt over price rise, joblessness

Pratibha Chauhan
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

The Budget session, commencing from February 26, is likely to be a stormy affair as the Congress is gearing up to corner the government on the price rise, unemployment and the grim financial health of the state.

The BJP and the Congress will hold its legislature party meetings tomorrow to chalk out their strategies.

The session will conclude on March 20. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, who is also the Finance Minister, will present the Budget on March 6.

The Chief Minister is likely to speak about the victory registered by the BJP in the rural electuibs. Barring Kullu and Shimla districts, the BJP managed to capture all zila parishads in the state. Moreover, Thakur will seek credit for welfare schemes like the Grahini Suvidha Yojana, providing LPG gas to every household, redress of grievances through the Jan Manch and free healthcare under Himcare.

> Budget session tomorrow, parties to chalk out strategies

The Congress will try to corner the government over the grim financial health of the state. "While the debt trap has crossed Rs 60,000 crore, there is no effort by the government to either generate revenue or cut down on wasteful expenditure," alleged Mukesh Agnihotri, CLP leader.

Agnihotri said that the Congress would raise the issue of "murder of democracy" by the BJP in its desperation to capture zila parishads.

"Never before has any government misused its official machinery to steal public mandate, the way BJP regime did," he alleged. He said the Congress feared that the BJP regime would again misuse official machinery to register victory in the elections to four municipal corporations of, Dharamsala, Mandi, Palampur and Solan, due in April.

The Congress would target the government on its failure to check the price rise and unemployment. Another issue, which could echo in the Assembly, is illegal mining.

The Congress will also hit out at the government on the fake degree scam and alleged irregularities in private universities.

Covid impact: Visitors' gallery shut

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

Speaker Vipin Parmar today said that the Budget session would be held keeping in mind social distancing and Covid safety norms.

Parmar said in view of the Covid, the session commencing on February 26 would not be open to the public, as passes were not being issued this time. "My request to the public is not to come for the session. And if at all they arrive, they can meet the Chief Minister or ministers in the waiting hall, which has a capacity of 150 persons," he said.

The Speaker appealed to all political parties to cooperate in the smooth conduct of the session so that public-related issues could be discussed effectively. "I will seek the cooperation of all political parties at the all-party meeting tomorrow," he added. Parmar said all MLAs had filed questions in large numbers primarily related to development works and schemes in their constituencies. — TNS

34 Covid cases, tally now 58,457

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

As many as 34 Covid cases were reported in the district today, taking the tally to 58,457. However, there was no death due to the virus in the past 24 hours.

The highest number of nine cases was reported in Kangra, followed by eight in Una, five in Solan, four in Kinnaur, three in Sirmaur, two in Shimla and one each in Bilaspur, Hamirpur, and Kullu. The total number of active cases rose to 229 while the fatality count stood at 982.

Govt allows paragliding, river rafting at new sites

ADVENTURE SPORTS Focus on Kangra, Mandi, Chamba, Shimla

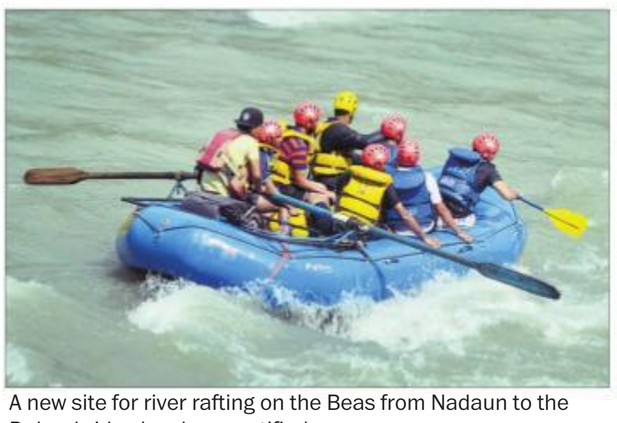
Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

The state government has notified additional sites for paragliding and river rafting to give a boost to adventure tourism activities in the state, said Yunus, Director Tourism and Civil Aviation, here today.

He said that tourists visiting the state could now enjoy paragliding at new sites in Kullu, Kangra, Mandi, Chamba, and Shimla districts.

Under the Nai Raahein Nai Manzilein scheme, prospects were being explored to promote adventure sports in the hitherto unexplored areas of the state. The new notified paragliding sites include Pandhara to Gadsa and Khargan to Nangabag in Kullu, Tang Narwana to Khirku in Kangra, Darouta to Lahra (Khajjiar) and Lahra to Darol and Raina to Nainikhad Jarei in Chamba, he said. In Mandi district, the paragliding sites notified include Prashar and Spenidhar and Tikkar, and in Shimla, Junga to Chauri/Junga had been notified.



A new site for river rafting on the Beas from Nadaun to the Dehra bridge has been notified.

Yunus said for the promotion of water sports, a new site for river rafting on the Beas from Nadaun to the Dehra bridge had also been notified. He added that for the safety of paragliding pilots and tourists, the Department of Tourism in collaboration with Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali, had taken the initiative to provide training to paragliding pilots.

He said that in the past two years, around Rs 2 crore had been spent on imparting training to 749 persons, including basic mountaineering, paragliding, and basic, intermediate and advance skiing.

Besides, there are many other notified sites where paragliding is being done. These sites are Bir-Billing, Chohla Indru Nag near Dharamsala in Kangra, Solang Nullah, Marhi, Talaiti-Talogi, Majach-Shanag in Kullu, Mauja Rehad to Karganoo in Solan, and Ser Jagaas in Sirmaur.

Industry wants AGT on iron, steel abolished

Ambika Sharma
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, FEBRUARY 24

The Himachal Pradesh Steel Industry Association has urged the state government to abolish Additional Goods Tax (AGT), a state-level levy imposed despite the introduction of the Goods and Service Tax (GST) in July 2017.

The industries are charged AGT at the rate of Rs 37.50 per metric tonne on both iron and steel. This is contrary to the basic objective of the GST Act, which dwells on one nation one tax and is levied on both raw material as well as finished goods, rue investors.

"The industries have to file a separate monthly return as well as an annual return for the AGT for the import and export of goods from the state, besides GST returns. This is contrary to one return for all indirect taxes," said Rajinder Singh, a Baddi-based investor.

"Even if the AGT is considered a tax on transportation, it is not justified as it enhances the cost compared to in other states. It makes the industry uncompetitive and defeats the very purpose of the GST, which dwells upon one nation one tax," said Rajiv Singla of Kundlas Loh Udyog, Baddi.

"The state government had promised in the Budget speech of 2017 to abolish the AGT on iron and steel and it should honour the assurance," said Rajiv Aggarwal, another investor from Baddi. He added that immense paper work involved in the filing and assessment of the AGT returns was added hassles and it should be done away with to facilitate the industry. They termed the tax as illegal, unjust and contrary to the objective and spirit of the GST Act, 2017 and also a violation of the provisions of the Constitution of India.

> **HONOUR PROMISE**
> "The government had promised in the Budget speech of 2017 to abolish the AGT on iron and steel and it should honour the assurance.
> **Rajiv Aggarwal,** INVESTOR FROM BADDI

Though the industry is demanding the abolition of the AGT for the past several years, the government has not paid heed to the issue, as the cash-strapped state is dependent on loans and cannot afford to do away with taxes.

The industries are chiefly located in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial area as well as Kala Amb and Paonta Sahib in Sirmaur.

Pay deducted salaries or face action, varsities told

SHIMLA, FEBRUARY 24

The Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission (HPPEIRC) today directed private universities to immediately release the deducted salaries of employees. Most of the universities had imposed salary cuts due to Covid.

In letters addressed to registrars, Chairman, HPPEIRC, Maj Gen Atul Kaushik (Retd) said the universities would intimate the commission about the compliance of the directions within 10 days, failing which action would be taken. There are 17 private universities in the state.

Meanwhile, the course approval to three universities has been withheld due to non-compliance of the commission instructions time and again. One of the universities has kept the certificates of the students, who have not paid fee and not refunded the security deposit of over 300 students.

Another university was in the dock for not paying the salaries of 43 employees. The university has reportedly assured the commission to do the needful by March 16 and pay the pending salaries of rest of the employees by March 31. — TNS

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Jatin Garg
Additional Civil Judge,
Senior Division,
Panipat.
Gursheb Kaur
Versus
Ved Parkash
CNR No.:
HRPP02-001016-2019
Next Date: 23.04.2021
Publication issued to:
1. Ved Parkash
2. Amar Nath
3. Chander Parkash
4. Anand Parkash

All sons of Sh. Mahla Ram son of Shri Ganpati, All resident of Village Urlana Khurd, Tehsil Madlauda, Panipat. At present Ajmer Basti, Bhiwani Road, Distt. Jind.

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 23.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=panipat
Dated, this day of 19.02.2021.
Sd/- Additional Civil Judge, Senior Division, Panipat.
CL20100665

Proclamation Requiring
Attendance of Defendant
Order 5 Rule of 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure
In the Court of M.P. Singh
Addl. District Judge-3,
East Court No. 7,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
Case No. CS-372/2020
Date of Order 03.12.2020
Date of Filing of P.F. 09.12.2020
Date of Issue 03.02.2020
Next date of hearing 03.03.2021
Sushma Mahto
...Plaintiff
Vs.
Swati Anand
...Defendant
To, Manpreet Singh c/o Mrs. Swati Anand, F-120, The Narain's Inn PG, Main Bazar Road, Block-F, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi-110092. Contact: 77400-49709.

Whereas you are intentially evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 03 March 2021 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 03 day of February 2021.

Sd/-
Addl. District Judge
Karkardooma Courts,
Delhi.
CL20100788

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Security personnel during a search operation at Kawdara in Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

Two militants killed in Anantnag encounter

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The security forces have eliminated two Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorists in an encounter in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir, a senior official of the Union Territory (UT) police said.

The JeM terrorists were killed during an encounter at in Shalgul forests in Srigufwara of Anantnag district. A search operation continued till late evening. An official said the forces got information about the presence of militants following which the search operation was launched. It turned into an encounter when militants opened fire on the cops.

A girl watches from her house during the search operation. PTI

Earlier in the day, the J&K Police claimed that four unidentified terrorists had been killed in the ongoing encounter, but later rectified the number to two.

On February 19, two policemen were killed in a terrorist attack in Srinagar's Baghat area of Barzulla. In another encounter on the same day, three terror associates affiliated to Hizbul Mujahideen were also killed in the Budgam area of the Shopian district.

One police personnel lost his life and another was injured in a separate encounter that broke out between the security forces and terrorists in Budgam on February 19.

L-G asks tourists to be goodwill ambassadors

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 24

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has asked tourists coming to Jammu and Kashmir to be goodwill ambassadors of the Union Territory.

During a visit to the Dal Lake on Tuesday evening, Sinha interacted with several tourists from different parts of the country and enquired about the experiences of their J&K.

"Be the goodwill ambassadors of J&K and carry the message to your respective areas that J-K is an ideal and safe tourist destination," the Lt Governor asked the tourists. While assuring the tourists a safe and pleasant visit to the UT, Sinha observed that the tourism department, local community and other stakeholders were collectively providing tourists a friendly environment to facilitate their visit.

Explore the UT

- L-G Manoj Sinha asks the tourists to also explore the unexplored beautiful places of the UT
- From eco-tourism to winter sports, J&K offers a host of attractions to tourists to experience the scenic beauty, he adds

From eco-tourism to winter sports, J&K offers a host of attractions to tourists to experience the scenic beauty, warm hospitality, rich culture and heritage of J-K and make their visit a memorable one, he said.

He advised the tourists to also explore the unexplored beautiful places of the UT. The tourists, while sharing their experiences, said they feel delighted to visit Kashmir, an official spokesperson said. — PTI

People gather at a caved-in portion of a road at Dalgate, a tourist attraction in Srinagar, on Wednesday. PTI

Minor...

FROM PAGE 1

Investigating officer SI Praveen Kaur said, "Ajay is the cousin of victim's friend. On February 22, she went to the house of her friend after school, where she felt dizziness after which victim's friend told the victim that her cousin Ajay will drop her at her house." Ajay, however, took her to a hotel near Umri Chowk in Kurukshetra where Nitin, Abhishek, a youth who works at the hotel and the juvenile were already present. They all raped her there, the victim said.

Kurukshetra SP Himanshu Garg said, "Three accused have been already arrested and the other two will be arrested soon." A case has been registered under Sections 328 and 506 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

FROM PAGE 1

Mistrust hits pullback...

case of lack of trust, hence the two militaries didn't want to pull back to locations from where redeployment, in case of an exigency, could take time.

The present positions of troops, tanks or guns are not face to face but they are within striking range of artillery fire and from where rapid redeployment is possible.

General Naravane too spoke about the lack of trust, saying that "there is trust deficit with China and we will be watching Chinese moves closely".

> 'China in habit of making incremental changes along LAC'

Some of mistrust stems from statements of the Chinese Ministry of Defence as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Beijing, which tried to wrongly blame India for the Galwan clash on June 15 last year. The statements had come on February 19, indicating that China was under pressure from its domestic audience, which has no access to international media or opinion.

China is in the habit of creeping and making very small incremental changes along the LAC where each change by itself doesn't appear to be very big or worthy of a strong reaction, said the Army Chief.

Stadium renamed...

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, without directly talking about the stadium, tweeted a Hindi quote of Sardar Patel.

Hitting back, the government released a list containing names of 22 sports stadia, a national sports award (Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna) and 17 tournaments and trophies named after late Jawahar Lal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi.

Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju said the list of national institutions and complexes named after the Gandhis was "very long". Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said only the Motera Stadium had been renamed and the complex continued to be named after Vallabhbhai Patel.

Earlier addressing the gathering after the ceremony, the President said: "The vision to build such a world-class stadium was set when Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat." He said good sports facilities and performance in this field were the yardsticks of a nation's development.

He along with First Lady Savita Kovind also performed the bhumi pujan of the upcoming Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave. The facility will have a cycling velodrome, aquatic centre, indoor sports centre, tennis centre and an athletics-cum-football stadium. Located at the Sabarmati riverfront, the multi-sports facility will also include hotels, retail and food courts.

World's largest with 1.32L seating capacity

- Built at a cost of ₹800 crore, Narendra Modi Stadium near Ahmedabad is now the world's largest cricket stadium with 1.32 lakh seating capacity
- The venue is spread over 63 acres comprising 11 pitches and possessing a unique system that helps drain the wet ground in 30 minutes

74 new Covid cases reported

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 24

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 74 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday, taking the infection tally to 1,26,093 even as no fresh death due to the virus was reported in the past 24 hours, officials said. Out of the fresh cases, 20 were from Jammu division and 54 from Kashmir of the UT. — PTI

Aptitude test for govt schoolkids started

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 24

The Directorate of School Education Jammu (DSEJ) has launched the Tamanna aptitude test for students of government schools in the region to help them make appropriate academic choices and career-related decisions, officials said on Wednesday.

The DSEJ initiated the aptitude testing process from Tuesday, School Education Jammu Director Anuradha Gupta told reporters here.

"To begin with, the Counselling Cell of the DSEJ conducted two-day faculty training. — PTI

Punjab...

Further, NCML Jalalabad (P) Ltd is to set up a 50,000 MT-capacity silo for storing foodgrain at Fazilka.

Similarly, subsidiary of French Multinational Company Air Liquide North India (P) Ltd is setting up a unit in Patiala for Industrial gases at a cost of about Rs 20 crore. " Despite slowdown, we have won investors' trust," observed Aggarwal.

Free jab for 60+...

and minimise any adverse impact of a second wave with infections rising in some states.

The Centre has sent teams to 10 states, including Punjab, Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, MP and J&K, to detect the reason behind the surge and guide local governments in containment.

Punjab, Maharashtra, Haryana and J&K are among the states that reported an increase in active cases over yesterday while Kerala reported a drop. The Centre has also written to high-burden states to escalate inoculation in districts reporting a rise in cases and the positivity rate.

Punjab's SBS Nagar, Kapurthala and Muktsar as well as J&K's Pulwama are among districts of worry.

ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ
ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨੰਬਰ: 676/CE ਮਿਤੀ: 22.02.2021

ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਊਟਸੋਰਸ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਟਾਫ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ 243.78 ਲੱਖ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਲਈ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਫਰਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 08.03.2021 ਤੱਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵਧੇਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

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DR. Y S PARMAR GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, NAHAN -173001

No. HFW/ME (MCN)/2019- Dated: / /2020
Website: https:/www.yspgmc.org.
Email: yspgmc.nahan@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited from the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) or their established, reputed and experienced authorized dealer/ representatives for the procurement of various machinery & equipment for the General Surgery Department Dr. YSPGMC Nahan. The detailed tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from website: https:/hptender.gov.in from 24.02.2021 to 10.03.2021 up to 1:00 PM. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is 10.03.2021 at 1:00 PM. The tender will be opened on 10.03.2021 at 3:00 PM. All subsequent corrigendum, modification and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid website. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website without assigning any reason.

Principal
Dr. Y S Parmar Govt. Medical College, Nahan, Himachal Pradesh-173 001

DPR/HP/6025

SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE
CONTROLLER OF STORE-CUM-COMMISSIONER INDUSTRIES (SERICULTURE WING)
UDYOG BHAWAN, BEMLOE, SHIMLA–171001
E-TENDER NOTICE NUMBER: Ind. (Seri)1-61/2020-21-(3)
TELE/FAX No. 0177-2663104
E-mail ID: tenders-ind-hp@nic.in

Tenders/bids are electronically invited for the supply of following sericulture items up to 10:30 AM on the dates referred against each items and will be opened on same date at **11:00 AM** if the opening date happens to be a closed day then the tenders will be opened on the next working day.

The descriptions given below are in brief. The Complete details including tender from, tender schedules (referred in e-tendering as Bill of Quantity) and terms & conditions will be available for downloading from 25.02.2021 at 5:00 PM onwards from website **https://hptenders.gov.in.** the bids shall be filled in electronic format on the schedule-"A" (BOQ) of the concerned item on the website **https://hptenders.gov.in.** the cost of tender form is Rs. 500/- per set which is non-refundable which shall be deposited online before the date of opening of tenders.

Sr. No.	Name of items	Who can participate in the tender	Date of opening of tenders.
1.	HDPE Collapsible Mountages	Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers can participate.	12.03.2021
2.	HDPE Bed Support Net	Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers can participate.	12.03.2021
3.	Rearing Stand (Iron)	Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers can participate.	12.03.2021

Note:- The detailed instructions in respect of processing of e-tender are available on departmental website **https://hptenders.gov.in.** Interested bidder(s) are requested to go through the above website for detailed information.

DPR/HP/6023

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 20, DATED : 25.02.2021

PCMM/COFMOW's Office invites e-Bids for the following **STORES Tenders:**

Tender No.	Brief Description	Closing Date
OP-07207004A	Supply of Hot Phosphating Plant.	17.03.2021
OP-808161	CNC End Milling Machine.	17.03.2021
OP-712331	Indoor Oil Filled distribution Transformer, Cap-2500 KVA .	18.03.2021
OP-712231	Oil Impressed Type Power Distribution Transformer, Cap-1000 KVA.	18.03.2021
OP-712431	Indoor Oil Filled distribution Transformer, Cap-2500 KVA, (for Compressor Sub Station)	18.03.2021
OP-609060	CNC Vertical Spindle moulder Machine.	22.03.2021

Bidders may visit the website www.ireps.gov.in to download the tender document and submit their e-Bids. No manual offers shall be accepted.

"Serving Customers with a Smile"

CANTONMENT BOARD SUBATHU
TEL NO. 01792-275025
WEBSITE ADDRESS:- CBSUBATHU.ORG
E-MAIL ADDRESS:- CBSUBATHU@DGEST.ORG
No. CBS/45/1/954 dated: 24 Feb., 2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE POST OF PHYSIOTHERAPIST

1. Applications are invited from experienced and qualified Physiotherapists for Cantonment General Hospital, Cantonment Board Subathu, Distt. Solan (H.P.) purely on temporary/contract/ part time basis.
2. **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:-**
   a) Candidate should be B.Physiotherapy from a recognized university.
   b) Preference will be given to experienced candidate.
3. **THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:-**
   Complete resume, copy of B.Physiotherapy & experience certificates. Other specialization if any.
4. Monthly remunerations will be as per State Govt. scale and will be negotiable at the time of interview based on experience/ Qualification.
5. **For Clarification:-** Please contact the Office Superintendent, Cantt. Board, Subathu, Distt. Solan (H.P) – 173206, Tel No. 01792-275025, Email id - **cbsubathu@dgest.org**
6. The candidates fulfilling the above criteria and intending for providing their services to Cantonment Board Subathu may submit application in a sealed envelope along with the prescribed documents to the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, Subathu, Distt. Solan (H.P.) on or before **10.03.2021.**

Sd/- **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CANTONMENT BOARD SUBATHU.**

DI-21165

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Website: http://eproc.punjab.gov.in
Short Term Tender Notice
E-tender/Notice No. 02/2021 Dated: 23.02.2021

SECURE ONLINE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS

E-tender on Agreement basis are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Punjab for 2 No. works for concrete lining of Kandi Canal Stage-I through our website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from approved and eligible Contractor/Agencies registered with Punjab Irrigation Department and only those L & C Societies who are registered only with Punjab PWD (B&R) Department as per notification of Punjab Govt. Department of Co-operation (Co-operation-1-Branch) No. 76/52/79-CI(5) 4342 Dated 02.10.2014 bidding process as per detail given below:-

Bidding Process

Events		Dated	Time
Sale of Tender	a) Starting	23.02.2021	16:00 Hours
	b) Closing	01.03.2021	12.00 Hours
Date of opening of Technical Bid		01.03.2021	16:00 Hours
Opening of Financial Bid		Will be uploaded on website	

1. All other details/instructions can be seen in Standard Bidding documents uploaded on **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**
2. For any other query Contractor/Agencies/ L & C Society contact their representative on Phone **0172-2970263** and **0172-2970284** for assistance.
3. Any corrigendum will be uploaded on our website only. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer, Shah Nehar Mech. Division, Hoshiarpur.**

DPR/Pb/1815

ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਮੌਕਾ

ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਦੀ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਭਵਨ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਨੂੰ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕਿਰਾਏ 'ਤੇ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਮਿਤੀ 03.03.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖ਼ਰ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਹਰੇਕ ਬੋਲੀਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ 10,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਬਤੌਰ ਸਕਿਉਰਿਟੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੇ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਬਾਕੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਸੁਣਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਉਪ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ।

DPR/Pb/1824

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, housekeeping etc.
Tender Reference No.03 of 2021

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of the work
1.	A/Mtc. of W/S & Sew. Scheme at Nakodar Town Distt. Jalandhar for the year 2021-2022 (w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022).
2.	Regarding detailed Topographic Survey of Nagar Panchayat, Bilga & Mehatpur for Sewerage System & STP.
3.	A/Mtc. of W/S & Sew. Scheme at 170 Acre Improvement Trust, Jalandhar for the year 2021-2022 (w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022).
4.	Painting and other allied works of Staff Quarter, Office and Providing & Fixing of Submersible Pump for E.O. Residence Tubewell at Nakodar.

Important Dates are as under:-
i) Last date and time for online submission of bid for tenders : 22.03.2021 up to 16:30 hrs.
ii) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid for tenders : 23.03.2021 at 14:00 hrs.

NOTE:- The above dates are given for L&C Societies. For Sr. No. 3 & 4 the Last date and time for online submission of bid for tenders Contractors/ Agencies will be 25.03.2021 up to 16:30 hrs. and Opening date for tender is 26.03.2021 at 14:00 hrs. Other terms and conditions refer to website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn. No.1, Jalandhar.**

DPR/Pb/1797

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

Walk-In Interview will be conducted at **9:00 a.m.** in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Chandimandir to engage teachers on part time contractual basis from age group of 18 years to 45 years for the session 2021-22:-

Sr. No.	Post	Minimum Qualification
1	**PGT:-** English, Maths, Physics, Bio, Geography, History, Hindi, Sociology,	Master Degree with 50% marks in the concerned subject & B.Ed.
2	**PGT:-** Computer Science	MCA, BCA, M.Sc., with PGDCA& B.Ed.
3	**TGT:-** Maths (PCM), Sanskrit, English, Hindi, Social Science (SST),Yoga	Bachelor Degree with 50% marks in the concerned subject & B.Ed. For TGT-SST any two of the following:- History, Geography, Economics and Pol. Sc. of which one must be either History or Geography.
4	**PRT**	10+2 with JBT /NTTE or equivalent. **B.Ed. candidates are not eligible for the post of PRT as per KVS norms.**
5	**Computer Instructor**	BCA, MCA, M.Sc., with PGDCA
6	**Experts:-** Drawing/Art & Craft/Music (instrumental & Dance) Games & Sports.	Degree/Diploma in Drawing/Art & Craft/Games & Sports, Music & Yoga with notable work & experience in the concerned field
7	**Counsellor**	MA, M.Sc., (Psychology) with diploma in counselling with minimum one year experience in educational counselling in schools

Schedule for Interview

Sr. No.	Post	Date of Interview	Reporting Time
1	PGTs, TGTs (Sr. No. 1-3)	05.03.2021 Friday)	8:30 a.m.
2	PRTs, Comp Inst & Experts etc. (Sr. No. 4-7)	06.03.2021 (Saturday)	8:30 a.m.

NOTE:
1. **Only CTET Qualified (Paper-I for PRTs and Paper-II for TGTs)** candidates will apply for the post of PRTs/TGTs as per KVS/CBSE norms. They will submit the related certificate in their support at the time of registration.
2. Candidates must report at 8:30 a.m. sharp for the verification/registration of their documents. No registration shall be entertained after 11:30 a.m.
3. Candidates must bring their original documents with a set of Xerox copies & a recent Passport Size photo.
4. Eligible candidates who want to apply more than one post he/she has to submit separate application along with Documents & Passport size Photo.
5. No TA/DA will be paid to attend the Interview. Salary as per KVS Norms.

Principal

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PUNJAB MANDI BOARD
www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Tender Notice No. 05 (2021) Dated: 23.02.2021
Secure Online Submission of Tenders
Email: pmb.xencpat@punjab.gov.in 0175-2364136

Executive Engineer (C) Punjab Mandi Board, Composite Office Building, N.G.M. Sirhind Road, Patiala invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for "Various works under MC Patiala, Samana, Dakala, Rajpura, Dudhan Sadhan, Distt. Patiala and MC Bassi Pathana Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib". Approximate value of various works is Rs. 262.91 lac

For details, terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids, refer to website **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** Corrigendum, if any, will only be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (C) Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala.**

DPR/Pb/1826

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
eepdhsrpurpwdpb@gmail.com
Tender Notice No. 27 **Date: 24-02-2021**

Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD B&R for the below noted work:-

1 **Widening & Strengthening of Hoshiarpur Dasuya Road to Bassi Kasso upto Bagpur Kantian including New Constn. Wood Park (18') MC & Distt. Hoshiarpur. Rs. 246.64 Lacs**

For detail terms and Conditions of Notice Inviting Bids, refer to website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** w.e.f 25.02.2021.
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Rajinder Singh Gotra, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division PWD B&R Br. Hoshiarpur. Ph. No. 01882-222511 Mob. 98888-30735

DPR/Pb/1803

HIMACHAL PRADESH AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
(Under the aegis of Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh)
Hamirpur 24 Feb, 2021

TENDER NOTICE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FROM INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL CONSULTANTS FOR SHORTLISTING OF CONSULTANTS TOWARDS PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES IN RESPECT OF THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) FUNDED PROJECT H.P. CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROMOTION PROJECT PHASE-II.

The Department of Agriculture Govt. of HP has applied for a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of "H.P. Crop Diversification Promotion Project Phase-II." and intends to enter into the contract for Hiring of Project Management Consultants for which this prequalification is conducted.

HPADS (hereinafter referred to as Project Implementing Agency), under Department of Agriculture Govt. of H.P. invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed firms of National/ International Consultants (Association/Joint Venture) for short-listing of Project Management Consultants for the captioned project.

The shortlist of consultants will be prepared by the HPADS in accordance with the Guidelines for the Employment of Consultants under Japanese ODA Loans dated April, 2012 for the said project.

Further information regarding solicitation of Expression of Interest will be available from the Office of the Project Director, HPCDP JICA-ODA, Phase-II Agriculture Complex, Teh. & Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.)-177001, Tel-fax No. 01972-223059 from l0:00 am to 05:00 pm (office hours) from 25.02.2021 onwards or may be downloaded from the official website https://hpcdp.nic.in. Last Date and Time for submission of application is upto 1500 hrs (IST) on 30th March 2021.The sealed envelopes containing applications for EOI shall be opened at 1530 hrs (IST) on the same day.

The results of the applications will be conveyed to the Applicants in due course. Only Firms and joint ventures short-listed under this procedure will be invited to participate in tender.

HPADS under the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of H.P. reserve the right to accept or reject any/all applications in part or in full.

Project Director,
HPCDP, JICA-ODA Phase-II,
Hamirpur H.P INDIA - 177001

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PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(PSPCL Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number 9646107248, Email: se-tl-jal@pspcl.in)

Tender Inquiry No. 14 & 15 **Dated: 24.02.2021**

Dy. Chief Engineer/TL, Circle, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Room No. 310, 2nd Floor, Shakti Sadan, Jalandhar invites E-Tender of: 1) Laying of tower foundations, Erection of towers and stringing and sagging of conductor with earth wire for the construction of 66KV line from Shahjahanpur to 66KV Jalaldiwal SC on DC towers 5.330 Km/0.2 sq" (2) Stringing and sagging of 2nd ckt. on existing SC on DC tower of 66 KV Fatehgarh Churian-Ajnala line up to Dyal Bharang 9.464 KM/0.2 sq". For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** form **26.02.2021 from 5:00 p.m.** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE NO. 15 DATED 23/02/2021

On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer Provl. Divn. PWD B&R Br., Mansa invites bids from eligible enlisted under "Building work" category with PWD (B&R) for the below noted works:-

1. Construction of Senior Citizen Home at Mansa (Punjab).

For detailed terms and conditions of notice inviting bid refer to website **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** w.e.f 24/02/2021 to 15/03/2021 up to 3.00 PM. Date and time of opening of Technically Bid: 15/03/2020 up to 4.00.

*Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Provl. Divn. PWD B&R
Br., Mansa

DPR/Pb/1844

EXCISE COMMISSIONERATE, PUNJAB
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice inviting applications for the Renewal of retail sale licenses of Punjab Medium Liquor (L-14A) and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) in Punjab for the year 2021-22.

With reference to the Public Notice published in newspaper on 22.02.2021, it is informed that to give more time to the retail licensees, the last date for submission of applications for renewal of groups/zones for PML (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) licenses in Punjab has been extended to 3rd day of March, 2021.

Hence forth all the directions will be put on the website of the Department.

Dated: 24-02-2021

Rajat Agarwal, IAS
Excise Commissioner
Punjab.

DPR/Pb/1890

Government of Punjab
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 30/PWSSD/SGR Dated 23.02.2021

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakh)	Period of comp-letion	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Providing Sewerage Line state Level art and craft resource centers - Lot 2: craft resource centre at Sangrur Distt. Sangrur.	0.17	1 Month	8.41
2.	Providing & Laying RCC Pipe Sewer & Construction of Main Pumping station and all other works contingent thereto at Handiaya Distt. Barnala	1.36	6 Months	67.70
3.	Tender for Man power of Operation & Maintenance of Sew. Sch. Improvement Trust 22 Ac, 25 Ac & 16 Ac at Barnala Town, Distt. Barnala.	6600/-	1 Month	Lump sum

Closing Date & Time : Up to 22.03.2021 at 5.00 p.m.
Date and Time of opening Technical Bld : 23.03.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
For details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

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

DPR/Pb/1877

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING OF E-TENDERS (2020-21)
eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-Tender Notice PWSSB/Divn.1/HASR/12 Date: 23.02.2021

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Board, Chandigarh. Executive Engineer. Punjab W/S & Sewerage Division No 1, Amritsar invites online percentage basis tenders from the approved Contractor/firms and eligible Co-operative L&C Societies who fulfill the eligible criteria per DNIT for the work mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Document/ Tender fee (Rs.)	Period of Comp-letion	Esti-mated Cost (In Lacs)
1.	DNIT for Providing and Laying of RCC NP3 HDPE (900mm) sewer. Const. of MPS, Restoration of Roads and Rising Main DI-K9 (MPS to STP) etc, complete and all other works contingent thereto at Patti Town Distt. Tarn Taran (Under BUCIP)	2% of approved DNIT	1000/- As applicable	6 Months	Rs. 202.54

For Sr. No.1
Important Dates are as under:
1. Period of availalnlity of tender Online shall be: Up to 23.02.2021 to 10.03.2021 up to 1:00 p.m.
2. Last Date & Time for online submission of Bids shall be: 10.03.2021 up to 1:00 p.m.
3. Date and Time for Opening of Tenchical bids shall be: 10.03.2021 at 3:00 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website **eproc.punjab.gov.in** Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/1839

Tender Notice
Government of Punjab
Department of Water Resources, Punjab
Website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-Tendering Notice No. 09/22A/2020-21 Dated 24.02.2021

On behalf of Government of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda invite bids from eligible bidders through E-Tendering Process on a work order basis for "Paint work, Reconstruction of damaged boundary wall & miscellaneous work of Teona Rest House (Nandgarh) in Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda".

Closing Date and Time of Submission of Bids:- 03/03/2021 at 12.00 P.M.

For details log onto:- **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
Bathinda Canal Division,
Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/1831

Office of Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman Operation & Maintenance Society S.A.S.Nagar
Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited for running of Canteen **(Room No. 523)** in the premises of District Administrative Complex, Sector 76, S.A.S. Nagar for the year 2021-22 (Dated 01.04.2021 to 31/04/2022). Interested parties can download Tender form and Terms and Conditions from office website **(http://sasnagar.nic.in)**. The sealed tenders along with earnest money Rs. 20,000/- in the shape of D.D. in favour of Operation & Maintenance Society, S.A.S. Nagar will be received from 10:00 A.M. to 01:00 PM on 16.03.2021 at Nazarat Branch, Room No. 301, 2nd floor, District Administrative complex, Sector 76, S.A.S Nagar. The price of Tender form Rs. 200/- (in cash) will be received with tender. The sealed tender will be opened on the same day at 03:00 P.M. in the office of Assistant Commissioner (G.), S.A.S. Nagar. The Deputy Commissioner-Cum-Chairman Operation & Maintenance Society, S.A.S. Nagar reserves the right to any type of change or cancel the tender, in case of any change same will be uploaded on the office website.Therefore, please ensure to check the above, website daily untill opening of tender.

Sd/- **Assistant Commissioner (G)**
For Deputy Commissioner, S.A.S. Nagar

DPR/Pb/1847

Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, Housekeeping etc.
Government of Punjab
Tender/RFP Reference No. 07 of 2021 Dt. 22.02.2021

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work
1.	Prov. & Instt. 3 Nos. T/Wells against abandoned T/Well complete & all other works contingent thereto in various Mohallas at Dasuya.
2.	O&M of MPS at Hoshiarpur Town for the year 2021-22.
3.	A/Mtc of Sewerage Sys. & MPS at Tanda Town for the period of 12 Months (01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022).
4.	O&M of W/S Sys. & all other works contingent thereto at Balachaur Town for the year 2021-22 w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022.
5.	O&M of W/S Sys. & all other works contingent thereto at Talwara Town for the year 2021-22 w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022.

Closing Date & Time: 18.03.2021 up to 4.30 p.m.
For details logon to: **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- **E.E. PWSSD,**
Hoshiarpur.

DPR/Pb/1845

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A State Government Undertaking)
Block No.16 &17, SDA Commercial Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009 Himachal Pradesh (India)
Phone No.0177-2621583, Email:himapurtimd@gmail.com

Expression of Interest
For
Indian Incense Sticks, Agarbatti & Dhoop

Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Shimla invites EOI (Expression of Interest) for the empanelment of Manufacturers/ authorized distributors/ dealers for the supply of **Indian Incense Sticks, Agarbatti & Dhoop** for a period of two years i.e. 2021-2022 & 2022-2023. The detailed EOI Notice, EOI documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal **https://hptenders.gov.in.** The last date of submission of online EOI, Earnest Money Deposit, EOI document fee, processing fee and samples (Incense Sticks, Agarbatti & Dhoop etc.) shall be till **19.03.2021 up to 04.00 PM.** The EOI shall be opened on **22.03.2021 at 11.00 AM.**

Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 31/PWSSD/SGR Dated 23.02.2021

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakh)	Period of comp-letion	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lakh)
1.	Tender for Supply of Man Power for O&M of Water Supply & Sewerage System at Handiaya Town Distt. Barnala for the period of 1 Month	15500/-	1 Month	Lump Sum
2	-do- at Bhadaur Town Distt. Barnala as per DNIT.	22000/-	1 Month	Lump Sum
3	-do- at Cheema Town Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT.	10500/-	1 Month	Lump Sum
4	-do- at Longowal Town Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT	10700/-	1 Month	Lump Sum
	-do- at Dirba Town Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT	14700/-	1 Month	Lump Sum
6	-do- at MPS Sch. at Sunam Town Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT	6700/-	1 Month	Lump Sum

Closing Date & Time : upto 04.03.2021 at 5.00 PM
Date and time of opening Technical Bid 05.03.2021 at 11.00 AM
For Details logon to : **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in**
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

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

DPR/Pb/1870

HIMACHAL PRADESH GENERAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of H.P. Undertaking) (Head Office: New Himrus Building, Cart Road, Shimla-171001 (H.P.)
Phones: 0177-2624438, 2624824, 2624557, Fax: 0177-2624925
Website: www.hpgic.co.in | Email : hpgicltd@yahoo.in | CIN NO. U85330HP1972SGC003204

No. PUR-71/RM-3169 **Dated: 24-02-2021**

TENDER NOTICE FOR PURCHASE OF CORRUGATED BOXES UPTO MARCH, 2022

Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers / suppliers for supply of corrugated boxes of the specification mentioned against each size to be supplied from March, 2021 to 31-03-2022 to our Country Liquor Bottling Plant, Mehatpur, Distt-Una (HP) and Country Liquor Bottling Plant Parwanoo, Distt-Solan (HP) on F.O.R. destinations exclusive of all taxes (as applicable) so as to reach this office complete in all respects on or before **18-03-2021** upto **2.00 PM** alongwith earnest money as mentioned against each size in the shape of demand draft in favour of MD, HPGIC payable at Shimla. In case, the lease deed in respect of Himfed CLBP Parwanoo, Distt. Solan, HP is not renewed / extended further in favour of HPGIC, the activity of this Plant will be shifted to CLBP Mehatpur Distt. Una, HP and the L-1 party so selected in the tender will have to supply the corrugated boxes of all sizes earmarked for CLBP Parwanoo to CLBP Mehatpur on the approved rates and terms & conditions on F.O.R. destination basis as approved for CLBP Mehatpur. The detailed terms & conditions of the tender notice/document can be collected from this office on any working day or can be downloaded from our website: **www.hpgic.co.in**. The tender will be opened on the same day at **2.30 PM** in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives. If required, negotiations will be held with L-1 party. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any / all tenders without assigning any reason

1. CORRUGATED BOXES

Sr. No.	Description of the material	CLBP Mehatpur (Qty. in Nos.)	CLBP Parwanoo (Qty. in Nos.)	Qty. for Tender (Qty. in Nos.)	EMD (Rs. in Lacs)	Who can apply
a)	**750ml (size in cm):** Printed corrugated boxes with UNA No. 1 & HPGIC Logo as per specification LXWXH: 32.5 X 25.0 X 27.0 with built in partition, all in 3 ply and having bursting strength of 5KG/CM2, packing orientation = 4X3, partition height 17.00 cm minimum.	10,00,000	4,10,000	14,10,000	2,00,000	Manufacturers / suppliers
b)	**375ml(size in cm):** Printed corrugated boxes with UNA No. 1 & HPGIC Logo as per specification LXWXH: 37.5 X 35.5 X 18.5 with built in partition, all in 3 ply and having bursting strength of 5KG/CM2, packing orientation = 6X4, partition height 11.00 cm minimum.	1,20,000	55,000	1,75,000	60,000	Manufacturers / suppliers
c)	**180ml(size in cm):** Printed corrugated boxes with Una No. 1 & HPGIC Logo as per specification LXWXH: 45.5 X 34.5 X 14.5 with built in partition, all in 3 ply and having bursting strength of 5KG/CM2, packing orientation = 10X5, partition height 9.00 cm minimum.	50,000	25,000	75,000	40,000	Manufacturers / suppliers

Amit Kashyap, IAS
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਲੋਕ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ
ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਲੋਕ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੁਝ ਕੰਡਮ/ਨਕਾਰਾ ਸਾਮਾਨ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਕੂਲਰ, ਟੇਬਲ, ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ, ਅਲਮਾਰੀਆਂ, ਕੰਪਿਊਟਰ ਆਇਟਮਾਂ, ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟਰ ਆਦਿ ਦੀ "ਜਿਵੇਂ ਹੈ, ਜਿੱਥੇ ਹੈ" ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਮਿਤੀ: 12.03.2021, ਦਿਨ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੇ ਕੈਂਪਸ ਵਿਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਸੱਜਣ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬੋਲੀ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਬੋਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਜਾਂ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਪੂਰਾ-ਪੂਰਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖ਼ਰ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਮਿਤੀ: 23.02.2021 **ਸਹੀ/- ਸਕੱਤਰ।**

ICAR - CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON BUFFALOES SUB-CAMPUS, BIR-DOSANJH, NABHA, DISTT. PATIALA (Pb)

File No. 3/Pur/RSN/2020-21 **Dated: 24.02.2021**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders in two bid system i.e. (1) Technical bid (2) Price Bid are invited from eligible bidders/firms/agency for Preparation of straw from Rabi crops like Wheat/Barley/Oat (already harvested by combine) by Reaper machine approximate 3000 Quintal from 290 acre on contract basis. Bid Submission End Date is 17.03.2021 up to 2.30 P.M. and will be opened on 18.03.2021 at 3.00 P.M. For details, logon to website **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** and our Institute website **www.cirb.res.in**. The Tender Id is **2021_DARE_618533_1**

DI-21158 Sd/- **Asstt. Admn. Officer**

ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਛੀਵਾੜਾ, ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ
ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗਵਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ
www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
ਟੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰ-ਐਲ.ਜੀ.ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਕੌਂਸਲ/2021/02

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਛੀਵਾੜਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਫੰਡ/ਗ੍ਰਾਂਟ ਦੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ/ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਵੇਰਵਾ **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਾਰਨੀ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਬੋਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵਿਕਰੀ	ਬੋਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਦਾਖ਼ਲੇ ਲਈ ਆਖ਼ਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ	ਬੋਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦਾ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ/ਮਿਤੀ
1	ਮਿਤੀ 24.02.2021 ਤੋਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 15.03.2021 ਨੂੰ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਭਰੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।	ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਬੋਲੀ 16.03.2021 ਨੂੰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ

ਜੇਕਰ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕੋਈ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

ਉਕਤ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ, ਕੋ-ਆਪ ਐਲ. ਐਂਡ. ਸੀ. ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** ਕੋਲ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਜ਼ਰ ਆਈ.ਡੀ. ਅਤੇ ਪਾਸਵਰਡ ਹਾਸਿਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਕਲਾਸ-2 ਜਾਂ ਕਲਾਸ-3 ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਸਿਗਨੇਚਰ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹਨ। ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਪਸ਼ਟੀਕਰਨ/ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲ ਦੇ ਹੱਲ ਲਈ ਹੈਲਪਡੈਸਕ ਨੰਬਰ 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ, ਐਸਟੀਮੇਟ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉਪਰ ਜਾਂ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਛੀਵਾੜਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਸੋਧ/ਵਾਧਾ/ਦਰੁਸਤੀ, ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਪੋਸਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

DPR/Pb/1863 **ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਛੀਵਾੜਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ)।**

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, housekeeping etc.
Tender Reference No.04 of 2021

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board re-invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of the work
1.	Survey, Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Sewage Treatment Plant of 3.00 MLD capacity based on any suitable sustainable and proven technology including O&M for 60 months after complete stabilization period of 3 months or more and all other works contingent thereto at Adampur Town Distt. Jalandhar (under BUCIP).
2.	Survey, Soil testing design supply and construction installation, commissioning of 4 MLD STP at Kartarpur based on any suitable, sustainable and proven technology including other appurtenant works on turnkey basis as per DNIT including O&M for a period of 60 months after stabilization period of 3 months or more.

Important Dates are as under:-
i) Last date and time for online submission of bid for tenders : 09.03.2021 up to 16:30 hrs.
ii) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid for tenders : 10.03.2021 at 14:00 hrs.

NOTE:- Other terms and conditions refer to website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.** Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn. No.1,
Jalandhar.

DPR/Pb/1811

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYATS DEPARTMENT
PANCHAYATI RAJ ENGINEERING WING
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE TENDER

Tender No: PRD/FDK/ 01-02 **Date 24/02/2021**

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, PRD, Faridkot, invites Percentage rate tender through eligible bidders only Co-op Societies Enlisted in Civil Work Category with Concern Department only for the Project/Work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidder may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s) :

S. N.	Name of Project/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fee (Rs)	Period of Comp-letion	Approximate Value of Project/ Works (Rs)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Construction of Street & Drains at Vill. Machaki Mall Singh Block & Distt. Faridkot	40000/-	5000/-	3 Months	20,00000/-
2	Construction of Street & Drains at Vill. Surghuri Block Jaito, Distt. Faridkot	40000/-	5000/-	3 Months	20,00000/-

Important Dates are as under:
Sale of Bid Document : 24/2/2021 Time 16.00 Hrs
Last Date Submission of Bid: 12/03/2021 Time 12.00 Hrs
Opening of Technical Bid: 12/03/2021 Time 14.00 Hrs
1. For any further information go to the website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
2. Corrigendum if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Division,
Faridkot.

DPR/Pb/1850

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI)
TENDER NOTICE

Separate tenders are invited from reputed willing competent outsource organizations/agencies having sufficient experience in the field for allotment of contract of work of maintenance for cleanliness of Judicial Court Complexes, Kharar and Dera Bassi for the period of **01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022.** The covered area along with the open area of complex Dera Bassi is given below:

1.	Parking Area	7500 Sq. Feet
2.	Open Area in Building	3260.94 Sq. Feet
3.	Covered Area (A & B Courts Ground Floor)	2742.25 Sq. Feet
4.	Covered Area Judicial Offices and Record Room	3101.63 Sq. Feet
5.	Covered Area (Judicial Court in DSP & SDM Residence) (Ground Floor & First Floor)	1887.19 Sq. Feet

Total area for cleanliness in Judicial Court Complex, Kharar is given below:-

1.	Parking Area	14120 Sq. Feet
2.	Open Area in Building	43794.73 Sq. Feet
3.	**Covered Area in Building**	
(i)	Ground Floor	16960.89 Sq. Feet
(ii)	First Floor	9680.25 Sq. Feet

Proper and efficient cleaning on thrice a day and all days of the week except Sundays on all the floors of Complex which includes entrance lounges, car walks/ramps, corridors, room toilets including all sanitary fittings. This includes cleaning of windows, dusting of Court rooms, Door Window Panes, Grills, Terraces, Protections, removals of webs, sweeping of approaching passages, car garages and parks. The tenders be submitted for employment of adequate number of sweepers and supervisors. The detailed terms and conditions along with application form can be obtained free of cost from the office of Civil Judge (Senior Division), S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) on any working day by hand/by post by sending a self address adequately stamped envelope. Last date for receipt of tenders will be **12.3.2021 till 4.00 p.m.** Tenders will be opened in the presence of contractors or their authorized Representatives on **22.3.2021 at 2.00 p.m.** This office will not take any responsibility for any postal delay and tenders received after due date will not be accepted. Any other information be obtained from telephone Number **0172-2219286** on any working day. The tender for Judicial Courts Complex, Dera Bassi and Kharar be submitted separately. The complete details/terms & conditions can be viewed from the website **http://ecourts.gov.in/sas-nagar/history**.

Sd/- **DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE**
S.A.S. NAGAR, MOHALI.

DPR/Pb/1859

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ

ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ: 681/CE **ਮਿਤੀ: 24.02.2021**

ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੁੱਲ 6.52 **ਲੱਖ** ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਮਿਤੀ 17.03.2021 ਤੱਕ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰਸ਼ੁਦਾ ਲੇਬਰ ਕੋ-ਆਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਰਮਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਵਧੇਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

DPR/Pb/1887 **ਸਹੀ/- ਨਿਗਰਾਨ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ।**

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

E-Tender Notice No. 186 **dt. 23.2.2021**

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Closing Date and Time
1.	Boring & Installing, Testing, Commissioning of 2 No. T/Well against failed tubewells at Shiv Mandir Meerpur/Mubarakpur and Rouni Mohalla Size 300mm x 200mm dia with Reverse Rotary Rig up to 300 Mtr Deep and all other works contingent thereto at Dera Bassi	18.3.2021 at 5:00 p.m.

For details logon to: **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in**
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1,
Patiala. 0175-2200731
eep1.pwssb@punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/1840

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS

Sealed quotations in two bid systems i.e. technical and financial bids (superscribed and sealed in separate envelopes further sealed in larger envelope) are invited from interested manufacturers for supply of heavy precast cement concrete inter locking vibro compacted paver blocks of various dimensions for use in the jurisdiction of office of Chief Executive Officer-cum-Block Development Officer, Development Block Bhattiyat on or before March 17, 2021 before 11.00 a.m. and technical bids will be opened on the same day. The committee duly constituted will decide the further course of action after due deliberations.

The rates quoted must be inclusive of all taxes, transportation charges, loading/unloading charges and F.O.R. The rates will remain valid till next tenders. All standardisation and related certificates have to be submitted along with quotations. Earnest money deposit worth Rs five lakh as demand draft in the name of undersigned has to be submitted along with quotations sealed in technical bid envelope before March 17, 2021. The committee will reserve the right to accept or reject the proposals/quotations without citing any reasons whatsoever.

Sd/- **Block Development Officer,**
Development Block Bhattiyat.

DI-21192

AUCTION NOTICE

Auction of 68 Nos. Trees standing in compound wall of SAIL, Stock Yard, No.-1, Ph-V, Ludhiana will be conducted at SAIL, Stock Yard office, No.-1, Ph-V, Ludhiana on **3.03.2021 at 12:30 p.m.** Mobile No. 94659-19519.

Conditions:-
1. Interested bidders shall have to deposit a sum of Rs. 5000/- as earnest money on the spot. Further, minimum 25% amount shall have to be deposited on the spot by successful bidder (failing which his earnest money shall be forfeited) and balance amount maximum within seven days from the date of issue of acceptance letter. Contractor will be allowed to cut and remove trees only after deposit of full amount. Details of trees can be checked/seen by the bidder at site.
2. PSIEC reserves the rights to cancel the Auction without assigning any reason.
3. Earnest money of the unsuccessful bidders shall be released on the spot after the process of Auction is over.
4. Trees should be removed without any damages to our roads, sewer lines, electrical wires, storm water lines etc. and in case of any damage, the same will be made good by the contractor.
5. Trees will be removed with all their roots and the land is levelled and nothing extra shall be paid on this account.
6. Process of cutting trees and levelling shall be completed within 30 days from the date of issuance of acceptance letter, otherwise 10% penalty of the bid will be imposed.

Executive Engineer-III

PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES & EXPORT CORPORATION LTD.
(A STATE GOVT. UNDERTAKING)
18, HIMALAYA MARG, UDYOG BHAWAN, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH – 160017
PHONE NO. 2702301-305, FAX: 2702039,
E-mail: psiec_chd@yahoo.co.in

DPR/Pb/1853

ਸਿੰਚਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ
ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰਬਰ 06/2020-21, ਮਿਤੀ: 19.02.2021
ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਪੇਸ਼ਕਾਰੀ

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Biggest rioter: Didi on PM

Says will meet fate worse than Donald Trump's

SAHAGANJ (WB), FEBRUARY 24

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday lambasted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, branding him as the "biggest rioter", who will meet a fate "even worse" than that of former US President Donald Trump.

Banerjee, speaking at a rally at Sahaganj in Hooghly district from where the PM had addressed a public meeting last week, also alleged that Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah were spreading lies and hatred throughout the country. "He describes the TMC as a 'tolabaj' (extortionist) party, but what is he? Narendra Modi is the biggest 'dangabaaz' (rioter), the biggest 'dhandabaaz' (opportunist). You are selling the entire country for crores, what is that for? Cat money or rat money," Banerjee said, referring to the BJP's repeated allegations of "cut money" (commission) against the Trinamool Congress. The TMC boss exuded confidence that her party will come back to power after the Assembly elections.

"It will be game on ('khela hobe') in the Assembly polls... I will be the goalkeeper and you (BJP) will not be able to score a single goal. All shots will fly above the goal post," Banerjee said, invoking the Bengali sentiment for football, the state's most popular sport. Attacking the BJP, Banerjee said nothing could be gained from violence that is practised by the party.

"He (Modi) had gone to win the elections for Donald Trump. Everyone knows what happened with him. Modi will meet an even worse fate," she said. The CM also said women in the BJP party were not safe and were "being made" to stay quiet. — PTI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a public meeting at Sahaganj in Hooghly district. PTI

'YOU DISRESPECT WOMEN'

You are against me because I protest against your wrongdoings. You can kill me or do whatever you feel like, but you are insulting women. Getting into my house and alleging that a girl who is only 22-23 years of age, a housewife, is a coal thief. Don't you feel ashamed? **Mamata Banerjee,** WB CM

Right to silence is virtue in today's noisy times, Facebook VP tells SC

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

"Right to silence" is a virtue in present "noisy times", Facebook India Vice President and MD Ajit Mohan today told the Supreme Court while contending that the Delhi Assembly has no legislative power to set up a panel to examine the issue of peace and harmony.

A Bench of Justices SK Kaul, Dinesh Maheshwari and Hrishikesh Roy reserved its verdict after lawyers representing Facebook official, Delhi Assembly and the Centre wrapped up submissions on the plea of Mohan challenging summons issued by the Peace and Harmony Committee for failing to appear before it as witness in connection with the north-east Delhi riots matter.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for Facebook official, said setting up of the peace panel was not the core function of the Delhi Assembly as the law and order issue fell under the domain of the Centre in the national capital.

"There are two broad silos, one is existence of powers in compulsion of appearance and second is competence. I will submit that they (Delhi assembly) are wrong on both," the senior lawyer said.

During the proceedings held through video-conferencing, Salve said these kind of "expansion of power through backdoor" should not be allowed and "in the noisy times of the present, right to silence is a virtue. And leave it to me to decide, whether or not I want to go". Earlier, senior advocate AM Singhvi, representing the panel of the assembly, had said the Assembly had the power to summon.

However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had opposed the submission of the panel of the assembly saying that the law and order squarely fell under the domain of Delhi police which is accountable to the Central government. — PTI

WHAT CENTRE SAID

- Earlier in December, the Peace and Harmony Committee had moved the top court seeking to intervene in the plea filed by the Facebook Vice President and MD.
- On October 15, last year, the Centre had told the Bench that proceedings of the Peace and Harmony Committee is "without jurisdiction" as the issue pertained to law and order.

Waste heat for powering home appliances, automobiles

VIJAY MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, FEBRUARY 24

Indian scientists have found a new lead-free material which can efficiently convert waste heat to power small home appliances and automobiles.

So far, most of the efficient thermoelectric materials developed by scientists use lead as a major constituent element, thereby restricting their use for mass-market applications.

Scientists from the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research have identified a lead-free material called Cadmium doped Silver Antimony Telluride which can efficiently allow recovery of electricity from "waste heat", marking a paradigm shift in the thermoelectric puzzle, the Ministry of Science and Technology announced today.

Thermoelectric energy conversion allows generation of electrical voltage when one end of a material is heated while keeping the other side cold.

Finding an efficient material to realise this scientific principle has been a daunting task for scientists. It entails fitting in three seemingly different properties — high electrical conductivity of metals, high thermoelectric sensitivity of semiconductors and low thermal conductivity of glasses — into a single material.

The team used an advanced electron microscopy technique to visualise the resultant ordering of atoms in nanometer scale.

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CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION NOTICE NO. 45/2020-2021

DESCRIPTION	Existing	Read As
Regarding the change of E-Auction dates for Sale of Scrap Material against E-Auction Notice No. 45/2020-2021.	29.03.2021	30.03.2021

All other dates and conditions shall remain unaltered. 417/2021
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WALK-IN INTERVIEW
OFFICE OF LOKAYUKTA, HARYANA
NEW SECRETARIAT BUILDING, HARYANA, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH.

Following posts are required to be filled up in this office on re-employment basis from retired employee of Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and District Courts of Haryana purely on re-employment basis for a period of one year at first instance:

1 Personal Assistant 1 Post
2 Senior Scale Stenographer 2 Post.

Accordingly, the person who retired from Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Districts Courts of Haryana from the posts mentioned as above or equivalent or from higher posts are invited for walk in interview for filling up of above said posts purely on re-employment basis for the period of one year from the date they assume the duty as such or till their services are required by Lokayukta Organization, Haryana or till the posts are filled up on deputation basis whichever is earlier. Candidates should have the knowledge of Short hand (dictation) and Computer Typing. The candidates should have the qualification Matric standard or above for the said posts and age should not above 63 years. The incumbent shall be paid monthly remuneration as prescribed in Chapter XI of Haryana Civil Services (Pay) Rules, 2016. The above said engagement shall be made on re-employment basis from retired employee of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and Districts Courts of Haryana on the basis of Government instructions No. 34/1/2004-4 GSI, dated 20.06.2018 and 06.08.2018 as stop gap arrangements for smooth functioning as one time measure by relaxing the Method of Recruitment Rules 2008 for a period of one year at first instance, It is also made clear that such engagement will be purely on reemployment basis in nature and can be terminated at any time without assigning any reason or prior notice and the person so engaged shall have no right to claim any benefit of such engagement.

The person desirous of applying for the post of Personal Assistant and Sr. Scale Stenographer are directed to visit this office on 16.03.2021 at 11.00 AM for shorthand and computer eligibility test in **Room No. 525, 5th floor, New Secretariat Building Haryana, Sector-17, Chandigarh** alongwith application with recent photograph (Passport size), complete Bio-data, Date & Post at the time of retirement and all Testimonial duly attested.

Sd/- (Ritu IAS),
Secretary O/o Lokayukta, Haryana,
New Secretariat Building Haryana,
Sector-17, Chandigarh.

PRDH/1244/11/2/2021/1923/31/4

Ambulance staff steal gold from mishap victims

HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 24

The police have booked staff of an ambulance, operated by the 108 services, for allegedly stealing gold ornaments from the body of an Andhra Pradesh jeweller who died in an accident.

The police said the crew, while shifting one of three gold traders seriously injured to a hospital, found two packets of gold weighing two kg and 30 tolas. They simply decided to keep the gold without telling anyone. The three jewellers have been identified as Kotha Srinivas, Kotha Rambabu and Gunda Santhosh, all from Narsaraopet in Guntur district. They were coming to Telangana to supply gold. — TNS

Minor abducted, killed in T'gana

HYDERABAD, FEBRUARY 24

An eight-year-old boy has been allegedly abducted and brutally murdered by unidentified people in Telangana's Mahabubnagar district. Santosh went missing while playing near his house in Janampet village of Moosapet Mandal three days ago. His body was found in a well near Janampet on Wednesday. — TNS

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum
First Corrigendum to Notice No. 251-Elect/T.Notice No 31-Elect/2020-21 dated 22.02.2021 For Tender No. 251-Elect/T-27-2020-21.
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Firozpur has invited above Tender Notice for Tender No. 251-Elect/T-27-2020-21 & 251-Elect/T-28-2020-21. The tender Notice published in leading newspapers on 23.02.2021 to be opened on 18.03.2021. The Tender No. 251-Elect/T-27-2020-21 may be treated as cancelled due to administrative reason. Others terms and condition will remain unchanged.
251-Elect/Corrigendum Notice No 32-Elect/2020-21 Dated 24.02.2021 414/2021
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MISSING

The General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Vijay Kumar S/o Tek Chand R/o H.No. 54, Parvati Enclave, Baltana (PB) age about 42 years, Height 5'-7", Dark complexion, wearing black trouser, cream colour shirt, brown colour jacket & brown colour shoes has been reported to be missing from Village Makhan Majra, UT, Chandigarh since 18.02.2021. In this regard, DDR No. 56, dated 18.02.2021 has been lodged in Police Station Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh. The photograph of missing person is given above.

In case of any clue about said missing person, please inform to SHO Police Station Mauli Jagran on **Ph. No. 9779580951, 0172-2751033, 2738388** and Chandigarh Police Control Room **Ph. No. 0172-2749194** or **112.**

Chandigarh Police

Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology New Delhi
Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI)
Call for Proposals - 2021

Cognitive Science Research Initiative (CSRI) is a unique program of Department of Science and Technology (DST) to revolutionise research in interdisciplinary areas of Cognitive Science like emotions, language, memory, visual perception and cognition, thinking & reasoning, social cognition, decision making, artificial intelligence, computational modelling of cognitive processes, psychology, cognitive development and other important components derived from work in neurosciences, philosophy, linguistics, anthropology, etc.

Proposals are invited under the following components of Cognitive Science Research Initiative, however preference will be given to support translational research:

1. Individual Research Proposal
2. Multi-centric Research Proposal (in prescribed thematic areas only)
3. CSRI-Post Doctoral Fellowship

Detailed advertisement may be seen at **https://dst.gov.in/callforproposals/advertisement-submissions-new-proposal-under-cognitive-science-research-initiative**

Proposals submission: Only at e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) under KIRAN Division in prescribed format of 'CSRI-Individual Research Proposal' or `CSRI-Multi-Centric Proposal' or 'CSRI-PDF' which is available at e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) and at DST website **(www.dst.gov.in). There is no need to submit hardcopies of proposal.**

Contact person: Dr. Vandana Singh, Officer-in-charge, Cognitive Science Research Initiative, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi preferably at email (vandana.singh@nic.in).

Last Date of Proposal Submission in all the Components: 15 March 2021

davp 36101/11/0015/2021

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Date & Time of Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period
1.	OT-34/ 20-21	Signalling work in c/w replacement of UAC based BPAC by UFSBI with Digital axle counter in SRE-UMB-LDH Section over Ambala Division.	24.03.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹3,81,37,202.00	NIL	09 Months
2.	OT-35/ 20-21	Outdoor signalling work in c/w conversion of line no. 3 to common line and provision of Sectional Route Release for forward and backward shunting movement from each shunt signal at Chandigarh station over Ambala division.	24.03.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹72,20,675.00	NIL	09 Months

Note: 1. Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer/N.Railway, DRM Office, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt. from the willing contractors for above noted work up to 15 hrs. on due date shown against the work and will be opened soon thereafter. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TAN/TIN as per conditions. **2.** Please refer to the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed notice and tender documents. **3.** Tenderer should have class-III Digital Signature Certificate and registered themselves on website stated above to participate in E-Tendering and they are requested to read all the instructions contained in the tender notice and tender documents carefully before submitting their offer so as to comply with all the requisite provision/special conditions.
No.: SW-Sig/UMB/NIT-13/2020-21 Dated: 22.02.2021 418/21
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Open Tender Notice No. 15/2020-21
Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto **15.00 hrs.** on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. N.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing / Opening	Approx. Cost.	Earnest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1	30-Elect/T-29/ 2020-2021 (open Tender)	Electrical work in connection with Repair & comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of 01 no. Thyssenkrupp make lift installed at Railway Hospital, Ambala Cantt. for three years over Ambala Division	11.03.2021	Rs. 7,77,207.00	NIL	36 Months	20 Days	NIL
2	30-Elect/T-30/ 2020-2021 (open Tender)	Electrical work in connection with Raising & Extension of Platform no: 1 & 2 upto 24 coaches at JUDW in the section of SSE/W/L/SRE under ADEN/SRE over Ambala Division.	11.03.2021	Rs. 15,00,021.61	NIL	04 Months	20 Days	NIL

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender Document Cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 Hrs of closing date & time of tender.
2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.
3. For details, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.

No.: 30-Elect/T/Notice/15/2020-21 Dated: 23.02.2021 411/2021
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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
The Hospital Engineer (Civil-I), PGIMER, Chandigarh on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh invites online percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors in appropriate class of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Civil Works on two bid system (Eligibility & Financial Bid) for the following work:-
NIT No.: PGI/Engg/Civil-I/2021/05, Name of work:- Addition/Alteration in the Department of Anatomy, Research Block-B, PGIMER, Chandigarh, Estimated Cost: Rs. 7.83 Lakh, Earnest Money: Rs. 15,660/-, Period of Completion: 3 Months, Last Date and Time of submission of bid: 08.03.2021 up to 4.00 PM, Last Date and Time of submission of Original EMD: 09.03.2021 up to 4.00 P.M., Date and Time of opening of Eligibility bid: 10.03.2021 at 11.30 AM.
The original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of Hospital Engineer (Civil-1) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/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 **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**, for participating in e-tendering process **(Helpdesk No. for registration-09988447883)**. For any technical information Contact **(0172-2755860)**.
DI-21162 **HOSPITAL ENGINEER (CIVIL-I)**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT No.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	SHRI MATA MANSA DEVI SHRINE BOARD, PANCHKULA	NO.SMMDSB/ESTT/2021 /164 DATED 08.02.2021	E-TENDER HAS BEEN INVITED AND UPLOADED FOR ABOVE MENTIONED SUBJECT ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.MANSADEVI.ORG.IN ON 10.02.21. THE CLOSING DATE OF WHICH IS 22.02.21 HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED UP TO 01.03.2021 (5.00 PM) DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE GROUND. SOME AMENDMENTS IN DNIT HAS BEEN UPLOADED 20.02.21 AND 22.02.21	http://mansadevi.org.in	http://mansadevi.org.in
2.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 15 (EPC-D-15/PD&C) DATED 04.01.2021	EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 08.03.2021 UP TO 17:00 HRS & 24.02.2021	www.hvpn.org.in	0172 2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3.	HVPNL	NIT NO. 28/AMB/220KV SHAHABAD/2020-21, DATED 09.02.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 23.02.2021. NOW DATE EXTENDED UPTO 04.03.2021 DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIMUM BIDDERS I.E. 3 NO. BIDDERS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172 2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4.	HVPNL	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO.21/CWR/2020-21 DATED 25.01.2021 (ONLINE TENDER ID-2021_HBC_157539_1)	CORRIGENDUM NO. 02 THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 09.03.2021(13.00 HRS.)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172 2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5.	HVPNL	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO.22/CWR/2020-21 DATED 25.01.2021 (ONLINE TENDER ID- 2021_HBC_157543_1)	CORRIGENDUM NO. 02 THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 09.03.2021 (13.00 HRS.)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172 2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6.	DHBVN	NIT NO.44/ESTATE OFFICE/HISAR/2020-21 DATED 07.01.2021 (TENDER ID NO. 2021_HBC_155587_1)	DATE EXTENDED UP TO 01.03.2021	www.dhbvn.org.in	7027348444 estateofficerhisar@dhbvn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2021/120/1928/I/31/4

National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
(A Autonomous Scientific Society of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India),
Birla Farms, Bada Phull, Rupnagar (Ropar) — 140001, Punjab
FMG-02/02-2021
Recruitment Notice
Online Applications are invited from interested and eligible candidates for selection/empanelment of manpower for the following posts, on contract basis, to be deployed with a client department in Punjab:-

S. N.	Post Name	Post(s)	Consolidated Remuneration	Place of posting/ Duration
1	Database Administrator	01	Rs. 50000/- pm	Patiala/ up to 31/12/2021
2	Software Expert (JAVA)	01	Rs. 50000/- pm	
3	Software Expert (PHP)	01	Rs. 40000/- pm	
4	IT Analyst	10	Rs. 25000/- pm	At different locations in Punjab/ up to 31/12/2021
5	Data Entry Operator	60	Rs. 11000/- pm	

Complete details regarding non-refundable Application Fee, Application Form, Eligibility Criteria, Post-qualification Experience, Place of Posting etc. are available on the website - **nielit.gov.in/chandigarh**. Candidates are advised to go through these details carefully for determining their eligibility before applying. Candidates are required to apply online on the above mentioned website from **25/02/2021 (11:30 a.m.) to 03/03/2021 (8:00 p.m.).** Applications will be accepted through online mode only.
Website: nielit.gov.in/chandigarh
Enquiry: 01881-257032, 98773-00659 davp 06141/11/0020/2021 **Director**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, YAMUNA NAGAR	TAHARPUR KALAN GRAM PANCHAYAT - LAYING OF DI WATER SUPPLY PIPE LINE IN BALANCE STREETS AND PROVIDING BALANCE FHTC. "LAYING OF WATER SUPPLY DI PIPELINE, PROVIDING BALANCE FHTC, CONSTRUCTION OF SLUICE VALVE HAUDI COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO RS. 28.85 LACS	02.03.2021 12.03.2021	28.85 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01732-2660013 ee1ynagar@phedharyana.gov.in
2	DIRECTOR GENERAL, SUPPLIES & DISPOSALS, HARYANA	MINI SOIL TESTING LAB, REFILLING KIT SOIL, WATER (WITH TESTING KIT OF HUNDRED SAMPLES + 2 OTHER WORKS	23.02.2021 12.03.2021	ON TWO YEARS RATE CONTRACT BASIS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in dsndharyana.gov.in	0172-2570121-124, 2584125, 2585125, supplies@hry.nic.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BHIWANI	LABOUR RATE CONTRACT TENDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IPB STREET, RETAINING WALL, B/WALL, CHAUPAL & NALA	01.03.2021 07.03.2021	38.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-243929 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, REWARI	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ITI (FOR WOMEN) AT REWARI DISTRICT. 2. SPECIAL REPAIR OF CIVIL REST HOUSE AT BAWAL IN REWARI DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	24.02.2021 17.03.2021	24.87 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274-253703 pwd-eepd-rewari@hry.nic.in
5	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, JAGADHRI	ENGAGING STAFF/ WORKMEN THROUGH OUTSOURCING POLICY PART-I OF HARYANA GOVT. FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 IN SARASVATI HERITAGE DIVISION NO. 1 + 1 OTHER WORK	26.02.2021 08.03.2021	35.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01732-237027 xenjdr1@gmail.com
6	PWD B&R, NARNAUL	SPECIAL REPAIR OF VIP LOUNGE AT AIR STRIP BACHHOD (NARNAUL) IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT.	24.02.2021 16.03.2021	13.10 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282251267 pwd-eepd-narnaul@hry.nic.in
7	PWD B&R, JHAJJAR	CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROB AT LC-30 CROSSING ON CHHARA DUJANA BERI KALANAUR ROAD (MDR-122) IN JHAJJAR DISTRICT. (REINVITED)	24.02.2021 05.03.2021	15 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01251252085 pwd-eepd-jhajjar@hry.nic.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/11/2021/140/1927/I/31/4

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
NOTICE RE-INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Tender Notice No. 07 **Dated: 24.02.2021**

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, PWD B&R Branch, Patiala Re-invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD B&R for the work **"Providing E.I. in Godown of EVM's and VVPAT's at Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib. (Category 1, for 2000 units) (SETC of 2000-2500 KG Goods lift)"**. For detailed terms & conditions of notice inviting bids refer to website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app** w.e.f. **01.03.2021 at 11:00 a.m.** to **14.03.2021 up to 05:00 p.m.** and Opening of technical bids on **15.03.2021 at 11:30 a.m.**

Note: Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app** only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, PWD B&R, Patiala.**

DPR/Pb/1872

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 01/2021/RS **DATED: 20.02.2021**

Subject: Reopening of Ministry's Portal to seek proposals from the NGOs

UNION MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS REOPENS ITS PORTAL IN THE WEBSITE **(morth.nic.in)** TO SEEK PROPOSALS FROM NGOs FOR ADMINISTERING ROAD SAFETY ADVOCACY UNDER THE SCHEME OF "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NGOs" FOR SOME SELECTED STATEs/UTs. THE LAST DATE IS 07.03.2021. website guidance [morth.nic.in > road safety > scheme/projects > road safety advocacy > 6905kb]

Sd/- **(Ram Raj Meena)**
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

F.No. RT-25050/01/2020-RS davp 37101/11/0002/2021

TENDER NOTICE
Contact No. 94176-22400
Email: adfshrimukatsarsahib@gmail.com
Tender No.: 02 Dated: 25.02.2021

Fish farmer's Development Agency Sri Muktsar Sahib invites E-Tenders in two-bid system for services of four (4) class IV (Multitask Workers) for one year (01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022) on outsourcing basis from the enlisted firms/ contractors/manpower suppliers approved by Govt.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost
1.	Four (4) No. Class IV Karamchari on outsourcing basis	6,00,000.00 per year

Tender No.: 03 Dated: 25.02.2021

Fish farmer's Development Agency Sri Muktsar Sahib invites E-Tenders in two-bid system from authorized dealers for procurements of Aerators and Root Blowers of amount Rs. 06.40 lakhs (in words: Rs Six lakh forty thousand only) as per details given below.

Sr. No.	Item/Consumables	Estimated Cost
1.	Aerators and Root Blowers	6,40,000.00

Detailed Description and Term & Conditions of Tender Documents may be seen and downloaded from website **eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 25.02.2021 to 14.03.2021. Last date of submission of E-Tenders is 14.03.2021 up to 17.00 Hrs. (5:00 P.M.).

DPR/Pb/1836 Sd/- **Vice Chairman FFDA**

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
No. BLS-ADM/PA (Nalwari)/ 2021-8301-03, Bilaspur, the 24-02-2021

Sealed quotations are invited from interested Parties for providing/ installing / operating Orchestra system during cultural night programs w.e.f. 20-03-2021 to 23-03-2021. All interested parties must submit sealed quotations with a bank draft of Rs. 25,000.00 (Twenty Thousand) in the name of Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairman, State Level Nalwari Fair-2021, District Bilaspur H.P. to the undersigned latest **by 09th March, 2021 upto 11:30 AM which shall be opened at 12:30 PM** on the same day. The terms and conditions can be downloaded from the Bilaspur District Website *https://hpbilaspur.nic.in or www.hpbilaspur.nic.in.*

Additional Deputy Commissioner -cum-Convener Cultural Committee, State Level Nalwari Fair-2021, District Bilaspur H.P.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 29/PWSSD/SGR Dated: 23.02.2021

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	Survey, Soil testing, Design, Supply & Const. Installation, Commissioning of 2 MLD STP at Cheema based on any suitable sustainable & proven technology including other appurtenant works on turnkey basis as per DNIT including O&M for a period of 60 Months after stabilization period of 3 Months or more.	5.00	9 Months	LS
2.	-do- 1.5 MLD STP at Amargarh	5.00	9 Months	LS
3.	-do- 2.00 MLD STP at Handiaya	5.00	12 Months	LS

Closing Date & Time : up to 22.03.2021 at 5:00 p.m.
Date and Time of opening Technical Bid : 23.03.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
For Details logon to : **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in**
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

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

DPR/Pb/1880

Department of Water Supply and Sanitation
Government of Punjab
(Under JJM/NABARD XXVI)

No. 806 **Date: 24.2.2021**

1. The Executive Engineer W/s and Sanitalton Division No. 1 Tarn Taran invites bids (to be submitted in the e-Procurement Portal) for the construction of following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost. (in Lakh)	Bid Security EMD (in Rs.)	Date/Time of submission of Bid	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid
1.	Providing improved access to water through household connection in existing W/s Scheme Begepur, Block Bhikhiwind, Distt. Tarn Taran. (Under JJM/ Nabard-XXVI) (DWSS-W-DIV09-9254-1)	2.95 Lakh	Rs. 6,000/-	From 25.02.2021 to 11.03.2021 up to 17:00 hrs.	12.03.2021 at 02.00 hrs.
2.	Providing improved access to water through household connection in existing W/s Scheme Dholan, Block Valtoha, Distt. Tarn Taran. (Under JJM/Nabard XXVI) (PRWSS-W-DIV09-9256-1)	5.03 Lakh	Rs. 10,500/-	From 25.02.2021 to 11.03.2021 up to 17:00 hrs.	12.03.2021 at 02.00 hrs.
3.	Providing improved access to water through household connection in existing W/s Scheme Sanktra, Block Valtoha, Distt. Tarn Taran. (Under JJM/Nabard XXVI)	2.22 Lakh	Rs. 4,500/-	From 25.02.2021 to 11.03.2021 up to 17:00 hrs.	12.03.2021 at 02.00 hrs.
4.	Providing improved access to water through household connection in existing W/s Scheme Theh Kalan, Block Bhikhiwind, Distt. Tarn Taran. (Under JJM/Nabard XXVI) (DWSS-W-DIV09-9259-1)	3.02 Lakh	Rs. 6,500/-	From 25.02.2021 to 11.03.2021 up to 17:00 hrs.	12.03.2021 at 02.00 hrs.

Completion Period:- 3 Months each.
2. Bidder advised to note minimum qualification criteria & instruction in bidding document.
3. visit **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in** for detail and downloading documents.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer, W/S and Sanitation Div. No. 1, Tarn Taran**
Phone No. 01852-222688 E-mail id: eewss_tt@yahoo.in

DPR/Pb/1807

Judge spoils Biden's plan on deportation

HOUSTON, FEBRUARY 24

A federal judge indefinitely banned President Joe Biden's administration from enforcing a 100-day moratorium on most deportations.

US District Judge Drew Tipton issued a preliminary injunction sought by Texas, which argued the moratorium violated federal law and risked imposing additional costs on the state.

Biden proposed the 100-day pause on deportations during his campaign as part of a larger review of immigration enforcement and an attempt to reverse the priorities of former President Donald Trump.

He has proposed a sweeping immigration bill that will allow the legalisation of an estimated 11 million people living in the US illegally.

He has also instituted other guidelines on whom immigration and border agents should target for enforcement. Tipton, a Trump appointee, initially ruled on January 26 that the moratorium violated federal law on administrative procedure and that the US failed to show why a deportation pause was justified. A temporary restraining order the judge issued was set to expire on Tuesday. — AP

Nepal PM won't step down, will face Parliament: Official

KATHMANDU, FEBRUARY 24

Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli will not resign immediately and implement the Supreme Court's verdict against him by facing Parliament that is due to convene within two weeks, an official representing the embattled premier said on Wednesday.

In a landmark ruling, a five-member constitutional bench led by Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher on Tuesday annulled the Oli government's "unconstitutional" decision to dissolve the 275-member lower house of Parliament. The court also ordered the government to summon the House session within the next 13 days.

Nepal plunged into a political crisis on December 20 after President Bidya Devi Bhandari dissolved the House and announced fresh elections on April 30 and May 10 at the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli amid a tussle for power within the ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP). Oli's Press Adviser Surya Thapa said the Prime Minister, who turned 69 this week, intends to implement the verdict of the apex court after facing Parliament that is due to convene within two weeks.

"The Supreme Court's verdict is controversial, however, it should be accepted and implemented. Its effects will be seen in the future as the decision has not provided any solution to the political problems," Thapa said. He claimed that the apex court's verdict will further fuel instability and pave the way for power-play. "The Prime Minister will face the House of Representatives to implement the verdict but will not tender his resignation as of now," Thapa was quoted as saying by The Himalayan Times.A large section of the Nepalese media welcomed the Supreme Court's verdict that reinstated the dissolved House of Representatives. They hailed the decision, saying it has upheld democratic values and safeguarded the Constitution. — PTI

Supporters of the ruling party celebrate House reinstatement. REUTERS

'AGAINST HIS AUTOCRATIC STYLE'

- Members of the anti-Oli faction said they rejected his autocratic style of functioning and the latest court order proved his inability to govern.
- "If Oli does not resign then parliament will take a decision on his fate," Shrestha said, adding that the tourism-dependent economy needed a stable government. REUTERS

CONTROVERSIAL VERDICT

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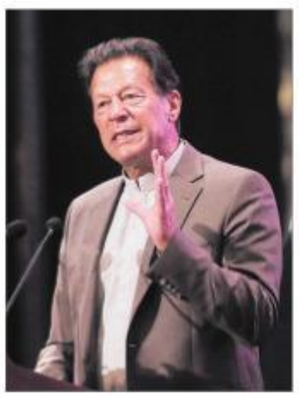
Surya Thapa, PM'S PRESS ADVISER

OLI SHOULD RESIGN

Vice-president of the CPN Bamdev Gautam, who has so far maintained a balance between Oli and his rivals Prachanda and Madhav Kumar Nepal, has urged the PM to step down. "As the court verdict has proven that the PM's step was unconstitutional, he must resign immediately," he said.


Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan. REUTERS

Pakistan offers Lanka $15-mn credit line for defence coop

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Pakistan has sought to replicate India's offer for security and development cooperation with Sri Lanka during its PM Imran Khan's two-day visit to Colombo.

Pakistan offered Sri Lanka a defence line of credit of $15 million and pitched for the extension of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Khan made the offer after being received by his counterpart Mahinda Rajapaksa at the airport and given a red-carpet welcome accompanied by a 19-gun salute India too has been offering defence line of credit and activating different types of connectivity projects with neighbouring countries. However, New Delhi's bid to start a container project in Sri Lanka has not borne fruit so far despite an in-person visit by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to wrap up its loose ends.

Though Pakistan has supplied arms to Sri Lanka, India has far substantial footprints of security and defence cooperation as well as much greater economic and developmental involvement. "Pakistan is part of the One Belt and Road initiative of China, and CPEC is one of its flagship programmes. And it means connectivity," said Imran Khan. — TNS

UK pledges fund to help kids make up for lost time

LONDON, FEBRUARY 24

The UK Government pledged a 700 million-pound aid to help children catch up on learning lost due to the pandemic.

Primary and secondary schools, which shut on January 5, will reopen on March 8 under plans announced on Monday by Prime Minister Boris Johnson. "Our package will deliver vital support to the children," said Education Minister Gavin Williamson. — Reuters

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	5,15,333
BRAZIL	2,48,646
MEXICO	1,81,809
UK	1,21,305
ITALY	96,348

WORLDOMETER TILL FEB 24, 11 PM

US award for anti-corruption activist Anjali Bharadwaj

WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 24

Anjali Bharadwaj, an Indian social activist working on issues of transparency and accountability, is one of the 12 "courageous" individuals named by the Biden administration for the newly-instituted International Anti-Corruption Champions Award.

According to the State Department, Bharadwaj, 48, has served as an active member of the Right to Information Movement in India for over two decades.

'The Biden administration recognises that we will only be successful in combating these issues by working in concert with committed partners, including courageous individuals who champion anti-corruption efforts," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Tuesday. — PTI

ABOUT THE ACTIVIST

- Anjali Bharadwaj is the founder of Satark Nagrik Sangathan, a citizens' group with a mandate to promote transparency in government.
- She is also a convener of the National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information.

BUSINESS

USD	EURO	POUND	JPY	YUAN	CAD	AUD	SGD	HKD
₹72.35	₹87.77	₹102.04	₹0.68	₹11.22	₹57.58	₹57.21	₹54.72	₹9.33

BSE	NSE	GOLD (MCX)	SILVER (MCX)
1,029.02	280.80	₹46,770	₹70,510
50,780.43	14,988.60	Mumbai	Mumbai

Modi pitches for privatisation of non-strategic PSUs

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Continuing with the government's push for large-scale privatisation of public sector undertakings, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the step was in tune with "the mantra of monetise and modernise."

"The government has no business being in business. When the government monetises, the space is filled by the private sector. Private sector brings investment and best global practices with them," he said while addressing a webinar on privatisation by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management.

Pointing out that the sale of PSUs along with production-linked scheme for manufacturing shows that the "sky is the limit" for both foreign investors and Indian entrepreneurs, he said PSUs in four strategic sectors will be kept at bare minimum while the government focuses on development projects and welfare of people.

Production-linked incentive scheme extended to pharmaceutical, IT sector

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The government today extended the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to the pharmaceutical and IT hardware sectors, offering over Rs 22,000 crore of sops to boost domestic manufacturing and create jobs. The intent is to make India a major manufacturing hub in the production of laptops, tablets, personal computers, servers and also medicines and medical equipment.

Briefing media after the meeting of the Union Cabinet, which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, IT & Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "The government's intention is to bring the five largest companies of the world manufacturing laptops or tablets to India and will be offered PLI."

The move, which is line with the government's vision of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', comes just a week after the Union Cabinet's approval for the PLI scheme for telecom equipment.

"The scheme is likely to benefit five major global players and 10 domestic champions in the field of IT hardware manufacturing," the government said. The total cost of the proposed scheme is approximately Rs 7,350 crore over 4 years, which includes an incentive outlay of Rs 7,325 crore and administrative charges of Rs 25 crore.

The PLI scheme for the pharmaceutical sector is set to entail an outlay of Rs 15,000 crore. The duration of the scheme would be from 2020-21 to 2028-29 and is expected to promote the production of high-value products in the country and increase the value addition in exports, the government said.

The total incremental sales of Rs 2,94,000 crore and total incremental exports of Rs 1,96,000 crore are estimated during six years from 2022-23 to 2027-28, it said, adding it is expected to generate 20,000 direct jobs and 80,000 indirect employment for both skilled and unskilled personnel.

"The scheme is also expected to bring in investment of Rs 15,000 crore in the pharmaceutical sector," it said.

Union Ministers Ravi Shankar Prasad and Prakash Javadekar address a Cabinet briefing in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

TO BOOST DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING

- The scheme will offer over ₹22,000 crore of sops to boost domestic manufacturing and create jobs
- While ₹15,000 crore of sops will be provided for the pharma sector over four years, ₹7,325 crore will be made available for domestic manufacturers of laptops, tablets, PCs and servers for four years

Now, all pvt banks can participate in govt business

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The government today lifted curbs on the grant of government businesses to private banks. "Embargo lifted on grant of govt business to private banks. All banks can now participate," posted Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Twitter.

This means all private banks will now be allowed to conduct government-related banking transactions such as taxes, revenue and pension payments, and small savings schemes.

"Private banks can now be equal partners in development of the Indian economy, furthering government's social sector initiatives, and enhancing customer convenience," she added.

The RBI is expected to authorise all private banks for government businesses, including government agency businesses.

So far only a few private banks such as Axis Bank were permitted to take part in government business.

"This move is expected to enhance customer convenience, spur competition and high efficiency in the standards of customer services," said a statement by the Department of Financial Services.

"I welcome this progressive reform. It will enable the banking sector to serve customers better," said Uday Kotak, CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

NEW GUIDELINES

- At present, only few large private sector banks are allowed to conduct government-related business
- This step is expected to further enhance customer convenience, spur competition and higher efficiency in the standards of customer services

IN BRIEF

MUMBAI
Sensex zooms 1,030 pts, Nifty ends at 14,982
Equity benchmark Sensex soared 1,030.28 points on Wednesday to end at 50,781.69 points, tracking strong buying in financial stocks, after trading hours were extended following a technical glitch at NSE. After resumption of trade at 3.45 pm, NSE Nifty zoomed 274.20 points to end at 14,982. PTI

MUMBAI
Trading outage: SEBI seeks explanation from NSE
Markets regulator SEBI on Wednesday asked the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to explain why trading on the bourse did not migrate to a disaster recovery site after facing connectivity issues. It also advised the NSE to carry out a detailed root cause analysis of the "trading halt" witnessed at the exchange on Wednesday. PTI

NEW DELHI
Hyundai to launch 7-seater premium SUV in India
Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) on Wednesday said it will enter the seven-seater premium SUV segment in India with the global debut of its Alcazar model this year. The Hyundai Alcazar will offer customers upscale mobility, be it for business travel or families travelling together, the company said. PTI

NEW DELHI
Maruti drives in new Swift starting at ₹5.73 lakh
Maruti Suzuki India on Wednesday launched updated version of its premium hatchback Swift priced between Rs 5.73 lakh and Rs 8.41 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). PTI

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Patel crashes into pink-ball party

Spinner takes six wickets as England bowled out for 112

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 24

Spinner Axar Patel claimed a career-best 6/38 as India bundled out England for 112 on the opening day to put themselves in the box seat in the Day/Night third Test here today.

Rohit Sharma then helped the hosts weather a top-order wobble of their own and finish an eventful 13-wicket day on 99/3. Rohit was batting on 57 at stumps with Ajinkya Rahane on one at the other end with India eyeing a handy first-innings lead. Earlier, Joe Root's decision to bat backfired as the tourists folded in 48.4 overs inside two seasons despite Zak Crawley's stroke-filled 53.

On a track where the ball spun from the first session, the English batsmen repeatedly played for the turn and got beaten by the straight ball instead. They made four changes to their playing XI but their rejigged top order let them down.

Playing his 100th Test, seamer Ishant Sharma dismissed Dom Sibley in the third over before the spinners took over. Left-arm spinner Patel trapped Jonny Bairstow lbw for nought with his first delivery.

At the other end, Crawley appeared to bat on a different pitch, dealing mostly in boundaries and bringing up his fifty off 68 balls.

Before his partnership with Root could really flourish, Ravichandran Ashwin (3/26) intervened. The wily off-spinner dismissed Root lbw for 17. The England captain reviewed the decision but could not get it overturned.

Patel ended Crawley's knock in similar fashion to trigger a batting collapse and England lost their last eight wickets for 38 runs. It was a sense of deja vu for England who were dismissed for 58 in their previous pink-ball Test in New Zealand three years ago.

India did not find scoring easy either against the swinging pink ball in the final session. The usually fluent Shubman Gill took 27 balls to open his account while Rohit mixed caution with occasional aggression in his unbeaten fifty. Jofra Archer dismissed Gill for 11 and Jack Leach removed Cheteshwar Pujara for a duck but Rohit's 64-run partnership with Virat Kohli helped India maintain their upper hand in the contest.

Ollie Pope dropped Kohli at gully but Leach dismissed him when the India captain chopped a delivery onto his stumps to depart for 27 in the final over. — Reuters

Axar Patel celebrates after taking the wicket of Zak Crawley. PTI

SCOREBOARD

England 1st innings

Z Crawley lbw b Patel	53
D Sibley c R Sharma b I Sharma	0
J Bairstow lbw b Patel	0
J Root lbw b Ashwin	17
B Stokes lbw b Patel	6
O Pope b Ashwin	1
B Foakes b Patel	12
J Archer b Patel	11
J Leach c Pujara b Ashwin	3
S Broad c Bumrah b Patel	3
J Anderson not out	0
Extras: (B 1, LB 2, NB 3)	6
Total: (All out, 48.4 overs)	112

FOW: 1-2, 2-27, 3-74, 4-80, 5-81, 6-81, 7-93, 8-98, 9-105

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Ishant Sharma	5	1	26	1
Jasprit Bumrah	6	3	19	0
Axar Patel	21.4	6	38	6
Ravichandran Ashwin	16	6	26	3

India 1st innings

R Sharma not out	57
S Gill c Crawley b Archer	11
C Pujara lbw b Leach	0
V Kohli b Leach	27
A Rahane not out	1
Extras: (B 2, W 1)	3
Total: (3 wickets, 33 overs)	99

FOW: 1-33, 2-34, 3-98

Bowling	O	M	R	W
James Anderson	9	6	11	0
Stuart Broad	6	1	16	0
Jofra Archer	5	2	24	1
Jack Leach	10	1	27	2
Ben Stokes	3	0	19	0

For a change, spinners on top in a D/N Test

AHMEDABAD: The rebuilt stadium in Motera gave a new twist to pink-ball Test cricket with spinners bucking the trend and dominating, whereas fast bowlers have held sway in such games in the past. Before this Test, 354 wickets (at 24.47 runs per wicket) had been taken by pace bowlers in 15 Day/Night Tests, as against 115 by spinners, at 35.38 runs per wicket. Today, however, India's seamers bowled just 11 bowlers, picking one wicket while the spinners took nine scalps, bowling 37.4 overs on a surface that has less grass than is usually required for a pink-ball Test. Left-arm spinner Axar Patel (6/38) and off-spinner R Ashwin (3/26) shared nine wickets as England struggled, partly because of the pitch that began to help spin early and partly because of their decision to play spin on the back foot. There had been talk of how pace bowlers would dominate this Test. TNS, AGENCIES

Woods seriously injured in car crash

Golf legend awake, responsive and recovering in hospital

LOS ANGELES, FEBRUARY 24

Tiger Woods crashed his SUV on sweeping, downhill road in the Los Angles suburbs on Tuesday morning, and doctors tried to stabilise "significant" injuries to his right leg with rods and a combination of screws and pins.

Woods was driving to a television shoot when his SUV crashed into a median, rolled over and ended up on its side near a steep road known for wrecks, authorities said. Golf's biggest star had to be pulled out through the windshield.

Woods' foundation said in a statement he was awake, responsive and recovering in the hospital.

Dr Anish Mahajan, the chief medical officer at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, said Woods shattered the tibia and fibula bones of his lower right leg in multiple locations. Those injuries were stabilised with a rod in the tibia.

"Additional injuries to the bones in the foot and ankle required screws and pins," Mahajan said in a statement released on Woods' Twitter account late Tuesday night.

The lengthy surgery also reduced swelling. Woods was awake and recovering in his hospital room, the statement said.

A resident near the accident site called 911. A Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, the first on the scene, poked his head through a hole in the windshield to see Woods, his seatbelt fastened, sitting in the driver's seat.

The single-car crash was another setback for Woods, the preeminent golfer of his generation who has spent the last decade in a cycle of injuries, self-inflicted personal problems and an arrest for DUI. Each time, he returned to the course and won.

Even at 45, Woods is among the more recognisable sports figures in the world and remains golf's biggest draw. His 2019 Masters victory was seen as a transcendent comeback and further cemented his reputation for toughness and clutch performances. — AP

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies inspect the vehicle of Tiger Woods after it was involved in an accident. REUTERS

Kaul, Sran lead Punjab to win

VIJAY HAZARE TROPHY

INDORE, FEBRUARY 24

Punjab bounced back from successive defeats to beat Andhra by seven wickets in a Group B match to register their first win in the Vijay Hazare Trophy here today.

Siddarth Kaul picked up four wickets while Barinder Sran took three as Andhra were bowled out for 175. Chasing the target, skipper Mandeep Singh starred with an unbeaten 64 off 81 balls to take Punjab home in 36 overs. — PTI

Brief scores: Andhra 175 all out in 48.1 overs (Kaul 4/27, Sran 3/29); **Punjab** 176/3 in 36 overs (Mandeep 64*)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No. 26 **Dated 23.02.2021**

Dept. inviting work:- Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R Br; Amritsar.
Brief scope of work :- Special repair of Various Quarters No. 34 to 52 at Taylor Road Colony, Amritsar (Group No. 1)
Area of Work :- Amritsar.
Date of Opening of Bid :- 05.03.2021.

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting Tender please see our website **punjab.gov.in www.eprocpbpwd.gov.in**
Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division, PWD B&R., Amritsar.
DPR/Pb/1827

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Department of Higher Education
Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala
(A State Public University Established under Act No. 35 of 1961)

Punjabi University, Patiala is an institution of excellence in higher learning and research. Punjabi University, Patiala established in 1962 is a premier institution of Punjab with more than 42,000 students and 60 teaching and research departments, 20 Regional Centres/ Neighbourhood Campus/Constituent Colleges and about 275 affiliated colleges.

The Vice-Chancellor, being the academic as well as administrative head, is expected to be:

- A visionary with proven leadership qualities, administrative capabilities as well as teaching and research credentials.
- The applicant should fulfill the eligibility conditions for the position of Vice-Chancellor as per Regulations of University Grants Commission.
- Not more than 67 years of age as on the closing date of receipt of applications of this advertisement.
- The appointment shall be for a period of three years.

Procedure for appointment

- Appointment will be made from a panel of names recommended by the Search Committee.
- The advertisement and Format of Application are available at websites:- **www.punjabiuniversity.ac.in**
- Applications of eligible individuals received by post through candidates/nominators, in the prescribed proforma shall be considered. Such applications should reach within **21 days** from the date of the publication of this advertisement, by Registered/ Speed Post to:

Special Secretary Higher Education
Government of Punjab
Room No. 26, Fifth Floor,
Punjab Civil Secretariat-I
Chandigarh (0172-2748467)

"Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala", should be superscribed on the envelope. The application should reach the above address by **5:00 p.m.** on _____.

This department is not responsible for postal delay.

Secretary Higher Education
Government of Punjab.
DPR/Pb/1892

BRIEFLY

KOLKATA

Churchill regain I-League top spot with win over NEROCA

Churchill Brothers regained the top spot in the I-League after they beat NEROCA FC 1-0. Clayvin Zuniga's 16th-minute strike was enough to give Fernando Varela's side all three points. TRAU defeated Indian Arrows 5-1 to climb to the fifth spot.

ADELAIDE

Coco advances to Adelaide International quarterfinals

Coco Gauff's five-week stay in Australia has been extended with a second-round win at the Adelaide International. The 16-year-old American beat sixth-seeded Petra Martic 5-7 6-3 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals. In other matches, second-seeded Belinda Bencic advanced with a 6-1 6-3 win over Misaki Doi, Storm Sanders upset seventh-seeded Yulia Putintseva 6-4 5-7 6-1, Jil Teichmann beat eighth-seeded Wang Qiang 3-6 6-3 6-3, and Anastasija Sevastova defeated Christina McHale 6-4 6-1. Top-ranked Ash Barty was beaten 6-3 6-4 in the second round by Danielle Collins.

MONTPELLIER (FRANCE)

Murray loses 1st ATP Tour match in 4 months

Andy Murray lost in straight sets to world No. 83 Egor Gerasimov at the Open Sud de France in the former No. 1's first ATP Tour match since October. Murray's lack of match fitness was apparent as he was beaten 7-6(8) 6-1. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

THIRD TEST
INDIA VS ENGLAND
STAR SPORTS 2:30PM

ISL
JAMSHEDPUR VS BENGALURU
STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

EUROPA LEAGUE
ARSENAL VS BENFICA 11:30PM
MAN UNITED VS SOCIEDAD
1:30AM (FRIDAY)
SONY TEN

No hard quarantine for foreign athletes: Rijiju

VINAYAK PADMADEO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AHMEDABAD, FEBRUARY 24

Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has reiterated that athletes from any foreign country will not be inconvenienced in any way if they travel to India for competitions.

Starting from March 15, when the shooting World Cup is scheduled to begin in New Delhi, India is supposed to host many high profile international competitions. However, spurt in Covid cases and the country's quarantine laws have left many wondering whether they should compete in the event.

The Asian Boxing Championships in April and a Tokyo Olympics qualifying tournament in badminton in May are some of the high profile tournaments that are scheduled to be held in coming months.

The International Shooting Sport Federation had also sought a clarification from the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) regarding India's quarantine rules.

The NRAI wrote back saying they were awaiting a response from the Sports Ministry regarding the quarantine rules.

"I have already assured that for international tournaments held in India we will ensure that foreign players don't have to suffer a long quarantine but the set health protocols have to be followed," Rijiju said.

"The problem will be the same for our players too. If you keep our players in 10-15 days of quarantine then they will not travel as well. We have protocols that will have to be followed but we will try to do our best to ensure that players have to serve less time in quarantine," he added.

For the ISSF World Cup, athletes travelling from the United Kingdom and Brazil have to undergo a mandatory quarantine period of seven days even if tested negative.

Nevertheless, Rijiju said his ministry would ensure that top players coming to India do not get discouraged to travel for competitions.

"It is not a big issue. They (foreign players) will come with a negative test and then they will be tested in India again. We do not want that top foreign players coming for our World Cup or international events to be discouraged," he said.

Jyoti enters quarterfinals

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Jyoti Gulia (51kg) upstaged two-time world champion Nazym Kyzaiby of Kazakhstan to enter the quarterfinals along with two others but three Indians bowed out after second-round losses in the 72nd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Haryana's Gulia, a 2017 world youth champion, prevailed 3-2 over Kyzaibay, a gold-winner from the 2014 and 2016 World Championships. Bhagyabati Kachari outclassed Russia's Anna Galimova 5-0 to enter the 75kg quarterfinals.

In the men's competition, Naveen Boora also progressed to the last-8 stage with a 3-2 win over Armen Mashakaryan of Armenia B in the 69kg category.

However, Naveen Kumar (91kg), Ankit Khatana (75kg) and Sachin Kumar (81kg) lost their matches. — PTI

Acrobatic Giroud gives Chelsea 1-0 win

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

BUCHAREST, FEBRUARY 24

A spectacular Olivier Giroud overhead kick gave Chelsea a 1-0 win over Atletico Madrid in Tuesday's Champions League last-16 first leg.

The French striker broke the deadlock in the 68th minute with an outrageous bicycle kick which was flagged offside but eventually given following a lengthy VAR review as the ball had come off Atletico's Mario Hermoso before Giroud hit it.

Atletico were forced to play their home leg over 3,000 kilometres from Madrid due to Spanish restrictions on arrivals from Britain to control the spread of Covid-19 infections.

Chelsea's Olivier Giroud scores against Atletico. REUTERS

Lewandowski's landmark

Rome: Robert Lewandowski became the Champions League's third top scorer of all time as holders Bayern Munich put one foot in the quarterfinals with a 4-1 thrashing of Lazio in their last-16 first leg.

The Polish striker scored his 72nd goal in the competition. In doing so, he surpassed former Real Madrid striker Raul in the competition scoring charts to reach a total only bettered by Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo, with 134 goals, and Barcelona's Lionel Messi, with 119.

Bayern's 17-year-old midfielder Jamal Musiala became the youngest English player to score in the competition. Leroy Sane tapped in a third before the break and a Francesco Acerbi own goal stretched the visitors' advantage early in the second half. — Reuters

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India plans joint forays into Indo-Pacific with France, Oz

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

India today discussed the nuts and bolts of advancing trilateral cooperation with France and Australia in the Indo-Pacific which is seeing increasing Chinese military assertiveness.

The virtual interaction at the senior diplomats' level was a follow up of a trilateral between the Foreign Secretaries about six months ago.

"The three sides took stock of the progress made on the outcome of the Foreign Secretary-level Trilateral Dialogue held in September 2020, including maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), Blue Economy and cooperation in multilateral fora," said the MEA.

India sees France and Australia as having a significant presence in certain parts of the Indian Ocean and feels it can combine with the two to significantly shape the maritime environment without the direct involvement of the US.

The trilateral also discussed partnerships at the regional level such as with ASEAN, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the Indian Ocean Commission.

The unstated purpose of the trilateral is to counter China, the same purpose for which the US-led Quad has taken shape. India is also looking at giving substance to a trilateral with Russia and Japan for forays in the Russian Far East and the Northern Sea Route in the Arctic, again with the implicit purpose of reducing China's salience. Ironically, the first trilateral India has been involved in has China as its member besides Russia.

A French read-out of the trilateral of Secretaries was explicit about the purpose — to underscore the goal of guaranteeing peace, security and adherence to international law in the Indo-Pacific by drawing on the excellence of bilateral relations between France, India and Australia.

MARITIME SECURITY, DISASTER RELIEF DISCUSSED

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Ahead of TN poll, Sasikala signals truce with AIADMK

Modi, TN CM pay tribute to Jaya on her birth anniv

VIBHA SHARMA
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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

Expelled AIADMK leader VK Sasikala today appealed to "true followers" of late party supremo J Jayalalithaa to join hands in the coming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

Her appeal, days after returning to Tamil Nadu after serving a four-year sentence in an assets case, appeared to be a signal for truce with the ruling AIADMK ahead of the polls.

After paying floral tributes to a portrait of Jayalalithaa here on her 73rd birth anniversary, Sasikala recalled the late leader's quote that even after her lifetime, the AIADMK would continue to work for the people for centuries to come.

Meanwhile, PM Narendra Modi paid tributes to Jayalalithaa and senior ruling party leaders, Chief Minister K Palaniswami and Deputy CM O Panneerselvam garlanded her statue at the party headquarters.

Palaniswami and Panneerselvam slugged it out with Jayalalithaa's "non-biological" sister Sasikala over her legacy and the party.

The PM tweeted a photograph with "Amma" as she was popularly referred to as, saying: "She is widely admired for her pro-people policies and efforts to empower the downtrodden. She also made noteworthy efforts to empower our Nari Shakti."

The message comes as the politically dramatic state gears up for the Assembly elections, the first in the absence of two political giants — Jayalalithaa and late DMK supremo M Karunanidhi.

The BJP has an alliance with the AIADMK in the state. The PM will be visiting the state tomorrow to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development initiatives.

While the AIADMK has said Sasikala won't be taken back, the BJP appears divided over "Chinnamma". According to some BJP leaders, if the NDA wants to defeat rival DMK, then Sasikala and her nephew TTV Dinakaran should be brought on board.

(With inputs from PTI)

Expelled AIADMK leader VK Sasikala pays tribute to J Jayalalithaa on her birth anniversary in Chennai on Wednesday. PTI

IN BRIEF

Rear Admiral Kochhar head of Western Fleet

NEW DELHI: Rear Admiral Ajay Kochhar on Wednesday took over as commander of the Western Fleet of the Indian Navy. The handing over ceremony was conducted onboard the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. The Western Fleet is referred to as the 'sword arm' of the Navy. Rear Admiral Kochhar was born in Karnal. TNS

Cattle smuggling: CBI files chargesheet

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Wednesday said it has filed a supplementary chargesheet against Kolkata businessman Binay Mishra in a cattle smuggling case. Mishra is considered to be close to West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee's nephew and TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee. TNS

SI among two killed in Bihar gunfight

SITAMARHI: Sub-Inspector Dinesh Ram was among two persons killed here Wednesday in an exchange of fire that broke out when a police party cracked down on a team of liquor smugglers. A liquor smuggler, Ranjan Singh, was killed. PTI

BJP, Cong trade barbs over Rahul's 'north-south' remark

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The BJP and Congress faced off today on Rahul Gandhi's remark regarding North Indians being only superficially interested in issues with ministers attacking the former Congress chief for "insulting Indians".

"Insulting Indians is a favourite pastime of Rahul. Indians are not superficial, you are Mr Rahul," Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said today.

Gandhi had at a Thiruvananthapuram rally yesterday said, "For the first 15 years I was an MP in the north and I had got used to a different kind of politics. Coming to Kerala was refreshing for me as I suddenly realised people are interested in issues at a deeper level and not just superficially."

The Congress defended Gandhi today with party media chief Randeep Surjewala saying the North-South divide is a "toolkit" being adopted and sold by the BJP to the news channels and to the public.

SC dismisses plea for extra UPSC attempt

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

In a setback to over 10,000 UPSC civil service aspirants, the Supreme Court today dismissed a plea seeking an extra attempt for those who exhausted their last chance in the 2020 preliminary exam amid the Covid-19 pandemic or have got age barred from appearing in future tests.

A Bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar, Indu Malhotra and Ajay Rastogi dismissed the petition filed by civil service aspirants and clarified that its decision would not restrict the Centre in exercising its discretion in future to deal with the difficulties as projected to the court.

"Consequently, the petition fails and is accordingly dismissed," the Bench said.

The SC said it is not exercising its plenary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution as it would set down a "precedent" and also have "cascading effect" on examinations held in other streams during the pandemic. — PTI

₹5-CR FINE ON UNNAO MEDICAL COLLEGE

The SC on Wednesday imposed ₹5-crore fine on a private medical college in Unnao for granting admission to students in violation of the Medical Council of India regulations. A Bench noted Saraswati Medical College admitted 132 students without seeking a nod from Director General Medical Education, UP. PTI

7 jumbos in Odisha die of haemorrhagic septicaemia

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NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24

The death of elephants in the Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha has been due to haemorrhagic septicaemia caused by bacteria Pasteurella multocida, the Environment Ministry has said.

According to officials, the central investigation team of project elephant division visited the Karlapat sanctuary in Kalhandi south division of Odisha and investigated the spot. A total of seven elephants have died at the sanctuary this month.

Investigation of the carcass of elephants and a cow in the sanctuary by the Odisha veterinary college has revealed that they died due to haemorrhagic septicaemia caused by bacteria pasteurella multocida. The samples were sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute for confirmatory diagnosis.

Meetings were also held with the District Collector and district veterinary team on the measures to be taken to prevent further spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, vaccination of cattle inside the sanctuary and in the fringe villages has also been done, the officials said. The number of deaths in Odisha's Karlapat Wildlife Sanctuary went up to seven this week after the decomposed body of a calf was found.

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