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CORE SECTORS' OUTPUT JUMPS 56.1% IN APRIL BUSINESS

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IN BRIEF

Twitter has to comply with new IT rules: HC

NEW DELHI: Twitter has to comply with new IT rules if they have not been stayed, the Delhi HC said, issuing notice to the Centre and Twitter seeking stand on a plea claiming non-compliance. — PTI

Retd IAS, IPS officers to monitor MES, BRO

NEW DELHI: In an unprecedented move, the MoD has appointed a retired IAS and IPS officer as "independent external monitors" to screen the functioning of MES and BRO. **BACK PAGE**

EX-DGP SAINI GRILLED IN KOTKAPURA CASE INSIDE

GDP contracts by 7.3%, worst show in 4 decades

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NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The Indian economy contracted by 7.3 per cent during the financial year 2020-21, weighed down by a nationwide lockdown that hit consumption and halted most economic activities. This is the first full-year GDP contraction in the past four decades since 1979-80, when it had shrunk by 5.2 per cent.

The GDP, however, grew at 1.6 per cent in the fourth quarter and 0.5 per cent in the third quarter. The first



LOCKDOWN IMPACT

GDP growth (FY 2020-21)	
April-June	-23.9%
July-Sept	-7.5%
Oct-Dec	0.5%
Jan-March	1.6%
₹135 lakh crore real GDP in FY21	
₹145 lakh crore in FY20	
10-11% growth needed for recovery	

two quarters of the financial year saw negative growth.

According to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday, India's real GDP contracted to Rs 135 lakh

crore in 2020-21 from Rs 145 lakh crore at the end of March 2020. To regain Rs 145 lakh crore size, the economy will have to grow by 10-11 per cent in

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WB Chief Secy quits, joins as Didi's adviser

Disregards Centre's transfer order

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

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KOLKATA, MAY 31

West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay has been caught in the crossfire of the tussle between PM Modi and CM Mamata Banerjee. At a press conference here today, the CM announced his superannuation as well as appointment as her Chief Adviser.

"We need the services of Alapan Bandyopadhyay very badly. He has retired as Chief Secretary but I haven't allowed him to leave 'Nabanna' (state secretariat). I will not allow a bright officer like him to leave us," Mamata said, announcing Bandyopadhyay's appointment as Chief Adviser for three years.

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Mamata Banerjee with adviser Alapan Bandyopadhyay. PTI

ABOUT SERVICE RULES

- Former Tripura DGP KS Subramanian says since the officer has chosen to retire, "the Centre can't initiate disciplinary action against him"
- But criminal proceedings can be initiated if somebody lodges a complaint
- Govt sources say the Centre will initiate disciplinary action against Bandyopadhyay

Variant first detected in India to be called Delta

GENEVA: The Covid variant detected first in India will henceforth be referred to as Delta variant, the WHO announced on Monday. The other "variants of concern" generally known by the country where they were detected have been named as Alpha (UK), Beta (South Africa) and Gamma (Brazil). — Reuters

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No beds, only mattresses at Covid centre in Haryana

RAVINDER SAINI

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MAHENDRAGARH, MAY 31

Depicting a sorry state of healthcare in rural areas, a Covid isolation centre at Dhanonda village has no beds. The authorities have only laid some mattresses in a room of a government school. The centre was set up nearly



Covid centre in Dhanonda village

10 days ago, but not a single patient has come so far. Village sarpanch Rupender Singh

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Vax for all by year-end, says govt as SC questions dual pricing policy

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NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The entire eligible population would be vaccinated by the end of 2021, the Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court, which sought clarifications on vaccine procurement by states, pricing and the need for mandatory registration on CoWIN app for people to get vaccinated.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a Special Bench

1,52,734 FRESH CASES

TOTAL DEATHS 3,29,100 ACTIVE CASES 20,26,092

3,128 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

CoWIN: TOP COURT FLAGS DIGITAL DIVIDE

“How will an illiterate labourer from Jharkhand get registered in Rajasthan? How will you address this digital divide?” Supreme Court

headed by Justice DY Chandrachud that the government was also in talks with companies such as Pfizer for vaccine procurement.

The Bench, which was hearing a suo motu PIL on Covid management, posed a series of questions to the Centre on the Covid vaccine procurement policy and pointed out that states such as Punjab and Delhi were in the process of issuing global tenders to

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Decision on Class 12 exams in two days

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that it would decide in two days if ICSE and CBSE Class 12 examinations would be conducted this year amid the Covid pandemic.

Attorney General KK Venugopal urged a Bench led by Justice AM Khanwilkar to adjourn the matter, saying a meeting had been called to take a decision on the issue. "If you are departing from last year's policy, you must give good reasons..." the Bench told Venugopal. **BACK PAGE**

Panel keen on 'adjusting' Sidhu: Pb ministers

ADITI TANDON AND RAJMEET SINGH

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NEW DELHI/ CHANDIGARH, MAY 31

The AICC panel set up to strengthen party's Punjab unit ahead of the Assembly elections began discussions with key stakeholders today. The committee, led by Mallikarjun Kharge, met 25 leaders, among them state

25 leaders meet Kharge committee | Some attack bureaucracy, CM's coterie

unit chief Sunil Jakhar, ministers OP Soni, Brahm Mohindra, Rana Sodhi and Sukhjinder Randhawa and legislators Pawan Adia and Raj Kumar Verka.

The panel aims to conclude deliberations by the weekend and submit a report to the party president for the final call on solutions to resolve the rift between CM Capt Amarinder Singh and his former Cabinet colleague Navjot Singh Sidhu.

A section of ministers claimed "accommodating" Sidhu appeared high on the

panel's agenda. A combative Jakhar, after a 15-minute meeting, said, "We hope the committee takes note of certain leaders who gunned for their own government when hooch tragedy struck the Chief Minister's constituency but are now silent on the illicit liquor bottling plant in Badal village."

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Hospital barred from admitting Covid patients

BATHINDA, MAY 31

A private hospital in Bathinda has been found guilty of violating the orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner. The hospital admitted 33 patients despite being allotted only seven beds for level-3 patients.

As per the orders issued by DC B Srinivasan, Global Hospital has been completely barred

Shortcomings found during inspection

from admitting new patients of Covid from June 1 to July 31, in view of the shortcomings found during an inspection conducted by the civil surgeon.

He said the admitted patients would be treated by the management. The civil surgeon found shortcomings at Global Hospital while reviewing the complaints of overcharging. — TNS

HC permits import of ventilators

Says denial to bring in life support systems against interest of patients

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 31

Amidst an increasing number of Covid-19 cases, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has allowed the import of ventilators after holding that the denial of permission to bring in the life support systems was against the patients' interests when deaths were taking place.

The Bench of Justice Jitendra Chauhan and Justice Vivek Puri added that the "State ought to have facilitated import of the ventilators" when thousands of people were lying in the hospitals. Noting that a petition on the issue was filed almost a year back, but the grievance was yet to be addressed, the Bench also described the "extreme technicality" as "highly deplorable" in diffi-



Doctors examine a patient on a ventilator at a hospital in Jalandhar. FILE

DELAY WILL BE FATAL

“Thousands of people, who are lying admitted, are not getting oxygen or ventilators... any delay by the administration in providing the ventilators shall definitely result in fatalities. HC Bench

cult the times of pandemic.

"Thousands of people, who are lying admitted, are not getting oxygen or ventilators, which is very vital for the treatment of Covid patients. The oxygen and ICUs are required here and now. Any delay by the administration in providing the ventilators shall definitely result into fatali-

ties," the Bench asserted.

The direction and the observations came on a petition filed against the Union of India and other respondents by M/S SB Medical Systems. The Bench asserted the nation was witnessing a "huge number of deaths everyday" and "certain deaths have happened for

want of ventilators".

"Therefore, we order that the import of ventilators in question be allowed without further delay, in case the same carry certification from the manufacturer", the Bench added, while making it clear that the same were required to be inspected for quality.

Elaborating, the Bench

directed the petitioner to inform the competent authority within 24 hours of receiving the ventilators for quality inspection. This, the Bench clarified, was in the larger interest of the patients and to ensure that the ventilators were as per specifications prescribed by the competent authority.

The authority, on receiving the information, would depute official concerned to determine whether the ventilators were fit to be utilized. In case the ventilators were found to be deficient as per the specifications laid down by the Government of India, the same would not be put to use. "It will be only after the certification by the competent authority, the ventilators in question be put to use," the Bench asserted, while fixing the case for June 29.

Red dot on 'Fateh' kit capsules, CM takes note

ABOHAR, MAY 31

On a representation received from Jain Samaj leaders over "Fateh kits" capsules bearing the red dot (non-vegetarian) marking, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today asked Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Husan Lal to look into the matter and take necessary action.

Dr Pushpinder Muni of Shri Tarak Guru Jain Granthalya, Udaipur, had on Sunday written to the CM about the supply of multivitamins bearing the red dot marking in 'Fateh kits' being provided to Covid patients in Punjab.

Muni claimed non-vegetarian multivitamin capsules were being supplied to patients. Vegetarian multivitamins were available in the market and the government needed to replace these and honour the religious sentiments of its citizens, he had said.

Dr Sandeep Jain, convener,



On Jain leaders' objection, Principal Secy told to act

Vishwa Jain Sangathan Punjab unit, too had sent a memorandum asserting the multivitamins had animal ingredients. "People who are vegetarian or vegan or intolerant to animal ingredients have no option. It amounts to hurting their religious sentiments. The Punjab Government must look into the matter and change the policy of supplying medicines, pictures of which had been taken in different districts," he had said. — OC



The locked door of Mini PHC at Nadampur village in Sangrur.

PHC locked, staff get show-cause notice

PARVESH SHARMA

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SANGRUR, MAY 31

When the state is under medical emergency to prevent the further spread of Covid, the health staff posted at the Mini Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Nadampur, which caters to the needs of many villages, has locked the facility.

On Monday when area residents visited the centre to get medicine and consultation, they found it locked. After getting information from residents, some senior officials said they had issued show-cause notices to staff for locking the facility without any valid reasons.

"When I went to PHC around 11.30 am, it was locked. Initially, I thought the staff could have gone to treat some patient or collect samples, but when none returned till 2 pm, I called the senior officials, who were unaware about it," said Kulwinder Singh, a resident of Nadampur village.

Some area residents demanded quick action against the erring staff. "My uncle has been suffering from fever for last two days. I had come here to get the help for his treatment. But since it's locked, we are compelled to visit hospitals in Bhawanigarh or Patiala," said Sukhpal Singh, another resi-

NO DOC FOR YEAR

Sources in the Health Department said the Mini PHC at Nadampur had been without doctor since last June when the sole medical officer posted here was transferred.

EXPOSES GOVT CLAIMS

“This sorry state of affairs belies the state government's claim of ramping up health infrastructure. We demand strict action against the staff.

Kulwinder Singh, NADAMPUR RESIDENT

dent of area. Terming the news shocking, Krantikari Pendu Mazdoor Union leader Pargat Kalajhaar said the CM must immediately take quick action to ensure better health facilities.

Bhawanigarh Senior Medical Officer Dr Mahesh Kumar said he had issued show cause notices to all staff members posted at Nadampur PHC. "We do not have any doctor there, but four employees posted there should not have closed the centre. We would conduct a thorough inquiry and take strict action" said the SMO.

'Illegal' pathology labs mushroom in Bathinda

SAMEER SINGH

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BATHINDA, MAY 31

Amid the second wave of the pandemic which has claimed many lives, illegal pathology labs have started mushrooming in Bathinda district.

With barely any check by the authorities concerned, illegal laboratories with unqualified staff are being set up in the city. Notably, a list of 50 illegal labs operating in Bathinda was given to the district Health Department by the Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists three years ago but the former allegedly did not initiate any action against these labs. The association representatives said inaction on the part of authorities led to opening up of several illegal labs.

Moreover, with barely any check, these labs continue to fleece patients by charging them exorbitantly. A number of private pathology labs have come up near Civil Hospital, Mall Road, Amrik Singh Road, GT Road, Bibi Wala

COVID METER		
Cases	2,221	
Critical	314	
Active	36,433	
Deaths	117	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	223	8
Jalandhar	241	7
Bathinda	184	11
Amritsar	164	7
Mansa	152	4
Total	5,67,607	14,550

Road, Parasram Nagar, Multania Road and Partap Nagar.

A senior member of the association said, "Since there is no proper licensing or regulation mechanism, not only there has been a substantial increase in number of illegal labs but they have also been minting money by charging them arbitrarily amid the pandemic.

The owners do not have the required degrees and majority of them just work for four to six months at a private lab and

then start their own lab later."

Apart from Covid, cases of malaria and dengue have also started surfacing and a number of suspected patients are getting done medical tests from these private labs. Moreover, many labs have not displayed the rate list as instructed by the government. A renowned pathologist in the city said, "Accurate diagnosis of any disease is the first and most important step before treatment can be started but unqualified staff and inadequate medical equipment can result in wrong diagnosis, which may lead to wrong treatment. With illegal labs flourishing in the district, proper treatment of patients is not possible. In diagnostics, a person must have a degree in MLT or MD pathology, biochemistry or microbiology to run a pathology lab."

Dr Tejwant Singh Dhillon, Civil Surgeon, Bathinda, said, "We have been conducting random checks at private labs."

NGO donates 30 O2 concentrators

FARIDKOT, MAY 31

World Vision India, Faridkot, donated 30 oxygen concentrators to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital on Monday. Addition of these 30 concentrators has taken the total number of such machines to 100 in the college. The five-litre capacity oxygen concentrators will be used in isolation wards.

These can also be utilised in post Covid-ward facilities and for those in home isolation, said Dr Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences. The government had decided that these could also be given on loan to patients, the VC said. — TNS

Govt hospitals lack basic facilities: SAD

FARIDKOT, MAY 31

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday inaugurated an air-conditioned 25-bed Covid centre at an engineering college near here. Established by the Youth Akali Dal (YAD), the centre will provide every service, including medicines, oxygen and food, to patients for free. The centre's expenses would be borne by the SAD president.

"People are hesitating to go to government hospitals as they lack basic facilities. They face confusion as to

Seeks Covid care centres in all blocks

whom they should contact when they are infected with the virus," he said.

The government needed to open Covid care centres in all blocks, he said. "It is unfortunate that Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his ministerial colleagues instead of mitigating patients' suffering, were engaged in a bitter internal feud," he said. — TNS

Mobile Covid care unit set up to serve remote villages of Mohali

CHANDIGARH, MAY 31

The Punjab Government has set up a mobile Covid care unit (MCCU) in partnership with a private hotel chain to serve the remote villages of Mohali, said Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu while flagging off the service in the district today.

Sidhu said the MCCU would be equipped with 20 beds, 10 oxygen concentrators, on-site medical and nursing staff and medical supplies. The SAS Nagar administration will be the first to run the unit in the state. After the success of

PILOT PROJECT

■ SAS Nagar is the first district in the state to run the unit as a pilot project. If successful, a few more will be rolled out, says the Health Minister

■ The mobile unit will be equipped with 20 beds, 10 oxygen concentrators, medical and nursing staff besides medical supplies

the pilot project, a few more would be pressed into service, he said.

Deputy Commissioner Girish Dayalan said the dis-

trict administration had arranged medical and nursing staff along with supplies and consumables, while Treebo Hotels had set up a mobile base camp with oxygen concentrators. The camp would offer free service, including medication, to rural residents.

"The unit aims at ensuring free quality care for the vulnerable sections. As part of our corporate responsibility, it is our duty to stand by our fellow citizens in these difficult times," said Puneet Puri, vice president (business development), of the company. — TNS

Ropar IIT develops temp data logger for ferrying vaccines

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ROPAR, MAY 31

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Ropar has developed a first of its kind IoT device, AmbiTag, to record real-time ambient temperature during the transportation of perishable products. It would secure transportation of vaccines, perishable items, blood and body organs.

Developed by researchers at the IIT-Ropar Technology Innovation Hub - Agriculture and Water Technology Development Hub (AWaDH) and its Startup ScratchNest founded by four students of the institute, the device would be made available at production cost for Covid vaccine.

Amit Bhatti, one of the founders and directors of ScratchNest, said

DEVICE WATERPROOF

“AmbiTag is waterproof and monitors ambient temperature during the transportation of vaccines, medicines, blood samples, food and dairy products, meat products and animal semen. Amit Bhatti, SCRATCHNEST

AmbiTag was waterproof and monitored ambient temperature during the transportation of vaccines, medicines, blood samples, food and dairy products, meat products, and animal semen. So far, such devices were being imported from other countries.

Dr Suman Kumar, coordinator of the IoT Systems Domain at AWaDH, said that AmbiTag

is a USB-shaped device that continuously records the temperature of its immediate surroundings from -40 to +80 degrees in any time zone for a full 90 days on a single charge. "Most of the similar devices available in the international market record data only for a duration of 30-60 days. AmbiTag has a range of inbuilt features to customise logging intervals, time zone and alarms," he added.

It generates an alert when the temperature goes beyond a pre-set limit. The AmbiTag temperature data log also advises the user whether the transported item is usable or the cold chain has been compromised during the transportation. This information is critical particularly for vaccines, organs and blood transportation.

MANAV MANDER

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LUDHIANA, MAY 31

Accredited Social Health Activists (Ashas) are working on ground zero since the outbreak of the pandemic, but they are complaining of not being provided adequate safety equipment. Incidents of violence against Asha workers are common and daily nearly 10 of them are testing positive in the state.

To make the things worse, Asha workers in some districts have not received their Covid-related remuneration since 2020. In some districts, including Ludhiana, payments have been pending for the past two to three months.

These unsung warriors are doing additional duties like spreading awareness on Covid, screening patients, keeping a check on migrant workers' inflow, reporting



An Asha worker on her way to deliver 'Fateh' kits in Ludhiana.

suspected cases and delivering 'Fateh' kits to patients on their doorstep. Their regular duties include checking immunisation schedule of babies and pregnant women, distributing iron tablets among women, checking TB

patients periodically, etc.

Kirandeep Kaur, president, Asha Workers and Facilitators' Association, says they are now on the duty of conducting surveys in the villages and meeting Covid positive patients as well.

NO GLOVES, GOWNS

“We've been demanding sanitiser, gloves, gowns, N95 masks, etc. for long. Many haven't even received the ₹2,500 honorarium.

Kirandeep Kaur, PRESIDENT, ASHAS' ASSOCIATION

WILL ENSURE SUPPLY

“If anybody is not getting enough safety equipment, they should bring it to my notice. Payments are pending at some stations, but these will be released SOON. Balbir S Sidhu, HEALTH MINISTER

"Besides a 100 ml bottle of sanitiser and few masks, no safety equipment has been provided to us. We have been demanding that each worker should be given at least a liter of sanitiser, a box of

N95 masks, gloves, a gown, oximeter and a steamer," says Kiran.

Asha workers have been promised Rs 2,500 honorarium for extra Covid work they are doing. "In some districts, Asha workers have not received payments since 2020," says she.

Rajvir Kaur, another Asha worker, says it is very difficult to convince villagers to go for testing or come out of their houses for the survey. "They hurl abuses and sometimes even throw stones at us as they as they think we will make them test positive," says Rajvir.

She further says in addition to this, the fear of coming in contact with the virus always looms large over them. Two Asha workers from Punjab have lost their lives while many test positive daily.

Labour shortage looms as sowing begins on June 10

PSPCL to meet 14,000 MW demand

AMAN SOOD
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PATIALA, MAY 31
Amid labour shortage and depleting underground water table, farmers are all geared up to sow paddy when the season begins officially on June 10. The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) claims that they are all prepared to meet the expected power demand target of 14,000 MW with an eight-hour supply for tube wells daily. “The field staff has been informed and uninterrupted power supply to the agriculture sector will be provided,” said PSPCL Chairman A Venu Prasad.

With over 15 lakh tubewells extracting water for paddy, experts say groundwater was falling by 1 metre per annum and early sowing of paddy would only “put extra pressure on the soil”. In 2018, reports submitted to the NGT by an expert committee suggested that if transplantation was delayed by a week, the state could meet the demand for water of its 3 crore population for over 3.5 years. As per the committee, there are 14.5 lakh tubewells in the state. Every tubewell pumps out 30.24-lakh litre water per week with an average eight hours of power supply. This means that 14.5 lakh tubewells pump out 4,385-billion litre water per week, which will be sufficient to meet the state’s demand for 3.64 years if transplantation is delayed by a week.

Farmers opt for DSR as workers seek higher pay

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
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CHANDIGARH, MAY 31
As the skilled labour for paddy transplantation jacked up rates to unprecedented levels this year, farmers plan to go in for direct seeding of rice (DSR) in a major way. Though there is no shortage of labour, as was the case amid lockdown last year, they are demanding anything around Rs 3,500-4,500 per acre for the job. Last year, 5.50 lakh hectare was cultivated through DSR. Though initially the government had proposed to double the area to be sown through DSR, high labour rates are now forcing farmers to ditch the traditional paddy transplantation, raising hopes that almost 40-50 per cent area may be cultivated through DSR. Harwinder Singh of Rajgarh village says he will do direct seeding on 15 acres of his 29 acres under paddy. “There is no shortage of labour but the money they are asking for is too much. So, I have decided to opt for DSR. It has two-fold benefit — it is cheaper and also



Farmers on fodder-laden tractor-trailers in Bathinda. PAWAN SHARMA

Offered low price for fodder, growers protest

BATHINDA, MAY 31
Farmers under the banner of BKU-Sidhupur today protested against traders for allegedly trying to buy their green fodder at low prices at the grain market here. Announcing a five-day strike, they raised slogans against the traders. They alleged that they were being forced to sell their produce for as low as Rs 100 per quintal.

Barring village near Morinda, power supply back in Ropar dist

ROPAR, MAY 31
Forty-eight hours after a storm uprooted many trees and electricity poles and damaged several transformers in the region, the authorities said power had been restored in a majority of affected areas. Punjab State Power Corporation superintendent engineer Satwinder Singh Sehmbi said the power supply would be restored in the remaining residential areas by tomorrow. “However, electricity will not be supplied to a large number of tube wells for the next few days as many transformers have been damaged,” he said. Thousands of residents of Morinda, Chamkaur Sahib and surrounding villages had to spend sleepless night after power supply was disrupted due to the storm late on Saturday night. Sehmbi said during the last two days, they were able to restore power supply to all residential areas barring Datarpur village near Morinda. The residents of Datarpur would also start getting electricity from tomorrow as the work on its power lines was going on in full swing, he added. — TNS

Nawan Naroa PUNJAB

A major initiative to slash Power Tariff in difficult phase of COVID Pandemic

“A people friendly decision to reduce electricity tariff including duty ranging from 60 paise to Rs.1.20 per unit will provide major relief to domestic consumers, especially the poor, who are already reeling under financial problems due to the Covid. Despite the revenue shortfall in the state exchequer due to the Covid crisis, my government is committed to continue giving free power to the farmers and subsidized power to the industry.”

Capt. Amarinder Singh
Chief Minister, Punjab

RATIONALIZATION OF DOMESTIC TARIFF

Electricity tariff including duty, for load up to 2KW reduced by Rs.1.20 and 60 paise per unit for consumption slabs of 0 to 100 units and 101 to 300 units respectively

Electricity tariff including duty, for load 2KW-7KW reduced by 90 paise and 60 paise per unit for consumption slabs of 0 to 100 units and 101 to 300 units respectively

Benefit of reduction in electricity tariff including duty for 44.35 lakh domestic consumers

200 free electricity units being supplied to 24.31 lakh SC, BC and BPL consumers with a subsidy of Rs.1983 crore

No increase in power tariff for NRS, Small Power and Medium Supply industrial consumers

Fixed charges for Medium Supply Industrial Consumers reduced by 40 percent

Special night tariff with 50% fixed charges and energy charges of Rs.4.86/kVAh for Large Supply, Medium Supply, Small Power from 10 pm to 6 am continued.

Lower energy rate of Rs.4.86/kVAh for power consumption exceeding the threshold limit allowed

Voltage Rebate will be in addition to the capped energy charges of Rs.4.86/kVAh

Total industrial power subsidy worth Rs.4911 crore during 2017-21 released benefitting 42000 Medium & Large and 1,04,000 Small Industrial Consumers

Rs.1900 crore power subsidy provided to industry for the year 2021-22

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State logged 62% Covid fatalities in April & May

Of 8,303 victims, 5,148 died in these two months

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 31
The state registered 62% Covid deaths in April and May this year, with 5,148 patients of the total 8,303 (till Monday) succumbing to the virus in these two months. On March 31, the toll was 3,155.

Also, the cases in Haryana have hit a seven-week low with 17,361 people getting infected last week. However, with 709 deaths in seven days, mortalities still remain a major cause for concern.

While the first wave saw the NCR districts reporting a major share of the total deaths, it was smaller districts like Hisar, Fatehabad and Kaithal logging higher fatalities during the second wave. Even the mortality rate in non-NCR districts is much higher than the one recorded in Gurugram and Faridabad.

While the state's cumulative fatality rate stood at 1.09%, Kaithal (2.46%), Fatehabad (2.28%), Charkhi Dadri (2.21%) and Jind (2.15%) are much higher than the mortality rate in Gurugram (0.45%) and Faridabad (0.72%).

Dr Viresh Bhushan, Civil Surgeon, Fatehabad, said this was due to delay on the part of people to go for Covid testing and hospitalisation



A woman gets the jab at the first walkthrough vaccination camp for 18+ category at a Gurugram mall on Monday. PHOTO: S CHANDAN

COVID METER		
Cases		1,246
Recovered		3,671
Active		18,580
Deaths		82
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Hisar	100	10
Gurugram	112	9
Sirsa	118	6
State total	7,57L	8,303

despite symptoms. "Of 406 deaths in the district, 283 were reported in the second wave. Of these, 141 people died within two days of hospitalisation, 75 in three to five days, 47 in six to 10 days and only 20 stayed in hospitals for more than 10 days," Dr Bhushan said, adding that doctors didn't get enough time to save the patients.

Meanwhile, with 17,361 cases in the past seven days, the new infections are at a seven-week low. The last time the state witnessed lesser infections was during between March 29 and April 4, when 10,414 cases were registered.

In the weeks that followed, the state recorded 18,748, 40,090, 67,348, 90,569, 1,01,009, 78,530 and 43,601 fresh cases, respectively, before they dropped to 17,361 in the week that ended on Sunday.

Of 7,66,389 cases, 4.5 lakh have been recorded in April and May. With this, the seven-day daily positivity rate, which was once nearing 30% at the peak of the second wave, has now come down to 3.24%. The cumulative positivity rate in the state is still at 8.41%.

30 kids orphaned by virus

One of them with special needs adopted by govt

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 31
A 29-day-old girl in Rohtak lost her parents to Covid in May. The yet-to-be-named girl and her brother, who studies in Class II, are being taken care of by their grandmother.

In Sirsa, an LKG student and her two sisters — one in Class VIII and the other in Class V — lost their parents to the virus within a gap of seven days in April. Their uncle and aunt are looking after them.

These are among 30 children orphaned by Covid. Besides, 1,479 children lost one of their parents, according to the Women and Child Department of Haryana.

There are also cases of single-parent succumbing to Covid. A Class VIII dropout in Sirsa lost his mother on May 6. His father had died of heart attack in 2019. He lives with his 20-year-old sister.

Of the 30 children — 17 boys and 13 girls — who lost both their parents, 23 are siblings. Sixteen of them are living with their grandparents, while the rest are

TWO ARE DROPOUTS

- Of the 30 children — 17 boys and 13 girls — 23 are siblings
- Sixteen of them are living with their grandparents, while the rest are staying with other relatives.
- One of them is a newborn and two are school dropouts.
- The annual income of relatives, who are taking care of these children, is less than ₹5 lakh

FINANCIAL AID

Under the Mukhya Mantri Bal Sewa Yojana, children who lost both their parents/caretakers will get a monthly aid of ₹2,500 till the age of 18 years. Besides, they will get ₹12,000 annually for other expenses.



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One of the children studies in LKG, another in Class II, three each in Class V, VI and VII, four in Class VIII, two in Class IX, four in Class X, one in Class XI, and four in Class XII.

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There is also a 16-year-old mentally challenged and visually impaired boy, who the state government has adopted. He lost his step-parents to Covid in May. He is living at Child Care Institution (CCI) in Gurugram.

The annual income of relatives, who are taking care of these children, is less than Rs 5 lakh.

"The children orphaned by

Covid are our priority. The child welfare committees will soon assess their needs. After directions from the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), we uploaded details of the children on the Bal Swaraj portal," said Hema Sharma, Director General, Women and Child Development Department.

Under the Mukhya Mantri Bal Sewa Yojana, announced on May 29 by the state government, children who lost both their parents/caretakers will get a monthly aid of Rs 2,500 till the age of 18 years. Besides, they will get Rs 12,000 annually for other expenses.

AAP leader succumbs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, MAY 31
RS Rathee (56), south Haryana convener of the Aam Admi Party (AAP), succumbed to Covid late last night.

A local councillor, Rathee was known to be vocal about residents' issues in the House meetings of the local Municipal Corporation and ran many social projects. He was chairman of the Guru-

gram Citizen Council.

Rathee was a popular local leader who unearthed many scams and led many protests on public issues.

He was in Medanta for over 25 days. His condition was improving, but two days ago, he was put on a ventilator after his health deteriorated and he died at 11.45 last night.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and many organisations have condoned his death.

REMDESIVIR ROW

Bail of three accused rejected

HISAR, MAY 31

A Hisar court has ordered the three accused in a case of the black marketing of remdesivir injections to surrender before the court, while directing the police to ensure their arrest if they fail to comply with the orders.

The accused have been identified as Arun Khurana, Parth Khurana and Mukesh Malik. — TNS

Karnal hospital to cater to 6 districts

KARNAL, MAY 31
Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College (KCGMC) will now cater to the patients of mucormycosis (black fungus) from Ambala

and Panchkula too, taking the tally to six districts.

It is already has a dedicated ward for Karnal, Kuruk-

shetra, Kaithal and Yamunanagar districts.

"We have also increased the number of beds to 75," said Dr Jagdish Dureja, KCGMC director. — TNS

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Date & Time	Online Event / Activity	Controlling Department and Centre	Youtube Channel / Facebook Page / Online link
1/06/2021 to 30/06/2021	Poem Recitation	Department of School Education, Punjab	Youtube Channel of School Education Department
1/06/2021 - 11:00 AM	Quiz Competition and Poster Making Competition	Punjabi Department, GNDU College, Narot Jaimal Singh, Pathankot	narrot@gndu.ac.in
15/06/2021 - 5.00 PM	Play: Bhae Kaahoo Ko Dhaeth Neh	Punjab Sangeet Natak Akademi (Director: Kewal Dhaliwal)	Punjab Arts Council Youtube Channel
19/6/2021 - 5:00 PM	Play and National Seminar on Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	Punjab Arts Council, Ludhiana	Punjab Arts Council Youtube channel
22/06/2021 - 11:00 AM	Sketching & Slogan Writing (on the Life events of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji)	GNDU Regional Campus, Jalandhar	https://meet.google.com/myq-rgan-zvo
23/06/2021	Shabad Gayan	North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala	Youtube Channel and Facebook Page of NZCC, Patiala
26/6/2021 - 11.30 AM	Poetical symposium on the topic "Mentor of Humanity: Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji"	Department of Youth Welfare, Panjab University Chandigarh at Dasmesh Girls College, Badal	PU Facebook Page: @official.pu.india
26/06/2021 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM	International History Lecture Series on Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji: Lecture No. XII	Department of History and Centre on Studies in Guru Granth Sahib, GNDU, Amritsar	meet.google.com/acp-bkoy-ept
28/06/2021	Dedication of studio recording of hymns of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji to Sangat	Ishmeet Singh Music Institute	Youtube Channel of Ishmeet Singh Music Institute

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Extension of Last date of LFSS

The Last and Final Settlement Scheme (LFSS) of HSVP for the allottees who have defaulted under the head "Additional price/interest/delayed interest thereon" as on 28.02.2021 was launched on 03.03.2021 and was open till 31.05.2021. A large number of representations have been received from the allottees for correction in their PPM accounts. In order to resolve the grievances of the allottees, it has been decided to extend the scheme up to **15.06.2021**.

Further, the eligible allottees are advised to send their representations only to their respective Estate Offices of HSVP. Such allottees can also file their request/representations on the Last and Final Settlement Scheme portal. The request/representation can be submitted by **06.06.2021**. No representation shall be entertained thereafter.

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पुलिस कमिशनरेट, पंचकूला

जिला पंचकूला

आपको सूचित किया जाता है उपरोक्त विषय के संबंध में निवेदन है मोहित पन्नाल, वासी मकान नं. 644, सेक्टर-16, पंचकूला जो कि जेनसन कम्पनी, चंडीगढ़ में जॉब करता था। जो दिनांक 06.02.2021 अपनी कम्पनी में जॉब के लिए गया तो वापस घर पर नहीं आया। जिसकी अब तक कोई तलाश नहीं पाई। जिसकी तलाश के लिए पुलिस थाना सेक्टर-14, पंचकूला में मामला दर्ज किया गया है। जो अभियोग संख्या 40 दिनांक 09.02.2021 u/s 346 भा.द.स. दर्ज रजिस्टर्ड है। जिसको किसी भी व्यक्ति को इसके बारे कुछ जानकारी या सूचना बारे पता चले तो इसकी सूचना प्रबंधक थाना, सेक्टर-14, पंचकूला, मोबाइल नं. 8146630015, 9467680004 तथा 8360869583 पर संपर्क करके सूचित करें।

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Choksi's extradition

Indian govt on track, should be prepared for the long haul

INDIA has come a vital step closer to securing the extradition of fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi, who is wanted in the Rs 13,500-crore bank loan fraud case. New Delhi is banking on cooperation from Antigua and Barbuda, the Caribbean country Choksi had fled to in January 2018, days before the scam came to light, and Dominica, where he is presently detained. India is also hopeful of bringing back another runaway diamantaire, Choksi's nephew Nirav Modi, whose extradition was approved by the UK government in April this year. These are promising developments for the Narendra Modi government, which has been repeatedly accused of not doing enough to catch the big fish. However, it is way too early for the ruling dispensation to celebrate or pat itself on the back. Eradicating corruption and retrieving black money stashed abroad were the major promises that had propelled the BJP-led NDA to power in 2014. However, the long list of fugitive economic offenders living outside India continues to be a thorn in the government's flesh. In July 2018, the Centre had told the Lok Sabha that the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate were pursuing legal action to bring back 28 Indians, including Choksi, Nirav Modi, businessman Vijay Mallya and former IPL chief Lalit Modi. The Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, was enacted with the objective of deterring such elements from evading the process of law in India.

India has extradition treaties/arrangements with 58 countries, including Antigua and Barbuda, but none with Dominica. It's obvious that Choksi and his ilk will try every trick in the book to escape extradition — right from citing the virulence of the Covid pandemic in India to 'below-par' conditions in Indian prisons. The Centre must be prepared for the long haul and proactively address all issues that can delay the fugitives' return. Extradition, however, will be only half the battle won. The bigger challenge is to take the cases to their logical conclusion by completing the trial in a time-bound manner and convicting the culprits. Ensuring comeuppance for those who have ridden roughshod over Indian laws would be the ultimate deterrence.

Big fish escape

Illicit liquor trade probe a mere eyewash

SADLY, all the spirited claims and declarations of getting to the bottom of the illegal distillery in Punjab's Ghanaur unearthed around this time last year are coming to a naught, with the probe apparently fizzling out. While the high-profile case did rustle up the stench of a booze scam featuring politicians, officials and criminals, it turns out that the hope it evoked of the culprits being finally bottled up was just as vaporous as the fake liquor (using extra neutral alcohol and *lahan*) being poured into bottles of country liquor brands for sale to the unsuspecting consumer. As most investigations into criminal activities involving a deeply embedded lucrative nexus of politicians and highly placed government authorities go, this one too has been tardy and shoddy.

It comes as little surprise that the sharpness expected of SITs comprising policemen and excise and Enforcement Directorate officials, intent upon nailing the big fish of the flourishing illicit liquor trade, is conspicuous by its absence. Most actions to clean up the rot that has set in the thriving illegal liquor sector have been limited to raiding or sealing units and the rounding up of small fry. The law enforcement authorities are once again headed to losing (deliberately?) a chance to identify those pocketing crores of rupees by evading excise duty and thus sinking the empty coffers of the state further.

Worse, as spurious and deadly brew continues to be produced and marketed with impunity, the lives of the alcohol-loving public of Punjab remain endangered. The Majha liquor tragedy of last August in which 110 people had died in Tarn Taran, Amritsar and Batala had elicited righteous horror and clamour — by both the public and rival political groups — for an end to the lethal racket that all knew was flourishing under political patronage. It is time that the authorities concerned and those holding the reins of power are scalped for hoodwinking the public and wasting resources and manpower in 'fake' and doomed probes and investigations. No more lives should be sacrificed at the altar of the greed of well-networked criminals.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Learn continually — there is always 'one more thing' to learn! — **Steve Jobs**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1921

Creating World Opinion in our Favour.

WE have already had something to say about Mahatma Gandhi's article in *Young India* on the Simla interviews. There is one very important proposition laid down in the article on which we wish Mahatma Gandhi would be induced to lay greater stress than he has done so far. We refer to his statement that we in India must create world opinion in our favour. This has always been our own view, and it is because it has been our view that we have never been able to understand why some of the greatest leaders of the present national movement think so little of the necessity of our doing everything in our power to keep the world correctly informed as to the happenings in India. The reply probably is contained in the following words of Mahatma Gandhi in this very article:—"Non-co-operation is the most potent instrument for creating world opinion in our favour." But the reply overlooks the vital fact that the world must know what we are doing and suffering, before it can form an opinion in our favour; and it can only know this correctly if we ourselves care to tell it. At present the world, more particularly that part of the world with which we are directly concerned, is only flooded with untruth. The principal sources of its information regarding Indian happenings are Europeans, and we all know how easy it is for Europeans to form incorrect impressions themselves and to be the purveyors of incorrect information to the rest of the world in matters in which their sympathies are not with us. How to create world opinion in our favour, then, except by having agencies of our own for the dissemination of correct Indian news? Nor is it a matter merely of disseminating correct news. It is equally a matter of explaining the stand-point of Indians, the feelings and aspirations by which they are moved.

Fuss over academic 'standard'

We are beating the trodden path and not encouraging authentic reflection

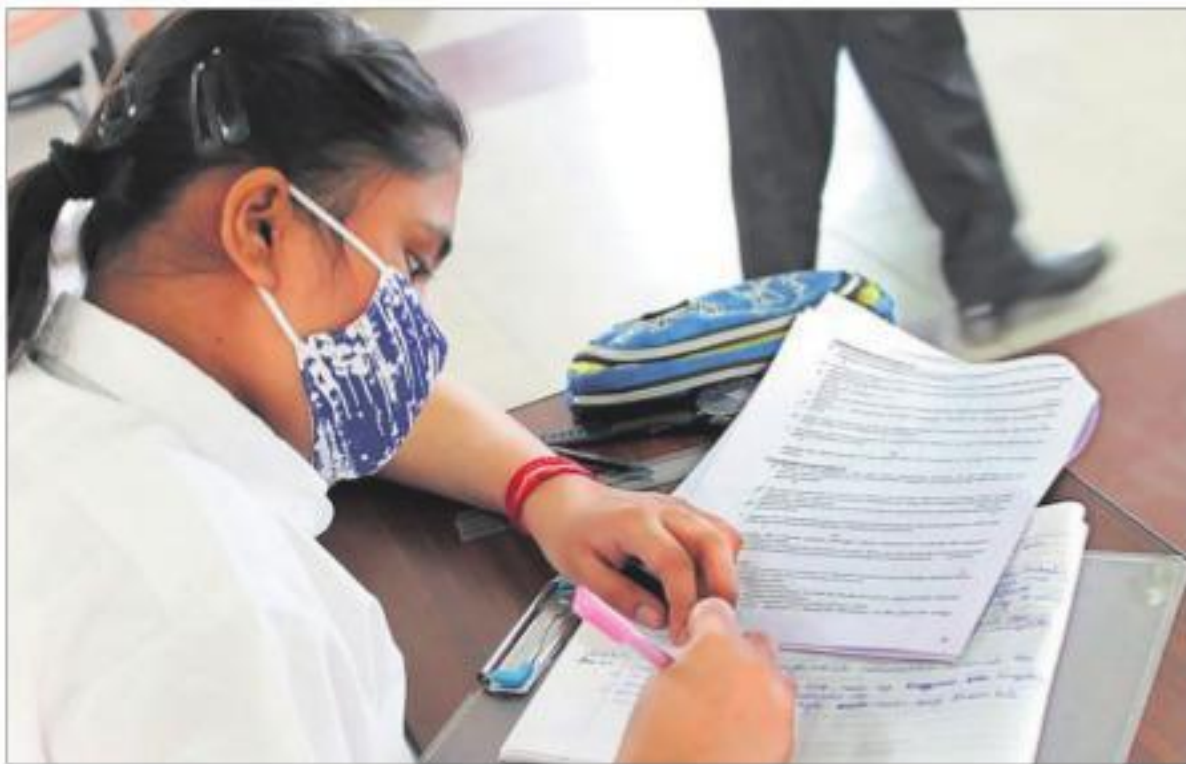


AVIJIT PATHAK
SOCIOLOGIST

WE are all broken and wounded. There is hardly any family that has not been affected in some way or other by the pandemic. Yet, the academic bureaucracy with its characteristic insensitivity is obsessed with the 'academic standard'; and students and teachers, despite the psychic and existential trauma they are passing through, are instructed to retain the 'quality' of education. Before we acquire the moral/pedagogic courage to laugh at this 'standard', let us explore what it actually means in the everyday practice of a student or a teacher.

Any alert insider from our 'top' colleges/universities would concede that this obsession with 'standard' means essentially three things: the act of bombarding students with a ceaseless flow of assignments, creating a notion of 'productivity' by putting enormous pressure on them to 'perform', and above all, the one-dimensional emphasis on grading and hierarchising. As there is no other imagination of meaningful and emancipatory education, and the academic bureaucracy seeks to reduce a college/university into a soulless machine, even the pandemic has failed to move our principals and vice-chancellors. And teachers as mere cogs are required to follow the guidelines issued by these techno-managers. The irony is that even after such mental agony, death and pain, these institutions will publish their annual reports and showcase their 'success stories': the number of gold medallists, the webinars organised, the lectures delivered, and the papers published.

As a teacher, I feel we should ques-



BURDENED: The spirit of studentship is destroyed as a student is transformed into a machine. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Even after Covid-associated agony, 'top' institutions will publish 'success stories': the number of gold medallists, webinars organised, lectures delivered, and papers published.

tion this fetish of 'standard'. My first critique is that every year it is killing the spirit of young minds. One can learn and unlearn only when one is a seeker with a deconditioned, dialogic and relaxed mind. However, this spirit of studentship is destroyed as a student is transformed into a machine—a machine that ceaselessly produces or manufactures seminar papers, assignments and book reviews; or a machine that reproduces bookish answers in the exams. One term paper leads to another; and there seems to be no end to exams. Hence, even at this time of the pandemic, where is the time to reflect on the meaning of existence when death is statistics, and news is nothing but yet another tale of human bodies floating in the 'sacred' river? A student has lost her mother; or she is somehow surviving in a hospital with oxygen support. But then, she must submit a 5,000-word seminar paper, and the university asks her to follow the deadline strictly. Let friends, loved ones and people around suffer and die. But the 'standard' must be retained; and, to take a simple illustration from my own discipline, students must

master the technique of making a presentation on French postmodern thinkers. I call it absurd. This kills sensitivity and reflexivity.

My second critique is that even, under normal circumstances, this sort of academic productivity kills originality, authentic expression, and unique and independent analysis. In fact, it would not be wrong to say that the root of plagiarism lies in this practice. Even when technically one's bibliography and references are in order, and the software certifies it as a 'non-plagiarised' document, one is not necessarily original and authentic. The reason is that students have been reduced to consumers; their professors keep asking them to consume all sorts of bookish knowledge. It doesn't matter even if this consumed knowledge is trendy, fashionable and sanctified by Euro-American scholars. The fact is that seldom are our students and teachers encouraged to think and redefine the world in their own ways. Hence, I find no reason to celebrate when our sociology 'toppers'—almost like parrots—are repeating the scriptures written

Awakening of our conscience

ALKA KASHYAP

THE apocalypse of the second wave has hit us hard. I, too, have been shaken and stunned into grief, at the cries of people hankering for medicines, oxygen and beds. Times were indeed devastating, and every heart longed to hear some good news, to overcome the despondency that had set in. The silver lining in the grim situation was the brave hearts helping others to rise above the storm.

News came in that an auto-rickshaw driver had sold his wife's jewellery and bought an oxygen cylinder to help people gasping for breath. He would also stand in a long queue everyday to get the cylinder refilled.

What motivated him to go through such a tedious process was that he had not conceded defeat at any step. Instead, he took up cudgels to fight against the tyranny of the pandemic.

My eyes welled up to hear about the 85-year-old gentleman who sacrificed his hospital bed for a younger person. 'I have lived my life,' was still ringing in my ears. He died three days later and lived in our hearts forever.

Such people were the true epitome of what James Lane Allen said, 'Adversity does not build character, it reveals it.' Their remarkable efforts assured us, that there was light at the end of the tunnel. It was heartening to see the gurdwaras stepping up the essential facilities for Covid patients. Such places of

worship had become well-equipped hospitals and were rendering 24-hour service to one and all.

The frontline workers and the Covid warriors had left no stone unturned to save hundreds of lives. The world would forever remain indebted for their selfless efforts. Their elegant dance moves on social media immensely helped in bringing a smile to millions of faces.

The common people, too, got their act together. Housewives came forward to distribute home cooked food for those who were ill or had lost their jobs. My own house help stitched hundreds of masks to help the hardworking sanitary workers. Many recovering from Covid were quick to realise they could donate

plasma and help save lives. One marvelled at the concern of the younger generation, too. A group of class VIII students came forward to adopt pet dogs who had been left alone due to the passing away of their owners. There were others who had the magnanimity of volunteering for the smooth cremation of the dead.

When I looked around, I felt the awakening of our conscience. It was touching to see that so much of brotherhood had flowed in our midst. For, the little deeds of kindness and little words of love were helping us in the darkest of times. Once again, we were required to remember that the darkest hour was just before dawn. All we needed was to hang on and keep the faith.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fight it together

Refer to 'Fighting virus with all our might: PM', a blame game is on between the BJP and the Opposition. Certain suggestions to tackle Covid from former PM Manmohan Singh are not even considered. This is a warlike condition and there have been many setbacks due to the government's mishandling of the farmers' stir, Covid preparedness, elections, etc. In spite of serious debacles and deficiencies, how can the PM list achievements in the past seven years? The common man feels that the government has failed to address corona-related issues, including vaccines. If any politician of the ruling party feels that they can fight this pandemic with might alone is sadly mistaken. Politicians have to shed their ego, frustration and hatred, and fight like soldiers. Our parliamentarians must visit soldiers deployed at the borders and learn from them how to remain united in adverse conditions.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), MOHALI

Call off the games

Apropos of 'Olympics during pandemic', the go-ahead to the games by the IOC and the Japanese government, despite the raging pandemic, is imprudent. However, if Japan is the first to call off the games, it has to pay a hefty penalty

to IOC and this could be the reason why it is dithering. The IOC ought to weigh in waiver of penalty. It is also possible that many countries may like to shun the games and it shall give undue advantage to a handful of athletes in an uneven playing field, which is at odds with the spirit of any international competition. Further, the games may be scrapped midway on account of the pandemic. By all accounts, the pitfalls outweigh the monetary and other gains.

DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA

Japan can do it

In reference to 'Olympics during pandemic', if in such times, when the pandemic is wreaking havoc around the globe, many sports events are still being conducted smoothly, for example the NBA and the French Open, why not the Olympics? In some stadiums even spectators are allowed. If we compare Japan's figures with those of Russia, we will know how safe the former is. Russia, which is 45 times bigger than Japan, has almost an equal population, which means the population density of Japan is far greater than that of Russia, but still Japan's Covid death toll is about 13,000 and that of Russia is 1.21 lakh. Therefore, if proper measures are taken, there is a high

possibility that the Olympics can happen safely in Japan.

GURSHAN SINGH SIDHU, MOHALI

Modernisation of forces

Apropos of 'Modernisation of Army on course', only 28 per cent of the allocated defence budget is used for modernisation. With Pakistan and China on the loose, subordinating the defence sector is not acceptable. Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative cut down on weapon imports, putting the weight on the unprepared indigenous companies. As the government introduces the private sector to the military market, it must ensure that the weapon quality is not compromised. The news of MiG-21 crashing every two months must be taken as an ultimatum to modernise our equipment. India has the most skilled task forces, if only it could be synergised with the sophisticated machines, we would have Atmanirbhar Bharat in the true sense.

SIDDHITA MADAN, JALANDHAR

Hapless PSPCL

'Storm bares Punjab's fragile power infra; blackout in several districts' is a grim reminder of the deteriorating condition of PSPCL. The bureaucrat given additional charge of PSPCL feels helpless and gives a one-line fixed reply, 'There is

no shortage of material and manpower.' With the paddy season about to start, the power engineers are worried how to cope with the situation owing to shortage of distribution transformers, insulators, cables, etc. The management's aim to run PSPCL with existing meagre strength is a pipe dream. Shortage of staff is reported in almost all departments. By denying it, the CMD is only fooling the consumers.

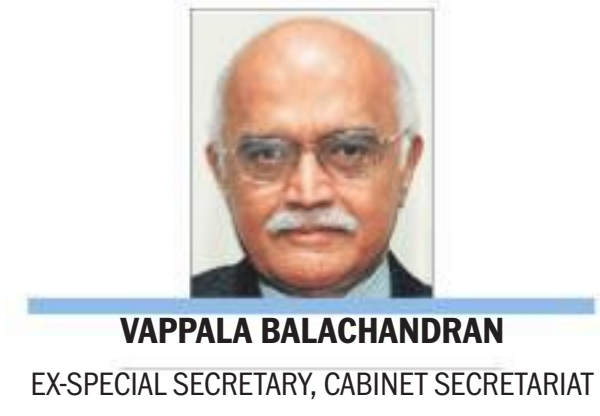
RAVINDER SINGH, JALANDHAR

Obscure education

The pandemic has exposed the fault lines in our education system even further. Many pupils from rural areas are complaining about the education system. Some say it is stressful to study online. Many parents worry about their child's health and career. Some say their children have lost interest in studies. I was flabbergasted when a student asked me, 'Madam, what will we do after studying when there are no jobs? It's better to do IELTS and migrate to another country.' This is worrisome. Education should be considered the first priority and exams should be taken through an alternative method, like viva-based exam on calls by the school faculty, so that students take academics seriously.

BHARTI THAKUR, JALANDHAR

Redefine powers to end Centre-state tussle



THE war of words between the NDA government and states ruled by the Opposition parties over the former's alleged 'overreach' into the jurisdiction of the states, especially in areas of security and investigation, has become a constant feature.

The latest incident of attrition is the 'recall' of the West Bengal Chief Secretary to the Centre, consequent to the alleged discourtesy shown to the Prime Minister by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on May 28.

It may look bizarre that the Chief Secretary, who was given a three-month extension by the Central government in public interest for supervising pandemic management on a recommendation by the CM, was asked to report to New Delhi on the day of his retirement (May 31). It may also appear quixotic that a bureaucrat is being punished as the state political leader, who inflicted a crushing electoral defeat on the BJP on May 2, cannot be administratively 'punished'.

This constant Centre-state battle as we saw recently in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, where Central agencies followed the BJP leadership during poll campaigns by undertaking searches and reopening old criminal

cases, has confused the public, which is the worst sufferer by way of uncertain delivery of services by the government during the pandemic.

The original distribution of powers between the Union and the states is mentioned in Schedule 7 of our Constitution. It is more or less similar to Schedule 7 of the Government of India Act of 1935. It will be interesting to go over the debates of August 29, 1949, to study how this list was evolved that day.

In 1887, Viceroy Dufferin defined the Centre-state relationship in the areas of security, policing, intelligence and crime by placing more responsibility on the British state police and through British "Residents" in princely states. He wanted to combine "Intelligence" and "Crime" as he did not want an impression that the government was "spying" on Indians like the "Third Section" of the imperial Tsarist Russia. In other words, he wanted to camouflage political intelligence within crime intelligence. Hence, only a small office was created at the Central level to coordinate activities which was known as the "Central Criminal Intelligence Department".

While drafting our Schedule 7, the name was slightly changed as the "Central Bureau of Intelligence and Investigation". The person who persistently questioned Dr BR Ambedkar on this was Naziruddin Ahmad from West Bengal who moved 40 amendments to the draft.

Every item mentioned in the Central, State and Concurrent list was debated and voted. Ahmad reminded the Assembly that the original draft had named it as "Central Intelligence Bureau". The redrafted des-



The Centre-state battle witnessed in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, where Central agencies followed the BJP leadership during poll campaigns by undertaking searches and reopening old criminal cases, has confused the public, which is the worst sufferer by way of uncertain delivery of services during the pandemic.

CONSTANT TURF WAR: West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has been taking on the Centre over alleged overreach into the state's jurisdiction.

ignation as "Central Bureau of Intelligence and Investigation" was unacceptable as investigation of crime was a provincial subject and "we have already conceded that".

"If we now allow the Central Government also to investigate, the result would be that for a single crime, there must be two parallel investigations, one by the Union Government and the other by the state government. The result of this would be that there will be a clash and nobody will know whose charge-sheet or final report will be acceptable," he added.

What he prophesied in 1949 seems to have come true under the present BJP government: "I find there is no limit to the hunger of the Central Government to take more and more

powers to themselves and the more they eat, the greater is the hunger for taking more powers".

Faced with this opposition, Dr Ambedkar clarified: "The point of the matter is, the word 'investigation' here does not permit and will not permit the making of an investigation into a crime because that matter under the Criminal Procedure Code is left exclusively to a police officer. Police is exclusively a State subject; it has no place in the Union List. The word 'investigation' therefore is intended to cover general inquiry for the purpose of finding out what is going on. This investigation is not investigation preparatory to the filing of a charge against an offender which only a

police officer under the Criminal Procedure Code can do".

In other words, he supported Viceroy Dufferin's policy of camouflaging political intelligence with a façade of criminal intelligence. That was the reason why the Director Intelligence Bureau (DIB) used to chair a crime conference at least till 1976 when I used to attend regularly. In later years, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) started holding national crime conferences.

It is significant that the Central Government avoided having any Central Police with investigating powers till 1946 when it passed the Special Police Establishment (SPE) Act to deal with wartime corruption in Central government. In 1963, the SPE was renamed

as CBI, with no separate law to govern its working. Under Section 6, the consent of the state government was mandatory before the CBI undertook any investigation in their jurisdiction. This is based on Schedule 7.

The present trend of using the National Investigating Agency (NIA) or Enforcement Directorate (ED) to carry out parallel investigations in the states without state concurrence thus goes against the "basic structure" of our Constitution as given in Schedule 7. The Centre cannot carry out any "investigation" under the Criminal Procedure Code.

Nowadays, the ED appears behind every politically important crime investigation in Opposition-ruled states, the latest being the "money laundering" case against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh, which is being investigated by the CBI under the orders of the Bombay High Court. The ED has now become a self-styled "super anti-corruption" body with the Central Government when no such arrangement exists in our Constitution.

On August 21, 2020, *Law Street India* published an excellent paper on how the ED is arbitrarily exceeding its charter, especially when it does not have police powers under the 1861 Police Act. A 2018 Delhi High Court judgment was referred to a higher bench to examine whether the ED has the CrPC powers of police under the Money Laundering Act. This is not yet settled.

There is, therefore, urgent necessity for the states concerned to move the apex court to issue clear guidelines to the Centre and the states as enshrined in the Constitution.

Evolve social media checks with consensus



As per the new digital rules, social media platforms will have to take down content flagged by the authorities within 36 hours and they have to set up domestic mechanisms to address complaints. The social media platforms have also been asked to inform the govt about the status of compliance. The new rules in India take away the immunity for content posted by third-party users on these platforms if they don't remove the post on being notified by the authorities.

THE Indian government's current bid to enforce a new regulatory framework over social media companies has ignited the inevitable debate on the need to have a balance between regulating platforms to avoid their instrumentalisation by bad actors against the larger public good and allowing the public to benefit freely from the services offered by these companies while upholding the privacy of the users and other democratic rights.

India is one of the biggest markets for social media companies. In India, users of Twitter (about 186 million), Facebook (around 346 million), WhatsApp (about 390 million) and YouTube (approximately 425 million) are more than the population of some of the prominent countries where these social media companies are popular. In that case, what happens in India holds significance not just for the country, but the global operations of these social media giants as it creates an institutional precedent. In specific terms, as per the new digital rules under the existing Information Technology Act, the social media platforms will have to take down content flagged by the authorities within 36 hours and they have to set up domestic mechanisms to address complaints. The social media platforms have also been asked to inform the federal government about the status of compliance. The new rules in India take away the immunity for content posted by third-party users on these platforms if they don't remove the post on being notified by the authorities.

The experience of the past decade,



OMINOUS: The govt wants access to social media on the grounds of national security. REUTERS

which has witnessed stupendous growth of social media companies and content in both developed as well as developing world, has reinforced the need for content moderation. The August 2017 event in Myanmar is a case in point. At least 6,700 Rohingya, including an estimated 730 children under the age of five, were killed in military violence, according to Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders). A contributing factor seemed to be the hate speech against Rohingya facilitated by the social media platforms of the military. In 2018, a fact-finding mission set up by the Geneva-based UN Human Rights Council found that in Myanmar, "Facebook has been a useful instrument for those seeking to spread hate, in a context where for most users, Facebook is the Internet." The 440-page report compiled after 15 months of examination, gave detailed examples of how the Rohingya community was demonised and recorded many

cases "where individuals, usually human rights defenders or journalists, become the target of an online hate campaign that incites or threatens violence".

In recent years, social media giants have been more sensitive to the public outcry over the misuse of these platforms. This is reflected in the establishment of internal mechanisms to flag hate speech and in some cases, taking down individual accounts for repeated misuse. Facebook has set up an independent board to evaluate its own decisions regarding action against bad actors. The change in the US political context is particularly important as these companies have their headquarters there. The ruling Democratic Party in the US is seen to be more sensitive to the argument that unfiltered social media messaging is exacerbating social and racial tensions and had reportedly called for revoking Section 230. The US laws had been used as a point of refer-

ence by these companies for global operations. For instance, Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, 1996, of the US Congress grants them immunity from liabilities related to third-party-hosted content while allowing them flexibility to moderate content.

In addition to Twitter, as per India's current digital rules, social media intermediaries such as WhatsApp with large user bases have been asked to enable tracing of the originator of information on their platform when asked by the authorities. WhatsApp has countered this and noted that tweaking end-to-end encryption would make their users vulnerable and will violate their privacy. This, it reportedly argues, will place "public and private players, placing journalists, civil rights activists and political activists at risk of retaliation". In its defence, the government has argued that "India is not the only country seeking a regulatory mechanism to access limited data from end-to-end encrypted instant messaging platforms such as WhatsApp."

National security is one of the reasons that had been cited for gaining access. Interestingly, the national security argument has not worked in the US when Apple was asked by the authorities to cooperate. In an infamous case in 2015, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recovered an i-Phone used by assassin Syed Rizwan Farook, who along with his wife, had killed 14 people in San Bernardino county in California. Apple refused to help the FBI in unlocking Farook's i-Phone as it considered the act as an infringement of its own privacy policy. Ultimately, the FBI was able to unlock the phone through a third party.

Within India, hate speech, particularly against the minorities, peddled through social media platforms, has led to physical attacks. Misogyny, caste slurs and online bullying through social media posts had been quite common. In the past, the companies were slow in reacting and they definitely need to be more aware of the granular nuances of the social context in which they are operating, rather than merely using a point of reference of the US. Reacting to the new rules, Twitter has reportedly accused the government of "dangerous overreach that is inconsistent with open, democratic principles" and alleged that it has been forced to 'withhold' (block tweets in India) portions of 'legitimate free speech' on its platform over fears around the safety of its employees and threats of financial penalties. The whole issue of executing new digital rules has become controversial because of the recent raids on Twitter and the reported Opposition charge that the recent raids on Twitter's offices were illegal and politically driven to "give cover fire" to the ruling party that has been accused of sharing an allegedly fake 'toolkit'.

To sum up, India's own post-Independence journey illustrates that national security, respecting individual privacy, preventing social discord and checking misuse by the ruling party are all legitimate issues that should be on the table to address with rigour before formulating a comprehensive, objective and transparent regulatory framework for social media companies. In this exercise, the ruling party needs to involve the Opposition as well as varied domestic stakeholders.

QUICK CROSSWORD

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Venus de Milo, 9 Envelop, 10 Stain, 11 Visa, 12 Negative, 14 Nickel, 16 Weight, 18 Narcotic, 19 Age, 22 West, 23 Parvenu, 24 Star-studded.

Down: 2 Eaves, 3 Ugly, 4 Dapper, 5 Mistaken, 6 Leaning, 7 Heaven knows, 8 Under the sun, 13 Reporter, 15 Current, 17 Tinpot, 20 Geese, 21 Grid.

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CALENDAR

JUNE 1, 2021, TUESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2078
- Shaka Samvat 1943
- Jyeshtha Shaka 11
- Jyeshtha Parvishite 19
- Hijari 1442
- Krishan Paksha Tithi 7, up to 12.47 am
- Vaidhriti Yoga up to 3.01 am
- Dhanishtha Nakshatra up to 4.08 pm
- Moon in Aquarius sign

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION


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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:19 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:22 HRS

	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
CITY					
Chandigarh	38	26			
New Delhi	38	25			
Amritsar	37	26			
Bathinda	41	27			
Jalandhar	35	25			
Ludhiana	34	26			
Bhiwani	39	27			
Hisar	39	27			
Sirsa	38	27			
Dharamsala	26	16			
Manali	25	11			
Shimla	27	12			
Srinagar	27	14			
Jammu	38	25			
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Dehradun	35	19			
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It is informed to the general public that M/s Arun Bhatta Co., VPO- Naultha, Panipat bearing EPF code no. HR/KNL/6869 is an establishment covered under the Employee's Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (hereinafter referred to as The Act) has defaulted to remit the statutory dues under the said Act i.e. Rs 27,07,760/- (Rs. Twenty Seven Lakh Seven thousand Seven hundred Sixty only) and whereabouts of the proprietor / responsible person is not known/traced. The details of proprietor/ responsible person is as under :-

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Whereas a show cause notice 'why a warrant of arrest should not be issued' has been sent to Sh. Anil Kumar Aggarwal. Further any person who is having custody of any asset , document, voucher, agreement or whereabouts of said Sh. Anil Kumar Aggarwal is suggested to inform telephonically or in person at the office of undersigned or may send by post, email.

(G.S. Tiwana)
Regional P.F. Commissioner-II
EPFO, District Office, Panipat

Poaching of fish rampant in Beas

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, MAY 31
Illicit poaching of fish is rampant in Beas in Mandi district.

The menace has become so deep-rooted that offenders are using dynamite, fishing nets, powder and electric shock to kill the fish without any fear of law.

Environmentalists are concerned about the preservation of aquatic life in water streams in Mandi district as well as across the state.

They say that the mal-practice of killing fish illegally is posing a serious threat to the aquatic life in several parts of state, particularly in Mandi, which will directly impact the ecology of the area.

The reason cited is poor checking by the Fishery Department to curb this practice. It is maintained that the department lacks adequate field staff to ensure strict vigil. As a result, offenders were killing fish indiscriminate-

Practice threat to aquatic life

ly without any fear.

Narendra Saini, chairman of Devbhumi Rakshak Manch, told The Tribune that “the illegal killing of fish in a cruel and barbaric way is rampant in the stretch of Beas river between Pandoh Dam and Bari village in Mandi district. The perpetrators were using dynamite, fishing nets, powder and electric shocks to kill the fish. The whole aquatic life around the catchment areas of Beas will be destroyed if necessary action is not taken in time to curb the illicit practice.”

“Those involved are some Nepali labourers employed by the fourlane contractors. They have easy access to the blasting material and dynamite. Others are migrant labourers mostly from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar,” Saini alleged.

865 new cases, 19 deaths in state

SHIMLA, MAY 31
A total of 865 new Covid cases and 19 deaths were reported in the state in the past 24 hours.

The number of persons who succumbed to the virus today was 19, which includes 11 in Kangra, five each in Mandi and Solan, four in Sirmaur, three in Shimla and two in Kullu.

COVID METER		
Samples tested	19,22,211	
Recovered	173,560	
Active	13,621	
Positive	190,330	
Deaths	3,127	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	11,989	68
Chamba	9,797	120
Hamirpur	13,491	226
Kangra	43,413	933
Kinnaur	2,967	35
Kullu	8,303	142
Lahaul & Spiti	2,568	16
Mandi	25,392	341
Shimla	23,820	558
Sirmaur	14,660	186
Solan	21,507	280
Una	12,423	222
Total	190,330	3,127

To spur growth, power tariff rebate for industry

Aims to draw investors | Domestic charges unchanged

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 31
To revive the sagging economy hit by Covid, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) has decided to offer major rebate in power tariff to the industry, besides no hike for the domestic and agriculture sectors.

The HPERC today announced the power tariff for the financial year 2021-22. Since the government has made a provision of Rs 424.74 crore towards the subsidy for electricity consumption by domestic and agriculture consumers, the tariff for them will remain unchanged.

“The commission has decided to decrease the night-time charges across all categories of industrial consumers by 30 paise per unit over and above the existing night-time rates,” said Pankaj Singh Kishtwaria, Executive Director (Tariff), HPERC.

Also, there would be reduction in peak hour charges by 50 paise per unit for industrial consumers.

Since 60 per cent of the total sale of power by the HPSEBL is consumed by the industry, it has been

SUBSIDISED TARIFF FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMERS			
Slabs Units/ month	Approved tariff (₹/k/Wh)	HP Govt subsidy (₹/k/Wh)	Tariff after subsidy
Lifeline 0-60	3.30	2.30	1.00
Consumers			
1st Slab (0-125)	3.95	2.40	1.55
2nd Slab (0-125) (126-300)	3.95	2.10	1.85
	4.89	0.90	3.95
3rd Slab (0-125) (126-300)	3.95	2.10	1.85
	4.85	0.90	3.95
Above 300	5.45	0.45	5.00
Prepaid Consumers	4.85	0.90	3.95



REBATE FOR EXISTING INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

The Commission has approved the proposal of the HPSEBL to allow a rebate of 15% discount on energy charges for additional power consumption beyond the level of FY 2018-19 for existing Industrial units

decided that the new industries, which will start production on or after June 1, 2021, the charges will be 15 per cent lower than the approved energy charges for that category for three years.

Besides, the existing industries, which will go in for expansion on or after June 1, too will be entitled to the discount for three years. The rebate on energy charges will

be applicable during normal and peak hours and in case of night hours, night-time concession will be applicable.

“The commission believes that by not increasing the electricity rates for domestic consumers during Covid and by providing rebate to the industry, HP could attract the investment which will help generate employment avenues,” said Kishtwaria.

300-kg marijuana seized in Paonta village

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 31
The Paonta Sahib police seized 303.056 kg of marijuana from a truck at Shivpur village on the Paonta Sahib-Puruwala road in Sirmaur district at 2:40 am on Monday.

As per the police, it is sold for Rs 50,000 per kg, while good quality contraband fetches even higher returns.

Bir Bahadur, DSP, Paonta Sahib, said Vijay Raghuwanshi, SHO, Puruwala, stopped a truck for checking and during its search,

31 parcels wrapped with brown cellotape were found. They contained 303.056 kg of marijuana. It emits a strong odour, so an attempt was made to escape detection by wrapping tape around it, the DSP said.


The police got a tip-off about the contraband being transported in a truck, and in a bid to arrest the culprits, a well-planned strategy was adopted.

Three local youth, Yusaf (32), a resident of Upperli Bhangani, Kadar Ali (43) of Singhpura and Tohid Ali


(30) of Upperli Bhangani had been arrested with the contraband.

During investigation, it was revealed that the contraband had been brought from Tripura. A case was registered under the NDPS Act and further probe was under way. The marijuana was to be supplied to all northern states, including Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal, J and K, UP and Haryana.

This is the third such major drug seizure by the Paonta Sahib police in the last one year.

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**


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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
(B&R III Branch)**

NOTIFICATION

The 19th April, 2021

No. PWD-BR307/12/2020-1BR31/170258/2021.- Whereas it appears to the Government of Punjab that the land is required in the Jurisdiction of Punjab Government, at public expense, for public purpose, namely, for the Construction of New BG Railway Line from Ferozepur to Patt. It is hereby notified that land in the area specified below is likely to be required for the above purpose.

This notification is made under the provisions of Section 11(1) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 to all whom it may concern.

The social Impact Assessment Study for these Villages has already been done for the same project.

In exercise of the powers conferred by aforesaid Section, the Government of Punjab is pleased to authorize the officer for the time being engaged in the undertaking with their servants and workmen to enter upon and survey any land in the said area and do all other acts required or permitted by that section.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances or such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition if any, may be filed by the persons interested within 60 days(sixty days) from the date of publications of this notifications as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Sub Divisional Magistrate Cum Land Acquisition Collector, Zira, District Ferozepur regarding the issues to:

- The area and suitability of land proposed to be acquired.
- Justification offered for Public purpose.
- The findings of the Social Impact Assessment report.

Plans of Land can be inspected in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Land Acquisition Collector Zira, District Ferozepur on any working day during the working hours.

The details of the Khasra Numbers of the land to be acquired are as below;

Village List with Area Details

Village MallanWala Khas

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area	Re-marks
1.	Ferozepur	Zira	Mallan Wala Khas (H.B.1)				
				379	Gairmumkin rasta	2-2	
				145/23/1min	chahi	0-1	
				145/21min	chahi	0-2	
				337min	gairmumkin	3-7	
				151/1/12min	chahi	2-3	
				151/2min	chahi	2-7	
				151/9min	chahi	0-14	
				151/10min	Chahi/ Gairmumkin	2-14	
				151/11min	chahi	2-6	
				130/12min	chahi	5-12	
				130/13/1min	chahi	0-14	
				130/19/1	chahi	3-13	
				130/19/2	chahi	1-9	
				130/18/2min	chahi	0-8	
				130/18/3min	chahi	0-11	
				130/22/1min	chahi	3-9	
				130/22/2min	chahi	1-3	
				130/23/1min	chahi	0-10	
				130/23/2min	chahi	0-16	
				130/2min	chahi	6-4	
				130/8/2min	chahi	0-6	
				130/9min	chahi	5-18	
				98/17/2min	chahi	1-10	
				98/7/1	chahi	4-19	
				98/6min	chahi	0-4	
				98/14min	chahi	4-14	
				98/15min	chahi	2-2	
				98/16min	chahi	4-14	
				98/17min	chahi	2-2	
				98/24min	chahi	0-3	
				98/25min	chahi	6-14	
				108/5min	chahi	5-8	
				108/6min	chahi	3-0	
				108/15/1min	chahi	0-10	
				107/1min	chahi	1-12	
				107/10/1min	chahi	0-7	
				107/10/2min	chahi	3-11	
				107/11min	chahi	6-15	
				107/19/2min	chahi	0-11	
				107/20min	chahi	6-5	
				107/21min	chahi	4-6	
				107/22min	chahi	2-10	
				358	Gairmumkin	0-15	
				123/1/2min	chahi	2-5	
				123/2/1	chahi	1-5	
				123/2/2	chahi	0-14	
				123/2/3min	chahi	1-1	
				123/9/1min	chahi	1-3	
				123/9/2min	chahi	4-10	
				123/10/1	chahi	0-7	
				123/10/2	chahi	0-6	
				123/11/1	chahi	0-4	
				123/12min	chahi	6-8	
				123/19min	chahi	6-8	
				123/22min	chahi	6-6	
				98/4	chahi	4-6	
				98/3min	chahi	1-2	
				98/15min	chahi	0-1	
				361	Gairmumkin	0-11	
				336	Gairmumkin	0-18	

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area	Re-marks
1.	Ferozepur	Zira	Mallan Wala Khas (H.B.1)				
				379	Gairmumkin rasta	2-2	
				145/23/1min	chahi	0-1	
				145/21min	chahi	0-2	
				337min	gairmumkin	3-7	
				151/1/12min	chahi	2-3	
				151/2min	chahi	2-7	
				151/9min	chahi	0-14	
				151/10min	Chahi/ Gairmumkin	2-14	
				151/11min	chahi	2-6	
				130/12min	chahi	5-12	
				130/13/1min	chahi	0-14	
				130/19/1	chahi	3-13	
				130/19/2	chahi	1-9	
				130/18/2min	chahi	0-8	
				130/18/3min	chahi	0-11	
				130/22/1min	chahi	3-9	
				130/22/2min	chahi	1-3	
				130/23/1min	chahi	0-10	
				130/23/2min	chahi	0-16	
				130/2min	chahi	6-4	
				130/8/2min	chahi	0-6	
				130/9min	chahi	5-18	
				98/17/2min	chahi	1-10	
				98/7/1	chahi	4-19	
				98/6min	chahi	0-4	
				98/14min	chahi	4-14	
				98/15min	chahi	2-2	
				98/16min	chahi	4-14	
				98/17min	chahi	2-2	
				98/24min	chahi	0-3	
				98/25min	chahi	6-14	
				108/5min	chahi	5-8	
				108/6min	chahi	3-0	
				108/15/1min	chahi	0-10	
				107/1min	chahi	1-12	
				107/10/1min	chahi	0-7	

IEDs defused in Pulwama

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NEW DELHI, MAY 31
A joint team of the police, the Army and the CRPF today defused an improvised explosive device (IED) detected in a container, which was approximately 10 litres in capacity, at Panzgam village in Awantipora area of Pulwama district, officials in the security establishment said.

Security forces received information about the presence of IED-like material alongside the link road, leading from the railway road, Dogri Pora, to Panzgam village. A joint team of the Awantipora police, 55 Rashtriya Rifles and 185 BN CRPF cordoned off the area and seized it. Another IED was found at

AMMUNITION SEIZED IN GANDERBAL

■ A cache of ammunition was found in the forest area of Shajinar in Ganderbal district during a search operation

■ Security forces seized 11 AK series magazines, 597 rounds of AK series, 12 UBGL rounds, a pistol magazine, etc.

MAJOR ATTACK AVERTED, TWEET POLICE

The Kashmir Zone police tweeted that it got information about terrorists planning to carry out major attacks following which a search operation was launched and the seizure was made.

Saimoo in Tral area.

The security men detected a container approximately 10 litres in capacity containing IED and defused it on the spot, officials said. A case under relevant provisions of law has been registered at the Awantipora police station and a probe is underway.

Later in a tweet, the Kash-

mir Zone police said, “Inputs were received that #terrorists were planning to carry out #IED attacks which shall be spectacular: Acting swiftly 02 IEDs have been recovered from two different places in #Awantipora area (of Pulwama district).” They said the timely detection of explosives averted major terror incidents.

No beds, only...

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blamed non-availability of beds and lack of medical facilities. He said, “The panchayat does not have funds. We had appealed to the villagers to provide beds for the centre, but no one came forward. Health officials visit the centre daily.”

An official posted at Public Health Centre, Dhanonda, said they had provided medicines, pulse oximeters, etc., at the Centre, but it was the duty of the panchayat to arrange the beds.

Desh Bandhu, Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Kanina, said, “Beds will be made available if needed. Isolation centres have been set up in all 53 villages falling under the Kanina block.”

Dr Dharmender, Senior Medical Officer, Kanina, could not be contacted.

Panel keen on...

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A section of MLAs and ministers, including some from the CM’s camp, reportedly spoke against Captain’s coterie and claimed that bureaucracy, not elected representatives, called the shots in the state. Some spoke of CM’s “inaccessibility.” Dalit leaders flagged “under-representation”. A section of MLAs pointed out the delay in ensuring justice to the kin of victims killed in the Kotkapura police firing, sources said.

Another said a resolution could include appointment of more than one deputy CM, one of them being Sidhu and the other probably from the Dalit community. Senior Dalit MLA Verka hinted: “There will be good news for Punjab Dalits soon.”

Vax for all...

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procure foreign vaccines.

“The Centre says it gets a low pricing since it buys in bulk. If this is the rationale, then why do states have to pay a higher price? There needs to be one price for vaccines across India,” it noted.

“Is this the policy of the Union Government that the state or municipal corporation can procure the vaccine or the Union Government is going to procure for them like a nodal agency? We want clarity on this and rationale behind this policy,” the Bench said.

Asking the Centre to file an affidavit on the issue, it posted the matter for further hearing after two weeks.

The top court also sought clarifications on the need for mandatory registration on the CoWIN app for people to get vaccinated without keeping in mind the real “digital India” situation, observing that the policymakers must have an ear to the ground.

“Right now, the policy is such that it is completely exclusionary of the rural areas,” the court said.

“You keep on saying digital India, digital India, but the situation is actually different in rural areas...” it told Mehta.


GDP contracts by 7.3%...

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2021-22, but the second Covid wave disrupted the momentum of economic activity and many expect the GDP may not touch double-digit growth rate.

The impact of the second wave is yet to be recorded, but Chief Economic Adviser Krish-

namurthy Subramanian said it would hit recoveries made in the third and fourth quarters. He said the impact was not likely to be large, but it was difficult to predict if the country would achieve double-digit growth in the current fiscal.

(With PTI inputs)



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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
The Project Manager, Elect Unit-2, GKP invites for and on behalf of Managing Director, U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd., online percentage rate bids in two bid system for the following work: NIT No.: 101 / UI / Elect. Unit-2 / Audi / stack parking / gkp / RNN, Dt. 29.05.2021, Name of work: Design and SITC of Outdoor Type Automated Twin Car Parking (Stack Parking) for Auditorium Building at Gorakhpur, Estimated Bid Value: Rs. 143.89 Lakhs + GST; Earnest Money: Rs. 2.88 Lakhs, Period of Completion: 2 Months, Last Time and Date of Submission of Bid: 15:00 hrs. on Dt. 18.06.2021. The bid forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the website <https://etender.up.nic.in>. The NIT is also available on <http://www.uprnn.co.in>.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences(AIMS)
Sector-56, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali
RECRUITMENT OF MEDICAL FACULTY
(Regular/Deputation/Re-employment)

No. AIMS/2021/1441

Dated: 31.05.2021

(1) Applications are invited online for the **regular** Posts of **Associate Professors and Assistant Professors** in various departments of AIMS, Mohali.

(2) The candidates may also apply for on **Deputation/Re-employment basis**.

(3) Faculty working in Central Government Medical Colleges/State Government Medical College (situated outside Punjab) can apply on deputation basis.


(4) Faculty retired from any Government Medical Colleges can apply for re-employment. Re-employment will be till maximum age of 70 years.

(5) The details of posts, application form, eligibility criteria etc. are available on website:- www.punjabmedicaleducation.org/mohali

(6) Last date of submission of applications is 15.06.2021 till 02:00 PM.

Sd/- Dr. Bhavneet Bhatti
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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
(B&R III Branch)
NOTIFICATION
The 19th April, 2021

No. PWD-BR307/12/2020-1BR3 I/170259/2021.- Whereas it appears to the Government of Punjab that the land is required in the Jurisdiction of Punjab Government, at Public expense, for public purpose, namely, for the construction of New Railway Link between Ferozepur-Patti. It is hereby notified that land in the area specified below is likely to be required for the above purpose.

This notification is made under the provisions of Section 11(1) of **The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013**, to all whom it may concern.

The Social Impact Assessment Study for these Villages has already been done for the same project.

In exercise of the powers conferred by aforesaid Section, the Government of Punjab is pleased to authorize the officer for the time being engaged in the undertaking with their servants and workman to enter upon and survey and land in the said area and do all other acts required or permitted by that section.

Under Section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e.sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of this notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections of the acquisition if any, may be filed by the persons interested within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before Sub Divisional Magistrate Cum Land Acquisition Collector, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur regarding the issues to:-

(a) The area and suitability of land proposed to be acquired.

(b) Justification offered for public purpose.

(c) The findings of the Social Impact Assessment report.

Plans of the land can be inspected in the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate-cum-Land Acquisition.

Collector, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur on any working day during the working hours. The details of the Khasra numbers of the land to be acquired are as below:

Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area
1.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	Dulla Singh Wala (2)		K-M-S	
				21//22	chahi	8-0
				21//23min	chahi	7-9
				21//24min	chahi	0-17
				28//1min	chahi	1-4
				28//2min	chahi	7-13
				28//3/1	chahi	1-0
				28//3/2	chahi	7-0
				28//4/1	chahi	5-6
				28//4/2	chahi	0-8
				28//6min	chahi	0-8
				28//7/1	chahi	0-15
				28//7/2	chahi	2-8
				28//8	chahi	3-0
				28//9 min	chahi	1-19
				28//16/1	gair mumkin Abadi 0-16	1-7
				28//16/2	chahi	5-11
				28//17	chahi/0-7 Gair mumkin	8-7
				28//18min	chahi	4-0
				28//23min	chahi	0-3
				28//24/1min	chahi	2-9
				28//24/2/1	chahi	3-0
				28//24/2/2	gair mumkin abadi	1-0
				28//25	chahi/Atta Chaki 0-5	8-0
				29//20min	chahi	0-12
				85	gair mumkin	2-10
				29//21min	chahi	6-13
				30//1	chahi	4-6
				30//10/1	chahi	1-4
				30//10/2	chahi	1-2
				30//11min	chahi	0-14
				31//4/1min	chahi	1-7
				31//4/2min	chahi	0-4
				31//5	chahi	8-0
				31//6/1min	chahi	2-11
				31//6/2min	chahi/Gair mumkin	1-17
				31//15min	chahi	0-6
				6//12min	chahi	3-18
				6//20/1min	chahi	3-11
				6//20/2min	chahi	0-15
				6//19/2min	chahi	1-8
				6//21/2min	chahi	0-4
				6//22/1min	chahi	4-13
				6//22/2min	chahi	1-17
				6//23	chahi	1-2
				11//2/1min	chahi	2-3
				11//3/1min	chahi	5-18
				11//3/2min	chahi	0-13
				11//4min	chahi	0-1

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Village Dulla Singh Wala						
Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area
1.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	Dulla Singh Wala (2)		K-M-S	
				11//7min	chahi	3-2
				11//8min	chahi	5-6
				11//13min	chahi	0-12
				11//14min	chahi	6-13
				11//25/1min	chahi	3-5
				11//25/2min	chahi	1-18
				16//5min	chahi	0-12
				17//1min	chahi	5-8
				11//15/2min	chahi	0-17
				11//16min	chahi	5-10
				11//17/1min	chahi	1-16
				6//19/1	chahi	2-4
				11//17/2/1min	chahi	0-7
				11//17/2/2min	chahi	0-4
				10//21min	chahi	2-12
				17//2min	chahi	0-11
				17//9min	chahi	5-4
				17//10min	chahi	2-10
				17//12min	chahi	5-12
				17//13/1min	chahi	2-10
				17//17/2min	chahi	0-8
				17//18min	chahi	6-13
				17//19min	chahi	1-0
				17//23min	chahi	3-4
				17//24min	chahi	4-10
				22//3min	chahi	0-1
				22//4min	chahi	5-17
				22//5min	chahi	2-0
				22//6min	chahi	6-12
				22//7min	chahi	1-0
				22//14min	chahi/Abadi	0-17
				22//15/1min	chahi	1-12
				22//15/2/2/1	chahi	0-16
				22//15/2/1/2	chahi	0-12
				22//15/2/2	chahi/ Abadi	4-4
				22//16min	chahi	3-7
				21//1min	chahi/Abadi	0-11
				21//10min	chahi	7-5
				21//9min	chahi	0-15
				21//11min	chahi	8-0
				21//12min	chahi	5-8
				21//20min	chahi	8-0
				21//19	chahi	8-0
				21//18/2	chahi	0-16
				21//18/1	chahi	2-6
				21//21min	chahi	4-9
				116min	gairmumkin rasta	1-5
				50//5min	chahi	0-11
				48//14min	gairmumkin Abadi	1-3*
				48//17/1min	gairmumkin/ bag kinu 0-5	2-8
				48//16min	chahi	4-17
				48//24/2min	chahi	0-2
				48//25/2min	chahi	5-5
				48//24/1min	chahi	0-1
				30//20min	chahi	0-10
				29//20/2	chahi	1-1
				22//25min	chahi	0-4
				11//15/1min	chahi	0-18
				6//21/1min	chahi	0-2
				17//2min	chahi	1-16
				111min	gairmumkin rasta	2-11
				113	rasta	0-3
				74	Dhusi band	23-0
				75min	gairmumkin	2-2
				110min	gairmimkin Rasta	0-12
				86	Gair mumkin	2-0
				86/1	Gair mumkin	0-3
					Total	334-3

Village Kutubdin Wala						
Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area
1.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	Kutubdin Wala (1)		K-M-S	
				27//22/1min	chahi	1-19
				34//1	chahi	3-14
				34//2min	chahi	5-8
				34//8min	chahi	2-10
				34//9	chahi	8-0
				34//10	chahi	6-0
				34//11/1	chahi	1-16
				34//11/2min	chahi	4-6
				34//12/1	chahi	2-4
				34//12/2	chahi	5-16
				34//13/1min	chahi	0-12
				34//13/2min	chahi	6-4
				34//14min	chahi/Abadi	0-10
				34//17min	chahi	4-16
				34//18	chahi	7-4
				34//19/1	chahi	7-6
				34//19/2	chahi	0-14

Village Kutubdin Wala						
Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area
1.	Ferozepur	Ferozepur	Kutubdin Wala (1)		K-M-S	
				34//20min	chahi	1-14
				34//22/2min	chahi	3-19
				34//23/1	chahi/Abadi	0-15
				34//23/2	chahi	6-1
				34//24	chahi	7-7
				34//25min	chahi	2-0
				34//25min	chahi	4-16
				37//2min	chahi	0-7
				37//4	chahi	8-0
				37//5min	chahi	6-17
				37//6/1	chahi	1-7
				37//6/2	chahi	6-13
				37//7/1	chahi	1-16
				37//7/2	chahi	6-4
				37//8min	chahi	1-14
				37//3min	chahi	6-4
				37//14/1min	chahi	4-6
				37//14/2min	chahi	1-4
				37//17min	chahi	0-19
				37//16min	chahi	7-13
				37//25min	chahi	4-0
				37//15	chahi	8-0
				38//1min	chahi	0-3
				38//1min	chahi	1-13
				38//10min	chahi	4-3
				38//11min	chahi	7-14
				38//12min	chahi	0-17
				38//19min	chahi	5-0
				38//20	chahi	8-0
				38//21/1	Abadi	3-8
				38//21/2	Abadi	3-8
				38//22/1	chahi	3-13
				38//22/2	chahi/Abadi	3-14
				38//23min	chahi	1-15
				42//5min	chahi	0-5
				41//1/1min	chahi	2-11
				41//1/2	chahi	3-16
				41//2	chahi	8-0
				41//3min	chahi	5-12
				41//7min	chahi	1-2
				41//8	chahi/ Gairmumkin Cattel pond 4-0	8-0
				41//9/1	chahi/Gairmumkin Cattel pond 0-12	3-12
				41//9/2	chahi	4-8

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ

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PUNJAB MANDI BOARD Tender Notice No. 08 Date: 31-05-2021

Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Ferozepur invites percentage rate tenders from approved and eligible Firms/Contractors/Societies registered with Punjab Mandi Board for Annual Maintenance of Public Health Works (Supply of Manpower) in various Mandies, Repair of Approach Road & Internal Roads of Purchase Centre, Sohangerh and Normal Patch Work on U/Roads in Market Committee Zira and Makhu, Distt. Ferozepur. Detail terms and conditions of Notice Inviting Bids, refer to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in. Societies must submit capacity certificate of current financial year with Technical Bid. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

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

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER REFERENCE NO. 11/2021-22

The department of Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited invites online bids for "Outsourcing of Cleaning and sweeping activity for P&M Division Dhandari Kalan and various substation under this division of PSTCL against tender enquiry No. 11/2021-22. Closing Date and Time: **22.06.2021 11:00 a.m.** For details logon to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sr. Xen/P&M Division,
PSTCL, Dhandari Kalan.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.
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"NOTICE"

This is for the information of general public and the tourists that water can be released from the Barrage of Larji HEP (126 MW), Distt. Mandi at any time due to increasing discharge in Beas and Sainj rivers. Hence it is advised not to enter into the river course and near the banks of river on downstream of Larji HEP barrage. It is also intimated that advance warning siren is blown before release of water, which should not be ignored.

Superintending Engineer,
Generation Circle, H.P.S.E.B. Ltd,
SARABAI, Distt. Kullu (H.P.)

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

The Department of Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Ltd. invites online bids for the following works:-

- S/E/T/C of LED Fittings & fixture for street light system in Industrial Focal Point, Nawanshahr.
- S/E/T/C of LED street light Fittings & fixture in Industrial Focal Point, Goindwal Sahib.
- Upgradation of Street lighting system provided at Industrial Focal Point, Moga (Without street light fittings).

Availability of tender online for bidding : 01.06.2021
Last Date & Time for online submission of bids : 10.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
Date & Time for opening of technical bids : 11.06.2021 at 12:30 p.m.
For details logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in only.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electrical)

DPR/Pb/4962

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PROGRAMME OFFICER, SANGRUR ROOM NO. 105-108, BLOCK-B, GROUND FLOOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, SANGRUR 01672-235766

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RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited to fill the following vacancy in the Sakhi: **One Stop Centre, Sangrur** on contract basis:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Salary
1.	IT Staff (Male/Female)	1 (Reserved For SC Only)	15000/-

Interested Candidates may send their applications to this office within **30 days** from the publication of this advertisement through registered post only.

Information about eligibility qualifications like age, experience and other conditions and proforma for application may be downloaded from www.sangrur.gov.in

Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be issued on the website only.

Sd/- District Programme Officer-cum-
Member Secretary, Local Management Committee,
Sakhi: One Stop Centre Sangrur.

DPR/Pb/4952

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. PWSSB/Bathinda Div. No. 2/2021/05 DATED: 25.05.2021

On behalf of CEO, PWSSB, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Div. No. 2, Bathinda invite bids of eligible bidders as below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender document (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. value of the project/work (in Lacs)
1	Const. of clear water sump well, Raw water sump well, Clear water tank & pump chamber at Growth Centre Water Works Bathinda. (As per DNIT)	4.13 Lacs	1000/-	6 Months	206.45 Lacs

Processing Fees: **As applicable**

2nd Attempt

Last Date and Time for online submission of bid shall be 17.06.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.

Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid 17.06.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew Division No. 2,
Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/4972

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA OCF, SECTOR 29-B, CHANDIGARH
Website: <https://chandigarhocf.kvs.ac.in>
Phone: 0172-2658645, 2920502

Walk-in interview to prepare the panel for contractual teachers for the session 2021-22 for KV OCF, 29-B, Chandigarh will be held as per the schedule given below:

VENUE: KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA OCF, SECTOR 29-B, CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.	Post and Subject	Date and Timings
1	PGTs - English, Hindi, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Commerce, Computer Science	Date: 10th June 2021 Timings: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2	Nurse	
3	Computer Instructor	
4	TGTs - Hindi, English, Maths, Social Science, Science, Sanskrit, Punjabi	Date: 11th June 2021 Timings: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
5	PRT	Date: 12th June 2021 Timings: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
6	Music Teacher	
7	Yoga Teacher	
8	Sports Coach	
9	Art Teacher	
10	Counselor	

Note:

- The above said dates liable to be changed due to prevailing conditions of COVID 19 (as per instructions of Chandigarh Administration).
- All candidates for the interview must follow the norms of COVID (mask, social distancing, sanitize themselves, avoid crowding).
- The above said interview is to be conducted for preparing the panel. The candidates may be called whenever required according to the need.
- Candidates should download application form from Vidyalaya website and bring application form duly filled along with attested copies of mark sheets/certificates of all exams passed for all years at the time of interview. Also bring original certificates for verification.
- No TA/DA will be paid. Remunerations as per KVS norms.
- If there are more than 50 candidates for a post, then a written test may be conducted.
- The decision of VMC will be final.

DI-3583

NZ, Australia call for virus probe

WELLINGTON, MAY 31

The leaders of New Zealand and Australia downplayed their differences over China and called for more investigation into the origin of the coronavirus on Monday after their first face-to-face meeting in more than a year.

The two leaders also indicated an Australian-born mass murderer would remain imprisoned in New Zealand.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison met with his New Zealand counterpart, Jacinda Ardern, in the tourist resort of Queenstown.

Australia has taken a hard stance against China in recent years and the relationship between the nations has deteriorated. Ardern said New Zealand maintained a strong and principled stance toward China on human rights and trade, and its positions were very similar to Australia's.

Both leaders said they hope the World Health Organisation would continue its investigation into the origins of the pandemic.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang



Australian PM Scott Morrison with his New Zealand counterpart Jacinda Ardern in Queenstown; and (right) students perform Covid quick tests as they return to school in Duesseldorf, Germany. AP/REUTERS

SINGAPORE PM VOWS TO REOPEN BORDERS

Singapore: Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Monday the deadly coronavirus would not disappear completely and keep infecting

people for years to come. He urged citizens to carry on with their lives in this "new normal" while promising to reopen the country's borders. PTI

'UK IN EARLY STAGES OF 3RD COVID WAVE'

London: Prof Ravi Gupta, an eminent Indian-origin scientist, has said there are signs that the UK is in the early stages of a third wave of Covid infections. He urged PM Boris Johnson to delay the planned June 21 reopening of the country by a few weeks. PTI

Wenbin said the two leaders had made "irresponsible remarks" about China's internal affairs concerning Hong Kong, Xinjiang, and the South China Sea, which China claims virtually in its entirety.

The two were guilty of

"seriously violating international law and basic norms of international relations, and grossly interfering in China's internal affairs," Wang said at a daily briefing.

"This has nothing to do with anything other than ensuring

TRACKING VIRUS

NATION	DEATHS
US	6,09,551
BRAZIL	4,62,092
INDIA	3,29,100
MEXICO	2,23,507
UK	1,27,781
WORLDOMETER TILL MAY 31, 11 PM	

that the global pandemic, which has caused such havoc around the world, stealing lives and livelihoods, that we understand how this occurred so we can do everything we possibly can to ensure that it does not happen again," Morrison said. — AP

China allows couples to have three children

BEIJING, MAY 31

China's ruling Communist Party will ease birth limits to allow all couples to have three children instead of two to cope with the rapid rise in the average age of its population, a state news agency said on Monday.

The ruling party has enforced birth limits since 1980 to restrain population growth but worries the number of working-age people is falling too fast, while the share over age 65 is rising, adding to strains on the economy and society. A meeting of the party's Politburo on Monday decided that China would introduce major policies and measures to actively deal with the aging population, the Xinhua News Agency said.

It gave no details on when or how the change would be carried out. China's population of 1.4 billion already was expected to peak later this decade and start to decline. Census data released on May 11 suggest it is happening faster than expected, straining underfunded pension and health systems and



EASING BIRTH LIMITS

- Restrictions that limited most couples to one child were eased in 2015 to allow all to have two
- After a brief rise the next year, births declined

FIGURES OVER 10 YRS

- 15 to 59 yrs: 63.3% from 70.1%
- 65 and above: 13.5% from 8.9%

cutting the number of future workers available to support a growing retiree group.

The share of working-age people (15 to 59 years) in the population fell to 63.3 per cent last year from 70.1 per cent a decade earlier, according to the census data. — AP

Egypt's intel chief holds truce talks with Hamas

GAZA, MAY 31

Egypt's Intelligence chief met Hamas leaders in Gaza on Monday to try to bolster a ceasefire between the Palestinian militant group and Israel and discuss reconstruction plans following the recent hostilities, Egyptian and Palestinian officials said.

The visit was the first by an Egyptian Intelligence chief to the enclave since the early 2000s. "The discussion is focused on ways to cement the calm and Gaza reconstruction plans," said a Hamas official.

Hamas officials, led by Gaza

chief Yehya Al-Sinwar, would urge Cairo to pressure Israel to stop "its assaults against our people in Jerusalem and Sheikh Jarrah", he said.

Intelligence chief Abbas Kamel's visit is seen as an effort by Cairo to regain a more vital role in mediation between Israel and Hamas and revive the stalled Israel-Palestinian peace process. Sisi directed Egyptian officials to continue efforts and meetings to solve the problem of prisoners and missing people between Israel and Hamas. — Reuters

Denmark helped US spy on Merkel, says report

COPENHAGEN, MAY 31

The US was spying on German Chancellor Angela Merkel from 2012 to 2014 using Denmark's secret service. The scandal was exposed by Danish media, triggering a political storm.

This is the second time since 2013, that the US has been accused of spying on European politicians and officials, especially Germany. However, this time the Danish media has gained access to the reports which provide insights into how the Defence Intelligence Service (FE) of Denmark collaborated with the US National Security Agency (NSA) to collect intel-



SNOOPING ON EUROPEAN LEADERS

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ligence and information on Germany, an ally of the US.

According to the Danish media reports, the spying operation was targeted at Merkel, German President and then Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier, and then opposition leader Peer Steinbrück. Code 'Operation Dunhammer', the US NSA, with the help of Denmark's

FE, tapped into Danish Internet cables to access phone conversations and text messages of several prominent European politicians.

In a series of tweets, Edward Snowden, a former US computer intelligence consultant who became a whistleblower on America's global surveillance programmes using telecom com-

panies, took a dig at the Biden administration after the latest Danish media reports appeared on Sunday.

"Biden is well-prepared to answer for this when he soon visits Europe since, of course, he was deeply involved in this scandal the first time around. There should be an explicit requirement for full public disclosure not only from Denmark, but their senior partner as well," he tweeted. Snowden also alleged that in 2013, the Danish Government "secretly welcomed an FBI plane intended to kidnap me". The US and Denmark Governments have not issued any statements yet. — IANS

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN 元	CAD C\$	AUD A\$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$
₹72.62	₹88.60	₹102.99	₹0.66	₹11.39	₹60.08	₹56.15	₹54.94	₹9.35

BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
514.56 51,937.44	147.15 15,582.80	₹47,700 (MCX) Mumbai	₹72,000 (MCX) Mumbai

The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

Powergrid restores power to Diu after Tauktae cyclone

PowerGrid has restored 220 kV Timbdi-Dhokadva and Sa-varkundla-Dhokadva transmission lines feeding power to Diu after extensive damage due to Tauktae cyclone. Its personnel worked round-the-clock for early restoration of the lines in which around 33 towers were collapsed.

M&M launches 'Krish-e' to improve farm mechanisation

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.'s Farm Equipment Sector has launched Krish-e across the country. With the tag line 'Expert Takneek. Naye Upay. Parinaam Dikhaaye', 'Krish-e' is a new business vertical that provides technology driven services which are progressive, affordable and accessible to farmers.

IDP launches study abroad application for students

Researching and applying to world-class institutions is now faster, easier, and simpler with IDP Study Abroad app. It helps students to explore their institutions and courses with just a few clicks. It provides real-time updates about the student's university or institution application status.

Avon unveils collagen-restoring plumping shots for healthy skin

Avon has unveiled Protinol — ANEW skin reset plumping shot to restore collagen 1 and 3 found in healthy skin. These potent single-use shots help in restoring seven years of collagen loss in just seven days.

Microsoft launches Surface Laptop 4 in India on Amazon

Microsoft has launched Surface Laptop 4 in India via Amazon.in. It features a built-in HD front-facing camera with incredible, low-light capability and a studio microphone array, to enable enhanced meeting experiences at work.

Riverdale Aerovista unveils 'Home and Happiness' offer

Real estate project Riverdale Aerovista has unveiled 'Home and Happiness'

offer to make buying a home easier. It is offering a discount of Rs 2.5 lakh on independent duplex villas and Rs 1.5 lakh on 3BHK flats. Freehold residential plots are also available.

ICICI links UPI ID facility with 'Pockets' digital wallet

ICICI Bank has launched a facility of linking UPI ID to its digital wallet 'Pockets'. It enables users to undertake small value transactions directly from their 'Pockets'wallet using UPI in a safe and secure manner.

Chandigarh University launches industry-driven programmes

Chandigarh University has introduced industry-driven programmes in emerging fields of blockchain technology, electric vehicles, digital marketing and data sciences. The new programmes are in the field of engineering, management, sciences, paramedical, humanities and computer applications.

Rayat Bahra varsity opens career counselling centres

Rayat Bahra University has opened career counselling centres, admission offices and student help centres across the country to help students seeking admission to different courses. Gurvir Singh Bahra, chancellor, said the centres had been opened in view of the curbs imposed in view of the Covid pandemic.

WhatsApp chatbot to access Covid-related information

A WhatApp-based chatbot was recently launched by Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions Pvt Ltd in Chandigarh. It is aimed at easing information access about anti-Covid vaccines, relief schemes for individuals and MSMEs, health insurance, and settlement of claims. It can be accessed by sending a message at 9307305995.

PCCI extends helping hand to Red Cross Society

The Panchkula Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) led by its chairper-

son Arun Grover recently donated 51 ration kits and 200 surgical gowns to Ms Rath, SDM, and Ms Savita, secretary, Haryana Red Cross. PCCI president Amar Nath Goyal, general secretary Rajan Nanda and joint secretary Sanjeev Talwar were also present.

Srinagar-Leh transmission system given to PowerGrid

The Ministry of Power has transferred 220 kV Srinagar-Drass-Kargil-Khaltasi-Leh Transmission System to Power Grid Corporation of India. Built at a height of around 3,000-4,000 metres, this 335-km long transmission line traverses snow-bound difficult hilly terrain.

First oxygen-from-nitrogen plant installed in Punjab

As per government mandate, the first oxygen-from-nitrogen plant in Punjab has been installed and made operational with a capacity of 15Nm³/hour — equivalent to continuous supply for 50 beds — at Covid Care Centre, Sohail Patti, Bamala, with the CSR initiative of IOL Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited, a Trident Group company. The project was executed with the support of Punjab Pollution Control Board and the local administration.

Former DU Vice Chancellor joins Shoolini University

Former Delhi University Vice Chancellor Dr Dinesh Singh has joined Shoolini University as an adjunct faculty and Director of the Innovation in Education Centre. Dr Singh, a Padma Shri, is a distinguished fellow at the Imperial College, London, and has been an adjunct professor of mathematics at the University of Houston.

IFFCO introduces world's first nano urea at ₹240/500 ml

Leading cooperative IFFCO has introduced the world's first 'Nano Urea' for farmers across the world. The indigenously developed 'Nano Urea' is in liquid form and is priced at Rs 240 per 500 ml bottle, which is 10% cheaper than the cost of a bag of conventional urea, it said.

Core sectors' output jumps 56.1% in April

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The output of eight core sectors jumped by 56.1% in April mainly due to a low base effect and uptick in production of natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement and electricity, official data released on Monday showed.

The eight infrastructure sectors of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity had contracted by 37.9% in April 2020 due to lockdown restrictions imposed to control the spread of coronavirus infection. In March this year, the eight sectors had recorded a growth rate of 11.4%.

"This high growth rate in April 2021 is largely due to low Index base in April 2020 consequent to the low industrial production across all sectors caused by nationwide lockdown imposed to contain spread of Covid-19 last year," the ministry said.

According to the commerce and industry min-



CEMENT PRODUCTION LEAPFROGS 549%

- Production of natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement and electricity jumped by 25%, 30.9%, 400%, 548.8% and 38.7%, respectively
- Coal and fertiliser segments too recorded positive growth during the month under review

istry data, production of natural gas, refinery products, steel, cement and electricity jumped by 25%, 30.9%, 400%, 548.8% and 38.7% in April, as against (-) 19.9%, (-) 24.2%, (-) 82.8%, (-) 85.2% and (-) 22.9% in April 2020, respectively. — PTI

Tata Steel CEO & MD elected CII president

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

Tata Steel CEO and MD TV Narendran has been elected CII president for 2021-22. He takes over from Uday Kotak, MD & CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, the CII statement said. He has been engaged with CII for many years at various levels.

Sanjiv Bajaj, CMD, Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has been elect-

ed president-designate of CII for 2021-22. He has also been engaged with CII for many years and was

BRIEFLY

MUMBAI
Amrinder joins ATK Mohun Bagan after leaving Mumbai
India goalkeeper Amrinder Singh today joined ATK Mohun Bagan on a five-year deal after leaving reigning Indian Super League champions Mumbai City FC. The 27-year-old is currently in Doha as part of the national team for the upcoming World Cup qualifying round matches.

BUENOS AIRES
Brazil to host Copa America as Argentina withdraws
The South American football confederation (CONMEBOL) said today it would move the Copa America to Brazil, after original host nation Argentina pulled out at the last minute due to a surge in Covid-19 cases. The oldest international tournament in the world will kick off as planned on June 13, with the final on July 10. This year's Copa America was to be the first featuring joint hosts, but Colombia was removed as co-host on May 20.

BARCELONA
Barcelona reach deal with Agüero to boost attack
Sergio Agüero will join Barcelona on a two-year deal, the Spanish club said today. Barcelona said 32-year-old Agüero will officially join the club beginning on July 1, after his contract with Manchester City expires. He will sign a contract until the end of the 2022-23 season with a buyout clause set at €100 million.

TUBIZE
De Bruyne doesn't need surgery, set to join Belgium
Kevin De Bruyne does not require surgery after fracturing his nose and eye socket and will join the Belgium squad next week ahead of the European Championship. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV
TENNIS
FRENCH OPEN
STAR SPORTS SELECT 3:30PM

Sanjeet wins India's second gold

Panghal, Thapa settle for silver; India finish with 15 medals, including 2 gold

ASIAN BOXING C'SHIPS

DUBAI, MAY 31
Sanjeet fetched the lone gold among the Indian men even as defending champion Amit Panghal and Shiva Thapa settled for silver medals in the Asian Boxing Championships here today.
Sanjeet (91kg) triumphed 4-1 over Kazakhstan's Olympics silver-medallist Vassiliy Levit, who was chasing his fourth gold of the tournament. The Army man, who is a former India Open gold-medallist, claimed the first two rounds in an evenly-contested bout before Levit fought back in the final three minutes.
With 15 medals in this edition, India surpassed its previous best show at this championship, achieved in 2019, when the country secured 13 medals in all, including two gold medals.
Panghal (52kg) lost 3-2 to known nemesis Shakobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan in what was a repeat of the 2019 World Championships



final, which had also ended in Zoirov's favour.
India sought a review of the second round of the bout but the protest was rejected by the jury, which stuck to the original decision.
Thapa (64kg) also lost by the same margin to Mongolia's Baatarsukh Chinzorig, the Asian Games silver-medallist. This was Thapa's fifth successive podium finish and second silver at the showpiece.
Both the contests had the

Indian boxers doing most things right but not getting the judges' nod.
The Panghal-Zoirov clash lived up to the hype, with both the Olympics-bound boxers engaging in a fast exchange of punches from the start. Zoirov claimed the opening round but Panghal raised his game by a notch in the second, evading the reigning Olympics champion's range with his pace and landing his left straights precisely. Zoirov, on the other



ABOVE: Pooja Rani had won gold on Sunday; LEFT: Amit Panghal (in red) lost 3-2 against Shakobidin Zoirov on Monday. PTI

hand, struggled to connect.
The two went all out in the third round but it was Panghal who was more impressive with his body shots despite an injured eye. He even had the judges' verdict in his favour for the round but it was not enough to alter the final scoreline.
Thapa was equally impressive against Chinzorig, rallying brilliantly after losing the opening round. But he lost the all-important final round in a fight that became messy due to close-range punching.
On Monday, Pooja Rani (75kg) was the lone woman boxer to strike gold, while six-time world champion MC Mary Kom (51kg) and tournament debutants Lalbuatsaihi (64kg) and Anupama (+81kg) ended with silver medals after close losses in the finals.
Eight Indians — Simranjit Kaur (60kg), Vikas Krishan (69kg), Lovlina Borgohain (69kg), Jasmine (57kg), Sakshi Chaudhary (64kg), Monika (48kg), Saweety (81kg) and Varinder Singh (60kg) — secured bronze medals after semifinal losses. — PTI



Diya Chitale and Swastika Ghosh pose with their medals. PTI

Indian paddlers Diya and Swastika finish runners-up
NEW DELHI: Young Indian paddlers Diya Chitale and Swastika Ghosh's splendid run at the WTT Youth Star Contender ended with a runners-up finish following their 3-11 6-11 7-11 defeat against Russia's Natalia Malinina and Elizabet Abraamian in the U-19 girls' doubles final in Tunis, Tunisia. Diya and Swastika were also impressive in the U-19 singles as both reached the semifinals. PTI

पुलिस कमिशनरेट, पंचकूला
आपको सूचित किया जाता है दिनांक 30 मई की देर रात्रि को मनसा देवी बस स्टैंड के पास से एक लावारिस लाश मिली है जिसका नामपता ना मालूम है जिस लाश को शिनाख्त के लिए मोचंरी रूम नागरिक अस्पताल, सेक्टर-06, पंचकूला में रखा गया है जो लावारिस लाश बारे डी.डी. नं. 2 दिनांक 31.05.2021 पुलिस थाना मनसा देवी, पंचकूला में दर्ज है। जो उपरोक्त लाश बारे अखबार में शिनाख्त हेतु समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञापन दिया जाये ताकि इस लाश की शिनाख्त की जा सके। कोई भी इस लावारिस बारे कुछ जानता हो तो इसकी सूचना प्रबंधक थाना मनसा देवी, पंचकूला, मोबाइल नं. 8146630021, 9217889201 तथा पुलिस कंट्रोल रूम 0172-2582100 पर सूचित करें।
मृतक पुरुष का हुलिया : रंग सांवला, गोल चेहरा, पतला जिस्म, कद 4 फुट 5 इंच, उम्र 45 साल, जिसने पीले रंग की टी-शर्ट एवं नीले रंग की जीन्स पहने हुए है।

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Federer dazzles on return to Paris



Roger Federer defeated Denis Istomin in straight sets. REUTERS

PARIS, MAY 31
Roger Federer marked his return to the Grand Slam arena in dazzling fashion with a 6-2 6-4 6-3 first-round defeat of qualifier Denis Istomin at the French Open today.
The 39-year-old Swiss had not played a Grand Slam match since the 2020 Australian Open and had managed only one claycourt match in the build-up to Roland Garros.
But any doubts about his condition were erased as he outclassed Istomin with a consummate display. Federer went through his usual repertoire of shot-making, including a string of early drop shots, and was playing in cruise control throughout the one-sided contest.
He was applauded warmly by the small Philippe Chatrier crowd who thoroughly enjoyed his 93-minute exhibition.
Federer missed last year's French Open because of a knee injury and is appearing at Roland Garros for only the second time since 2015.

khstan's Alexander Bublik 6-3 6-3 7-5 in an entertaining clash to finally win his first-ever match at Roland Garros on his fifth attempt.

Birthday girl
Birthday girl Iga Swiatek faced some stiff resistance in the second set before the Pole went on to beat best friend Kaja Juvan of Slovenia 6-0 7-5 to launch her title defence.
Celebrating her 20th birthday, Swiatek got a warm hug before the start of the match from Juvan, who is her friend from junior ranks, but the Pole did not return any favours once they got on the opposite sides of the net at Court Philippe-Chatrier.

First hurdle
Bianca Andreescu became the highest women's seed to fall so far as she lost a three-hour marathon match against Tamara Zidansek in the first round. The former US Open champion, seeded sixth, went down 6-7(1) 7-6(2) 9-7 to the Slovenian.
Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens, the 16th seed, was beaten 6-1 3-6 6-4 by Slovenia's Polona Hercog. — Reuters

Monkey off back
Second seed Daniil Medvedev beat Kaza-

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Sharma seals top-10 finish with late birdies

FORSO (DENMARK), MAY 31
Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma registered his first top-10 finish on the European Tour in 18 months with his tied-8th finish at the Made in HimmerLand event here.
Sharma, a two-time winner on the European Tour, closed his final round with birdie-birdie to shoot a 4-under 68. He finished at 11-under, eight shots behind the winner.
His last top-10 finish on the European Tour was in November 2019 — a T-7 at the

Turkish Airlines Open.
With 10 places up for grabs for the US Open in June, Sharma needs to finish in the top-10 of a mini-series list to get one of the slots. A top-5 at the European Open could get him that and also propel him into contention for an Olympics berth.
Austria's Bernd Wiesberger defended the title he won in 2019. He led after every round. It was his eighth title on the European Tour title. — PTI

ELECTRICITY WING OF ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT UT, CHANDIGARH (EWEDC) PUBLIC NOTICE
EXTENSION OF DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF ELECTRICITY BILLS DUE TO CLOSURE OF SAMPARK CENTERS IN VIEW OF OUTBREAK OF COVID-19
Due to closure of e-Sampark Centers up to 23.05.2021 in view of outbreak of COVID-19, the due date for payment of Electricity Bills for those consumers for whom due date falls between 04.05.2021 up to re-opening of e-Sampark Centres was extended for 1 week after the re-opening of e-Sampark Centres which will be up to **03.06.2021** so as to avoid inconvenience to the consumers.
Dated: 31.05.2021 **Sd/- SE (Electricity), Electy. OP Circle, UT Chd.**

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula
Website i.e. www.hpsc.gov.in
ANNOUNCEMENT
E-tenders are invited from reputed Companies/Firms/Societies for providing the Services of Online Applications Management, Representations Management. Admit Card etc. for recruitments carried out by Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula. The Tender ID of the same is **2021_HRY_172956_1** & Tender Reference Number is HPSC/e-tender/1002, and the detailed tender form can be downloaded from the website <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/>. The last date for submission of bids is **17.06.2021**. The instructions for bidders are available at <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app?page=HelpForContractors&service=page>.
Place: Panchkula **Sd/- Secretary,**
Dated 31.5.2021 **Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula.**
PRDH/1156/13/18/2022/3124/31/4

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT
NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF LICENSES FOR REMAINING ZONES OF COMPOSITE RETAIL VENDS OF COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-14A) AND INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR (L-2) FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE POLICY YEAR 2021-22 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.

- It is informed to the general public that for allotment of zones of composite vend of Country Liquor (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) for the Excise Policy year 2021-22, an option of renewal was given to the existing licensees of 2020-21.
- It is further informed in this reference that the competent authority has decided to invite e-TENDERS for allotment of remaining zones of composite vend of Country Liquor (L-14A) and IMFL (L-2) for the Excise Policy year 2021-22. The allotment of these zones shall be for a period of one year from 12.06.2021 to 11.06.2022.
- The Zone of composite retail vend shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting equal to or above the reserve price of the Zone. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price, the allottee shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price. A zone shall comprise of two (2) contiguously located retail vend of CL only or IMFL only or CL and IMFL both.
- The licensee shall have flexibility to decide the type of vend i.e. CL only or IMFL only or both CL and IMFL subject to the overall limit of vend and quota of CL and IMFL allotted to the Zone. He will have to set up these retail vend at pre-fixed locations in case of Urban vend and he will have flexibility to set up these retail vend within the command area of the Zone in case of Rural vend, subject to the compliance of provisions of Excise Policy 2021-22 or any other law applicable, wherever required.
- The annual quota of CL, IMFL & IFL(BIO) of the Zone, pre-fixed location/command area, number of retail vend in the Zone as well as its Reserve Price shall be provided in the excise arrangements which would be available in the office of the Deputy Excise and Taxation Commissioners (Excise) concerned and on the departmental website www.haryanatax.gov.in.
- The annual quota of IFL (BIO) of the retail vend of Zone, wherever fixed in the excise arrangements, the successful allottee shall have to obtain an additional license in Form L-2BF for retail sale of IFL (BIO), and a license fee, as fixed by department, shall be paid by the successful allottee in addition to the bid amount/license fee of that particular Zone.
- In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to register themselves with the department. The detailed procedure for registration and placing the e-tenders and submission of participation fee and Earnest Money, in accordance with the Excise Policy 2021-22, is available on the website of the department www.haryanatax.gov.in as well as in all the Excise Offices of the Department.
- All licenses shall be granted subject to the Haryana Excise Act, 1914 and the Rules framed there-under and the Excise Policy for the year 2021-22. The Excise Policy 2021-22 is available on the official website of the Department www.haryanatax.gov.in.
- The e-bids can be placed any time round the clock after the starting date and time as per the schedule given hereunder, and up to the closing time of the closing date. For the purpose of setting the time, it shall be as per the Server time of State Data Centre of Haryana.
The schedule of placing e-bids and evaluation thereof is as follows:-

1	Starting date and Time for placing e-tenders in respect of all districts	From 31st May, 2021 (09:00 a.m.)
2	Closing Date and Time for placing e-tenders in respect of all districts	Till 1st June, 2021 (04:00 p.m.)
3	Evaluation of e-tenders for all districts	1st June, 2021 (05:00 p.m.)

• **Name of districts are as under:-**
Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Gurugram (East), Gurugram (West), Hisar, Jagadhari, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Karnal, Narnaul, Palwal, Panchkula, Panipat, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa and Sonapat.

Note: In case the successful bidder fails to deposit the 5% of the bid amount on the due date, his bid shall be deemed to have been cancelled and Earnest money deposited by him shall be forfeited and such bidder shall be blacklisted for five years. further, the allotment of such group/vend would be done by inviting e-tenders as in case of un-allotted groups/vends.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Haryana.

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IN BRIEF

Nominated to RS, says Mahesh Jethmalani

NEW DELHI: Noted lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani has said he has been nominated to the Rajya Sabha. His father Ram Jethmalani was also a Rajya Sabha member. His nomination came days after two seats in the nominated category fell vacant. **PTI**

Govt allows more withdrawal from EPFO

NEW DELHI: The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has allowed its members to avail second non-refundable Covid advance. The decision was taken to help the subscribers during Covid times, the Labour Ministry said. **TNS**

France doubles Covid aid to India

NEW DELHI: Within days of talks with PM Narendra Modi, French President Emmanuel Macron has called for additional support to India to fight Covid. **TNS**

6 more bodies found floating in Ganga



Women walk past shallow sand graves on the banks of Ganga. **REUTERS/FILE**

FATEHPUR (UP), MAY 31

Six more bodies of suspected Covid-19 victims were found floating in the Ganga in Uttar Pradesh, an official said on Monday.

Fatehpur Sadar tehsil Sub-Collector (SDM) Pramod Jha said he was informed about the bodies floating in the river on Sunday morning, following which a search operation was launched.

Six decomposed bodies were recovered from the river, he said. Later in the day, a team of doctors performed the last rites

at Bhitara Ganga Ghat as per the Covid guidelines, the SDM said.

The bodies could not be identified as they were highly decomposed, the SDM said, adding that they appear to have come floating from far-off places.

Earlier this month, at least 52 bodies were seen floating at the Ujiyar, Kulhadia and Bharauli ghats in Ballia's Narahi area.

However, the district authorities did not tell the exact number of bodies found there. — **PTI**

Time to define limits of sedition: Top court on Covid reportage

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

As journalists continue to be at the receiving end of the archaic law on sedition, the Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine Section 124A of the IPC in the context of free speech and media freedom.

A three-judge Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud gave protection from coercive action to Telugu news channels — TV5 and ABN Andhrajiyothi — which were named in a sedition case lodged by the Andhra Pradesh Police against them for allegedly showing 'offensive' speeches of YSR Congress rebel MP K Raghu Rama Krishna Raju. He was granted bail by the top court on May 21.

"We are of the view that provisions of 124A (sedition) and 153 (promoting enmity between classes) of the IPC require interpretation, particularly on the issue of the



BENCH TAKES A DIG

"We saw a picture of a body being thrown in river. I do not know whether a sedition case has been filed against the news channel for showing that. The Bench

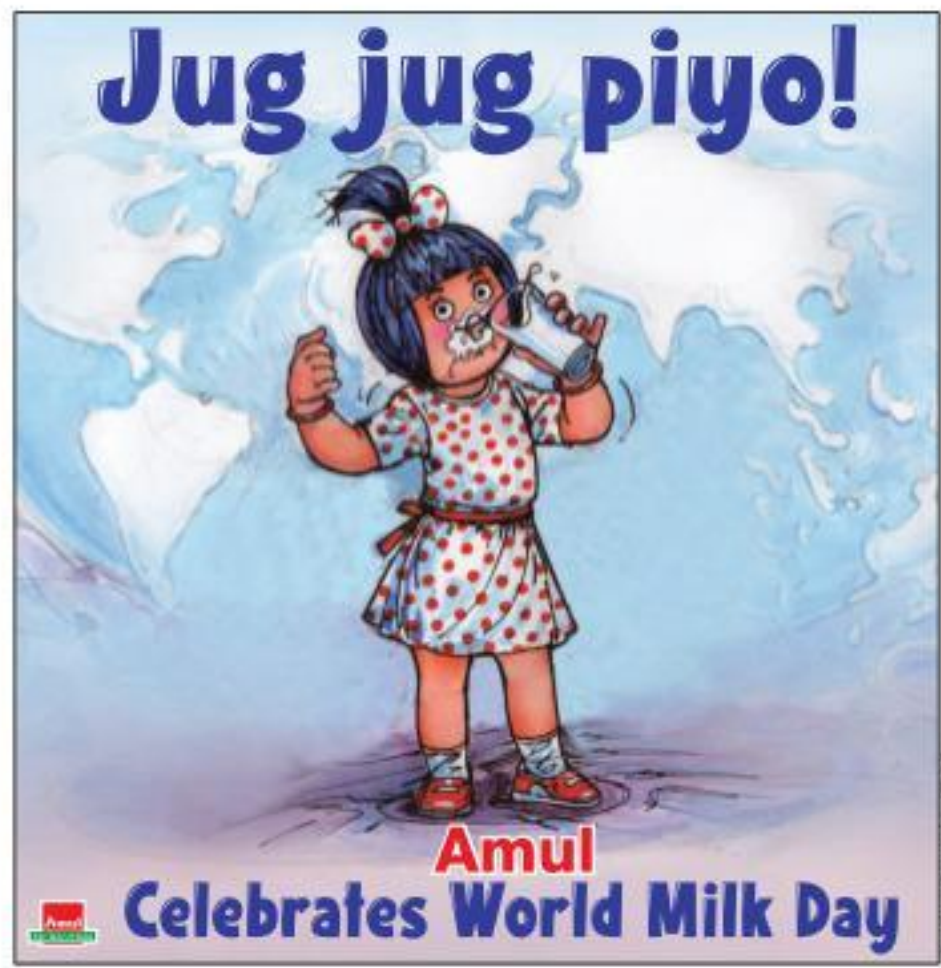
rights of press and free speech," the Bench said.

It also restrained the Andhra Pradesh Police from taking any coercive action against the channels' employees in with the case. The top court asked

the AP government to file its response in four weeks to the petitions filed by the two media houses that have sought quashing of the sedition case.

They described it as an attempt to create a "chilling effect" on news channels in the state to dissuade them from hosting any content critical of the government.

Section 124A says a person commits the crime of sedition if he/she brings or attempts to bring in hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards, the government established by law in India. It can be by words, either spoken or written, or by signs, or by visible representation. It prescribes the maximum punishment of life imprisonment. Shreya Broadcasting Pvt Ltd — which owns TV5 news channel — alleged that the state "intends to silence" its critiques. — **TNS**



HC questions Centre's disinvestment policy

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 31

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today virtually called in question the Centre's policy of disinvestment by asserting that privatisation was not a panacea for all the ills, adding that the public sector undertakings were created by the Government of India to make a self-sufficient nation and to become "the master of our own destiny".

Referring to Jawaharlal Nehru, the Bench of Justice Jitendra Chauhan and Justice Vivek Puri asserted the former Prime Minister christened Bhakra Nangal Dam as "the temple of modern India" while inaugurating it in October 1963.

The philosophy behind establishing it was to end India's dependence on the rest of the world. "We are at a loss to understand that what can be more 'Aatmnirbhar' than an institution made in India, by the Indians, operationalised by the Indians, creating jobs for the Indians and enriching the Indian state with its profits," the Bench asserted.

It was hearing a petition

WHAT BENCH SAID

Says privatisation is not a panacea for all the ills. Public sector undertakings were created by Govt of India to make a self-sufficient nation



against the privatisation of electricity in UT, Chandigarh.

Directing that the proposed action of privatisation be kept in abeyance, the Bench added the idea of establishing such wings was an egalitarian one with the aim to include sections of society needing a helping hand. The philosophy of inclusion, envisaged by Dr BR Ambedkar in the Preamble, also included the concept of 'Economic Justice'.

The Bench added: "To achieve this ideal of the Constitution as wished about by one of the greatest makers of this country, especially in such precarious times that we live in, it becomes imperative upon the administration to safeguard such institutions that protect the livelihood."

Delhi HC refuses to halt Vista project, fines petitioners



Construction work under way at Rajpath in New Delhi. **PTI**

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The Delhi High Court on Monday refused to halt construction work on the Central Vista project in the national capital, saying it was "vital and essential" and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on the petitioners for wasting its time by filing a "motivated" petition.

A Bench, headed by Chief Justice DN Patel, said the legality of the project had already been upheld by the Supreme Court and the Delhi Disaster Management Authority also allowed the work to continue.

The workers were already present at the site and, therefore, "we see no reason to stop the work", it said.

Under the contract awarded

UNION MINISTER HITS OUT AT OPPN

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said a false narrative was being created over the Central Vista redevelopment plan and asserted that it is not a "vanity project", but a necessity. He also said no design had been finalised for a new Prime Minister's residence and only two projects — the Parliament building and Central Vista Avenue — were being executed. **TNS**



to the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, the work had to be completed by November 2021 and, therefore, it should be allowed to continue, it noted.

Petitioners — Anya Malhotra, who works as a translator, and documentary filmmaker Sohail Hashmi had contended that the project was not an essential activity and therefore, it can be put on

hold in view of a sudden spike in Covid cases.

The Central Vista redevelopment plan — which aims to free up 75 acre land in the heart of the capital — involves demolition of around 10 buildings, including Shastri Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Vigyan Bhawan, Vice-President's House and Lok Nayak Bhawan. — **TNS**

Centre can't demean officers: Ex-bureaucrats

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

With former West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay getting caught in the cross-fire between the Centre and the state, former bureaucrats said the entire episode was demoralising for the officers. Retired IAS officer and former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi said, "The government should remember that it has more important jobs at hand."

Former Tripura DGP KS Subramanian said the Union Government's decision to "uni-

BENGAL ROW: 'GOVT MISUSED POWER'

"The Centre misused its power by recalling Bandyopadhyay without consulting the state. He was given extension in service for pandemic management. It was sheer humiliation. Jawhar Sircar, FORMER IAS OFFICER

laterally move the Chief Secretary on central deputation has severely dented the Centre-state relations".

He said, "IAS and IPS officers are recruited, transferred and posted by the Centre. But once posted, they are answerable to the respective state government and their shifting

should not be done without consulting the state."

The Centre's latest move has complicated the matters relating to the transfer/posting of officers, Subramanian said, adding that if politicians "do not behave maturely and responsibly", it would be become difficult to govern a "diverse and complex" coun-

try like India. Terming the Centre's move "misuse of power", former IAS officer Jawhar Sircar said, "There is another order dated May 24, 2021, for pandemic management and his (Bandyopadhyay's) extension. Without superseding that order, the officer was asked to come to Delhi. It amounts to sheer humiliation."

Another former IAS officer alleged it was a "petty-minded" act to recall the officer without consulting the state government. Bandyopadhyay was ordered to report to the Department of Personnel and Training by 10 am on Monday.

EAM to chair BRICS FMs' meet today

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will chair a meeting of BRICS Foreign Ministers on Tuesday which will also feature Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

India as the current BRICS Chair has convened the meeting via video-conferencing, which leaves no scope for an informal interaction on the sidelines. Brazilian FM Carlos Alberto Franco, Russian FM Sergey Lavrov and South African FM Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor are also expected to participate. — **TNS**

Decision on Class 12 exams in two days, Centre tells top court

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The Centre on Monday told the Supreme Court that it would decide in two days if ICSE and CBSE Class 12 examinations would be conducted this year amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the outset, Attorney General KK Venugopal urged a Bench led by Justice AM Khanwilkar to adjourn the matter, saying a meeting had been called to take a decision on the issue. "No difficulty. You can take a decision... But if you are departing from the policy last year, you must give good reasons as the last order was after detailed deliberations," the Bench told Venugopal.

The students had "sanguine hope" that the policy adopted last year should be followed this year, the Bench said, posting the matter for hearing on May 3. "Take whatever decision that's appropriate, but what has been



EXAMS MUST BE HELD: RSS-AFFILIATED BODY

New Delhi: RSS-affiliated Shiksha Sanskriti Uththan Nyas has written to the PM, urging him to ensure that Class XII board exams are held. They suggested various options, including changing the pattern to objective, allowing students to solve question papers at home and taking exams of only two to three subjects. **TNS**

expressed by the petitioner is that last year's policy should be followed. Almost a similar situation was prevalent last year," the SC said. — **TNS**

MoD trims import list of military items

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

The Ministry of Defence has come out with a list of 108 types of military equipment, vehicles, copters, ships, weapons and ammunition that will be progressively barred from being imported starting December 2021. This means, these will have to be necessarily produced within India.

In nine months, this is the second such list. In August last year, a list of 101 such items was released. The list released today imposes ban on the import of complex systems, sensors, simulator, weapons and ammunition, besides light helicopters, next generation corvettes (a type of warship), air-borne early warning and control (AEW&C) systems,

WHAT IS BARRED

Ban has been imposed on import of complex systems, sensors, simulator, weapons and ammunition, besides light helicopters, next generation corvettes, air-borne early warning and control systems, tank engines, medium power radar for mountains, medium range surface to air missiles, among others

tank engines, medium power radar for mountains, medium range surface to air missiles, among other items.

This second list is planned to be implemented progressively with effect from December 2021 to December 2025. — **TNS**

Hectic political parleys in UP ahead of Assembly elections

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NEW DELHI, MAY 31

Political parleys in Uttar Pradesh are keeping the rumour mill in full flow about various possibilities. It seems that after successfully not projecting a chief ministerial candidate in Assam during campaigning, the BJP is now considering the experiment in other poll-bound states to beat the anti-incumbency factor.

The states going to polls next year include UP, Uttarakhand, Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, all ruled by the BJP.

Apparently, a key point of the ongoing saffron parleys is to decide whether to go in for the incumbent CM as its face in the upcoming election campaigns. Sources say in elections held in different states between 2014 and 2021, the leadership found that the anti-incumbency factor tended to dominate if it was the second consecutive term of a



UP CM Yogi Adityanath

₹30 LAKH FOR KIN OF THOSE WHO DIED DURING POLL DUTY

■ The UP Cabinet has approved a financial assistance of ₹30 lakh for the kin of government personnel who died during duty in the recently held panchayat poll, including those who succumbed to Covid-19 within 30 days of poll duty, a spokesperson said.

■ "As many as 1,621 teachers and workers have died since the first week of April. More than 90 per cent of the teachers were on panchayat poll duty," UP Praathmik Shikshak Sangh chief said. **PTI**

CM, like in Haryana.

Besides, projecting an incumbent may also be counter-productive because then other hopefuls and contenders tend to pull back. Keeping this factor in mind, the BJP did not opt for incumbent Sarbajit Sonowal in Assam and kept open the field for hopeful Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is now the CM.

Besides, ever since the second wave of Covid-19, BJP

CMs, especially UP's Yogi Adityanath, are facing additional issues, including people's anger over "mismanagement". By not declaring the CM, the BJP may be able to take care of some of this anger, it is believed. The sources say Home Minister Amit Shah may be stepping in to take charge of the party's campaign in the days to come.

UP's power corridors are rife with speculations, including a reshuffle of the Cabinet.

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COVID-19 BED AVAILABILITY IN

GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE HOSPITALS

	OXYGEN BEDS		ICU BEDS (Without Ventilator)		ICU BEDS (With Ventilator)	
	Total	Available	Total	Available	Total	Available
Government Hospitals	4250	2905	486	177	393	261
Private Hospitals	6594	4087	1448	554	1079	386
Total (Govt. + Pvt.)	10844	6992	1934	731	1472	647

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