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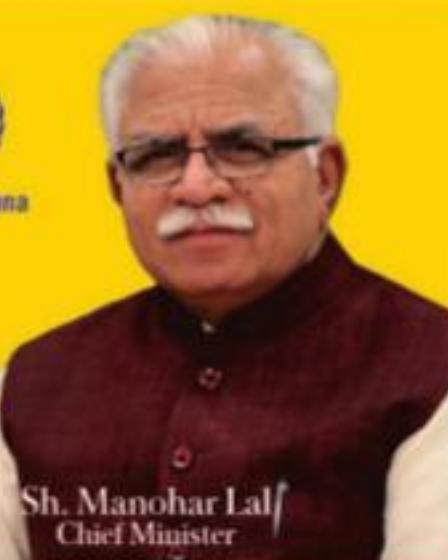
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Thaw in ties: Pak restarts import of sugar & cotton

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
In a sign of further thawing of diplomatic ties, Pakistan today approved the resumption of cotton and sugar imports from India.

Its newly appointed Finance Minister Hammad Azhar announced the Pakistan Economic Coordination Committee's (ECC) decision to import 0.5 million tonnes of white sugar and cotton from India. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is also Minister-in-Charge of Commerce and Textile, had approved the proposals put before the ECC.

The imports are being framed as a necessity. Azhar said Indian sugar was currently the cheapest in the world and Indian cotton



INDIA YET TO TAKE CALL ON PAK GOODS

Pakistan had banned trade with India on August 10, 2019, after the change in status of Jammu and Kashmir. A day later, India imposed 200% duty on Pakistani goods.

1ST MAJOR STEP IN REVERSING TRADE SUSPENSION

- Pak lifted ban on import of medicines from India in May last year
- Its Wednesday's decision is first biggest step in reversing trade suspension
- Move a symbolic gesture as its largest share of Indian exports included polypropylene, reactive dyes, pharma & tea

imports would bridge the raw material shortfall for the textile sector.

The first signs of resumption of trade will bring relief to the region as well as the ecosystem around Wagah that

began a hostage to the rising tensions. Trade had begun declining even before Pakistan banned all trade with India on August 10, 2019, after the change in status of

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Mark low vax coverage pockets: Centre

Shots for all 45-plus from today

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JABS IN PVT FACILITIES

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| Chandigarh | 50.30% |
| Delhi | 43.11% |
| Punjab | 32.37% |
| Goa | 27.12% |
| MP | 21.82% |
| Haryana | 19.13% |
| Uttarakhand | 17.25% |
| All India | 16.53% |

CAP WASTAGE RATE AT LESS THAN 1 PC: CENTRE

DGCI EXTENDS COVISHIELD LIFE TO 9 MTHS
RANDOM TESTING OF FLYERS AT DELHI AIRPORT
PFIZER SAYS ITS VAX SAFE FOR 12 TO 15-YR-OLDS
EX-PM GOWDA, WIFE INFECTED; 26 ATHLETES AT NIS, PATIALA

speed up the drive.

The national vaccine wastage rate is averaging 6.5

per cent and corresponding rates are as high as 17.6 per cent in Telangana, over 11 per

cent in Uttar Pradesh and over 8 per cent in Punjab. The online registration for vaccinations starts tomorrow morning. Eligible groups can register on www.cowin.gov.in or Aarogya Setu.

The Centre said onsite registration will be available daily at the nearest health facilities, but only after 3 pm.

"Before 3 pm, the facilities will entertain people who have registered online and booked advance appointments. The identity cards permitted include Aadhaar, voter card, driving licence, bank passbook, passport among others," Health Sec-

retary Rajesh Bhushan said.

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Interest rates on small savings schemes cut

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



NEW DELHI, MARCH 31

It's bad news for fixed income depositors. The government on Wednesday cut the interest rates on a slew of such schemes, including the post office small savings schemes, for three months and Senior Citizen Savings Scheme to 6.5% from 7.4 % per annum.

The interest rate on PPF has been cut to a 4-year low of 6.4% from 7.1% per annum while the five-year monthly income account scheme will offer 5.7 per cent instead of 6.6 per cent payable monthly. On the one-year time

deposit, the rate of interest will be 4.4% while on the five-year deposit the rate will remain 5.8% per annum.

The biggest cut is on the one-year deposit. The new rate stands lower by 1.1%. The interest rate on post

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Free bus travel for Pb women from today

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31

Women in Punjab will travel free of cost in all government-run buses within the state starting Thursday, provided they carry their Aadhaar card, voter card or any other proof of residence. The Cabinet on Wednesday accorded its approval to the scheme that is expected to benefit over 1.31 crore women/girls. — TNS

In brief

Fire breaks out in Delhi hospital

NEW DELHI: A fire broke out on Wednesday morning in the ICU of the Safdarjung Hospital here following which 50 patients were evacuated, fire officials said. No casualty has been reported in the blaze that broke out around 6:30 am, they said. — PTI

Implementation of labour codes on hold

NEW DELHI: The four labour codes will not come into effect from April 1 as states are yet to finalise the relevant rules, which means that there will be no change in take home pay of employee. — NATION

NCB arrests actor in drugs case

MUMBAI: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has arrested Bollywood actor and former Bigg Boss contestant Ajaz Khan in connection with a drugs case. — PTI

Poll in mind, Pb clears ED to curb illegal mining

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31
Elections approaching, the Punjab Cabinet today cleared the setting up of an enforcement directorate (ED) to check illegal mining. An announcement in this regard was made by Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh during the Budget Session.

The ED is to be set up under the Mining and Geology Wing of Water Resources Department. Headed by a senior police officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General (DIG), it will ensure that those involved in the sand and gravel business do not charge above the sale price ceiling laid out in the mining policy. It will also stop unauthorised movement of minor minerals within the state and at inter-state borders in conjunction with mining officials and facilitate prosecution of the accused under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

VILLAGERS PROTEST

In Ropar, residents of villages on the banks of the Sutlej have been holding a dharna near the Algran bridge since March 15, demanding a clampdown on the mining mafia. They say the depleting underground water table has rendered tube wells useless. — INSIDE

The districts of Mohali, Ropar, Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Ludhiana, Nawanshahr, Jalandhar, Ferozepur, Sangrur and Bathinda will be given special attention to ensure legitimate mining operations. The ED will have the mandate to chalk out strategies, measures and methods to achieve its objectives in coordination with the Director-Mining, chief engineers and district-level enforcement committees under the DCs.

It will develop actionable intelligence for the purpose and co-ordinate with agencies of neighbouring states.

HP promotes all pupils except of classes X, XII

BHANU P LOHAMI

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MARCH 31
All government school students in Himachal Pradesh, barring those in Class X and XII, have been promoted to the next standard irrespective of their result in the annual examination conducted recently.

The final exams of non-board classes were held from

No relaxation for those who skipped exam

March 8 onwards. The result was prepared too, but the government decided to promote all of them in view of the Covid situation, which had restricted classes to online mode. The students of

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BSP MLA Mukhtar Ansari at a Mohali court on Wednesday. His wife has written to the President, seeking security for him during transfer to UP jail, as directed by the SC. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

Gender gap: India slips 28 places

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31

India has slipped 28 places to rank 140th among 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021, becoming the third-worst performer in South Asia.

According to the report, the country had ranked 112th among 153 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index 2020. India's gender gap on this dimension widened by 3 per cent this year. — NATION

abad, Sartaj Baswana, concluded in the judgment which was made public today.

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NIKITA MURDER

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31
The judgment pronounced in the Nikita Tomar case concludes that convict Tausif's infatuation with the victim led

to the killing. It makes no mention of "love jihad".

However, Home Minister Anil Vij as well as president of the Haryana State Commission for Women Preeti Bhardwaj had cited "love jihad" as the reason for the 20-year-old Faridabad student's murder to press for a law against "conversion" in the state.

"It is clearly established that Tausif had a liking for

Hry Home Minister had hinted at 'conversion'

WHAT THE COURT SAID

This is a case where interest of society and justice shall be served by imposing life imprisonment than putting the accused to death. The case does not fall in "rarest of rare" category. Addl Sessions Judge

victim Nikita Tomar... and tried to abduct Nikita Tomar, showing a pistol. When she

valiantly resisted his attempts, he shot her." Additional Sessions Judge, Faridabad, Sartaj Baswana, concluded in the judgment which was made public today.

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Ministers nudge CM on farm DBT

Ask Capt to take up issue with PM Modi | Meeting with stakeholders today

DON'T IMPLEMENT SCHEME, SAYS SAD

- The SAD on Wednesday asked Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to oppose the DBT scheme for government purchase of foodgrain resolutely instead of seeking time to implement the same, even as it asked the Centre to reconsider imposing the scheme forcefully on Punjab
- In an official statement, SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema said Capt Amarinder Singh was at fault for agreeing to implement the scheme from the forthcoming 'rabi' season

The Chief Minister informed his Cabinet colleagues that despite writing to the Prime Minister, Home Minister and Food Minister, nothing had happened. Opposing the direct bank transfer (DBT) scheme for farmers, the Chief Minister had written to the PM, seeking his intervention in issuing directions to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to defer the implementation of the DBT scheme for at least a year.

"The arthiyas and farmers had good relations. There is no need to change the system when it was working well. Around 50 per cent farmers gave their land on contract. So how will those who till the land get their money under the DBT?" the Chief Minister had stated. After a detailed discussion, the Chief Minister decided to tomorrow chair a meeting on the issue with all stakeholders, including arthiyas.

Randhawa walks out of 'quota roster' meet

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31

A meeting of some ministers and MLAs called on Tuesday to finalise "roster of reservation" for SC, BC and women candidates in civic bodies saw Cooperation and Jails Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa walking out of the meeting over a remark made by a senior government functionary.

Nearly 15 MLAs and at least three ministers — Tripti Rajinder Bajwa, Sukhjinder Randhawa and Bharat Bhushan Ashu —



Sukhjinder Randhawa

were present in the meeting. A remark made by the functionary over leakage of information upset Randhawa.

Some of the MLAs present in the meeting said the minister made it an issue of personal integrity. The "roster of reservation" prepared by the Local Government Department has not found favour with MLAs, who want their choice of candidate to be elected as mayor or president of the elected body. "Legally, the roster cannot be changed," an official said.



People stage a dharna against illegal mining at Algran village in Ropar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Ropar villagers protest illegal mining as tubewells go dry

ARUN SHARMA

Tribune News Service

ROPAR, MARCH 31

As the authorities have failed to keep a check on illegal mining in the district, residents of several villages on the banks of Sutlej have decided to take up the cudgels against the mining mafia. A large number of people have been sitting on a dharna near Algran bridge since March 15, demanding a clampdown on the mafia.

Protesters said deep pits left after illegal mining not only posed a threat to their lives, but had also pushed groundwater further down, rendering several tubewells useless. The issue was also highlighted in the columns of this newspaper on July 15, 2019. Earlier, the riverbed was dug up to 10 feet and groundwater recharged through it used to maintain high levels in adjoining villages.

Experts say a riverbed is dug up to 50 feet and the

NEED TO DIG 80 FT TO FETCH WATER

“The illegal mining has been rampant for years in an area of 11 km in and around my village. Earlier, the water was available at 25 feet for tubewells, but now one has to dig at least 80 feet to get it.

Saroop Singh, Harsa Bela Villager

water recharge also starts from the same depth, resulting in groundwater depletion. This also leads to groundwater pollution.

Tikka Yashvir Chand, a local resident, said taps in their villages had gone dry due to deep digging of riverbeds. Farmers in Harsa Bela, Mehandpur, Bhangan, Khera Kalmot, Majari lower, Aalwan, Haripur, Plahta, Samundrian, Bhanuh, Nalhoti lower, Kalwan, Swarha,

Surewal, Sahjowal, Bainspur, Sukhsal, Daghaur, Dayapur, Majari Upper, Bhaladi, Nangran, Taraf Mazara, Bhalan, Taraf Mazari, Algran and Sansawal villages had spent lakhs of rupees on new tube-wells, he said.

Akash Rana of Nangran village said that they were not against the regulated mining, but the plunder of sand and gravel and the non-availability of potable water had forced them to protest.

Admitting that illegal mining was rampant in the area, mining department officials stressed they were taking strict action against offenders.

District mining officer Sukhwinder Singh Kalsi said he met the protesting villagers last week and assured them of action against the mafia. Five persons had already been identified and cases would be registered against them by tomorrow and efforts were being made to identify others also, he said.

Protesters atop tower refuse to budge

Tribune News Service

PATHANKOT, MARCH 31

High drama was witnessed on Wednesday as the police unsuccessfully tried to convince the two octogenarians perched on a 150-ft-high telecommunication tower to end their protest.

After a tense night, SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana deputed a SP-rank officer, Gurvinder Sangha, to hold talks with Saram Singh (82) and Kulwinder Singh (84), who are protesting against the Punjab Government's decision to not give com-



pensation for their land acquired in 1993 for the construction of the Ranjit Sagar Dam (RSD).

For the past 77 days, nearly 60-odd people have been holding a protest in front of the RSD Chief Engineer's office in Juggial just near where the tower is located.

Dyal Singh, spokesman, RSD Oustees Sangharsh Committee, said the government had also promised to give a job to a member of each displaced family. "The government has reneged on both its promises," he said.

Both Saram and Kul-

winder spent the night on a 4 by 4 feet iron platform on the tower. The protesters claimed that former Pathankot Deputy Commissioner (DC) Gurpreet Singh Khaira had prepared a detailed report which went in their favour. "Both octogenarians will climb down only and only if the district administration assures us that the Khaira report will be implemented. Saram Singh, actually, is sick. He needs medical aid. If anything happens to him the administration will be held responsible," said Dyal Singh.

In a first, SGPC passes resolution against RSS

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, MARCH 31

The SGPC has condemned the RSS for suppressing the freedom of other religions and minorities in an attempt to make the country a 'Hindu rashtra'.

This is for the first time that the SGPC's general house meeting has passed a resolution against the RSS. Acting Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh had spoken against it many



MINORITIES BEING THREATENED

- In the resolution passed at the general house meeting, the SGPC accused the RSS of threatening the minority communities by intervening in their affairs
- "Such attempts were made by the Mughals in the 17th century which were resisted by Sikh gurus," it read

times, seeking a ban on it. SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur and Akal Takht Jathedar were also present at the meeting.

In a resolution passed during its budget session on Tuesday, the SGPC accused the RSS of threatening the minority communities by intervening in their affairs.

"Such attempts were made by the Mughals in the 17th century which were resisted by Sikh gurus while ninth

Sikh master Guru Tegh Bahadur made a supreme sacrifice for other communities," the resolution read.

Every religion had contributed and made sacrifices for the freedom of the country and 80 per cent of them were Sikhs, the resolution pointed out.

Cautioning the central government, the SGPC said it should rein in such elements and should ensure the religious freedom of other religions.

6 yrs on, SGPC flays Bargari sacrilege

AMRITSAR, MARCH 31

It took six years for the SGPC to condemn the Bargari sacrilege incident that led to widespread protest and subsequent killing of two Sikh protesters in the alleged police firing at Behbal Kalan.

The resolution, condemning the incident, was passed at the general house meeting held on Tuesday.

This has attained significance in the Panthic circles as the Assembly elections are due early next year while the SGPC polls are also awaited. Experts pointed out that by condemning the sacrilege of the holy scripture at Bargari village in October 2015, the Shiromani Akali Dal, which controls the apex body, was trying to regain its lost ground following debacle in the 2017 Assembly polls. The

failure of the SAD government in curbing the sacrilegious instances and bringing the perpetrators to book was considered the main reason for its downfall.

Though the resolution was originally not on the agenda, it was included and unanimously passed after several members raised the issue. They pointed out that the committee had failed to condemn the incident even after several years. The members also demanded monetary help to the victims' families, besides stringent action against the police responsible for the firing.

Following this, SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur brought in a special resolution, condemning the incident, and instead of seeking action from the government. —TNS

Baptism row: Takht seeks details of CKD members

AMRITSAR, MARCH 31

The five Sikh high priests today directed the Chief Khalsa Diwan (CKD) to submit the documents regarding their 'Amritdhari' members to the Akal Takht within two days.

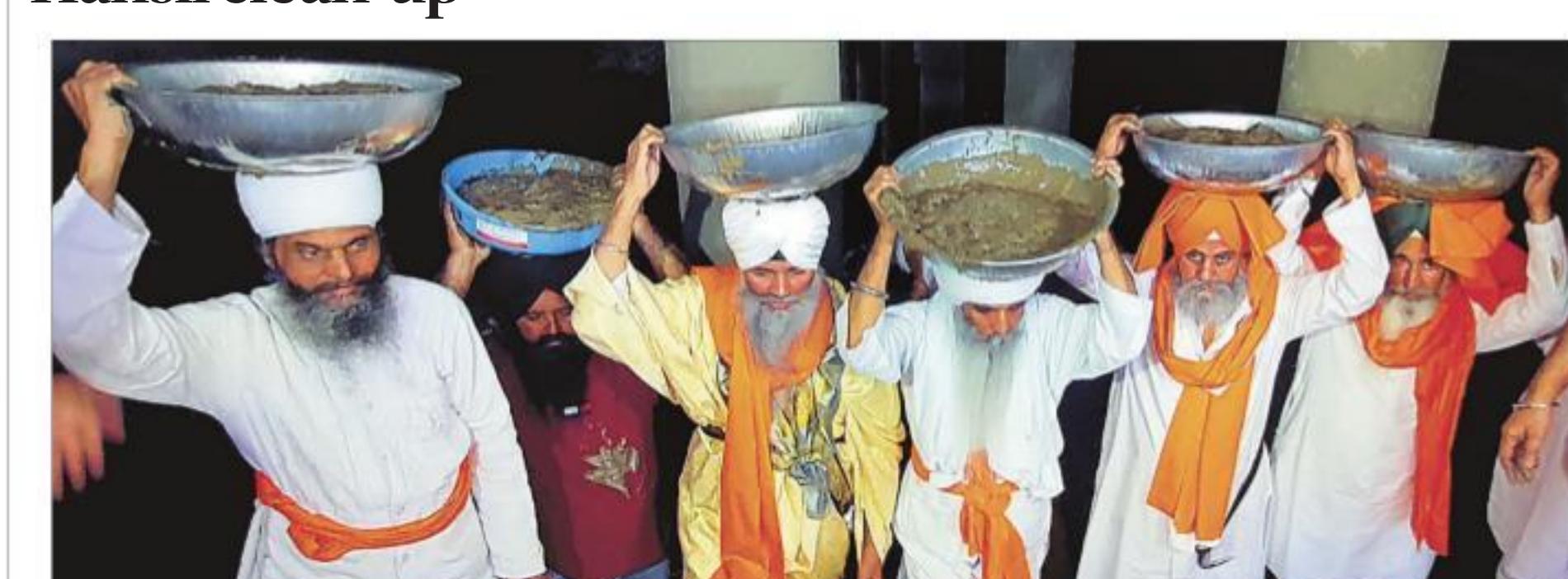
It had summoned CKD president Nirmal Singh along with other officer-bearers in the row over 'non-baptised' members allegedly being included in organisation.

Akal Takht acting Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh said the CKD authorities were asked to submit self-declaration forms of its members which declared



CKD president Nirmal Singh (C) and other office-bearers at the Akal Takht secretariat in Amritsar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Hansli clean-up



Volunteers begin cleaning of The Hansli (source of water channel) located at Tara Wala Pul, Amritsar, on Wednesday. The Hansli supplies water to five holy sarovars, including the one at the Golden Temple. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

Despite Covid surge, more join farm stir

PARVESH SHARMA

Tribune News Service

SANGRUR, MARCH 31

The rise of Covid-19 cases has failed to dampen the spirit of farmers as the number of protesters opposing the central farm laws has been increasing at various protest sites in Sangrur and Barnala districts.

"The Centre has been trying to hand over the country to corporate houses, but we will not allow it. Our protest here has been going on for the past 179 days. With time, the protest has gained momentum as now even children are joining us," said Dharminder Pashore, a BKU Ugrahan leader, protesting at a petrol station at Lehal Khurd village in Sangrur.

"We have not missed the protest for even a single day. Our male members are at



Farmers protest the central agricultural laws in Barnala.

Dhannaula on the Sangrur-Barnala road, where protest has also been going on for the past 179 days.

"We have not missed the protest for even a single day. Our male members are at

been supplying milk and other essential commodities regularly to protest sites near their villages. "We have not seen dearth of milk or any other item since the beginning, as residents have been contributing generously," said Gamdoor Singh, an elderly at the toll plaza.

Asked whether they were ready to get vaccinated, they replied in the negative, saying they did not have faith in the health authorities. "We converge daily and have not seen single protesters die of Covid-19. Under the garb of pandemic, the government wants to scare us away, but it will not work," said Balwant Singh while protesting at the Barnala railway station.

Gangsters on fast over 'poor quality' jail food

SUKHEEMET BHASIN

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, MARCH 31

After being shifted to a high-security zone, 12 hardcore gangsters are on a hunger strike inside the Bathinda Central Jail for the past few days alleging poor quality of food and harassment.

It is learnt that gangsters Gurpreet Sekhon, Kulpreet Singh, alias Neeta Deol, Manveer Singh Sekhon, alias Mani Deol, Rammi Machana, Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and others are on a hunger strike inside the Bathinda Central Jail. Today, their protest entered the seventh day.

On Tuesday, a team of doctors went to the jail for their check-up. In the evening, the condition of Bhagwanpuria deteriorated after which he was referred to the Civil Hospital but he refused to take the treatment. Bhagwanpuria alleged they were being given

during a farmers' protest at Bathinda chowk in Malout on Monday has gone viral on the social media. In the video, he allegedly said: "The day Grewal visits Malout, we will make his condition such that it will be beyond even his own imagination." Bachittar, however, denied threatening anyone. —TNS

BJP leader 'threatened'

MUKTSAR, MARCH 31

Four days after BJP's Aborha MLA Arun Narang was allegedly assaulted in Malout town, a young farmer from Kuraiwala village here today publicly "threatened" another senior BJP leader, Harjit Singh Grewal. Identified as Bachittar, a video of his alleged speech

Boxing coach, 25 others test positive at NIS

Tokyo Olympic-bound athletes -ve

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
Twenty-six sportspersons and support staff were found positive after around 380 athletes were subjected to tests for Covid at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala, a Sports Authority of India (SAI) source said today.

However, the 26 positive results did not include any Tokyo Olympic-bound athlete. India's men's boxing chief coach CA Kuttappa and shot put coach Mohinder Singh Dhillon were among those who had tested positive, the SAI source said.

"Around 380 athletes at the NIS Patiala were tested recently. The tests were conducted across the board and were not random," the source said. It is learnt that 10 of the 26 positive cases are from the track and field group training at the institute.

"The positive athletes have been isolated and the entire campus has been sanitised," the source said. However, all weightlifters housed at the sports institute had tested negative. The boxers, who had tested positive, included Asian silver-medallist Deepak Kumar and India Open gold-medallist Sanjit.

GNDU EXAMS PUT OFF

JALANDHAR: After the government deferred the opening of campuses till April 10, Guru Nanak Dev University also decided to put off the exams for another 10 days. The exams were going on when the government had on March 19 announced to shut the campuses till March 31 owing to a spurt in cases. A circular issued by the university on Wednesday said all exams had been postponed till April 10 and a fresh date would be announced later.

56 DIE IN 24 HRS

CHANDIGARH: The state reported 2,452 cases, including 56 deaths, in the past 24 hours. Hoshiarpur and Jalandhar topped the chart with nine deaths each, followed by Ludhiana and Patiala eight deaths each, SAS Nagar five and Kapurthala four deaths.

Sanjit. "Some more test results are awaited. The cases in boxing are seven as of now," another source said. — PTI

Muktsar school staff take out protest march

MUKTSAR, MARCH 31
Employees of private schools and operators of school vans today took out a protest march in the town and gheraoed the District Administrative Complex against the state government's decision of closing schools till April 10.

The protesters said, "It is strange that liquor vends, bars and restaurants are open, but the schools are closed due to Covid-19. We are facing huge financial losses. We are unable to manage our daily expenses. The state government should think about us." They later handed over a memorandum in this regard and dispersed. — TNS

The students alleged there was no admission in the BSc course last year on the pretext that the college was not fulfilling conditions under the Punjab State Council for Agricultural Education Act.

The authorities claimed the admissions were not done last year due to the Covid pandemic, but students claimed the college was facing acute shortage of staff. — TNS



Teachers, parents and school van drivers take out a protest march in Bathinda on Wednesday. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

Parents, bus drivers want schools opened

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, MARCH 31
Members of the Federation of Private Schools and Association, Bathinda, including parents of students studying in private schools, bus drivers, conductors, teachers and non-teaching staff took out a protest march in the city, demanding opening of schools, so that studies of students are not affected any further.

The protesters started from the Powerhouse road, walked to Shaheed Nand Singh Chowk and Hanuman Chowk, and after moving from the bus stand, reached the District Administrative

CM warns of stricter curbs, revokes one-hour silence order

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31
CM Capt Amarinder Singh today warned of stricter restrictions if the situation did not improve next week.

The situation will be reviewed again on April 8 and the decision on further curbs may be taken if the Covid spread continues unchecked,

the CM said during a virtual review meeting with top health, administrative and police officials. Taking note of inconvenience to commuters,

the CM also ordered doing away with the one-hour silence on Saturdays. Underlining the need for aggressive vaccination, he directed officials to

reach out to people in the worst-affected districts and motivate them to get vaccinated. He also directed stricter enforcement of restrictions in Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Mohali and Amritsar. Dr KK Talwar, head, state Covid expert panel, said more enforcement of restrictions was needed in urban areas. — TNS



Nawan Naroa PUNJAB



*Tusi ikk Kadam Vadha
Muft bus safar tuhad i udeek vich hai*

*State-wide launch of
FREE BUS TRAVEL
FACILITY FOR WOMEN
by
Chief Minister
Capt. Amarinder Singh
on
April 1, 2021 (Thursday)*

“As part of several path-breaking initiatives towards women empowerment, my government has extended another facility of free travel in state owned buses to them. My commitment to provide free bus travel for women stands fulfilled today. ”

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



Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Punjab

CLASSIFIEDS**SITUATION VACANT**

GOLDEN ERA SCHOOL (upto 12th), Affiliated with CBSE, Dittipur Jattan, Bhadson Patiala Road, Urgently needs Vice-Principal (Male candidate will be preferred) and PGT- Geography, English and Biology. Candidates can come for the interview in the school between 09:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. on working days. Email: gespatial@gmail.com Contact No. 01765-283116, 283117. (CL20114840)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

1. Sunny Mohan s/o Mohan Parkash r/o H.No.4, Sandesh Vihar, PM Public School, Pitampura, North West Delhi, has changed my name to Luv Mohan Gupta. (CL20114787)

1. Swati Mohan w/o Shaishava Mittal, r/o H.No.69, Shanti Niwas, Hardyal Road, Jalandhar, has changed my name to Swapna Shaishava Mittal. (CL20114788)

1. Devinder Singh Sehgal s/o Rajinder Singh r/o # 89, Anand Nagar-A Extension, Patiala, have changed my name to Devinder Singh. (CL20114821)

1. Harjot Singh Matharu s/o Rattan Kanwal Singh Matharao r/o Plot No. 186-A, Industrial Area, Phagiana, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Harjot Singh Matharao. (CL20114848)

1. Sarbjit d/o Balwinder Singh r/o H. No. 2307, St. No. 0, Dawar Wali Gali, New Vishnu Puri, Ludhiana, Punjab, have changed my name to Sarbjit Kaur. (CL20114908)

1. Vijay Sharma s/o Sh. Nathu Ram r/o Rajiana, PO Suhin, Tehsil Rakkar Distt. Kangra HP. Declare that my correct name is Vijay Sharma instead of Vijay Kumar. (CL20115051)

1. Sunita Sharma w/o Sh. Vijay Sharma r/o Rajiana, PO Suhin, Tehsil Rakkar, Distt. Kangra HP, declare that my correct name is Sunita Sharma instead of Sunita Rani. (CL20115053)

1. Army number 1514887K, Rank Hav. (DS) Ram Swaroop son of Kartar Chand, VPO Sukhar, Tehsil Nurpur, District Kangra (HP) declare that my wife Baby's birth date in my Army record was wrongly entered 21.08.1986 whereas her correct birth date is 11.08.1986. Her concerned note. (CL20115054)

1. Disha d/o Ex. No. 1454326K Honey/NB Sub. Tilak Rajo/PV Padar, Tehsil Khairala, Distt. Kangra (HP). Declare that my name in my father's Army record wrongly entered as Disha Sharma. Whereas my correct name is Disha. Concerned note it. (CL20115058)

COURT NOTICE

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Jaswinder Sheemar Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangrur.

The Punjab State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

Vs.
Baldev Krishan EXE/561/2018

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Relief to arhtiyas on interest payment

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday announced a major relief for arhtiyas in the outstanding payment of interest and penalties just a day ahead of the start of the rabi procurement season tomorrow.

"There are plot holders owning plots in grain markets and vegetable mandis of the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB), who are unable to pay their installments on time due to different reasons. Now, the state government has decided to give 40 per cent interest waiver on the default amount and 100 per cent waiver on penal interest, provided that the plot holder clears the entire balance amount by June 15," said Khattar.

He said that at present, there were 2,421 allottees on the defaulters' list of the HSAMB and about Rs 1,131 crore was outstanding against them. After today's announcement, these plot holders would get a benefit of Rs 370 crore.

40% waiver on default amount, 100% on penal interest

BENEFICIARIES

- The CM said a legislation to be brought to distinguish between owners of farm-land and those who till it
- Benefits to be given to those who till the land

The Chief Minister clarified that farmers would be paid directly during the procurement season. "If there are issues related to money lending between the farmers and the arhtiyas, they have to sort these out themselves," he said. "If there is a delay of more than 72 hours in payment to farmers, they will get interest at the rate of 9 per cent," he added.

"The preparations for procurement have been made and the Standard Operating Procedure to be followed have been issued," he said. —TNS

Wheat procurement from today

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31

A bumper crop of wheat is expected in Haryana this time, as the authorities prepare to start the procurement process from tomorrow. As per estimates, the wheat production in the state is expected to cross 121 lakh MT, higher than 118 lakh MT of production last year.

"The area under wheat crop in the state this year is 63,01,500 acres (25.2 lakh hectares). We are expecting a yield of 1,928.7 kg per acre and hence 121.53 lakh MT production," said Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Haryana.

During 2019-20, the area under wheat crop was 25.34 lakh hectares and the production was 118.77 lakh MT. The wheat production was 125.73 lakh MT during 2018-19, 122.65 lakh MT (2017-18), 123.10 lakh MT (2016-17) and 113.50 lakh MT (2015-16).

Bumper crop expected



Preparations under way at the Karnal mandi. SAYEED AHMED

Make plans on millet use in food items, firms told

Chandigarh: CM Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday directed the officers concerned to explore the possibility of increasing the utilisation of millet in food items. He discussed the utilisation of millet with representatives of well-known companies such as Parle-G, ITC, Om Sweets, Harish Bakery, Kakaji Bakery and Bikani via videoconferencing. He said in next few months, they should make a plan on how millet could be utilised in food items.

Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh, Director of Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal, said that due to the early winter, a bumper production of wheat in the region as well as in the country was

expected this time. He said the grain size was good and the crop had no disease.

"The yield is good this time and we are expecting a production of 112 million tonnes of wheat in the country this time. Last

year, the production was 107 million tonnes," he said. The area under wheat in the country this time is 31.6 million hectares.

Gurjeet Singh Mann, a progressive farmer of Sirsa, said that the wheat crop was standing good, as of now. "Farmers were worried due to the sudden rise in temperatures in the first half of March, but widespread rain caused the mercury to dip. Most of wheat fields today are free from disease and pest. A colder March could have definitely delayed the ripening of late sown wheat grains and a bumper crop, but even now we expect a good harvest," said Mann.

Meanwhile, Sirsa is likely to contribute the maximum 15.37 lakh MT to the wheat production in the state, followed by Hisar (10.90 lakh MT), Jind (10.78 lakh MT), Fatehabad (9.94 lakh MT), Karnal (8.94 lakh MT) and Kaithal (8.52 lakh MT), according to the government estimates.



Farmer leaders address the media in Rohtak on Wednesday.

SKM plans march to Parliament in May

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Strategy to counter new Bill tomorrow

■ The SKM has convened a convention in Rohtak on April 2 to deliberate on the strategy to counter the Haryana Recovery of Damages to Property During Disturbance to Public Order Bill, 2021.

■ SKM state unit leaders Inderjit Singh, Prem Singh Gahlawat, Jai Karan Dalal and Sumit termed the Bill as "a colonial-style draconian step taken to stifle democracy."

formed to plan the march and control the protesters if the police take action against them," said Charuni.

Besides, the SKM would mark FCI Bachao Diwas on April 5 and gherao FCI offices in all districts in the country from 11 am to 5 pm. The SKM

has already announced to block the KMP Expressway for 24 hours from 11 am on April 10 to 11 am on April 11 and celebrate Baisakhi on the Delhi borders on April 13.

The march would be held peacefully and no vehicle would be allowed. Special care would be taken that what happened on January 26 was not repeated.

"A committee would be

Men can't step into shoes of women sarpanches, rules HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31
The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday directed the Haryana Financial Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Development and Panchayats, to ensure that men did not step into the shoes of women sarpanches.

The direction came as Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan rapped the Bhiwani Deputy Commissioner for his failure to check the common belief in rural areas that a woman

sarpanch could not be a good leader. Justice Sangwan was hearing a petition alleging that a man was permitted to work as a sarpanch in place of his daughter-in-law.

The Judge also made it clear that the Deputy Commissioners in the state, being the heads of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), were required to keep a check that "de jure election of the lady sarpanch was not taken over by de-facto male members of her family".

"The Financial Commiss-

POWERS OF SARPANCH DEFINED

■ The powers, functions and duties of a sarpanch and a gram panchayat are defined in the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act. It is nowhere provided that a person, who is neither a sarpanch nor a panchayat member, could perform on the gram panchayat's behalf, or be substituted as a sarpanch. High Court

sioner-cum-Secretary to Government of Haryana, Department of Development and Panchayats, is directed to ensure and circulate among all the Deputy Commissioners of the Haryana

that no such permission be granted to a male person, who is neither a member of the panchayat nor a sarpanch to act on behalf of the lady sarpanch," Justice Sangwan asserted.

The directions were also issued to forward information to the High Court Registrar General after sending the communication to all Deputy Commissioners. For the purpose, Justice Sangwan set a month's deadline.

The Judge asserted that in Haryana, the sex ratio was the poorest in the country. The women in rural areas were subjected to domestic violence, faced social and cultural barriers and were prevented from socialisation.

Deprecating the Deputy

Commissioner's causal approach in not ensuring women's empowerment in the panchayati raj system, Justice Sangwan added he also failed to check the widespread impression in rural Haryana that the male members of the sarpanch's family could suo motu assume her powers in a self-styled notion that only male member could work in her place.

He was also directed to personally verify the facts before filing any affidavit in the HC in the future.



Punjab Government

led by

Chief Minister
Capt. Amarinder Singh

pays glowing tributes to the legendary Sikh personality and great social reformer committed to value based politics

Panth Ratan

JATHEDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA



on his
17th Death Anniversary
on April 1, 2021 (Thursday)

S. Sadhu Singh Dharmsoot
Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment & Minorities
will pay respects



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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences on behalf of Dept. of Medical Education & Research, Govt. of Punjab for supply and Installation of Equipments for COVID-19 testing labs (COVID-LAB) at various Institutes/ places situated in Punjab upto 08.04.2021.

Other terms and conditions can be downloaded from <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The tenders will be accepted in e-tender mode only. Bidder can also download tender notification and document from university website: www.bfuhhs.ac.in.

REGISTRAR

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG PRESS NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Padhar, (Himachal Pradesh) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.

| Sr. No. | Name of work | Estimated cost (Rs.) | Ernest Money | Time |
|---------|---|----------------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Providing and Installation of 150 Nos. India Mark-III (65 mm) and Mark II (32 mm) deep well hand pumps in different Division under (M2) Mandi of Himachal Pradesh. (SH:- Drilling by DTH/ODEX percussion/Calyx/RC portable rigs Non tribal area ODEX=83 Nos, DTH=55 Nos. Tribal Area ODEX=10 Nos., DHT=2 Nos. Method during the year 2021-22) | 4,81,32,878/- | 50,000/- | One Year |

Cost of tender form:- 2500/-

1. Last date of filling/uploading the tender is 31.03.2021 up to 5.00 p.m. which shall be opened on dated 17.04.2021 at 11.30 a.m.
2. Tender Documents and other detail instruction can be downloaded or views online from the portal <https://htenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual.

**Executive Engineer,
JS Division Padhar.**

DPR/HP/6856 HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPAK

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING

E-TENDER NOTICE

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of Built-up Dwelling Units on Free Hold Basis in U.T. Chandigarh.

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the sale of Built-up Dwelling Units. There will be 109 Built-up Dwelling Units and e-tenders shall be invited individually for each of the Built-up Dwelling Units.

1. The E-Tender process is open for all the citizens of India as well as NRIs/PIOs above 18 years of age. The persons already having any property (Residential or Commercial) can also participate in the E-Tender.

2. The Built-up Dwelling Units shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting above the reserve price of the Built-up Dwelling Units. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price. Since the completed Dwelling units are being sold, no GST is applicable on the Sale Price.

3. All willing participants may visit the official website www.chbonline.in for information / to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tenders and submission of earnest money (EMD), is available on the official website www.chbonline.in

4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself / herself registered at <https://etender.chd.nic.in>.

5. The Terms & Conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/ sectors of Built-up Dwelling Units and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Chandigarh Housing Board www.chbonline.in from 'Tenders/Auction' section.

6. For inspections of the dwelling units, the prospective bidders may contact the following CHB site offices in the respective Sectors.

| Days and Dates for Inspection | All Saturdays of April i.e. 03rd, 10th, 17th and 24th April 2021 between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM |
|--|--|
| CHB site offices to facilitate inspection of Units | Sector - 38(W) At DU No. 4768-A Sector-49 At DU No. 2774-A Sector-51 At DU No. 153-A Sector-63 (3BR & 2BR) At DU No. 2212-A Sector-63 (1BR & EWS) At DU No. 2336 |

7. E-Tenders will be available at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in> on 01.04.2021 at 10:00AM onwards and the bidders may immediately start to submit their bids.

Schedule of dates for allotment of Built-up Dwelling Units:-

- Starting date and time for bid submission: From 01st April 2021 (10:00am)
- Closing date and time for bid submission: Till 30th April 2021 (upto 02:00pm)
- Opening of e-bids: 30th April 2021 (03:00 pm onwards)

Chief Accounts Officer
Chandigarh Housing Board Chandigarh.

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THE TRIBUNE WEAR MASK, WASH YOUR HANDS, WATCH YOUR DISTANCE.

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Expand vax drive

Along with 45-plus, allow younger population too

As the vaccination drive opens for all above 45 today, it calls for a reinforcement of the infrastructural facilities necessary to cater to the huge mass of beneficiaries now eligible for the jabs along with the 60-plus, who would also start queuing up duly for their second shot as their four-to-eight week period between the two doses closes in. The authorities — including in Punjab, which is in a vice-like grip of the deadly coronavirus — have done well to energise the inoculation campaign by expanding the vaccination sites and easing the bottlenecks in the process.

Hassle-free vaccination camps planned in such places as the police lines, educational institutions, prisons, offices and industrial complexes and allowing people to register themselves with any photo ID proof should help the targeted groups shed hesitancy and improve the vaccination rate. So should taking mobile vaccination centres to densely crowded marketplaces, bus stands, railway stations, etc. With Covid-positivity rising among the younger population — which is up and about and no longer confined to their homes — the government would do well to include them for the shots. It must seriously consider allowing all above 18 who are willing to take the jab. For, crucial to tackling the pandemic is making the largest numbers immunogenic to the virus in the shortest possible time so as to break the chain of transmission.

Simultaneously, the authorities need to stay focused on and constantly review the efforts to check the spread of the rapidly escalating cases of Covid-19 infections and deaths. Driven largely by the highly transmissible UK variant of the coronavirus that has struck the country, the surge has given rise to a grave situation. Any laxity or complacency in following the Covid-appropriate behaviour at both the individual and institutional (both government and private) levels is fraught with serious repercussions. Irresponsible actions have the potential to spin our hard-pressed health system out of control. Ramping up sampling and testing of random people in crowded places and contacts of Covid patients is urgently needed to contain the virus. Only then can we avoid another lockdown.

Securing e-transactions

RBI's guidelines reassuring for customers

THE Reserve Bank of India's new guidelines may not take effect from today as mandated, the deadline for adherence having been extended till September 30 since the banks and merchants are not ready with the infrastructure, but change is certainly coming with regard to auto-payment rules for mobile, utility and other bills. The e-mandate requires additional factor authentication for recurring transactions. Banks are supposed to inform customers in advance about auto-debit payments that use debit cards, credit cards, UPI and other prepaid payment instruments below Rs 5,000. The users will have to give the go-ahead at least once for every auto-debit payment. For recurring payments above Rs 5,000, banks are required to send a one-time password. For the customers, the rules not only provide safeguards, but offer transparency and are empowering too — with the facility to cancel the e-mandate before the debit, or withdraw at any point of time.

Bolstering the safety of card transactions has been high on the RBI's agenda. Citing cyber and server security risks, in March last year it said that no merchants, including payment gateways and aggregators that process payments, should be able to store customers' card details; only banks can. This could signal an end to single-click checkouts. Even as banks have begun notifying customers about the changes in processing any standing instruction for recurring payments, the user data of a mobile payment and digital wallet company allegedly being dumped on the Internet only proves how the banking regulator's concerns are not misplaced.

The total number of real-time transactions worldwide in 2020, the year of the pandemic, was 70.3 billion, up 41 per cent from the previous year. India retained the top spot with a figure of 25.5 billion. If that's considered a positive aspect, the worrying one is that globally, card-related fraud remains highest in terms of reported incidents from consumers. As governments promote digital transactions, securing the medium and upholding the rights of consumers become all the more important.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

False modesty can be worse than arrogance. — David Mitchell

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

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CHANDIGARH, THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1971

Tripathi's Day

MR. TN. Singh has at last done it, or rather the U.P. Assembly has done it for him. If only he had resigned immediately after his defeat in the Maniram by-election, he would have won a few tears at least for that act. But from the way he clung to the office, all the time protesting that he didn't want it, the final parting scene provokes relief. U.P. politics always had its murky aspects but the SVD story from beginning to end was the most dismal. The bell tolled for it at Maniram, but the parties of the SVD couldn't get the message. The coup de grace was given by the electorate in the mid-term poll to the Lok Sabha, and after that, the burial of the coalition cabinet was a mere formality which has now taken place with the help of defectors. Whatever the motives of those who crossed the floor bringing about the downfall of the TN. Singh Ministry, it does not behove the SVD partners to talk of it. By democratic standards, their forcing the hapless Mr TN. Singh to remain in office after Maniram, simply because they couldn't find an acceptable alternative for him was in bad taste. Further, the difference between the present style of defections and 'Aya Ram, Gaya Ram' should not be overlooked. The electoral verdict has brought a new perspective to the picture. Still, the Congress High Command will be well advised to stick to the line it is said to have taken in U.P. as well as in Mysore that any ministry formed by it shall not include the defectors. It is also significant that the floor crossings now taking place are not preceded by the unsavoury bargaining that used to be a conspicuous feature of the pre-election defections in various States. For Mr. Tripathi, the call has been long in coming. On several occasions, he had come close to becoming the Chief Minister of U.P., and every time it would be somebody else, a C.B. Gupta or Charan Singh, who walked away with the crown.

The new detente

Relations with Pakistan will hopefully focus on trade, travel, transit and tourism



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DIFFERING STANCE: While Imran Khan has been less than diplomatic in his references to India, General Bajwa has been more restrained. FILE PHOTO

There is no guarantee that Bajwa's successor will carry forward what his predecessor has initiated.

like women's education. India and Bangladesh have resolved their age-old differences, including the demarcation of their land and maritime frontiers. It would, however, be only appropriate to exercise due restraint while speaking on issues of Bangladeshi immigrants in India.

It is Pakistan, which is today an 'international basket case', constantly looking for doles from China, and G20 nations, apart from international financial institutions, like the World Bank, IMF and Asian Development Bank. It is also struggling to repay its debts and borrowing from Chinese banks to meet its repayment liabilities. Bangladesh is, however, fiscally and economically strong. It is important to bear these facts in mind, when looking for options when dealing with Pakistan.

The warmth with which PM Modi was received in Bangladesh is testimony to how people in Bangladesh still remember the affection with which India received 9 million refugees. The refugees had been driven out of their homes by the depredations of Pakistan's Gen Tikka Khan. This was an occasion to remember nationally, with Modi praising Indira Gandhi for her decisive leadership in 1971.

Time has moved on, and Bangladesh is today one of the leading exporters of textile products globally. It is proud of its achievements in key human development indicators,

of Sri Lanka's Hambantota Port. Moreover, Pakistan is in contract for the purchase of four Chinese frigates and eight submarines from China — a move that will only enhance Pakistan's immense external debt.

Amidst these developments, came an unexpected announcement on February 25, from the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan. This announcement was made amidst continuing incidents of ceasefire violations across the LoC in J&K. India and Pakistan sought to address each other's concerns by agreeing to strictly observe the provisions of all agreements for a ceasefire. It would be reasonable to conclude that discreet 'back-channel' discussions had paved the way for this decision. Pakistan army chief General Bajwa went a step further on March 16. He averred that it is 'time to bury the past and move forward'.

Not surprisingly, his statement was hedged and accompanied by conditions like India would have to create a conducive environment, particularly in Indian Occupied Kashmir'. This was predictably accompanied with the usual 'blackmail mantra' that both countries possess nuclear weapons.

While Imran Khan has been less than diplomatic in his references to

India, General Bajwa has been more restrained. He is more nuanced and sophisticated in his references to India than his predecessor Gen Raheel Sharif. This is not a new feature. While General Musharraf was initially hawkish, he learnt his lessons from the fiasco he led the Pakistan army into, in Kargil. Cross-border terrorism ended in 2003, and a framework for resolving the issue of J&K was broadly agreed upon. Musharraf's chosen successor, Gen Ashfaq Kayani, disowned everything Musharraf agreed to. Kayani was responsible for the 26/11 terrorist attack by the LeT on Mumbai. Musharraf himself was initially very different from his predecessor; Jehangir Karamat, a soft-spoken officer, careful about his rhetoric and decision making. There is no guarantee that Bajwa's successor will carry forward what his predecessor has initiated. Bajwa, under extension, is scheduled to retire in November 2022. It is, therefore, logical to recognise that unless something untoward happens, we can be reasonably assured that a carefully crafted dialogue process, largely behind the scenes, can be crafted. The only fly in the ointment would be the tempestuous Imran Khan.

Pakistan will, hopefully, learn that India is not going to be guided by Islamabad's demands on the dialogue process, or on J&K. The entire process of taking forward the constitutional changes in J&K will be determined by India, at a pace decided by its government and people. Relations with Pakistan will hopefully focus on the 'Four Ts' — trade, travel, transit and tourism. Talks on J&K are best left to a 'back channel'.

India will have to carry forward its efforts to strengthen its strategic autonomy, even while moving ahead on Quad. It will continue to work on its ties with Russia, while strengthening its relations with Japan, France and the UK. Neighbours like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Myanmar, are now clear about India's strategic compulsions. There is, however, much still to be done to get friends in ASEAN to show greater unity in dealing with territorial challenges posed by China.

Taking a jab at the coronavirus

RAMA KASHYAP

MY WhatsApp chat box has been buzzing with positivity and enthusiasm ever since the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine in the country for senior citizens and people with co-morbidities above the age of 45. Every now and then, a message pops up in my inbox making proud proclamation of having taken the first dose of the vaccine. Undeniably, the response of the seniors, especially in my circle of friends, acquaintances, colleagues and neighbours to the vaccine, is reassuring.

Let me share an interesting chat in one of my WhatsApp groups. A friend posted her photograph peeping from

a frame specifying the private clinic where she got herself inoculated. In response to her post, a well-meaning member in the group commented she could have taken the jab free of cost at a government vaccination centre without any hassle. Pat came the message, 'Let this be my contribution in the government's fight against corona...'.

Those who have taken the vaccine at a government facility are more than satisfied with the service; others, too, have a reason to be happy for not burdening the government exchequer and machinery. Ultimately, what is most remarkable is a sense of pride in taking the jab — for ensuring some sort of protection against the virus for oneself and also for fulfilling social

responsibility in helping to obstruct the virus transmission.

It is a fact that for the past few days, all our conversations and chats with relatives, friends and neighbours have centred on *Lagwa liya kya?* If one has already taken the jab, the normal question that follows is, *Kuchch hua kya?*

My husband did have a mild fever after the vaccination but my experience has rather been interesting. Post-vaccination, I started complaining of a little pain in my right upper arm till the time my husband pointed out that actually it was my left arm that had been pricked.

As opposed to the recent enthusiasm, the first vaccination drive — for healthcare and frontline workers —

was marked by greater vaccine hesitancy and scepticism. Though vaccine hesitancy is not a new phenomenon, proliferation of anti-vaccine information through the social media is much faster because of its 'long tail effect'.

There have been instances galore when communities have boycotted immunisation due to rumours. But despite challenges, India has been able to achieve victory over small pox and polio with extensive immunisation. Undoubtedly, vaccine is an essential weapon in the war against Covid-19, spelling the beginning of the end of gloom and doom of the pandemic. But it is not the vaccine, but vaccination that will disrupt the spread of the virus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

End stalemate

Apropos of 'Matter of shame', the CM has done well to reiterate his government's commitment to take action against those who disturb peace. At the same time, he has urged the PM to intervene for an early resolution of the farmers' crisis to prevent any further escalation. For now, the BJP has seized the moment to target Punjab's Congress government and demanded President's rule. But the BJP, too, must heed the dangers of the widening gulf between restless farmers and mainstream parties. Already in Punjab, the BJP doesn't have a significant electoral presence and has lost a vital interlocutor after its split with the SAD. The Congress, though it swept the local bodies polls, has no reason to be complacent. Neither a state nor the nation gains from this political stalemate. As people's representatives, politicians should speak to the farmers again. The unnatural political silence must be broken.

SK SINGH, BY MAIL

Onset of anarchy?

In the name of protest, the incident of manhandling and stripping a member of the Legislative Assembly of Punjab is, indeed, a disgrace ('Matter of shame'). Punjabis are considered to be large-hearted. While it is not another act of mob-lynching, the unruly behav-

iour of the protesting group has ashamed the people of Punjab, Punjab and democracy. The MLA from Abohar is a democratically elected representative of the people of his constituency. Are we, as a society, on the brink of anarchy and jungle raj?

KK SOOD, NANGAL

GDP and social welfare

Apropos of 'India not out of woods, real GDP growth to be 7.5 to 12.5 per cent: World Bank', economic growth has raised living standards around the world. However, modern economies have lost sight of the fact that the GDP merely measures the size of a nation's economy and doesn't reflect a nation's welfare. Yet policymakers and economists often treat the GDP as an all-encompassing unit to signify a nation's development, combining its economic prosperity and societal well-being. As a result, policies that result in economic growth are seen to be beneficial for society.

EKTA SHARMA, BY MAIL

In the name of religion

Reference to '22 held for attempts on policemen'; with respect to religious sentiments, one is appalled to see the misdeeds of the participants during Holla Mohalla celebrations. The sword-wielding self-proclaimed wor-

shippers and protectors of religion came across as goons. A Sikh is expected — if at all — to carry a 'kirpan' and not a lethal sword. Let me also share that it is heartening to see that at Bangla Sahib Gurdwara in Delhi, or any local gurdwara, one does not see even a single worshipper or any sewadar without a mask. Wish one could say the same about the Golden Temple! Be it 'Maha Isnaan' at the Ganga, Holla Mohalla, or any other large religious gathering, these have to be suspended till things improve.

SPS NARANG, NEW DELHI

Benevolent Nijjar

Apropos of 'An outstanding legal mind imbued with a vision', a friend of mine was working in a government department as a head clerk and his promotion was challenged in the high court by another clerk by hiring a well-known advocate. My friend had heard about Justice Nijjar who was practicing in the court then, but could not afford to pay his fee. He mustered courage and went to Nijjar's residence but was reluctant to enter the office. He caught Nijjar's attention and explained his dilemma. Nijjar heard his case and promised to fight the case free of cost. He later won the case.

KS DHAMI, CALIFORNIA

Living up to legacy

I am member of a club which bears the consensual title of 'Tribune Club'. Its members share a common taste, of subscribing to *The Tribune*, hence the name of the club. The members are of the view that this is the only paper which is not owned by any business house or individual. The paper has remained independent, transparent and apolitical during its long history of 140 years. But of late, a slant is conspicuous in the views, opinions and writings. Some writers that regularly appear dispense a particular ideology. But it is welcome. Everyone has a right to dissent and also of freedom of expression. Ironically, if some reader endeavours to contradict these writers, the same does not find place in the paper. On March 29, I mailed my views to the letters column on Keki Daruwalla's article, "Who we are kidding here?" I wanted to puncture the hubris of this erudite writer because he slapped the epithet of 'non-intellectual elite' to all those whom he regularly criticised. But sadly my views were not published. *The Tribune* vociferously projects itself as a supporter of right to dissent and freedom of expression. But it was not so in this case. May I ask why it is so?

KIRAN SHARMA, SUNDERNAGAR (HP)

No roadmap to double farmers' income



YOGENDRA YADAV

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

No homework

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made this announcement at Bareilly on February 28, 2016, a day before the Union Budget. This was not one of the manifesto promises of the BJP. So, you would imagine that some homework had gone into such a major declaration. Presumably, the government would know, first of all, what the farmers' income was in 2016. It must have done some basic arithmetic on what it would take to double that income within six years. You hope that the government would have at least a rough roadmap of policies that help achieve that target. Finally, you would expect that regular monitoring and review of the farmers' income follows such a major declaration. You are wrong on every single count!

As soon as Finance Minister Arun Jaitley repeated the PM's announcement in his budget speech, questions were asked about what was the farmers' income at that time and what it would take to double it. No one had any answer. It took the government a few months to answer an elementary arithmetic question: was the calculation going to happen at constant price or current price? In other words, was the target of doubling going to discount inflation? Thankfully, the government finally acknowledged that the target was to double the real income of the farmers, controlling for inflation, and not just their nominal income.

So, what would it amount to in rupee terms? Well, the government appointed a committee, six weeks after making the announcement to the country, to find this out. The Doubling of Farmers' Income Committee (DFIC), headed by a sensible and knowledgeable civil servant, presented the basic arithmetic of doubling income in August 2017. The committee had to extrapolate from an old survey carried out by the National



Sample Survey in 2011-12, as there was no other reliable source of data to benchmark the starting point. It estimated the annual income of a farm family in 2015-16 at Rs 96,703. That works out to about Rs 8,000 per month for a family of five or more. Mind you, this income included earning from non-farm activities like service, business or dairy. Doubling of farm income by 2022 would mean an annual family income of Rs 1,72,694 at the prices of 2015-16 (doubling of farm income, but not that of non-farm income of the farmer household), or about Rs 2.5 lakh at the expected prices in 2022. This would require income to grow at an annual rate of 10.4 per cent in real terms — something Indian farmers had never experienced before.

We were already one and half years into a six-year mission by the time its starting point and the target was clearly identified.

No policy roadmap

What, then, should be the policies to achieve this unprecedented growth? It took the DFIC another year to submit its substantive report in September 2018. The 14-volume report is undoubtedly a comprehensive document on agriculture policies. By the time the report arrived, two and half years had passed and India was already in election mode. The government had no time to consider the report. The only major step that the BJP government took then, following its defeat in assembly elections, was something the DFIC had not recommended: a handout of Rs 6,000 a year to every farm family.

So, at the halfway mark of this historic mission, the Modi government did not even have a plan on paper on how the farmers' income was going to be doubled. None of the budgets of this government has made any separate allocation

for this publicised programme. Indeed,

we do not know, if this is a "vision" or a

"mission" or a "scheme". No one has ever

clarified its official status. Yet, no BJP

leader or spokesperson can speak for a

minute on agriculture without mentioning

the DFI. The most generous reading

of the party's claims would be that the

DFI is not a separate plan or programme,

but a vision to be realised through all the

agrarian policies put together.

CLARITY LACKING: Monitoring or review of farmers' income was not done before making the decision. PTI

body to 'review and monitor the

progress'. It is yet to put out any docu-

ment in the public domain.

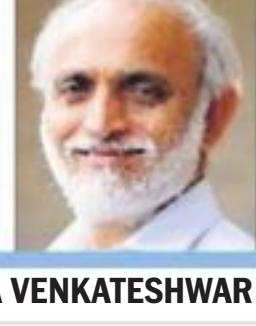
The closest, though not strictly comparable, survey carried out by the NSS in 2018 was junked by this government, apparently because it showed a decline in the real income in rural India. It is fair to assume that we don't have data on farmers' income because the government is not interested in bad news.

The closest proxy for trends in farmers' income during this period is the official data on Gross Value Addition (GVA) in agriculture and allied sectors. The latest official data in the Economic Survey of 2021 (https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/economicsurvey/doc/vol2chap1/echap07_vol2.pdf) shows that the average rate of annual growth of agri GVA during the seven years of the Modi government has been 3.3 per cent, compared to the average of 4.6 per cent during UPA-I and UPA-II. In the last five years, the agri GVA grew by a total of 24.5 per cent. Ramesh Chand expects a growth of 3.5 per cent in the coming year.

So, the six years of grand national mission for raising the farmers' real income by 100 per cent are likely to end with less than 30 per cent actual increase. That works out to about 4 per cent per annum against the target of 10.4 per cent. This is no different from the real increase in farmers' income between 2002 and 2012.

What, then, has the DFI achieved? Nothing for the farmers. Not to put too fine a point, it was a cynical propaganda devised to create positive vibes about the BJP government. Its success is to be measured not by cold agricultural statistics, but by air-time, TRPs and votes for the BJP. If there ever was a contest for super *jumla* of the century, doubling of farmers' income would be among the top contenders.

Realism tempers govt's move on privatisation



PARSA VENKATESHWAR RAO JR

SENIOR JOURNALIST

INANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in her reply to the insurance amendment Bill in Lok Sabha on March 22, explained that there were far more private players in the insurance sector and raising the limits of foreign investment from 49 to 74 per cent was meant to help these players. She said that the IPO (initial public offering) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was meant for the Indian public to buy shares in it.

She was deflecting criticism that LIC is being pushed into the private sector as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new drive to privatisate the economy and keep the government away from business.

The next day, while replying to the discussion on the Finance Bill, Sitharaman said there was no question of privatising the public sector banks because the government considers the financial sector to be strategic, and the public sector banks, as part of the strategic financial sector, are out of bounds for private players. She said the government may merge public sector banks to make them viable, but that is all there is to it.

And she admitted member Pinaki Mishra's point that the government failed to meet the target for disinvestment in 2019 and said that this was due to "tepid markets". The minister also hoped that the disinvestment target would be met in 2021.

There is more than a bit of hand-



CAUTIOUS APPROACH: The Finance Minister's statements indicate that there is no

rush to privatisate the public sector and the government prefers a nuanced view. PTI

wringing in the statements of Sitharaman. The clarion call of the Prime Minister for privatisation seems to be just that — a clarion call. The Finance Minister's statements indicate that there is no rush to privatisate the public sector in a blind rush of adrenaline.

The cheerleaders of liberalisation in the media and elsewhere had praised Modi and Sitharaman in uttering the magic word of 'privatisation' instead of the bureaucratic 'disinvestment'. The government's view on the issue seems to be nuanced, as it should be. But the pressure and the temptation remain to get rid of the public sector because it is seen as the evil symbol of socialism. Of course, the govern-

ment, even the Modi government, knows better than to listen to the immature market enthusiasts.

In one of her post-Budget interviews, Sitharaman had indicated that the Prime Minister wanted to avoid the extremes of a full market economy or an economy dominated by the public sector. This has indeed been the policy of the cautious, even suspicious, market reformer of them all, PV Narasimha Rao. He was no great fan of the market economy, but he knew that market must get enough play to deal with the crisis that he faced in 1991. Manmohan Singh, in his decade-long tenure as Prime Minister, followed the same cautious path, though he did appear to be a lit-

tle more adventurous than Rao.

Prime Minister Modi and his colleagues do imagine themselves to be pioneers of a market economy, but in practice, they have no option but to tread the muddled middle path of falling back on the ballast, that is the decades-old public sector born out of the socialist chrysalis. With all their faith in the private sector and its wealth creators, Team Modi knows that the public sector remains an essential bulwark and that you cannot dismantle it overnight.

It is for this reason that Sitharaman had no hesitation in setting up the Development Finance Institution (DFI) or the Infrastructure Investment Fund because she acknowledged that public sector banks cannot support infrastructural projects with their long gestation, and that the public sector banks should deal with only short-term loans.

There is the painful awareness that India is a developing, and not a developed, economy. Of course, the Congress can always be blamed for this, and it affords the BJP leaders, including Modi, Sitharaman and others, to go ballistic against a decimated Congress. It also serves as a good excuse for the slow progress of the Modi government on the economic front.

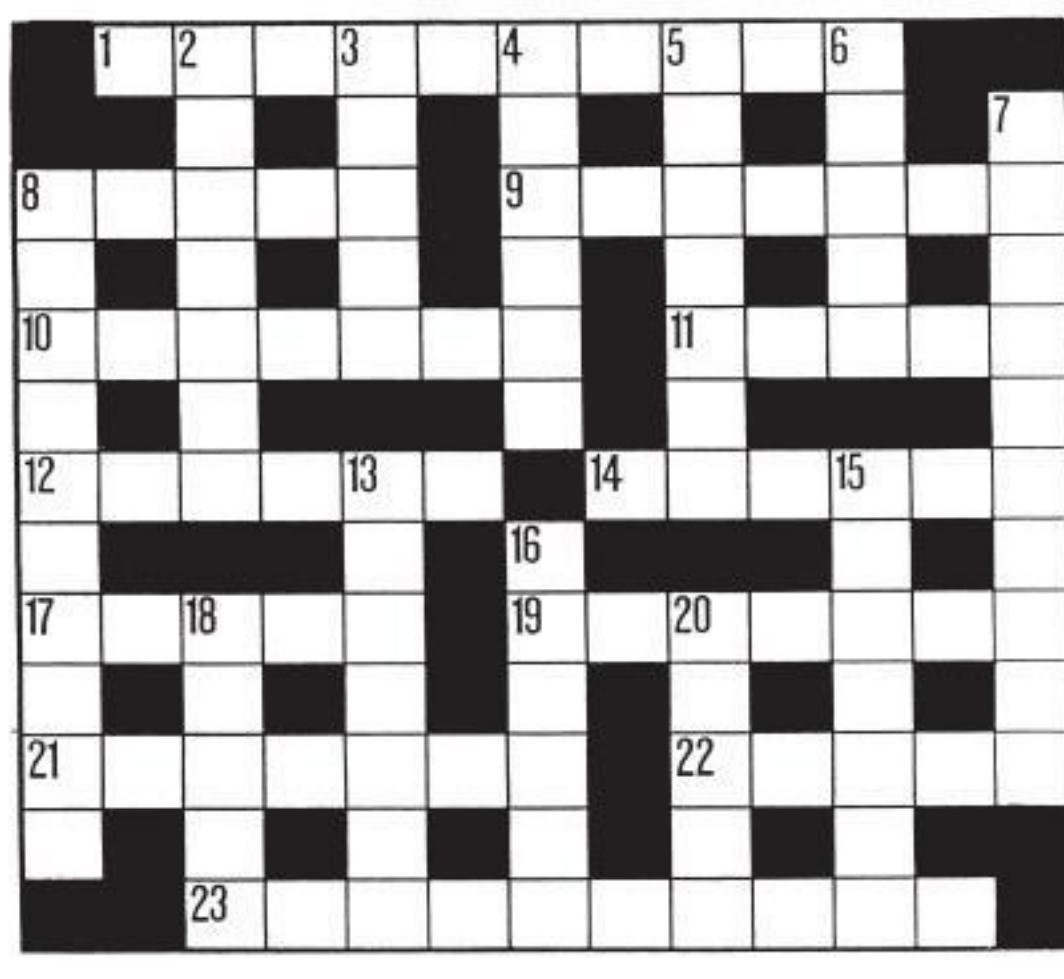
In the long term, however, it would be better if the Modi government could spell out its privatisation policy. It could declare that not the whole of the public sector is up for sale, and to the extent possible, it

should say what the 'strategic sector' is. Is an oil marketing company like Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) part of the strategic sector? It can be argued that the whole of infrastructural sector does not form a part of the strategic sector, and that makes sense too. Is defence production a part of the strategic sector? What then are the rules for private sector participation in this segment? It has for long been felt that the private sector has a greater role to play here. And through the years, India's defence imports have been from the private sector in countries like the United States, Great Britain, France and even Israel.

It would indeed be a good idea if the public sector withers away, and the whole economy is fully in the hands of the private sector. But it is quite clear that at the moment, the private sector in India is not in a position in terms of technology and finance to serve the strategic needs of the country. Of course, the Congress can be nailed as a culprit for this. But it will take time for the private sector to shoulder the responsibility of serving as a strategic shield for the country.

It is then advisable that neither the government nor the supporters of the market economy should speak loosely and loudly about privatisation. It might sound attractively bold, but the reality is both complicated and untidy. Sitharaman's piecemeal clarifications point to this inescapable fact.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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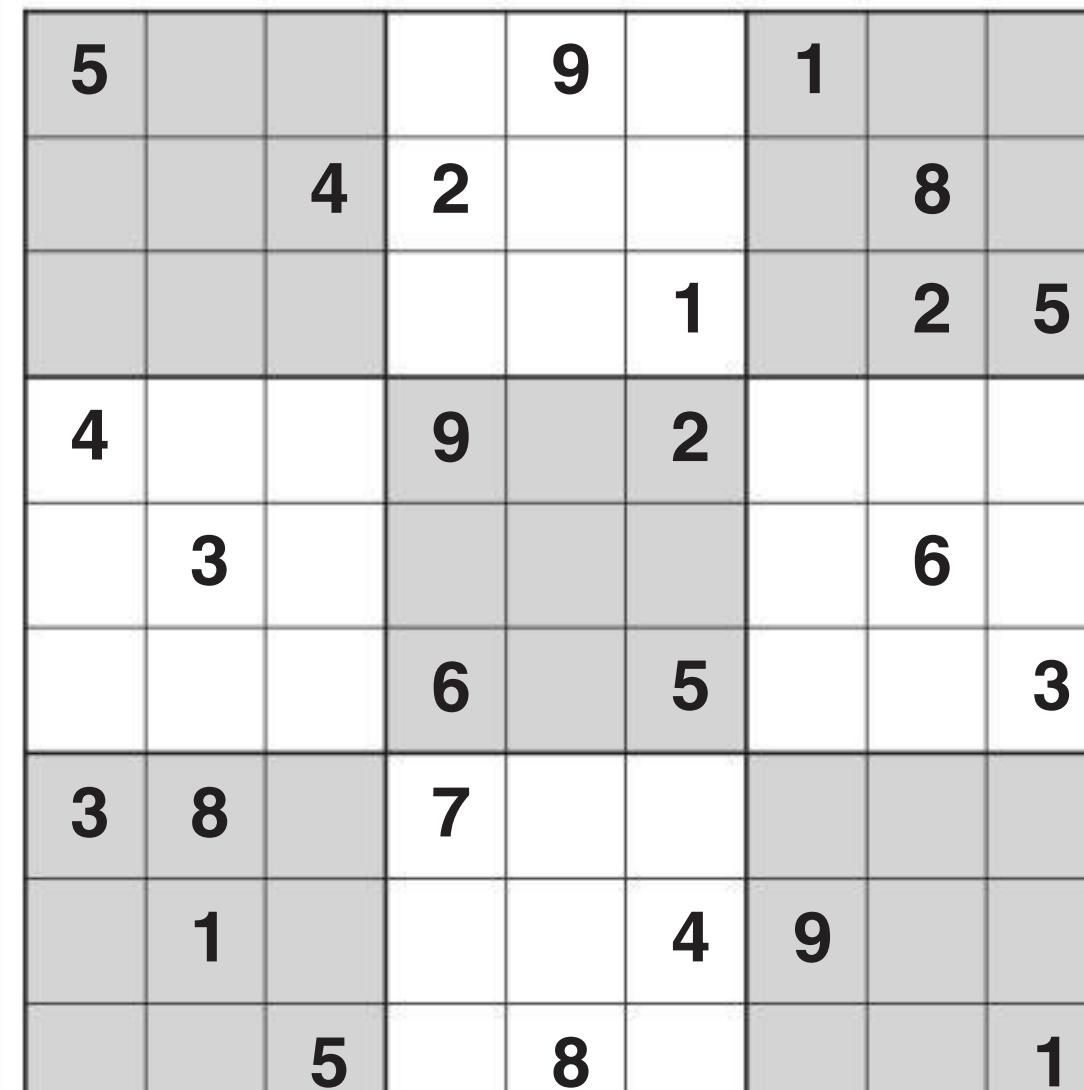
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- 11 Rhythmic throb (5)
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- 14 In conflict (2,4)
- 17 Outspoken (5)
- 19 Severely simple (7)
- 21 Pariah (7)
- 22 Carrying a weapon (5)
- 23 The writings of a country (10)

DOWN

- 2 Eternal (7)
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- 5 Faced with a problem (2,1,4)
- 6 Beaten path in wilds (5)
- 7 Accept without discussion (4,2,4)
- 8 Completely unfamiliar subject (6,4)
- 13 Revoke (7)
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| ■ Anuradha Nakshatra up to 5.19 am | |
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Press Note

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA

Application Form for the post of Building Inspector, Draftman, Sanitary Inspector under Part-II of outsourcing policy

Last Submission date of form – 22.04.2021

| Sr. No. | Name of the Post | Total Posts | Category | Qualification | Pay | Age Limit | Fees |
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| 1. | Draftman | 03 | General-03 | (i) Diploma in Civil Draftman from an institution recognized by the State Government. (ii) Knowledge of Hindi up to Matric standard. | As per Haryana Govt. Rules/ DC Rate | 17-42 years | For male candidates 150/- For female candidates 75/- |
| 2. | Building Inspector | 02 | General-02 | (i) Diploma in Civil/ Engineering from any recognized institution; (ii) Knowledge of Hindi/ Sanskrit up to Matric or Higher education | As per Haryana Govt. Rules/ DC Rate | For Retired Employees upto 62 years | |
| 3. | Sanitary Inspector | 01 | General-01 | (i) Passed Sanitary Inspector's Course from an institution-recognized by the State Govt. (ii) Knowledge of Hindi up to Matric Standard. | As per Haryana Govt. Rules/ DC Rate | | |

Note:- 1.) Preference will be given to the Retired Employees.

2.) After last date no application will be considered.

All the eligible candidates are requested to send their applications in the proforma along with fee Rs. 150/- for male candidates & 75/- for female candidates in the shape of demand draft in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ambala up to 22.04.2021 to this office. Proforma of application is also available at www.mcambala.gov.in.

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Municipal Corporation, Ambala.

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| SR. No. | NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH | NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL |
| 1 | SHRI VISHWAKARMA SKILL UNIVERSITY | SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL WORKSHOP LAB (PACKAGE -1 TO PACKAGE -11) CNC TURNING MACHINE (TWO AXIS) 1.2, VMC 2.1, VERTICAL RAM Turret MILLING MACHINE 2.2, ALL GEARED LATHE MACHINE 3.1, DRILLING AND TAPPING MACHINE 3.2, PILLAR DRILLING MACHINE (RADIAL) | 31.03.2021 19.04.2021 | 02% Tender value | www.svsu.ac.in | 0124-2748000 registr@svsu.ac.in |
| 2 | HAFED | PUBLICATION OF SHORT TERM E-TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF REFINED SOYABEAN OIL AND SALE OF KACHCHI GHANI MUSTARD CAKE OF HADEF OIL MILL, NARNAUL & REWARI. | 08.04.2021 | EMD 2.70 LACS | www.hafed.gov.in | 01722885912 hafed@hry.nic.in |
| 3 | HADEF | PUBLICATION OF E-TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF DAMAGED WHEAT STOCKS OF CROP YEAR 2019 AT HADEF BHUNA, FATEHBAD. | 27.03.2021 05.04.2021 | AS MENTIONED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS | www.hafed.gov.in | 01722590520 hafed@hry.nic.in |
| 4 | GMDA | CONSTRUCTION OF RCC BOX DRAIN SIZE 2.00 X 1.60 MTR, 1.80 X 0.90 MTR AND PROVIDING AND LAVING OF 1200 MM I/D RCC NP4 PIPE IN ROAD CROSSING AT IFFCO CHOWK (NH-48) GURUGRAM AND ALL OTHER WORK CONTINGENT THERETO(Re-Invited) | 31.03.2021 13.04.2021 | 3.30 LACS | www.gmda.gov.in | 9416374943 eeymca1@gmail.com |
| 5 | J.C. BOSE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, YMCA, FBD. | CONSTRUCTION OF WAITING LOUNGE IN GIRLS HOSTEL AND RENOVATION/ UPGRADATION OF MAIN GATE OF BOYS HOSTEL IN THE UNIVERSITY. | 31.03.2021 20.04.2021 | 10.93 LACS | www.jcboseust.ac.in | |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

| GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE | | | | | | |
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| SR. No. | NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH | NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL |
| 1. | HVPNL | PROVIDING OUTSOURCING SERVICES REG. GENERAL MTC. & UP KEEP OF RESIDENTIAL AND NRB REST HOUSES INCLUDING, WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE SYSTEM ETC. AT 220-132 KV SSTN. CLY, KNL. | 30.03.2021 08.04.2021 | 34.01 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in |
| 2. | HVPNL | PROVIDING NEW ADDITIONAL 33 KV JATTON GATE BAY AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL, MADHUBAN | 30.03.2021 05.04.2021 | 1.43 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in |
| 3. | HVPNL | PROVIDING SANITATION SERVICES, ARBORICULTURE SERVICES, OFFICE ASSISTANCE & SECURITY SERVICES AT 66 KV S/STN. KAZIBANS AND MEHRA. (FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2021 TO 31.03.2022). | 08.04.2021 09.04.2021 | 1.16 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in |
| 4. | HVPNL | PROVIDING 2 WORKERS FOR DOING THE JOB OF HELPER/MALI/SAFAI KARAMCHARIAH EACH NEWLY COMMISSIONED 66 KV S/STN. HVPNL, TAPIRAN AND 66 KV S/STN., HVPNL, RASULPUR FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.2021 TO 31.03.2022 DURING FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22 | 18.03.2021 05.04.2021 | 8.84 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in |
| 5. | HARYANA POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION, PANCHKULA. | PROVIDING AND FIXING/CMC/CONSTRUCTION/PROVIDING HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES ETC. IN VARIOUS PLACES IN HARYANA STATE. | 01.04.2021 15.04.2021 | 1872.71 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | dbpangkula@yahoo.com |
| 6. | HVPNL | OF INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK IN PARKING SHED AT 220KV SUBSTATION, MADANPUR, PANCHKULA FY 2020-21. 2. THE WORK OF REPAIRING OF FLOOR IN CONTROL ROOM BUILDING AT 220 KV S/STN., MADANPUR PANCHKULA FY 2020-21. | 26.03.2021 06.04.2021 | 3.06 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | 01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in |
| 7. | HPGCL | EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY FOR ACQUISITION / PURCHASE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) POWER PROJECTS SET UP IN THE STATE OF HARYANA OR ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY | CLOSING DATE 30.04.2021 | | www.hpgcl.org.in | 9316479158 xenreg1.pki@hpgcl.gov.in |
| 8. | FORESTS DEV. CORPN. LTD. (HFDC) KARNAL | PURCHASE OF MATERIAL AND LABOUR WORKS FOR MANUFACTURING OF RCC FENCING POST (PILLAR) COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS | 31.03.2021 12.04.2021 | 25 LACS | www.hfdc.gov.in | 01722583620 gm.panchkula@hfdc.gov.in |
| 9. | MC SONIPAT | 1. ESTIMATE FOR PROVIDING AND FIXING OF LOW HEIGHT PARK LIGHTS IN MURTHAL ROAD PARK NEAR PETROL PUMP IN LIMIT OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION + 5 OTHER WORK | CLOSING DATE 16.04.2021 | 144.12 LACS | www.hvpn.org.in | semsonapat@gmail.com |
| 10. | THE ROHTAK CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD., A UNIT OF HDDCF LTD. | JOB WORK FOR WASHING OF MILK CRATES, LOADING & UNLOADING OF MILK CRATES + 1 OTHER WORK | 01.04.2021 10.04.2021 | 3.50 LACS | www.vitaindia.org.in | 01262-277364 vitarohit@gmail.com |
| 11. | HPGCL | AMC FOR PLANT BUILDING AND CIVIL STRUCTURES AT RGTTP, KHEDAR, HISAR. | CLOSING DATE 14.04.2021 | 62,300/- | www.hvpn.org.in | 9355084412 xencmd1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in |
| 12. | UHBVN | HIRING OF 2 NOS. VEHICLE FOR USE TO XEN AND SDO M&P DIVISION, YAMUNANAGAR | CLOSING DATE 08.04.2021 | 6000/- FOR EACH | www.uhbvn.org.in | 93151-61470 xenmpnpagar@uhbvn.org.in |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH-13/2021/240/2395/1/31/4

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMBALA CORRIGENDUM

Memo No. MCA/ESTT/2021/2220 Dated: 26.03.2021

In Press Note bearing No. MCA/Estt./2021/2113 dated, 17.03.2021 vide which an application for the post of Building Inspector, Draftsman, Sanitary Inspector under Outsourced policy Part-II was invited by this office with closing date 31.03.2021. However due to administrative reason, the date for receiving applications for the above said posts is hereby extended up to 22.04.2021. The terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation, Ambala.

PRDH/1078/11/52/2021/2393/31/4

| REGD. No. D. L.-33004/99 | S. No. | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Local Unit) | Area (in Hectare) |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | 14 | 72/11 Min | Private | Agriculture | 4.000000(Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| | 15 | 798 Min | Private | Non Agriculture | 8.000000(Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| | 16 | 803 Min | Private | Non Agriculture | 9.000000(Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| | 17 | 81/14/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 2.000000(Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| | 18 | 81/15/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 9.000000(Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| | 19 | 82/19/1/2 Min | Private | Agriculture | 4.000000(Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| | 20 | 82/19/4 Min | Private | Agriculture | 1.000000(Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| | 21 | 82/21/11/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 5.000000(Marla) | 0.0126467 |
| | 22 | 82/24/1/2 Min | Private | Agriculture | 1.000000(Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| | 23 | 98/11 Min | Private | Agriculture | 9.000000(Marla) | 0.0227641 |
| | 24 | 98/1/2 Min | Private | Agriculture | 4.000000(Marla) | 0.0101174 |
| | 25 | 98/12/2/2 Min | Private | Agriculture | 1.000000(Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| | 26 | 98/13/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 1.000000(Marla) | 0.0025293 |
| | 27 | 98/17/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 6.000000(Marla) | 0.0151760 |
| | 28 | 98/18/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 2.000000(Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| | 29 | 98/9/2 Min | Private | Agriculture | 8.000000(Marla) | 0.0202347 |
| | 30 | 99/6/1/1 Min | Private | Agriculture | 2.000000(Marla) | 0.0050587 |
| | 31 | 99 | | | | |

Expect above normal temp this summer

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
Day temperatures are likely to be above normal over north and east India from April to June, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in its summer forecast. The IMD said below normal seasonal maximum temperatures are likely over most of south India, parts of east India, northeast and extreme north India.

"During the upcoming hot weather season (April to June), above normal seasonal maximum temperatures are likely over most of the subdivisions of north, northwest and few subdivisions of east-central India," the IMD said.

However, below normal seasonal maximum temperatures were likely over most of the subdivisions of south peninsular India and a few subdivisions of east, northeast and extreme north India, the IMD said.

SC puts Centre on notice over plea to end Delhi-NCR blockade

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
As the main roads connecting Delhi and Noida remain blocked since the beginning of protests against farm laws in November last, the Supreme Court has issued notice to the Centre and the UP Government on a petition by a woman who said commuting had become a nightmare for her.

Acting on a PIL filed by Monica Agarwal, a resident of Noida and a single parent with some medical issues, a Bench headed by Justice SK Kaul last week asked the Centre and Uttar Pradesh Government to explain why the roads connecting Delhi and Noida were not kept free from blockades.

"We consider it appropriate to issue notice to the Union Government and others to



A farmer distributes food at the Ghazipur border on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

ensure that the road area is kept clear so that the passage from one place to another is not affected," it said, posting the matter for further hearing

on April 9. Agarwal said though her workplace was in Noida she had to travel to Delhi frequently as she was in a marketing job. Noting that it

was taking two hours instead of the normal 20 minutes, she contended that it had become a nightmare to commute between Noida and Delhi.

Centre kicks off field work for survey on migrant workers

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
Once bitten twice shy, the Centre on Wednesday rolled out the field work of the much-awaited all-India survey on migrant workers and the all-

India quarterly establishment based employment survey (AQEES). Launching the survey via video-conference here, Union Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said the results of both these surveys

would generate highly useful data for effective policy making in the field of labour and employment. Sources said the Ministry was pushing for availability of the results of the two surveys initiated today within this year. The ED said it filed a chargesheet against 124 individuals, companies and firms, including ACCSL, Mukesh Modi and directors or partners or persons responsible for Adarsh Group of Companies or firms or LLPs, the Riddhi Siddhi Group of Companies or firms or AOPs, the Virendra Modi Group of Companies or individuals and others.—TNS

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India slips 28 places in gender gap index

ONE IN FOUR WOMEN FACE VIOLENCE

■ Wide gaps in sex ratio at birth are due to the high incidence of gender-based sex-selective practices. In addition, more than one in four women has faced intimate violence in her lifetime, the report said.

■ Conversely, 96.2 per cent of the educational attainment sub-index gender gap has been closed, with parity achieved in primary, secondary and tertiary education. Yet, gender gaps persist in terms of literacy: one third of women are illiterate (34.2 per cent) compared to 17.6 per cent of men, it added.

year, leading to a 32.6 per cent gap closed till date.

Most of the decline occurred on the political empowerment sub-index, where India regressed 13.5 percentage points, with a significant decline in the number of women ministers (from 23.1 per cent in 2019 to 9.1 per cent

in 2021). Among the drivers of this decline is a decrease in women's labour force participation rate, which fell from 24.8 per cent to 22.3 per cent. In addition, the share of women in professional and technical roles declined further to 29.2 per cent. The share of women in senior and managerial positions also remains low: only 14.6 per cent of these positions are held by women and there are only 8.9 per cent firms with female top managers," the report said.

Further, the estimated earned income of women in India is only one-fifth of men's, which puts the country among the bottom 10 globally on this indicator, it said.

Discrimination against women is also reflected in the health and survival sub-index statistics. Among India's neighbours, Bangladesh ranked 65, Nepal 106, Pakistan 153, Afghanistan 156, Bhutan 130 and Sri Lanka 116.—PTI

SAMAGRA SHIKSHA SIRSA (HARYANA) TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from the registered firms/suppliers/manufacturers/Whole sale dealers/distributors/reputed firms for the purchase of the following items for the session 2021-22 for the hostel students of KASTURBA GANDHI BALIKA VIDHYALA, RATTAKHERA (DABWAL), CHATHA (ODHAN), FATEHPURA NIYAMAT KHAN (BARAGUDHA), KEHARWALA (RANIA), DHOLPALIA (ELLENABAD), RAMPURA DHILLON (NATHUSARI CHOFTA) DISTRICT SIRSA.

The tender documents containing requirement, specifications and terms & conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working day w.e.f. 05.04.2021. The last date for submission of sealed tenders in the office of the undersigned is 22.04.2021 at 11:00 a.m. Tenders will be opened on 22.04.2021 at 02:00 p.m. onwards by the District Level Committee under Chairmanship of the ADC-cum-Chairman, SS, Sirsa. Interested vendors or their authorized representatives may remain present at the time of opening of tenders. The details of the items, to be purchased is as under:-

| Sr. No. | Name of the Articles/Tender | Expected Purchase as per requirement/Approximately Nos. |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 | Kiriyana Items | As per requirement |
| 2 | Sanitary>Toiletry Items | As per requirement |

Sd/- Distt. Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Sirsa.

PRDH/1054/11/8/2021/2387/31/4

Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, housekeeping etc. Government of Punjab

Tender/RFP Reference No. 13 of 2021 Dt. 31.03.2021

The Department of PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD invites online bids for:-

| Sr. No. | Name of the Work |
|---------|---|
| 1. | Prov. & Instl. a new T/Wells against abandoned T/Well complete & all other works contingent thereto in W/No. 19 at Purhian. |

Closing Date & Time : 22.04.2021 up to 4.30 P.M.

For details logon to : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- E.E. PWSSD, Hoshiarpur.

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA I.T.B.P. SARAHAN P.O. BONDA, TEHSIL- RAMPUR, DISTT- SHIMLA (H.P) 172034 Phone No. :- 01782-273096, e-mail: kv.saranah@gmail.com Website: <https://itbpsarhan.kvs.ac.in>

Admission Notice: 2021-2022

1. Online Registration for Admission in Class I in Kendriya Vidyalaya for the Academic Year 2021-22 will commence on 01.04.2021 at 10:00 am and will close at 07:00 pm on 19.04.2021. The Admission details can be obtained through Vidyalaya Website <https://itbpsarhan.kvs.ac.in/>.

2. Registration for Class II and above will be done from 08.04.2021 to 15.04.2021 if vacancies exist.

3. The official Android Mobile App for KVS Online Admission for Class I for the academic year 2021-22 can be downloaded from <https://kvsonlineadmission.kvs.gov.in/apps/> and also from Google Play store.

4. Registration form for Class II and above can be downloaded from Vidyalaya Website <https://itbpsarhan.kvs.ac.in/>. Parents are requested to fill the form and send the scanned copy of duly filled registration form to Vidyalaya's e-mail id kv.saranah@gmail.com

5. Reckoning of age for all Classes shall be as on 31.03.2021. Reservation of seats will be as per KVS admission guidelines available on the Vidyalaya website.

6. Under present situation of COVID-19, the directions issued by Competent Authority (Central/ State/ Local) are to be followed. Accordingly, the parents are requested not to visit Kendriya Vidyalaya physically to avoid gathering.

7. Contact on 01782-273096 or 8219199368 for any queries. Sd/-Principal

Change in salary structure unlikely, labour code implementation put off

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31

The four labour codes will not come into effect from April 1 as states are yet to finalise the relevant rules, which means that there will be no change in take home pay of employees and provident fund liability of companies for now.

Once the wages code comes into force, there will be significant changes in the way basic pay and provident fund of employees are calculated.

The labour ministry had envisaged implementing the four codes on industrial relations, wages, social security and occupational health safety and working conditions from April 1, 2021.

The ministry had even finalised the rules under the four codes. With no clear indication on the timeline of the notification, the labour market is on tenterhooks. The apparent uncertainty has also sent the employers in a tailspin.

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prospecting which open and close with each financial year. Delay with regard to the rules would naturally unsettle the apple cart with regard to financial audits, taxation, which are girded around annual computation and assessments.

Sources said the deferment was in view of the Model Code of Conduct in vogue due to ongoing Assembly elections in four states and in the UT of Puducherry.

Sources further said the Union Government would notify the rules after the elections. The forthcoming International Workers' Day (May 1 Labour Day) is the date bandied about for it, even though there is no official confirmation.

The Union Labour Ministry has completed several rounds of discussions with the stakeholders, including Central Trade Unions and employers on the drafts of the Rules.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In Continuance of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification No. 2741 (E) Dated 31.07.2019 the rate of User Fee at NH-352 (Old NH-71) from Km 238.695 to Km. 307.000 (Length 70.178 Km) Village Khatar Toll Plaza (Km 286.125) will stand revised w.e.f. 01st April 2021 as per following rates:-

| Sr. No. | Category of Vehicles | Amount in Rs. | | | |
|---------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | Fee for Single Journey | Fee for Return Journey within a day | Fee for Monthly Pass Valid for 50 Journey | Fee for Commercial Vehicles registered within the district |
| 1. | Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle | 100 | 150 | 3355 | 50 |
| 2. | Light Commercial vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus | 160 | 240 | 5320 | 80 |
| 3. | Bus or Truck (Two Axle) | 335 | 500 | 11145 | 165 |
| 4. | Three-Axle commercial Vehicle | 365 | 545 | 12160 | 180 |
| 5. | Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving | 525 | 785 | 17480 | 260 |
| 6. | Equipment (ME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV to Six Axles) | 640 | 960 | 21280 | 320 |

The revise rate of monthly pass applicable for a person who owns a mechanical vehicle registered for non-commercial purpose residing within a distance of 20 Km from the Toll Plaza for the year 2021-22 shall be Rs. 285/-.

Project Director,
National Highways Authority of India
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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In Continuance of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification No. 2463 (E) Dated 03.08.2017 the rate of User Fee at NH-09 (Old NH-10) from Km 227.000 to Km. 314.660 (Length 32.855 Km & structure on road length 0.1562 km & 10.880 km of Bypass & Structure on bypass 0.0822 km.) at village Bhavdeen Toll Plaza (Km 241.920) will stand revised w.e.f. 01st April 2021 as per following rates:-

| Sr. No. | Category of Vehicles | Amount in Rs. | | |
|---------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|
|---------|----------------------|---------------|--|--|

Cases mount, govt dithers on fresh curbs

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MARCH 31

Even though surge in Covid cases is continuing unabated, the state government is dithering on imposing strict restrictions.

The Una Deputy Commissioner on Wednesday made Covid testing mandatory for all arrivals from Punjab and Maharashtra and ordered that the health authorities maintain their complete record. With the rise in cases in border districts of Una, Kangra, Solan and Sirmour, it is being felt that testing should be made mandatory in these districts for arrivals from high-risk states mandatory to

CIVIC BODY ELECTIONS A DETERRENT?

■ Una DC made Covid testing mandatory for all arrivals from Punjab and Maharashtra. With the rise in cases in border districts of Una, Kangra, Solan and Sirmour, it is being felt that testing should be made mandatory in these districts for arrivals from high-risk states mandatory to prevent spread of the virus.

However, with polling for municipal corporation election being due on April 7, this probability is almost ruled out. Delaying a decision on restrictions will only aggravate the problem and Himachal should follow Uttarakhand which has taken timely steps and made RT-PCR mandatory

285 FRESH CASES

The state reported 285 new Covid cases and three deaths in the last 24 hours. Two deaths were reported in Kangra district and one in Una in the last 24 hours. The highest number of 95 cases was reported in Kangra district.

Sources said in case this trend continued, night curfew could be imposed at least in the worst-affected districts. There is also concern over low testing in some districts like Mandi in the recent past, especially after Shivratri celebrations which happens to be the biggest festival of the district.

With campaigning for the municipal corporation elections in Solan, Dharamsala, Palampur and Mandi in full swing, the health authorities are apprehending a surge. The polling is scheduled to take place on April 7 and as such any new restrictions will be imposed only after that.

Record 5,674 vehicles cross Atal Tunnel on Sunday

KULLU, MARCH 31

The strategically important 9.02-km-long Atal Tunnel, gateway of Lahaul valley, registered a record passage of 5,674 vehicles on Sunday (March 28). The earlier record of 5,450 vehicles passing through the tunnel was registered on December 26 last year. Tourists visiting Manali are crossing the tunnel to witness snow in Lahaul valley.

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has not yet undertaken snow-clearance operations to the Manali-Rohtang road this year and vehicles are so far allowed only till Gulaba, where there is no snow.

The district administration had not yet started providing permits as per the guidelines of the National Green Tribunal (NGT). During peak tourist season, everyday only 1,200 vehicles, including 800 petrol and 400 diesel having online permits, are allowed to cross the Gulaba barrier for tourism purpose as per the directions of the NGT. The

permit for light motor vehicles and medium utility vehicles is Rs 550 and for heavy motor vehicles it is Rs 600.

Lahaul and Spiti DC Pankaj Rai said toilets and dustbins had been set-up in Sissu. He said additional 50 toilets would be set-up in different locations by April 30.

Lahaul and Spiti SP Manav Verma said adequate parking arrangements had been made and police personnel had been deputed at various places for traffic management.—OC



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL THE INCOMING PASSENGERS INTO UTTARAKHAND FOR KUMBH-2021

Kumbh Mela-2021 is already in progress in Haridwar. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Govt. of India is to be followed by all the incoming passengers into Uttarakhand for Kumbh-2021:

- Vulnerable population (age more than 65 years, pregnant women, children below the age of 10 years, those with underlying co-morbid conditions) should be discouraged.
- All in-bound passengers for the Kumbh Mela must be:
 - Registered with Government of Uttarakhand.
 - Having vaccinated/medical certificate issued from nearest Community Health Centre/ District hospital/ Medical College in their state, and
 - Negative RTPCR test report (not older than 72 hrs. prior to the date of visit) either on their mobile phone or in hard copies.

The SOP is available also at:
<https://www.hardwarkumbhmela2021.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/sops-for-kumbh-21.pdf>

RailMadad Helpline No. 139 • Visit RailMadad website: www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in & download Railmadad app.

Scan QR code for SOP on Kumbh-2021

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E-TENDER NOTICE No: 01/2021-22

MG ASC HEADQUARTERS WESTERN COMMAND CHANDIMANDIR: ARMY SERVICE CORPS CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF FRESH ARTICLES AT VARIOUS STATIONS OF WESTERN COMMAND AS SHOWN BELOW FOR THE PD FROM 01 OCT 2021 TO 30 SEP 2022 BY THE PROCESS OF E-PROCUREMENT/ E-TENDERING THROUGH DEFENCE PROCUREMENT PORTAL OF NIC ([HTTP://DEFEPROC.GOV.IN](http://defeproc.gov.in))

- Sealed tenders are invited from registered Class A, B & C ASC contractors/firms for supply of items at Para 2 below at different stations to be concluded by respective Executive Officers for the period from 01 Oct 2021 to 30 Sep 2022. Tendering will be carried out by the process of e-procurement/ e-tendering through Defence Procurement Portal of NIC ([HTTP://DEFEPROC.GOV.IN](http://defeproc.gov.in)) to be held at ST Branch, Headquarters Western Command. Tenders will be opened at 1200 hours as per dates given below:-

| Sr. No. | Executive Officer | Date of opening of tender of tender | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | Initial Call | Second Call (First Re-tender) | Third Call (Second Re-tender) | Fourth Call (Third Re-tender) | Fifth Call (Fourth Re-tender) | Sixth Call (Fifth Re-tender) |
| (a) | MG ASC Chandimandir | 01 Jul 21 | 02 Aug 21 | 28 Aug 21 | 17 Sep 21 | 08 Oct 21 | 29 Oct 21 |
| | | Thursday | Monday | Saturday | Friday | Friday | Friday |
| (b) | Brig ASC Ambala | 05 Jul 21 | 06 Aug 21 | 01 Sep 21 | 22 Sep 21 | 13 Oct 21 | 03 Nov 21 |
| | | Monday | Friday | Wednesday | Wednesday | Wednesday | Wednesday |
| (c) | Brig ASC Yol | 07 Jul 21 | 09 Aug 21 | 04 Sep 21 | 24 Sep 21 | 14 Oct 21 | 05 Nov 21 |
| | | Wednesday | Monday | Saturday | Friday | Thursday | Friday |
| (d) | Brig ASC Jalandhar | 09 Jul 21 | 11 Aug 21 | 07 Sep 21 | 28 Sep 21 | 18 Oct 21 | 08 Nov 21 |
| | | Friday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Monday | Monday |
| (e) | Brig ASC Delhi | 12 Jul 21 | 13 Aug 21 | 09 Sep 21 | 30 Sep 21 | 21 Oct 21 | 11 Nov 21 |
| | | Monday | Friday | Thursday | Thursday | Thursday | Thursday |

- Items. Vegetable Fresh, Fruit Fresh, Bread (FM), Ice (MM), Milk & Milk Products etc where application for the period from 01 Oct 2021 to 30 Sep 2022.
- Tender forms can be downloaded from Defence Procurement Portal of NIC ([HTTP://DEFEPROC.GOV.IN](http://defeproc.gov.in)) by those Contractors whose name is borne on the list of registered ASC contractors in HQ Western Command as per notice inviting tenders (NIT). Further details can be obtained from the executive authorities mentioned above well in advance.
- In case the day of opening of tender happens to be a holiday, the tender will be automatically opened on the next working day.
- Detailed instructions will be issued to the Contractors/Firms through notice inviting tenders (NIT) on Defence Procurement Portal of NIC ([HTTP://DEFEPROC.GOV.IN](http://defeproc.gov.in)).
- The following documents will be uploaded along with bill of quantities (BoQ)/Request for proposal (RFP) by the firm(s)/contractor(s) duly scanned:
 - Bid Security Declaration.
 - FSSAI License.
 - Certificate of Contract Carrying Capacity.
 - Latest Income Tax Return.
 - Certificate regarding Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of RFP.
 - GST Regn Cert (if applicable).
- The Executive Officer reserves the right of any amendment, cancellation and changes to the tender notice in whole or in part without assigning any reasons.
- Addition/deletion of any station/item will be made subject to orders of CFA.

MG ASC
HQ Western Command, Chandimandir.
Executive Officer Tele (O): Mil – 2757,
Civ – 0172-2570495/2554308.

Thakur: Palampur to be made tourist hub

PALAMPUR, MARCH 31

The government will come out with a master plan for planned development of Palampur town with a view to maintaining clean and green environment of the hill town. The focus would be laid on developing the tea town as a major tourist hub of the state. This was stated by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here today.

He assured the people that he would review the development projects of the town from time to time and there would be no shortage of funds for the projects to be undertaken.

He said with the creation of three municipal corporations in the state his government had given priority to urban development.

He announced the extension of tax holidays for newly merged areas of Palampur MC from three years to five years with a commitment that same could be extended further, if needed. —OC

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Project Director, National Highways Authority of India PIU-Hisar

Building a Nation, Not Just Road

In Continuance of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Notification No. 2463 (E) Dated 03.08.2017 the rate of User Fee at NH-09 (Old NH-10) from Km 227.000 to Km 314.660 (Length 43.925 Km) Village Khuan Malkana Toll Plaza (Km 302.250) will stand revised w.e.f. 01st April 2021 as per following rates:-

Amount in Rs.

Toll Plaza at Km. 302.250 Village Khuan Malkana

Sr. No. Category of Vehicles Fee for Single Journey Fee for Return Journey within a day Fee for Monthly Pass Valid for 50 Journey Fee for Commercial Vehicles registered within the district

| | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| 1. Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle | 55 | 80 | 1800 | 25 |
| 2. Light Commercial vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus | 85 | 130 | 2910 | 45 |
| 3. Bus or Truck (Two Axle) | 185 | 275 | 6100 | 90 |
| 4. Three-Axle commercial Vehicle | 200 | 300 | 6655 | 100 |
| 5. Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving | 285 | 430 | 9565 | 145 |
| 6. Equipment (ME) or Multi Axle Vehicle (MAV to Six Axles) | 350 | 525 | 11645 | 175 |

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Project Director, National Highways Authority of India PIU-Hisar

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Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India,

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DIRECTOR (RDTE & E)

कार्य बोर्ड के अंगठी निदेशक (अनुसंधान, विकास, प्रशोधन एवं वित्तान) का एक पद वेतन मैट्रिक्स में लेवल-12 (78800-202900) [पीजी-3 रु. 15600-39100-7600 (GP) (PR)] उन्नीस वर्षों के लिए आवश्यक विभिन्न वर्षों में भर्ते हुए पावर उन्मीलितरों से आवश्यक आवंटित किए जाते हैं।

आवेदनों को जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 23.04.2021 है।

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of One post of Director (Research, Development, Training & Extension) in Level-12 (78800-202900) in the Pay Matrix [PJB-3 Rs. 15600-39100 +7600 (GP) (PR)] under Coir Board, Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India.

The closing date for submission of applications is 23.04.2021.

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For more details, please logon to: www.coirboard.gov.in

25.03.2021

Sd/- सचिव /Secretary.

davp 25131/11/0025/2021

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 RULE 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF SH.R.R.BANSWAL, I.A.S.(RETD),

ARBITRATOR, PANCHKULA.

Arbitration Case No. 2/2019

Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited Panchkula Versus

M/s

Armychopper makes emergency landing in Ramban

BANJHAL/JAMMU, MARCH 31 An Army chopper with eight persons on board made an emergency landing in Ramban on Wednesday in Ramban after developing some technical snag, a police officer said.

PD Nitay, SSP, Ramban, said all passengers were safe and the chopper later left for its destination after the fault was rectified. Officials said a patient was among the passengers on board the chopper who was being airlifted to Army base hospital in Udhampur. The chopper made the emergency landing at the district police lines, Ramban. "The ALH helicopter of Srinagar-based 15 Corps was on its way to Udhampur from Mansbal in Bandipora and made the emergency landing at 10.45 am. — PTI

Summer capital all set to reopen Durbar on May 10

JAMMU, MARCH 31

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is shifting base to summer capital Srinagar as part of the biannual Durbar move, and the civil secretariat, other move offices and the Raj Bhawan will start functioning there from May 10, officials said on Wednesday.

The practice of the Durbar move — under which the administration functions in Jammu during six months of winter and in Srinagar during summer — was started by Maharaja Gulab Singh in 1872 to escape extreme weather conditions in the two regions.

"The move offices observing five-day week and six-day week will close in winter capital Jammu on April 30 and May 1



THE ADMINISTRATION WILL SHIFT BASE BY MAY 1. FILE

respectively. All the offices will reopen in Srinagar on May 10," an official spokesperson said.

Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam, who chaired a high-level meeting to review the preparations for the move here, said there would be a substantial reduction in the transportation of records

during the exercise.

"The government has taken concrete steps to switch to paperless offices by rolling out e-office in the moving departments. As such, most of the official record has been uploaded to the e-office, and training of employees has begun," he said. — PTI

Marklow vax coverage...

This would be the third phase of the drive with the first two phases covering health and frontline workers and people aged 60-plus and 45-59 year olds with comorbidities.

Of the 30 crore eligible in the first two phases, 6,30,54,353 (21 per cent of the target) have been inoculated.

In the virtual meeting with the states, the Health Ministry asked for ramping up inoculations using private facilities and target vaccine saturation among eligible age groups within two weeks in the 47 districts showing a surge. India today saw 53,480 fresh cases (total caseload now 1,21,49,335) and 354 deaths, the highest single-day fatalities this year (355 deaths were recorded on December 17).

The toll has touched 1,62,468.

HP promotes all pupils except of Class X, XII

Class X and XII would appear in board examination in April and May.

Confirming the development, the Director of Higher Education, Amarjeet Sharma, said, "The results were declared today. The admissions to the next class will be held from April 5 to 10. The schools will organise two-month remedial and revision classes for students who failed poorly."

The students who failed to appear in the annual examination would have to take a test within two months. In case they failed to do so, their result would not be declared. The decision to hold examinations

for these left-out students would be taken at the level of Deputy Directors of Higher Education and the heads of institutions, said an official.

The state government had reopened summer-closing and winter-closing schools in February after a gap of almost 11 months. The resurgence in Covid cases led to dip in attendance as the parents were apprehensive about sending their wards to schools, particularly in urban areas.

The state government again decided to shut all educational institutions from March 27 to April 4. It is likely to review the situation before April 5.

Interest rates on small...

office savings account has been slashed from 4% to 3.5%. The five-year RD scheme will get 5.3% while Sukanya Samridhi Yojana will offer 6.9% per annum. The money in KVP will now double in 138 months (6.2%) instead of 124 months (6.9%). Based on government yields, at the start of every quarter of the financial year, the government sets the interest rates on post office schemes for the next three months. But there is no change till maturity for investments in NSC, KVP, Time Deposits, Senior Citizens Savings Scheme.

There is a provision in PPF and Sukanya Samridhi Yojana for a revision in the rate each quarter of any financial year. Many post office schemes come with tax benefits under Section 80C of the IT Act.

Mufti: Constitution being undermined in BJP rule

SRINAGAR, MARCH 31

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Wednesday asked where does a person go when the judiciary, the only recourse left, "wash their hands off" matters involving fundamental rights. "Under BJP's rule, Indian Constitution is being undermined time & again. Only option & recourse left is the judiciary. Once they too decide to wash their hands off matters which involve our fundamental rights where does one go?" Mehbooba

CORRIGENDUM

Refer to this office Tender Notice dated 12.03.2021. It is informed that due to administrative reasons, the tenders will be opened on 06.04.2021 instead of 02.04.2021 in the office of the Principal, JNV, Theog at the same time. Other terms and conditions mentioned in the Tender Notice will remain as it is.

I/C Principal, JNV, THEOG, DI-24135

TENDER NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, PUNJAB

Website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

E-Tendering Notice No. 11/22A/2020-21 Dated 31-03-2021

On behalf of Government of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda invite bids from eligible bidders through E-Tendering Process on a work order basis for "Internal Clearance of Various Distributaries/Minors in Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda".

Closing Date and Time of Submission of Bids: - 05/04/2021 at 02.00 P.M. For details log onto: - <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Bathinda Canal Division, Bathinda

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

RE-TENDER NOTICE No. 13 of 2020-21 PWSSD Gurdaspur (2nd Time)

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Pb, W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb, W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur. The E-tendering Notice No. 11 issued vide this office endst. No. 701-720 dt 09.03.2021 are hereby recalled due to reason that No bidders participate received for below tender. Now these tender will be opened as per detail given below:-

| Sr. No. | Description of Work | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Cost of document/Tender Fee (Rs.) | Period of Completion | Approx. Value of the work |
|---------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2A, (North Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |
| 2 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2B, (Daulatpur) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |
| 3 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2C, (North Sarna-Behalpur) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |
| 4 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2D, (Bedi Bajri Colony) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |
| 5 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2E, (South Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |
| 6 | DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2F, (South Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tubewell with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot) | @2% DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/- | Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website | 6 months | Rs. 40.44 Lakh |

Important dates are as under:-

1 Period of availability of tender online shall be : 29.03.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.

2 Last Date & Time for online submission of bid shall be : 05.04.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.

3 Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid : 06.04.2021 at 02:00 p.m.

Note: Detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur.

DPR/Pb/3263

Thaw in ties: Pakistan restarts import of sugar & cotton

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J&K. India retaliated a day later by imposing 200% duty on Pakistani trade.

Pakistan had lifted the ban on import of medicines and raw material from India in May last year but today was the first biggest step in reversing the suspension of trade

between the two countries.

However, this is a symbolic gesture because the largest share of Indian exports to Pakistan is accounted for by polypropylene, reactive dyes, pharma and tea. Some of the items going through Wagah to Pakistan such as pharma and chemicals are manufactured

in the region, which would get a fillip once trade of these items also resumes. It remains to be seen whether India will reduce the heavy duty on import of fresh fruits, cement, sesame seeds and gypsum, some of the main Pakistani items consumed here.

On Tuesday, Imran Khan had

replied to PM Narendra Modi's greetings on Pakistan's National Day and expressed the hope that both countries would be able to close the chapter of over five years of acrimony. Though both leaders kept up this civility even when tensions had peaked after Pulwama, their letters this time had

centrally positioned the desire for peace. A few days earlier, the Indus Commissioners of both countries had met after over a year, in part because of Covid-related restrictions. However, there is no word on reopening of pilgrimage through the Kar-tarpur corridor.

But a Pakistani sports team

had travelled here to take part in an international competition after a long time. These rapprochement measures are undergirded by a surprise joint statement by military commanders from both countries on February 26 that decided to re-implement the ceasefire agreement on the border.

National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India)

Public Notice

It is for information of general public that the user fee collection at Zidda Toll Plaza at Km. 267.488 on NH-15 (New NH-54) from Km. 221.380 to Km 287.215 on Faridkot-Kotkapura-Bathinda section in state of Punjab shall revise as under w.e.f. 00.00 hrs on 01.04.2021 as per following rates:-

| Amount in Rs. | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Toll Plaza at Km. 267.488 Village Zidda | | | | | |
| Sr. No. | Category of Vehicle | Fee for Single Journey (Rs.) | Fee for multiple (Max. no of two one way) Journey within a day (Rs.) | Fee for Monthly Pass Valid for 50 Journeys in a month (Rs.) | Fee for Commercial Vehicles registered within the district (excluding vehicles plying under National Permit) (Rs.) |
| 1 | Car, Jeep, Van or Light Motor Vehicle | 105 | 155 | 3450 | 50 |
| 2 | Light Commercial vehicle, Light Goods Vehicle or Mini Bus | 165 | 250 | 5570 | 85 |
| 3 | Bus or Truck (Two Axle) | 350 | 525 | 11670 | 175 |
| 4 | Three-Axle commercial Vehicle | 380 | 575 | 12730 | 190 |
| 5 | Heavy Construction Machinery (HCM) or Earth Moving/MAV(4 to 6 axle) | 550 | 825 | 18300 | 275 |
| 6 | Oversized Vehicles (7 or more axles) | 670 | 1005 | 22280 | 335 |

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Project Director,

National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Bathinda

National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India)

Public Notice

It is for information of general public that the user fee collection at Lehrabega Toll Plaza at Km. 191.929 (existing Ch. Km 199.079) design Ch. Near village Lehrabega District Bathinda for the project Tapa to Bathinda section on NH-64 (New NH-7) from Km. 168.000 to Km 209.500 in state of Punjab shall revise as under w.e.f. 00.00 hrs on 01.04.2021 as per following rates:-

| Amount in Rs. | | | | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Toll Plaza at Km. 191.929 Village Lehrabega | | | | | |
| Sr. No. | Category of Vehicle | Fee for Single Journey (Rs.) | Fee for multiple (Max. no of two one way) Journey within a day (Rs.) | Fee for Monthly Pass Valid for 50 Journeys in a month (Rs.) | Fee for Commercial Vehicles registered within the district (excluding vehicles plying under National Permit) (Rs.) |

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BRIEFLY

NORTH SOUTH (ANTIGUA)

Brathwaite's delayed 100 gets West Indies to 354

Left stranded on 99 overnight, West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite completed his ninth Test century to place his team in a strong position at stumps on the second day of the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka. Brathwaite needed only two balls at the start of the day to reach his first century since July 2018. This was also his first hundred as West Indies captain. Brathwaite was the 16th player in Test history to be stranded on 99 overnight and he maintained a streak as all 16 have been converted into hundreds. He has now scored nine of the last 10 centuries by a West Indies opener. Brathwaite's 103-run eighth-wicket partnership with Rahkeem Cornwall helped the West Indies to 354. At stumps, Sri Lanka were 136/3, 218 runs behind.

LONDON

ECB doesn't clash with

players over IPL: Giles

England's director of cricket Ashley Giles says the ECB would like to stay away from any conflict with players on their participation in the IPL as it could well mean losing the top ones if they are forced to choose between franchise and national duty. He feels any standoff with the players on the matter could have dangerous implications for England cricket. "Right now I think our players love playing for England," Giles said. "I don't want that to be a kiss of death. I think we have to understand that it could be a danger in the future."

NEW DELHI

Captains will make Pant a better player: Ponting

Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting says that leading the side in the upcoming season of the IPL will make wicket-keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant an even better player. Pant was named the captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming IPL after regular skipper Shreyas Iyer was ruled out of the tournament after he injured his left shoulder during the recently-concluded England's tour of India. "...looking forward to seeing Pant grab his opportunity. It's well deserved for his recent performances. I'm convinced captainty will make him an even better player," Ponting tweeted. AGENCIES

Covid strikes elite training centres

26, including coaches and athletes, positive at NIS Patiala, four in SAI Bengaluru

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31

Amid mounting Covid cases in Punjab, as many as 26 national level athletes, coaches and support staff tested positive for the coronavirus at National Institute Sports (NIS) here. However, no Olympics-bound athlete tested positive in the sampling.

Those who tested positive would be quarantined at the campus itself, said NIS officials. Those who have

been tested positive include national boxing coach CA Kuttappa, national shot-put coach Mohinder Singh Dhillon, athletics coach Kamal Ali Khan, boxer Deepak Kumar, Naveen Boora and Sanjeet. Besides, Saira Banu, a masseuse, also tested positive.

Positivity rate at NIS Patiala is said to be very high wherein 313 samples had been taken, of which 26 tested positive. Out of the 428 samples taken in Bengaluru, only four tested

Covid-positive.

"Both the campuses have already been sanitised and all precautionary measures are being taken to ensure complete safety of athletes," Sports Authority of India (SAI) said in a statement.

Patiala hostels

Meantime, it has been learned that NIS authorities had already converted hostels and training areas of the national campers into a green zone and others

Possible reasons

■ Four-day National Athletics was held at NIS on March 15-19. Hundreds of athletes and organisers had come from all over the country

■ The security guards deployed at and near the hostels had been coming from outside campus

■ National campers and coaches were not following Covid norms were not allowed to enter the said zone. However, all

the security guards deployed at and near the hostels — including the security in-charge, a handball coach — ironically, had been coming from outside the campus regularly. Moreover, national campers and coaches were not following Covid norms, the sources.

It may be recalled that a four-day senior National Athletics Championship was held at NIS on March 15-19. Hundreds of athletes and organisers from various parts of the country had

taken part in the event.

After today's cases, Patiala Health Department said that they were not taken in loop by the health department of NIS at any point. Patiala Health officials said that NIS did not inform them even after so many persons tested positive.

A senior official of the health department said, "We were not informed at all by NIS. We will ask for a report from the NIS authorities in this regard."

Woman lifter at national camp caught in dope net

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31 A woman weightlifter, who was part of the national camp currently on in Patiala, has been provisionally suspended after her sample returned positive for testosterone.

The lifter in question was to be part of the team scheduled to take part in the Asian Weightlifting Championships, but has now been dropped after the suspension.

Traces of androsterone, testosterone and etiocholanone were found in her samples. These substances are listed as anabolic agents in the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited list of substances.

The Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) announced a seven-member team, including Olympic hopefuls Mirabai Chanu (49kg) and Jeremy Lalrinnunga, for the competition to be held in Tashkent from April 16 to 25.

Her sample was collected in November. The lifter was asked to leave the National Institute of Sports in Patiala after the federation received an adverse analytical finding (AAF) report indicating presence of prohibitive substances in her sample.

She left the national camp in November and was tested upon re-joining the camp.

Ronaldo gets first goal, Belgium win 8-0

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo scores their second goal. REUTERS

task got easier when Luxembourg's Maxime Chanot was sent off for a second booking in the 87th. The victory lifted Portugal to the top of Group A on seven points after three games, level with Serbia, while Luxembourg are third with three points.

Belgium and Dutch win big Meanwhile, Belgium and the Netherlands scored 15 goals combined in big routs in World Cup qualifying.

Belgium crushed Belarus 8-0 to stay at the top in Group E, while the Dutch trashed Gibraltar 7-0 to go second

behind Turkey in Group G.

Hans Vanaken and Leandro Trossard both scored a pair of goals as Belgium trounced Belarus with four goals in each half. "I'm delighted with what I've seen from every player," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said. "I've

seen players taking decisive roles, I was very pleased with the performance of the young guys and how this group works together."

The home victory left Belgium three points ahead of the Czech Republic, who lost 0-1 to Wales thanks to a late Daniel James goal after an assist by Gareth Bale. Wales and Belarus are a point behind the Czech Republic with a game in hand.

Dutch rout

Gibraltar, ranked 195th in the world, kept the Netherlands largely at bay before the break but collapsed in the second half on the artificial turf of Victoria Stadium. The visitors added to their 1-0 halftime lead with four goals by the 64th, then got two more closer to the end.

Memphis Depay had a double for the Dutch, who trail Turkey by a point after three matches.

"The goals came later than we had hoped, but at least they came," Depay said. "We remained positive, and things came good in the end. The team spirit is great, and we have belief in ourselves."

Turkey missed a chance to earn their third straight win after squandering a 2-0 lead in a 3-3 draw with Latvia.

Mitrovic thriving, Russia lose

Mitrovic continued his hot streak by scoring a double in

Serbia's win at Azerbaijan. He has scored five goals in the first three qualifiers. He also had a double in the opening 3-2 win against Ireland, and found the net once in the 2-2 draw against Portugal. Mitrovic opened the scoring in the 16th and netted the winner in the 81st. — Agencies

Key Results

- Turkey-Latvia drew 3-3
- Portugal bt Luxembourg 3-1
- Slovakia bt Russia 2-1
- Belgium bt Belarus 8-0
- Netherlands bt Gibraltar 7-0
- Czech Republic bt Wales 1-0
- Norway bt Montenegro 1-0
- Croatia-Malta 3-0
- Cyprus bt Slovenia 1-0
- Serbia bt Azerbaijan 2-1

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KHARAR

(Distt. S.A.S. Nagar) दस्तर नगर चैम्बर, खरार (सिलेंडर एम्प, नगर)

मित्री: 24.03.2021

प्रधान प्रतिनिधि

उर अभ अंडे खास हु मुरिं लोंग जांदा है कि दस्तर नगर चैम्बर, खरार वैल एक दूरवासा विराट उंट रुही मित्री 16.04.2021 ने दस्तर 11.00 वाले छुन्हु बैंग रेंजी गर्डी रोडी नियुक्ति समें अंडे खास हु लोंग वैल एक दूरवासा विराट चैम्बर राम नामी वरदा के बैंग विच भाग शे करदा है।

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मित्री/- कारनसमायक अम्बर, नगर चैम्बर, खरार

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सत्र 2021-22 के लिए शिक्षकों की संविदात्मक नियुक्ति हेतु विद्यालय

केन्द्रीय विद्यालय क्र० 1 अमाला छावनी में स्नातकोत्तर शिक्षक, रासायन शास्त्र विद्यालय के शिक्षिका शिक्षिकाओं की संविदात्मक नियुक्ति हेतु साक्षात्कार (Walk-In-Interview) का आयोजन विद्यालय परिवर्तन में दिनांक 12.04.2021 को प्रातः 9:00 बजे किया जाएगा। इच्छुक एवं योग्य प्राप्ति शिक्षिका योग्यता, शतांश, साक्षात्कार की विधि तथा अन्य विवरण हेतु विद्यालय की वेबसाइट <https://no1ambalacant.kvs.ac.in> देखें।

प्राचार्य

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E-tender notice for the appointment of the labor contractor

E-tenders are invited by the corporation for appointment of the labor contractors at the seed processing plants at Kartarpur, Kotkpur, Ladhawal, Sohal and Abhar for Crop Year 2021-22.

E-tenders will be received and opened as under:

1. Date of applying & submission of e-tender
2. Date of Opening of Technical Bid
3. Date of Opening of Financial Bid
4. Form fee
5. Earnest Money

02.04.2021 at 10.00 AM to 19.04.2021 at 05.00 PM

20.04.2021 at 11.00 AM

After opening and evaluation of Technical Bid

Rs. 100/-

Rs. 7500/-

Bidders are required to register themselves at the Government portal <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get the user id, password etc. E-tender notice, detail of work and Terms and Conditions are also available at Govt. portal <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> EMD and tender form fees and processing fees have to be deposited through online mode only through same tendering portal. Any further communication or corrigendum will be uploaded online only. For any query email on punseed.chd@punjab.gov.in or contact on mob. 8544718919.

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(CIN: U40108CH1998SGC21134)
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Short Notice Inviting Tender

Tender No. PEDA/PGL/2020-21/39

E-Bids are invited for the following works:

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOIL/SILT FROM POWER CHANNELS AND IN FRONT OF MAIN CANAL GATES OF 8NOs MINI HYDRO PROJECTS, NAMELY MHP CHUPKI, NARANGWAL, TUGAL AND DALLA ON ABOHAR BRANCH CANAL, MHP-BOWANI, KHATRA, JAGERA AND KANGANWAL ON BATHINDA BRANCH CANAL.

The bidders are requested to submit bids for above mentioned work as per schedule and terms & conditions mentioned below:

1. Date of uploading of Bid Document
2. Last date and time for submission of e-bids
3. Date and Time of opening of Technical e-bids
4. Cost of bid document (Rs.)
5. E- Processing fee (Rs.)
6. Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)

1. The detailed terms and conditions and scope of work eligibility criteria are given in the bid document, which can be downloaded from the <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or www.peda.gov.in2. Bidders to remain updated for any kind of notices/updates/amendments/modifications/clarifications etc. to the bid document in the website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or www.peda.gov.in only. No separate notifications will be given for such notices /updates /amendments/ modifications/ clarifications etc. in the print media (press) or individually.3. For participating in the above e-tendering process, the bidders shall have to get themselves registered with <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and get user ID and Password. Class-3 Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification / query regarding bid-document or its clauses, bidders can contact PGL at 0172-2648004, 9876051885, 9815602615, 8699007080 during office hours on working days for any technical help regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact E-tendering helpdesk at 0172-2791326/2791226 during office hours on working days Technical / Financial Bid Forms in bid document are for reference purposes only. Bidders have to download the Bid Forms from e-tendering website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> only after payment of bid document cost.4. Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on the website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> or www.peda.gov.in No separate notice shall be published in press.

5. PGL, reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the bids and annul the entire bidding process

DIRECTOR

Aditi to go par with Lahiri

With her 16th Major, she'll equal Lahiri's mark

RANCHO MIRAGE (USA), MARCH 31

Aditi Ashok will equal Anirban Lahiri's record of participating in 16 Majors — the most by any Indian — when she tees off in the first round of the ANA Inspiration here tomorrow.

Aditi is just two days past her 23rd birthday, but this is already her fifth year on the Ladies PGA Tour. Besides, she has won three times on the Ladies European Tour. While it needs to be mentioned that women have five Majors as against four for men, Aditi has played at least one Major each year since she turned pro in 2016 and she became an LPGA member in 2017.

She has also made the cut at

MIAMI, MARCH 31

Aryna Sabalenka clearly laboured in the final set of her match. Frances Tiafoe seemed to barely have the energy needed to reach the post-match handshake. Conditions were tough at the Miami Open.

CM Mamata or Adhikari? Nandigram decides today

Didi writes to Oppn leaders to unite against BJP

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2021

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MARCH 31
Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today wrote to 10 Opposition leaders, including Congress' Sonia Gandhi, suggesting a get-together for chalking out a strategy to take on the BJP after the current round of Assembly polls.

The strongly worded seven-point letter — sent on the eve of her battle with Suvendu Adhikari in Nandigram — said the time had come for a “united and effective struggle against the BJP’s attacks on democracy and the constitution” and “presenting a credible alternative to the people of India”.

Starting with the controversial new law that gives more powers to Delhi’s Lieutenant-Governor, Mamata presented seven instances of what she called the BJP’s “assaults” on democracy and cooperative federalism.

The list included misuse of the office of the Governor, central agencies like the CBI and ED, withholding states’ funds, disbanding bodies like the National Development



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

'BJP WANTS TO DILUTE POWERS OF STATE GOVT'S'

“The BJP wants to make it impossible for non-BJP parties to exercise their constitutional rights and freedom. It wants to dilute the powers of state governments and downgrade them to mere municipalities,” Mamata Banerjee, WEST BENGAL CM

Council and Planning Commission, using money power to topple non-BJP governments, privatisation of nation’s assets and deterioration in the relations between the states and the Centre.

Besides Sonia, the letter was sent to NCP chief Sharad Pawar, DMK’s Stalin, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray, YSR Congress chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, BJD chief Naveen Patnaik and others.

TMC chief counts on Sanskrit shlokas

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NANDIGRAM, MARCH 31
Sanskrit incantations sum up Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s speeches at most public meetings these days. By asserting her Hindu identity, the Trinamool Congress supremo hopes to win over Hindu voters.

In Nandigram, Mamata desperately needs this strategy to succeed if she has to register a victory over Suvendu Adhikari, her former deputy and now a BJP candidate from the seat.

Visit to Nandigram makes it clear that BJP’s propaganda against Mamata accusing her of “appeasement of Muslims” is at work in the constituency where Hindus constitute over 70 per cent of the electorate.

Sheikh Supian, Mamata Banerjee’s confidant and her chief election agent in the constituency for Thursday’s poll, is aware of the grudge against Didi nurtured by a section of Hindus in Nandigram for her alleged policy of cultivating Muslim voters.

“But 50 per cent of the Hindus will vote for Mamata. She will also get 90 per cent of Muslim votes, making her victory from Nandigram certain,” Supian says.

In Assam, over 73 lakh voters to decide fate of 345 candidates

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MARCH 31
In Assam, over 73 lakh voters will decide the fate of 345 candidates in 39 seats, which will go to polls tomorrow.

The high-voltage campaign saw bigwigs from the BJP and Congress touring the state several times in the past week. Most of the seats in the second phase are likely to see a straight fight between the NDA and Congress-led Mahajoth.

The BJP has fielded 34 candidates, Congress 28, Assam Jatiya Parishad 19, AIUDF seven, AGP six and the BPF has fielded four candidates.

Besides, the Election Commission has imposed Section 144 in Nandigram, which is among the 30 Assembly constituencies of West Bengal going to the



Workers carry election material to be distributed among polling and presiding officials in Nalbari on Wednesday. PTI

polls on Thursday.

Mamata Banerjee (TMC) and her former ministerial colleague Suvendu Adhikari (BJP) are engaged in a bitter fight in Nandigram.

The CPM candidate from Nandigram, Meenaxi Mukherjee, has also made her presence felt in the constituency despite the presence of the two heavyweights. Besides Nandigram, other high-profile Bengal constituencies going to the polls in the second phase include Debra.

Stop freebies, create infra: HC to TN parties

CHENNAI, MARCH 31
Deplored the freebies culture in Tamil Nadu to woo voters, the Madras High Court on Wednesday advised leaders of the political parties to stop this and engage in promoting infrastructural facilities.

The court’s observations came while admitting a writ petition from M Chandramohan from Tirunelveli district praying for a direction to the authorities concerned to convert the reserved Vasudevanalur Assembly constituency into a general one. “Each party tries to outdo each other in terms of populist promises. If one party promises monthly assistance of Rs 1,000 to women household heads, there is a counter offer of Rs 1,500. It goes on. The result is people started having a mindset that they could make a living out of freebies,” a Division Bench of Justices N Kirubakaran and B Pugalendhi said. — PTI

Why PM mum on nuns’ harassment: Priyanka



PRIYANKA GANDHI
than quoting from the Bible “to sow seeds of division and hatred in the country”.

She said she had worked for

many years with the nuns belonging to Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in Delhi, who taught her how to clean the wounds of the destitutes. “I worked for many years with my sisters in Mother Teresa’s order of Missionaries of Charity. I was a volunteer at their homes in Delhi”, Gandhi said while narrating her experience as a volunteer at the sisters of Mother Teresa’s order. — PTI

World Bank raises India's growth forecast to 10.1%

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
The World Bank has forecast 10 per cent GDP growth for the Indian economy in the next fiscal year that begins tomorrow.

“This is a substantial upward revision of 4.7 per cent from January 2021 forecasts, but the pandemic is not yet under control and the recovery remains fragile, calling for vigilance,” said Hartwig Schafer, World Bank Vice-President for the South Asia Region.

The GDP of other South Asian nations is also expected to grow — Bangladesh by 3.6 per cent, Nepal’s by 2.7 per cent and Pakistan’s by 1.3 per cent, said the World Bank days ahead of its spring meeting that will shape up the policy responses of Bretton Woods Institutions towards debt, climate, vaccines and economic recovery.

The World Bank, however, sounded a warning on two fronts — growth was not just uneven, but it was also fragile. As economic activity is well



'RECOVERY REMAINS FRAGILE'

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below pre-Covid-19 estimates, businesses need to make up for lost revenue and millions of workers, most of them in the informal sector, still reel from job losses and falling incomes, said the World Bank’s twice-a-year regional update.

The improved economic outlook reflects South Asian

countries’ efforts to keep their Covid caseload under control and swiftly roll out vaccine campaigns, it noted.

But the pandemic laid bare South Asia’s deep-seated inequalities and vulnerabilities, the report said, while recommending universal social insurance to protect informal workers.

Military Farms closed after 132 yrs of service

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 31
The Army on Wednesday closed Military Farms, a 132-year-old organisation that had become redundant with changing times. Over 20,000 acres of prime defence land can now be used for upcoming ground-based missile storage, aviation, new raisings and even housing for troops.

All its officers and workers have been redeployed within the Ministry of Defence. The future use of 20,000 acres has not been decided yet, sources said, maintaining the move to hand over the land to the Director General Defence Estates has not been okayed yet. As of now, the land is under the control of the Army.

In February 1889, the British had set up first such farm to produce quality milk and 130 farms were opened later. Earlier, cantonments were largely isolated from towns and cities. But with rapid urban growth, most cantonments are now located within population clusters. The White Revolution of the 1970s changed everything.

Over 20,000 acres of defence land to be used for other purposes

Milk availability is a non-issue now. For almost 20 years, India has been the largest producer of milk in the world.

The original decision to close the Military Farms was taken in 2013 after a meeting of Army Commanders and the process had been on since.

Military Farms are spread across Ambala, Jalandhar, Pathankot, Jammu, Srinagar, Kargil, Udhampur, Meerut, Ranikhet, Ahmednagar, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Secunderabad, Mhow, Jhansi, Dimapur, Guwahati, Jorhat, Panagarh, Kolkata, Agra, Prayagraj, Lucknow and Kanpur among others.

These farms supplied 3.5 crore litre of milk annually. Also, in collaboration with the Agriculture Ministry, they started “Project Frieswal”, which is credited to be the world’s largest cattle cross-breeding programme.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE LOAD DESPATCH CENTRE
(an Apex body)
GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
DISCLOSURE OF TARIFF PETITION AS FILED BY HPSLDC BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TRUE-UP OF FY 2018-19 of 3rd MYT Control Period, FY 2019-20 of 4th MYT Control Period and Provisional True-up of FY 2020-21 of 4th MYT Control Period, and Approval of Revised Aggregate Requirement (ARR) for FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24 of the 4th MYT Control Period.

In accordance with Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2011, The Himachal Pradesh State Load Despatch Society (hereunder referred to as “the HPSLDC”) has submitted the petition for True-up of FY 2018-19 of 3rd MYT Control Period, FY 2019-20 of 4th MYT Control Period and Provisional True-up of FY 2020-21 of 4th MYT Control Period, and Approval of Revised Aggregate Requirement (ARR) for FY 2021-22 to FY 2023-24 of the 4th MYT Control Period.

The Salient features of the MYT Petition submitted by HPLDS are as follows:-

1. Aggregate Revenue Requirement approved by HPERC for each year of the Control Period (Rs. Lakhs)

| Particular | FY 19 | FY 20 | FY 21 | FY 22 | FY 23 | FY 24 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|----------|
| 1 O&M Expense | 375.91 | 612.87 | 838.57 | 894.81 | 933.25 | 966.85 |
| i) R&M Expense | 18.04 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| ii) Employee Expense | 18.24 | 80.10 | 66.30 | 81.60 | 95.80 | 82.10 |
| iii) A&G Expense | 289.33 | 419.80 | 659.30 | 782.10 | 826.90 | 874.20 |
| iv) ULDC Expense | 50.30 | 102.97 | 102.97 | 21.11 | 0.55 | 0.55 |
| 2 Depreciation | 0.68 | 9.20 | 27.40 | 59.90 | 100.40 | 134.80 |
| 3 Interest & Finance Charges | 2.41 | 4.20 | 14.60 | 32.00 | 51.00 | 62.00 |
| 4 Return on Equity | 1.71 | 3.60 | 11.30 | 25.30 | 42.60 | 57.40 |
| 5 Interest on working capital | 8.08 | 15.00 | 22.40 | 26.20 | 29.00 | 31.10 |
| 6 NLDC Fee and Charges | - | 88.80 | 88.80 | 88.80 | 88.80 | 88.80 |
| 7 Less: Income from Registration fee / STOA charges etc. | 176.58 | 221.53 | 221.53 | 221.53 | 221.53 | 221.53 |
| 8 Annual Revenue Requirement | 212.21 | 512.14 | 781.54 | 905.48 | 1,023.52 | 1,119.42 |

2. Aggregate Revenue Requirement proposed for each year of the Control Period (Rs. Lakhs).

| Particular | FY 19 Actual | FY 20 Actual | FY 21 RE | FY 22 Proj. | FY 23 Proj. | FY 24 Proj. |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 O&M Expense | 405.02 | 785.39 | 695.43 | 638.01 | 720.07 | 693.91 |
| i) R&M Expense | 67.13 | 245.95 | 187.80 | 34.34 | 93.83 | 44.30 |
| ii) Employee Expense | 31.26 | 80.50 | 87.44 | 92.23 | 97.16 | 102.23 |
| iii) A&G Expense | 306.62 | 321.38 | 357.63 | 500.60 | 518.25 | 536.55 |
| iv) ULDC Expense | - | 137.57 | 62.56 | 10.83 | 10.83 | 10.83 |
| 2 Depreciation | 2.22 | 12.87 | 11.30 | 28.17 | 56.21 | 79.20 |
| 3 Interest & Finance Charges | 0.36 | 1.26 | 19.28 | 20.42 | 43.49 | 86.74 |
| 4 Return on Equity | 0.96 | 7.91 | 15.28 | 39.63 | 80.16 | 121.49 |
| 5 Interest on working capital | 13.31 | 25.70 | 21.44 | 21.30 | 20.44 | 21.65 |
| 6 Income Tax | - | 51.84 | - | - | - | - |
| 7 NLDC Charges | - | 77.59 | 69.91 | 80.50 | 85.00 | 85.00 |
| 8 Previous year Gap / (surplus) | - | - | - | 49.04 | - | - |
| 9 Less: Income from Registration fee / STOA charges etc. | 354.55 | 290.79 | 299.88 | 272.14 | 272.14 | 272.14 |
| 10 Annual Revenue Requirement | 67.32 | 671.76 | 532.66 | 604.93 | 733.23 | 815.86 |

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