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25 patients dead at Delhi's Ganga Ram amid oxygen crisis; hospitals move HC

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
Delhi's oxygen emergency entered the fourth day today with 25 critical Covid patients dying at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital amid supply shortages and many facilities moving the High Court for help. Oxygen supplies far from stabilising, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met CMs of 11 high-burden states, including Delhi, and said the Indian Air Force and Railways had been deployed to reduce travel time for oxygen supplies.

After Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal told the meeting that Haryana and UP had been obstructing Delhi's oxygen supplies, the PM said every state must ensure no oxygen tanker was stopped or stranded. Later in the day, the MHA said it had written



Relatives grieve the death of a family member due to Covid-19 at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi on Friday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

to all states/ UTs to provide adequate security and exclusive corridors to oxygen transporting vehicles.

Though the PM today also met leading oxygen manufacturers, including Reliance's Mukesh Ambani,

urging them to boost supplies, the ground situation remained grim with India logging 3,32,730 daily cases

IAF, Rlys deployed to ease oxygen supply, PM tells CMs of high-burden states | New evidence suggests Delhi surge directly related to UK variant: NCDC

EVEN SINGLE JAB CUTS INFECTIONS BY 65%: STUDY

New Delhi: The Drug Controller General of India on Friday granted emergency use authorisation to Ahmedabad-based Zydus Cadila's anti-viral Virafin for treatment of moderately ill Covid patients. TNS

CANADA BANS FLIGHTS FROM INDIA, PAK

The Canadian government has banned all passenger flights from India and Pakistan for 30 days, the longest such ban imposed by it.

UK'S 'RED LIST' TRAVEL BAN COMES INTO FORCE

The UK's 'red list' travel restrictions came into force for India on Friday, which bans entry for travellers from the country. PTI

NO OXYGEN AT MP HOSPITAL, 5 DIE

5 patients died after the stock of oxygen got over at a hospital in MP's Jabalpur

in another world record. Delhi continued to remain the

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EDIT: GASPING FOR OXYGEN

Another tragedy, 14 die in hospital blaze

VIRAR (MAHA), APRIL 23

Fourteen Covid-19 patients died after a fire broke out at the intensive care unit of a private hospital in Palghar district of Maharashtra on Friday, the police said. While 13 were charred to death in the ICU, one patient died while being shifted to another hospital, an official said.



Maharashtra Minister Eknath Shinde at the blaze site in Virar on Friday. PTI

main storage at a civic hospital in Nashik. A fire broke out in Mumbai's Dreams Mall, which housed a Covid-designated hospital, in the intervening night of March 25-26. The fire, that raged for over 40 hours, claimed nine lives, including those of patients on ventilator support. — PTI

See How Some Coaching Centres Are Growing Despite Lockdowns! Scan & Watch!

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MoD to procure 23 oxygen plants from Germany

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
The Ministry of Defence has okayed the move of the Armed Forces Medical Services to import 23 oxygen generation plants from Germany.

To tide over the crisis, the MoD has also decided to give extension to 238 Short Service Commission doctors till December 31. These doctors were to end their tenure during 2021.

238 SSC doctors get extension till Dec 31

The oxygen generation plants are expected to be here within one week, Defence Ministry spokesperson Bharat Bhushan Babu said on Friday. Each plant can produce 2,400 litres of oxygen per hour, thereby catering to 20-25 patients round the clock. The advantage of these plants is that they are easily portable.

As of now, these oxygen units will be deployed only at military hospitals, which are straining under an increased load of serving and retired personnel.

Meanwhile, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has swung into action by carrying out sorties from various parts of the

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For next 2 months, free addl foodgrain to 80 cr

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

Amid the fresh Covid-19 outbreak in the country, the government has decided to allocate 5 kg per person per month free foodgrain to nearly 80 crore beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFS Act), 2013, for May and June. The allocation will be on the same pattern as under the "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)".

Under the special scheme, around 80 crore NFS Act beneficiaries covered Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AY) and Priority Householders (PHH) will be provided additional 5kg per person per month free foodgrain (rice/wheat), over and above their regular monthly entitlement.

₹26,000-CR SPEND

- Around 80 crore beneficiaries will be provided additional 5kg per person per month free foodgrain (rice/wheat) in May and June
- The additional allocation, over and above the regular monthly entitlement of beneficiaries, will cost Centre around ₹26,000 cr

The Centre would bear the full expenditure of over Rs 26,000 crore on account of cost of foodgrain, intrastate transportation etc, as part of the central assistance to states/UTs, officials said. — TNS

Pb rules out lockdown

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

The Punjab Government has ruled out imposing lockdown in the state. Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan, who is micro-managing the state's Covid management strategy, said the state should soon see the second wave peak.

"We are effectively dealing with the second, more viru-

lent wave of the pandemic. The recently imposed restrictions and increase in daily testing from 35,000 to 60,000 seem to be working. The case fatality rate is coming down. There is no reason to impose lockdown. Our emphasis is on strict compliance of the restrictions already imposed," she said. — TNS

VAX PRICING UNFAIR

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CHIEF MINISTER

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Leaving with satisfaction: CJI in his farewell speech

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, who demitted office on Friday, said in his farewell speech, "I leave with the satisfaction that I did my best...I hand over the baton to Justice (NV) Ramana who will, I am sure, very ably lead the court."

Attorney General KK Venugopal, Supreme Court Bar Association President Vikas Singh and senior advocates heaped praise on him for leading the judiciary during the pandemic.



Justice SA Bobde

out, CJI Bobde started virtual hearing and almost 50,000 cases have been disposed of. It's a great achievement," Venugopal said. CJI Bobde dealt with several key matters, including the historic Ayodhya verdict. — TNS

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Double mutant not found in Pb: CSIR

ADITI TANDON

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

In an encouraging development for the Covid vaccine plan, scientists at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have found that the Serum Institute's Covishield works against the

Says Covishield works against new strain

double mutant, believed to be a potential factor behind the sudden surge. Rakesh Mishra, Director, CSIR's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, said findings from an

early study revealed that Covishield offered protection against the double mutant.

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400 apply for bed on G'gram portal, 4 get it

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, APRIL 23

Within four days of its launch, the Gurugram administration app received over 400 requests for beds. However, only four applicants got them while 14 are on the waiting list.

The administration has formed a special team to verify the eligibility of bed seekers and are giving preference to those with Gurugram address on their Aadhaar cards. Of the 400 applicants, 230 had proof of Gurugram address. Of them, 20 were found eligible for beds, and four finally got it.

“There is no need to panic as we are ensuring that every person with a valid need for bed gets it. Yes, many people are applying for beds in panic but we have a team to analyse the patient situation and make recommendation for

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UPSGE OVER THE WEEK

Day	+ve	Recoveries	Deaths
Friday	4,319	1,670	9
Thursday	3,553	1,450	10
Wednesday	2,988	1,227	4
Tuesday	2,344	842	4
Monday	1,809	1,228	5

beds,” said Deputy Commissioner Yash Garg. What left applicants harried was that to secure hospital admission, CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

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SHIMLA, APRIL 23
Even as the Himachal Government yesterday claimed four pressure swing adsorption oxygen generation plants have been made operational in the state, an investigation by

The Tribune found that only one such plant at Zonal Hospital, Dharamsala, is functional. The ones at Deep Dayal Upadhyay Hospital (Shimla), Government Medical College and Hospital (Mandi) and Dr VS Parmar Government Medical College (Nahan) are yet to be made opera-

tional. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is funding the project. Shimla's former Deputy Mayor and CPM leader Tikender Panwar said: "Why mislead the public and make false claims when the situation is quite the contrary?"

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Simple crime probe made to fester: HC

KOTKAPURA FIRING Says investigation by former IG suffered from malice, absurdity

SAURABH MALIK

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that simple crime probe in the Kotkapura firing case was made to worsen and translate itself into a mine where every person concerned found himself trapped, resulting in dangerous concoction of religion, politics and the police administration.

"What could have been simple investigation of a crime committed either by the protesters or by the police or by both, was made to fester and convert itself to a quagmire wherein every person concerned found himself entrapped. It resulted from dangerous mixing of religion, politics and the police administration. As such, the aggrieved — whether the police persons or the injured protesters must be finding themselves cheated and endlessly waiting for real justice," Justice Rajbir Singh Sehrawat ruled.

The Bench added the investigation conducted by IPS officer Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh suffered from malice, irrationality and absurdity. As such, it was one of the rare cases where the court was under duty to step in and quash the



Sikh organisations protest the Bargari sacrilege incident in Amritsar. FILE

DAMNING INDICTMENT OF FORMER SIT HEAD KUNWAR VIJAY

- Documents showed Kunwar had tendency to misuse official position. He accepted his conduct to bulldoze process, and make an attempt to overrule judicial process.
- Enraged by a CJM's order granting a day's remand, he wrote to Faridkot District and Sessions Judge on the 'administrative side' alleging close family linkage of the officer with Parkash Singh Badal.
- He could not have written any letter on 'administrative side'. The mischief was only to pressureise courts at Faridkot and to overrule judicial process. "The then Sessions Judge also owes an explanation as to how he entertained a letter written on administrative side on this aspect"
- Kunwar does not hesitate in using his position and capacity even for purposes motivated politically. When parliamentary elections were on, he named leaders of a party rival to political dispensation heading the current government.
- He acted under political patronage for a political purpose. The state government did not remove him from the investigation despite Election Commission orders.
- The party heading present government and its Cabinet ministers wrote to the EC for revoking the order. "This shows the close nexus among the politics, the respondent and the investigation being carried out by him"

investigation and consequent report under Section 173, CrPC, filed in the two cases related to the incident.

The Bench ruled Kunwar was a person who indulged in

misuse of his official position to further his designs. He made attempt to overrule the processes and the authority, indulged in theatrics and political manoeuvring to

draw mileage out of it. He went to height of fantasy when he brought film actor Akshay Kumar into the picture. Even the religious act of alleged pardon of Dera Sacha

Sauda, Sirsa, was brought into picture to strengthen his hypotheses of conspiracy against Parkash Singh Badal and Sukhbir Singh Badal. But he could not collect any material. "This court fails to understand how and why a purely religious issue, dealt with by top religious leaders of Sikhs, was brought into picture by him."

The Bench said it was surprising even after making effort to find out and establish allegation of conspiracy against the Badals, mentioning their names in the charge-sheet and recording that their conspiracy was established, Kunwar did not arraign them as accused. He kept the present investigation a political horse to be flogged only at an opportune time — whenever the elections were around the corner or when it otherwise suited him.

"The only possible fact which prevents filing charge-sheet against these two leaders can be that there is no evidence against both of them."

His conduct and methodology substantiated the allegations he was acting with an intention to further political agenda and was not carrying out a comprehensive and impartial investigation.

Ex-IG Kunwar set to assume lawyer's role

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

The Punjab and Haryana Bar Council today awarded enrolment certificate to Punjab Police IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh paving the way for him to practise law.

Gets enrolment certificate from Bar

He had recently resigned and sought voluntary retirement from the IPS. He had said he might turn lawyer. Minderjeet Singh, chairman, Bar Council, and other members gave the certificate to the former IG here today.



Ex-IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh gets enrolment certificate from the Bar council. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Amid clamour, Cong top leaders briefed

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

With pressure growing within the Congress to fix responsibility of those who created obstacles in the SIT probe into the Kotkapura police firing case, the state party leadership is learnt to have briefed the party high command about the ongoing development related to the quashing of the probe by Punjab and Haryana High Court.



SIDHU AT IT AGAIN

Is sacrilege case not the top priority for the Home Minister? Making only Advocate General the scapegoat means executive authority has no supervisory control. Who controls the AG? Legal team is just a pawn in this game of shifting responsibilities. Navjot Singh Sidhu, CONGRESS LEADER

been discussing various legal options.

PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar said the party high command was in the know of things. "I believe the CM has briefed the party high command on the issue," he said.

Used bags in short supply due to hoarding: Arhiyas

SANGRUR, APRIL 23

Five days after the Punjab Government approved the packaging of wheat in good quality used gunny bags provided by arhiyas, there seems to be no improvement in the shortage of gunny bags. Arhiyas have accused officials of diverting the anger of farmers towards them for failing to ensure a speedy lifting.

"We have been trying to find good quality old gunny bags, but have failed to meet the demand. Some persons had



Workers move wheat bags drenched in rain at Amritsar grain market.

Rain damages crop

AMRITSAR, APRIL 23

Rain accompanied by high-velocity winds damaged the standing wheat crop in various fields while grains lying in markets got drenched last evening. Agricultural officials said untimely rain had delayed the harvesting of crop for the next 72 hours.

In view of bad weather conditions, farmers were in hurry to harvest the crop. Most of them arrived with their produce at the grain markets of the districts, but due to the shortage of gunny bags (baranda), the produce has been kept in the open. The administration has even failed to provide tarpaulin sheets to the purchase centres. Waterlogging was witnessed in the Bhagtanwala grain market.

District Food and Supply Controller Raj Rishi Mehra

HARVEST DELAYED

Tarn Taran: Heavy rain has destroyed the standing wheat crop in various parts of the district. Farmers rued that the harvesting process has been delayed further. As per information, the damage has been reported from Chabal, Gondiwind, Bhikhwind, Khalra, Khemkaran, Valtoba, Patti, Harke, Chohla Sahib and Khadoor Sahib areas. oc

said 10,973 MT of wheat had arrived in the mandis so far, of which 9,013 MT had been procured. Deputy Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Khaira said as per the instructions of the government, arhiyas had been asked to use B class bags. — TNS

already hoarded a majority of such bags as they were already aware that the government would announce their reuse. The approval for the reuse of old bags has been given to favour certain influential persons and not to help farmers," said Ravinder Singh Cheema, president, Arhiya Association Punjab.

"The government officers are provoking farmers by saying that we are not providing used gunny bags. These are baseless allegations," said Cheema. Sangrur DC Ramvir said officers with the help of arhiyas had been trying their best to arrange the required gunny bags. — TNS

4 LMT procured: Govt

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

Government agencies and arhiyas procured 4,31,396 metric tonnes of wheat in Punjab on the fourteenth day of procurement on Friday.

An official spokesperson said of the total 4,31,396, the government agencies procured 4,31,062 MT of wheat, arhiyas 334 MT. He said PUNGRAIN has

procured 97,145 metric tonnes of wheat, MARKFED 1,16,978 MT, PUNSUP 94,937 MT and Punjab State Warehousing Corporation 62,074 MT. The Food Corporation of India has procured 37,708 MT of wheat.

Besides this, Pungrain procured 22,220 MT wheat for public distribution in the state. — TNS

District Food and Supply Controller Raj Rishi Mehra



GOVT PRESENTING WRONG FIGURES: SAD

- SAD leader Prof Prem Singh Chandumajra on Thursday alleged the state government was presenting wrong figures regarding wheat procurement and direct payment
- "The government figures do not match as the produce is still lying at grain markets," he said, stressing SAD leaders would meet Deputy Commissioners in each district and hand over letters to them. "If situation does not improve, we will meet the Governor too," he said

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PATIALA, APRIL 23

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CM: Centre's vaccine policy for above 18 unfair to states

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23
Terming the new vaccination policy for those above 18 years unfair to states, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday sought Centre-state parity in vaccination for the age group from May 1, while calling for urgent steps to ensure adequate oxygen supply.

In a virtual conference of the Prime Minister to discuss the Covid situation with CMs of worst-affected states, he said the Centre must ensure that all commitments as per allocation were complied with by liquid oxygen manufacturers in other states. Punjab's supplies come from Haryana, HP and Uttarakhand and there were reports of supplies being "hijacked", he said.

He sought funding of the vaccination by the Central government. "While Punjab



A man gets the jab at the Jalandhar Civil Hospital. MALKIAT SINGH

RECRUIT 400 NURSES, 140 TECHNICIANS AT GMCS

CM Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday ordered immediate recruitment of 400 nurses and 140 technicians to GMCS while directing the department to expedite medical college projects approved/in progress in the state. The CM said he would be writing soon to the PM seeking direction to PGI satellite centres and military hospitals in Punjab to provide Covid beds to citizens

received fresh supplies yesterday, the current stocks can last only three days as demand for vaccine is

RECORD 6,762 CASES, 76 DEATHS IN 24 HRS

The state saw record 6,762 cases and 76 deaths in the past 24 hours. The highest number of cases was reported in Ludhiana, while the maximum number of deaths was reported in Amritsar and Ludhiana (8 each)

COVID METER

Cases	6,762
Critical	44
Active	43,943
Deaths	76

WORST-HIT DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	+VE
Mohali	982
Ludhiana	995
Amritsar	722
Patiala	533
Bathinda	593

increasing," he said. The Chief Minister also pointed to the shortage and black marketing of medi-

cines like Remdesivir and Tocilizumab, which he said was creating great panic in the media and general public.

Running low, J&alph hospitals gasp for oxygen

APARNA BANERJI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, APRIL 23

The district Civil Hospital ran out of oxygen supply for the first time late last night. SOS calls were made to the suppliers, leading to provisioning of oxygen early today. Similarly, a number of private hospitals have said they are on the brink of exhausting their supplies.

A letter by the DC on April 19 to the Punjab Health Systems Corporation MD says of the 3,500 oxygen cylinders required in Jalandhar every day, 500 are being sent out to Hoshiarpur and Nawanshahr. Jalandhar can only produce 2,400 cylinders from two plants.

DESIGNATED SUPPLY ENSURED

Of 2,200 cylinders generated in city, 400 are sent to other districts. The remaining have to be divided equally among private hospitals. Designated supply has been ensured. Officials have been deputed at processing units to eliminate foul play. Ghanshyam Thori, DC

As the number of patients grows in city hospitals, the district needs a 16 MT tanker of liquid oxygen from outside to meet its demands, says the administration. To add to this, the district has at least 27 patients referred from outside the state, including Delhi, Himachal, Haryana and Jammu.

Private hospitals warned

that lack of oxygen was driving the city's health system to the brink of collapse.

Dr BS Johal, proprietor of Johal Hospital, submitted to the DC and the Civil Surgeon he was referring five of his patients to the Civil Hospital due to lack of oxygen.

"I had 47 patients on oxygen support with six hours of supply left this afternoon. We can't

let our patients die. There was no option but to refer them. Against the quota of 65 cylinders a day, we need 170 to 180. After the letter, we were allotted 100. We still need strict rationing. We have a clear crisis on our hands," he said.

Dr Johal has 55 Covid beds, of which 42 are occupied and five patients were referred this afternoon. Dr Jasbir Mann of Mann Medicity said: "We are only getting 30 to 35 per cent of our oxygen requirement. Of the 40 beds reserved for level 3 patients, 30 are occupied. Against the requirement of 500 cylinders per day, 153 have been allotted. If the situation persists, we will be unable to take in level 3 patients."

Many set to leave for Canada stuck as Indian flights banned

DEEPMALA KAUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, APRIL 23

Hundreds of Punjabis, who had got their bookings done and were set to fly to Canada in coming days, are distraught as the Canadian government has imposed a ban on flights from India for the next 30 days.

A large number of students and newly married women are among those who had got their bookings done which got cancelled owing to the ban orders due to Covid surge in India.

"We got calls from our relatives in Canada who informed us of the sudden orders passed there. The news did not just come as an emotional trauma for us but also affects us financially as we have paid huge sums on air tickets and also for mandatory provision for hotel quarantine," rued an affected person.

Ranjeet Kaur from Sangrur, who was set to fly to Canada this evening, said, "I had got a Covid negative test report. I had got my hotel bookings done for the



Canada has imposed curbs on flights from India for 30 days. FILE

mandatory quarantine. My taxi to Delhi airport was booked and I was so excited to join my husband after a year of our marriage when this news brought everything to a standstill."

Shaurya Arora, who has already completed his first semester in Bachelors in Business Administration on online mode from a Toronto-based college, said, "I was to board a flight from Amritsar to Toronto and was to leave from Jalandhar this afternoon. My

first semester ended yesterday and I had planned to start the second semester after moving to Canada. But everything went haywire."

Several immigration companies based in Jalandhar have said their business had come to a standstill all over again owing to the pandemic. "All main countries, including Canada, the UK, US and UAE, have banned flights from India. So the footfall in our offices has fallen," said a travel agency.

Norms tweaked for MD, MS practical exams

FARIDKOT, APRIL 23

With a surge in Covid cases and teachers refusing to act as examiners in the postgraduate medical practical exams—MD and MS, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has decided to allow examiners from outside the state to participate in the practical examinations through video conferencing.

Two internal examiners, who may be from same insti-

tution or different institution under the same university, have to be physically present during the practical exams, said Dr MK Ramesh, president for Postgraduate Medical Examination Board (PGMEB) in the NMC.

The universities concerned could decide the time and method of examination taking into account the pandemic situation, said the president. — TNS

the Sikh jatha of 816 pilgrims was scheduled to return yesterday, the health department had depoted four teams. However, the pilgrims got enraged over the time-consuming exercise of swab sampling and some of them torn their reports when they came as positive.

However, SGPC member Harpal Singh Jalla, who led the SGPC-sponsored jatha, says it is a ploy to defame the pilgrimage. "I wonder how all of them came positive when none of them had any symptoms during the 10-day pilgrimage. All of them followed social distancing and maintained hygiene," he said.

Uncertainty over figure of +ve pilgrims

Of 200 Sikh devotees, records of only 94 available with authorities

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AMRITSAR, APRIL 23

A day after over 200 Punjab pilgrims who went to Pakistan to celebrate Baisakhi tested positive for Covid-19 in the mandatory rapid antigen test upon their return, the authorities today said they were left with the health record of only 94 infected devotees.

Of these, 17 were from Amritsar, 16 from Tarn Taran and the remaining from other districts of the state. Officials in the Health Department said the health records and other credentials of the remaining

PRAKASH PURB TO HAVE VIRTUAL KICK-OFF: CM

- The Punjab Government has decided to virtually kick-start celebrations for the 400th Prakash Purb of Guru Tegh Bahadur from April 28 amid uncertainty resulting from a surge in Covid cases, CM Capt Amarinder Singh said on Friday
- Online 'kirtans' will be organised on TV and social media channels, with people being urged to offer 'ardas' for 'sarbat da bhala' from home on May 1, the CM said, adding he would speak to SGPC chief Bibi Jagir Kaur to hold all celebrations in virtual mode

devotees were destroyed during an altercation between them and health teams at the ICP, Attari, yesterday. Now, in the absence of their identification details, no follow-up action could be taken.

Assistant Civil Surgeon Dr

Amarjit Singh said some pilgrims torn their Covid reports saying they had tested negative when they left for Pakistan. He said the reports of the available 94 Covid-positive pilgrims had been submitted to the authorities concerned. As

Safety first before every task Stay Safe & Wear Mask



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"Wear mask yourself & encourage others to prevent COVID-19 pandemic"

- Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

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Wear Mask Properly & Protect Yourself from Corona



For Information related to COVID-19

Contact State Helpline Numbers 8558893911 (Gurugram & Faridabad) & For Other Districts 1075

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HC to states: Put in place pandemic control measures

SAURABH MALIK

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FOLLOW MASK ETIQUETTE: COURT

- The states directed to depute officials of municipal bodies/health authorities to ensure adherence to mask etiquette
- The heads of public and private institutions told to sensitise the employees to wear masks appropriately
- Persons wearing masks casually directed to be treated on same footing as those not wearing the mask at all and liable to same punitive action

also be its part. The committee would hold a meeting in every district daily. The administration would respond promptly to calls on the helpline number or received by any committee member.

Punjab state counsel VM Gupta added the state had no objection to the committee's formation on similar lines. He submitted designated helpline number 104 had already been assigned for all types of grievances. "We, thus, direct that needful be done at the earliest," the Bench added.

11,854 new cases, 60 more succumb

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

Haryana reported a single-day spike of 11,854 Covid cases and 60 deaths, taking the tally to 4,02,843 and the toll to 3,643 on Friday.

Gurugram reported a maximum of 4,319 cases, followed by Faridabad (1,450) and Sonepat (915).

Gurugram reported nine deaths, followed by Faridabad (8), Hisar and Panipat (7 each) and Jind and Sonepat (6 each).

While five deaths were reported from Panckula, four deaths were reported from

COVID METER	
Cases	11,854
Critical	1,814
Active cases	64,057
Deaths	60
WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS	
Gurugram, Faridabad & Sonepat	

Bhiwani and three from Fatehabad. Kurukshtera and Yamuna Nagar reported two deaths each. There are 64,057 active cases in the state while 3,35,143 patients have been discharged. —TNS

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3.	Peon (Male) (One) Panipat	Matric passed	On DC rates

Eligible candidates may submit their application in the O/o Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Bal Vikas Bhawan, Kohli No. 650, Sec-16-D, Chandigarh with one passport size photograph, copies of educational certificates, experience certificate and requisite fee i.e. DD/IPO of Rs.100/- for each post in favour of Haryana State Council for Child Welfare payable at Chandigarh latest by **04.05.2021**. Application received after due date shall not be considered. Age relaxation shall be given as per Hr. Govt. instructions.

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Honorary General Secretary

R'sthan, Himachal help state overcome oxygen shortage

Sufficient stock of Remdesivir | Beds available in govt hospitals

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 23

Haryana today received its supplies of oxygen from Baddi (Himachal Pradesh) and Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) for the first time after the current crisis that led to resistance from the local authorities there. The state expects to get its allocated quota from Roorkee by the evening.

Looking into the hurdles faced in the past two days following surge in demand, the state government has stationed its own officials at Baddi (HP), Bhiwadi (Rajasthan) and Roorkee (Uttarakhand) to ensure hassle-free supplies from the three states.

Haryana Home, Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij confirmed that the state has already received its allocated quota of 20 MT oxygen from Inox Barotiwala (Baddi) and 20 MT from Inox, Bhiwadi.

He said the supply of 25 MT



A man loads oxygen cylinders in an ambulance in Manesar. S CHANDAN

oxygen from Air Liquide, Roorkee, is expected to arrive by the evening.

The Centre had, on April 21, issued a supply plan of medical oxygen and told him that neither our government hospitals nor the private distributors should face any issues related to medical oxygen," said Vij.

Meanwhile, shortage of drug Tocilizumab persists across the state, like in other parts of the country. A senior officer of the FDA

said that the availability of Tocilizumab is unlikely before May 1.

"Drug manufacturer company Cipla distributes Tocilizumab manufactured by Roche Pharma and the consignment of the drug is likely to arrive in India on May 1," he said.

Tocilizumab is an immunosuppressant, commonly used for rheumatoid arthritis, and marketed as actemra by Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche. The drug is an anti-IL-6 receptor-a monoclonal antibody that is indicated for the treatment of IL-6-mediated inflammatory disorders. It calms the inflammatory storm in the respiratory system by blocking IL-6 receptors.

While Gurugram and Faridabad continue to face an acute shortage of ICU, ventilator and oxygen beds for Covid patients, the situation

Parl march: Youths gherao SKM leaders

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MEGHALAYA GOVERNOR RAPS CENTRE ON STIR

SONEPAT, APRIL 23

Scores of protesting youth farmers on Friday gheraoed leaders of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) at Kisan Andolan office at Kundli.

The youths sat on dharna for around two-and-a-half hours and demanded the announcement of the programme for 'Parliament march' which the SKM had announced earlier. The SKM leaders pacified the youths and sent them back to their protesting place.

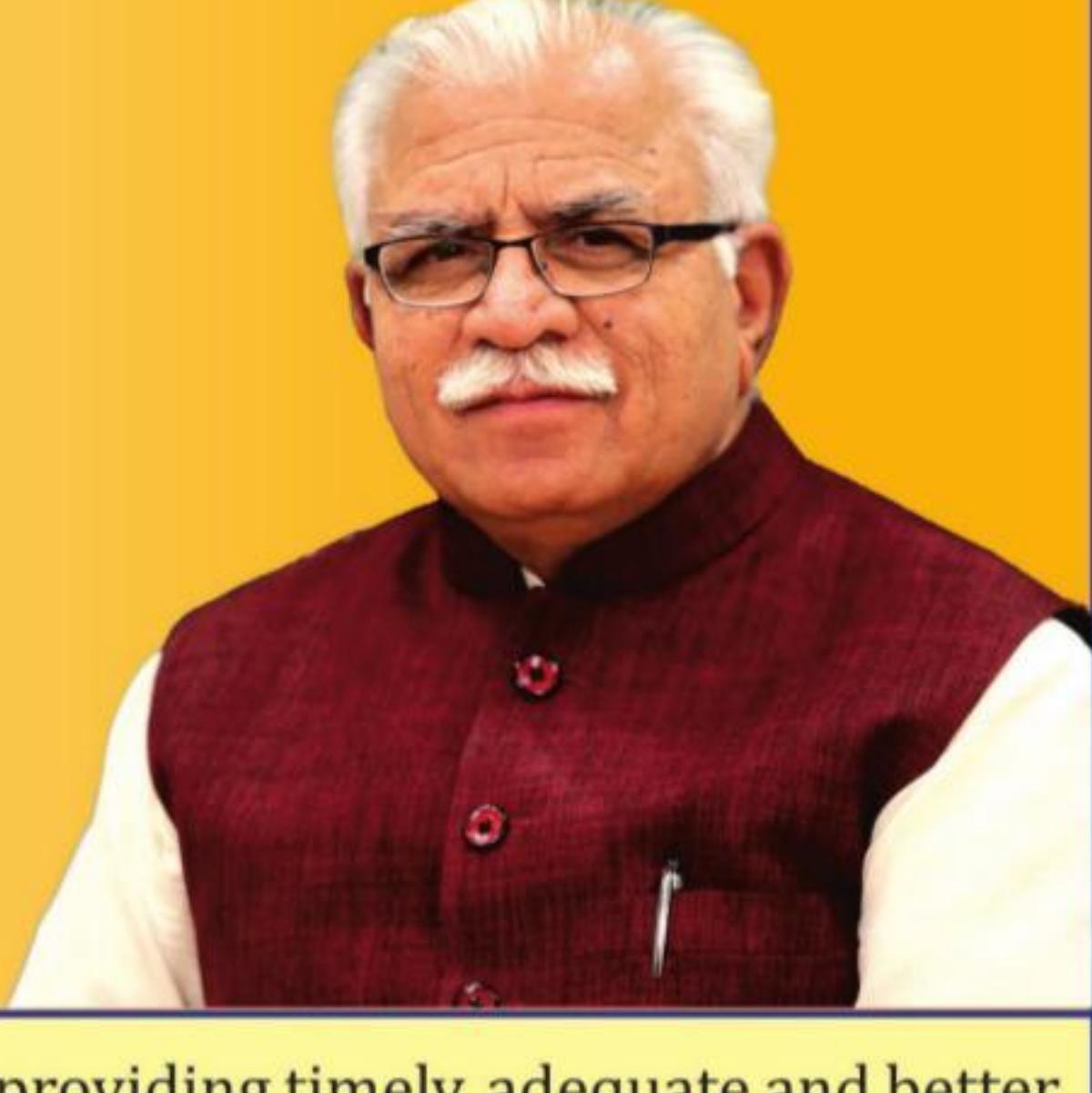
The SKM meeting was postponed today due to some internal issues. A meeting of farmer leaders of the 32 protesting farmer groups of Punjab and a meeting of SKM was scheduled for today at the Kisan Andolan office.

After the meeting of the leaders of the 32 groups, the leaders of SKM entered the meeting hall but the meeting of the SKM was postponed due to some internal reasons, said Harinder Singh Lakhawal, general

secretary, BKU (Lakhawal).

As the SKM leaders came out of the hall, scores of young farmers reached there and gheraoed the leaders. They forced the farmer leaders to listen to their demands before going outside the Kisan Andolan office.

The maximum youths among the protesters were from Punjab. Some youths are from Haryana, said sources. Some youths were associated with Lakha Sidhama and some belong to the Student for Society (SFS).



Haryana Government combats Corona

Haryana COVID EMERGENCY CREDIT SCHEME

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Rs.500 crore Fund for existing and new entrepreneurs supplying Oxygen, ventilators, ICU beds & Other medical facilities to COVID-19 patients

- Financial assistance for entrepreneurs in Haryana to increase their current production or to set up new units to meet the requirements of medicines and other medical facilities
- The interest on the loan to be taken by the bank will be borne by the State Government for one year
- Entrepreneurs will also get the benefit of this scheme for setting up new units
- Already functioning units will be given assistance to increase production
- Buyback guarantee to purchase additional production upto six months, for which rate contract will also be fixed
- The State Government will provide full loan guarantee to the bank for setting up such units in government hospitals or designated places
- To avail this scheme the applicants will have to apply to the notified banks

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People wait for their turn for Covid test at a government hospital in Jammu on Friday. PTI

Record surge in Covid deaths, 19 die in 24 hrs

SRINAGAR, APRIL 23

The total number of Covid cases in J&K surged to 1,56,344 on Friday as 1,937 more people tested positive for the disease while the death toll climbed to 2,111 with a record daily jump of 19 fatalities, officials said.

The fresh cases include 152 travellers. While 1,091 new cases were reported from the Kashmir division, 846 were from the Jammu division of the Union Territory.

With 525 fresh cases, Jammu district recorded the highest number, followed by 501 in Srinagar and 156 in Budgam. The active cases stand at 16,993. So far, 1,37,240 patients have recovered from the infection.

Ladakh saw 198 new cases and one death. The death toll



A worker refills cylinders with oxygen in Jammu on Friday. PTI

is 135 and the infection tally is 12,937. The fatality was reported from Leh.

A total of 131 patients recovered from the infection in the past 24 hours, taking

the number of cured persons in the UT to 10,761. At present, there are 2,041 active cases in Ladakh — 1,939 in Leh district and 102 in Kargil district. — PTI

Blast averted, IED defused in Pulwama

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

Security forces today averted a major tragedy when they detected and defused a powerful improvised explosive device (IED) planted by suspected militants in south Kashmir district of Pulwama, officials said.

A road opening party, during a routine checking, detected a powerful IED planted at Circular Road on the Tahab road in Pulwama, they said. The area was immediately sealed and a bomb disposal squad summoned. The IED was defused without causing any damage, they added.

Had the IED been not detected and defused, it could have caused major damage to life and property, sources said. — TNS

Fresh spell of snow in Ladakh; eight rescued

SRINAGAR, APRIL 23

The Army has rescued eight civilians who were caught in a heavy snowfall in Khardung La area of Ladakh region, a defence spokesman said on Friday.

The spokesman said the Siachen Brigade launched a rescue operation as soon as heavy snowfall disrupted traffic along the route from North Pullu - Khardung La Top - South Pullu, leading to civilian vehicles getting stranded near Khardung La Top and North Pullu on Wednesday.

"At a distance of 5 km from North Pullu towards Khardung La Top, three vehicles were stranded due to snowslide and one vehicle had overturned. Army

VEHICLES STRANDED

Three vehicles were stranded due to snowslide and one vehicle was overturned following which Army detachments from North Pullu along with the avalanche rescue teams were sent to clear the snow

detachments from North Pullu along with the avalanche rescue teams cleared the snow and rescued eight civilians," the spokesman said.

After checking the health of the rescued people, a few civilians who were from nearby Khardung village were dropped at their respective houses and the others were accommodated at Khalsar, the officer said. — PTI

BRO constructs 160-ft bailey bridge

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has constructed a 160-foot-long bailey bridge on the Tarnah river to connect Sakol village in Punjab with Jammu, an official statement said on Friday.

The bridge will provide a much-needed lifeline to the village residents, who had to go through a lot of hardship to cross the "dreaded" river every year during monsoon,

It connects Jammu with Sakol village of Punjab

it noted.

Workers of the Border Roads Organisation worked relentlessly round-the-clock and finished the construction of the double-decker bridge in five days, the statement said. — PTI

The bridge lies on the Chadwal-Sanjimore-Hariyachak-Paharpur-Simbal stretch, the BRO stated. "Every year a pontoon bridge was required to be launched for crossing the river and delanchored (removed) after receding of water levels post-monsoon. Now, this bridge will provide all-weather connectivity between both the regions," it said. — PTI

59 help desks for women

SRINAGAR, APRIL 23

The police on Friday said it had established 59 women help desks in police stations across Kashmir in order to make them more friendly and accessible to women.

These desks will be the first and single point of contact for any woman walking into a police station, a spokesman said. He said the heads at the help desks were women police officials who are trained to manage women-

related cases. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar has directed the help desks to give support to the women approaching them, the spokesman said. The IGP also directed the help desks to transfer cases to the departments concerned and take a timely follow-up.

Kumar further said necessary training, orientation and sensitisation of the staff working at these women help desks would be prioritised. — PTI

Mercury drops across UT

SRINAGAR, APRIL 23 Rain and light snowfall occurred in J&K and Ladakh on Friday, bringing down the day and night temperatures in both the Union Territories (UTs).

"At present, the weather is mainly cloudy with rain in some of the areas. It is expected to remain dry from Saturday onwards till April end," an official of the MeT Department said. — IANS

UT getting ready to vaccinate people in 18-45 age group

JAMMU, APRIL 23

The J&K administration is preparing for the vaccination of about 65 lakh people in the 18-45 age group from next month, a senior official said on Friday and directed authorities to strictly enforce precautionary measures against Covid to contain the surge in infections.

Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam reviewed the



public health response to the pandemic and asked the administration to remain alert and tighten the imple-

mentation of existing control measures and SOPs to reverse the upward trend.

Considering the recent surge in Covid infections, the chief secretary impressed upon the officers to strictly implement the strategy of testing, vaccination, strict control in containment zones and promotion of Covid-appropriate behaviour among masses to prevent a

further surge in the cases.

Informing that certain districts are showing very high positivity rate, the Chief Secretary asked the respective district administrations to ramp up testing in the identified target clusters and prioritise vaccination of the eligible population groups.

It was informed that in the initial phases of Covid vaccination, 75 per cent of health

workers, 78 per cent of frontline workers, and 38 per cent of citizens above 45 years of age, totalling 15,26,604 people, have been vaccinated in Jammu and Kashmir with no reported case of any

workers. The next phase of the vaccination for the 18-45 age group will cover approximately 65 lakh people, they said. — PTI

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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 NEW SINGLE PHASE SUBMERSIBLE TUBE WELL BORE TO REPLACE THE OLD AND DEFECTIVE 3-PHASE SUBMERSIBLE BORE AT 66 KV S/STN NALVI (NIT NO. 5/AMB/66 KV NALVI/2021-22 DATED: 22.04.2021)	22.04.2021 06.05.2021	1.76 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2	HVPNL	SCRAPPING, APPLYING ONE COAT OF PRIMER & APPLYING TWO COAT OF ALUMINUM PAINT ON RUSTY EQUIPMENT STRUCTURE, YARD STRUCTURE IN THE INSTALLED AT 220 KV S/STN HVPNL, JORIANYNR (L&M) (ENIT NO. 05/TSYRN/2021-22)	20.04.2021 01.05.2021	8.10 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3	HPGCL	PUNCTURE INSULATION DETECTION (PID) TESTING OF INSULATORS OF DISC STRINGS INSTALLED AT 400 KV SWITCHYARD, RGTP, HISAR	CLOSING DATE 13.05.2021	5400/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9315164618 jp.purohit@hpgcl.org.in
4	HPGCL	ARC OF REFILLING, HYDRO TESTING AND PAINTING OF CO2 GAS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, CO2 GAS CARTRIDGES, NITROGEN CYLINDER, CLEAN AGENT FIRE EXTINGUISHER, KHEDAR, HISAR, HISAR	CLOSING DATE 13.05.2021	9500/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenfmg.rgtpp@hpgcl.org.in
5	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, BARARA	SUPPLY, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF WELCOME GATE ON ANAJ MANDI IN MC BARARA. + 13 OTHER WORKS	26.04.2021 05.05.2021	1.40 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	9416435945 secy.mcbrara@gmail.com
6	HSAMB BHIWANI	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILL. BAIRAN TO BUDHERA IN LOHARU CONSTY, DISTT. BHIWANI (ID-10292) HON'BLE C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 25401 DATED 07.03.2020 + 16 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 11.05.2021	227 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	eebhawani2021.hsamb@gmail.com
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11	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SIRSRA	CONST. OF IPB STREET FROM AUTO MARKET ROAD TO H/O ASHOK JE UP TO END OF GALI AND FROM H/O SURAT SAINI TO AUTO MARKET ROAD AND AUTO MARKET TO GANESH DHARMARTH MANDIR IN WARD NO. 9 + 42 OTHER STREETS	22.04.2021 29.04.2021	477 LACS	etenderharyana.hry.nic.in	9416136242
12	HSAMB	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE DOHAR TO DAYORA-JASWANT ROAD (M.C. SIWAN ID-6984 + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 12.05.2021	452 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-22374 xenkaithal1.hsamb@gmail.com
13	HVPNL	CREATION OF 33KV LINE BAY TO ACCOMMODATE THE FEEDING LINE OF 33KV S/STN. SWABRI RANJITPUR AT 220KV S/STN. RAMPUR KAMBOYAN-REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF ODSG FDN, AND ALLIED WORK AT 220KV S/STN. RAMPUR KAMBOYAN. (CIVIL WORKS) (NIT NO. 11/CCD-306/VOL-VII DATED: 22.04.2021)	22.04.2021 05.05.2021	8185/- FOR GENERAL 4093/- FOR SOCIETY	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
14	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, NISSING	CONSTRUCTION OF STREET FROM MAIN ROAD TO H/O SATPAL MISTRI SARAWA MOHALLA AND H/O PURAN TO H/O JAISINGH DOCTOR AND H/O RAMSAWARUP TO H/O JEETA RAM H/O DYOTIYA RAM NEAR RAVIDAS MANDIR IN WARD NO 2 + 7 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 01.05.2021	82.03 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01745-271608
15	MC GANAURO	THIRD PARTY CONSULTANT FIRM/INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT WITH REQUISITE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN REMEDIATION AND RECLAMATION WORKS AS THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT AGENCY (IAA) TO ASSIST THE AUTHORITY IN SUPERVISING THE O AND M OF THE PROCESSING FACILITY AT BADSHAI ROAD GANAURO, PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE AUTHORITY TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE KPI'S AS PER SWM RULES 2016.	28.04.2021 29.04.2021	1.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	secymcganaur.c@gmail.com
16	HSAMB	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE KHANNA MAJRA TO GHAGRU IN THE NOTIFIED AREA OF MARKET COMMITTEE AMBALA CITY ROAD ID 5620 + 6 OTHER WORKS	23.04.2021 17.05.2021	291 LACS	www.hsamb.org.in	01712530675 xenambala2021.hsamb@gmail.com
17	UHBVN	REPAIRING OF ALUMINUM WOUND DAMAGED DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS HAVING CRGO CORE OF RATINGS 10, 16 & 20 KVA IN UHBVN THROUGH PRIVATE FIRMS VALID FOR ONE YEAR.	CLOSING DATE 10.05.2021	2 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	931624618 sestores@uhbvn.org.in
18	HVPNL	WORK FOR ATTENDING AND PLUGGING OIL LEAKAGE/ SEEPAGE OF VARIOUS PARTS OF 132/11, 10/16 MVA T/F T-1 AT 132 KV S/STN., HVPNL, JUNDLA. (NIT NO. 43/TSKLN/2021-22 DT. 23-04-2021)	23.04.2021 03.05.2021	1.68 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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Too little, too late

ECI tardy in gauging Covid situation in Bengal

It has taken the Election Commission of India (ECI) a whole month after campaigning began in West Bengal to 'note with anguish' that many political parties/candidates are still not adhering to the prescribed Covid safety norms during public gatherings. The blatant flouting of the pandemic protocols was all too evident at the congregations organised by the Trinamool Congress (TMC), the BJP and other parties over the past four weeks, but the ECI didn't bother to do the needful early enough. Now, with only two phases of polling left, it has finally banned roadshows, *padayatras* and vehicle rallies in the state. Clubbing the last three phases of the eight-phase election exercise, a demand raised by the TMC, would have made sense in view of the worsening Covid situation and several incidents of violence, particularly the firing that claimed four lives in Cooch Behar on April 10. However, the ECI preferred to go by the rule book rather than the circumstances prevailing on the ground.

West Bengal's daily caseload has been rising relentlessly — from 1,274 on April 1 to 6,769 on April 15 and 11,948 on April 22 — but political leaders had no scruples about exposing large crowds to the virus. At long last, it has dawned on them to cancel their rallies and reach out to the people virtually — a classic case of shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Amid the irresponsible behaviour of certain elected representatives, the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha has taken a welcome step in public interest at the right time. Party president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced that the BJD will not hold public rallies or campaign meetings ahead of the Pipili Assembly byelection on May 13 in the wake of the exponential rise in Covid-19 cases in the state. He has also appealed to political parties and the ECI to reconsider both the duration and the method of campaigning in the context of the worrisome situation. One hopes that Patnaik's firm stand would pave the way for a show of sanity, not strength, at the hustings.

Gasping for oxygen

Centre and all states must pool in resources

THE political bickering and confusion prevailing over the distribution of essential medical resources — particularly hospital beds, oxygen and drugs — that have been stretched thin as record-breaking Covid infections storm the country is ghastly. The country that is in the thick of an unprecedented health crisis in living memory cannot afford to battle the common enemy in silos. The inter-state or intra-state hurdles and restrictions in the provision of medical care or transport of essentials, if any, must be eased so that the Covid response is equal for all needy patients and effective. Critically ill patients and overwhelmed hospitals gasping for oxygen or crying for medicines need immediate help. For example, the NCR that is reeling under acute shortages — and fatalities thereof — would breathe easier if Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh pitched in with aid. The neighbouring states must find some ways out to pool in and share their resources for optimal and judicious distribution among themselves, taking into account the high-burden hospitals and hotspots. Already, many harried patients from Delhi are looking for treatment in Punjab and Haryana.

It would be yet another shining beacon of hope amid this gloom. Along with scientific breakthroughs and government policies initiated or suitably modified, humanitarian acts are equally important in cushioning the devastating and traumatic impact of the virus. Big and small, as per one's capacity, they are heartwarming visible everywhere. Hitech Industries of Mohali has been filling cylinders of patients in home treatment with oxygen free of cost. The Rail Coach Factory of Kapurthala supplied oxygen to a hospital in Amritsar facing an increased demand. Friends and families of Covid patients are pitching in with contacts, food and transport; doctors are working overtime, both online and physically; so are nurses and sanitation staff; crematorium/burial workers are rising to the occasion to help the grieving families.

At the same time, there is a need to address the public health loopholes laid bare by expediting the long-term measures. Maharashtra's plan to set up Covid hospitals near oxygen plants is worth emulating, even as the Centre pushes to import the life-saving gas or install oxygen plants in more far-flung hospitals.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You cannot cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water. — Rabindranath Tagore

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 1921

REFORMS IN THE FRONTIER PROVINCE.

IT will be remembered that the Reforms Schemes designed for all the provinces of India deliberately excluded the North West Frontier Province and British Baluchistan from its scope for the reason that the people there are very backward and have not reached that stage of general enlightenment and progress which justifies the grant of substantial power and responsibility in the local administration. But the exclusion has naturally created dissatisfaction among the educated and more enlightened people of provinces who felt and are yet feeling injustice in being deprived of the same opportunities of progress as their brethren in Punjab and other provinces with whom they have business and other relations. The successful inauguration of the Reformed Councils and the activities of the first session have only added to their sense of disappointment and we find that in their welcome address presented recently to Sir John Maffey, the new Chief Commissioner of the Frontier Province at Peshawar, where they made a prominent mention of this fact as also the economic distress which has only intensified discontent. Although the non-co-operation movement has invaded this Province and converted a certain section of the people into a belief that co-operation with the Government is not desirable, yet there are practical-minded men in considerable strength who realise the advantage of having a share in the scheme of self-government designed for other Indian provinces. In the course of their address, the leading citizens of Peshawar stated that the people of this province felt very much grieved at the announcement that they had been excluded from the benefits of the Reform Scheme, and that, in the face of their loyalty, their material sacrifices in men and money during the great war.

Test, trace, vaccinate

A national testing drive is the best possible way out of this medical meltdown



NOUS INDICA

RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN



BLUNDER: Why did we not stock up oxygen and have more beds for the second wave? PTI

The government needs to make weekly testing mandatory and isolate the infected 20-30 per cent, allowing the rest to carry on with their livelihoods.

ed supply of oxygen to gasping patients — a leak somewhere in the pipeline could kill a dozen or two, as happened in Nashik.

Mercifully, we have been spared a second lockdown during the second wave; otherwise the country would have been shut down, causing an economic catastrophe compounding the medical meltdown. Imagine a curfew that stops caregivers from going out to buy or beg for oxygen cylinders and medicines. This is a failure of gargantuan proportions and no one — politician, bureaucrat, religious orders or the society at large — can escape responsibility. In times of competitive religiosity and whataboutery of identity politics, one Tablighi Jamaat congregation can only be surpassed in its foolishness by the *maha-arrogance* of the massive Kumbh Mela. Of the 800-odd pilgrims who crossed the Indo-Pak border during Baisakhi in a *jatra*, over 200 have tested positive. The power of religion and religion-based politics is, surely, more lethal than that of the deadly pandemic.

We are at a crossroads — our healthcare infrastructure has collapsed, our capacities have been overwhelmed

and patients are dying without oxygen. Something drastic needs to be done. A national testing drive is the best possible way out of this situation, wherein any person who interacts with others should get himself or herself tested every week so that infected people could be effectively quarantined. Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic people going out and meeting people at religious places, political rallies, protests, weddings, social gatherings, marketplaces and even workplaces have spread the disease to those who obviously have lower immunities, wrecking our already weak medical care facilities.

In this situation, the primary way out is to keep the infected but asymptomatic people at home. And this can be achieved only by universal testing. Anyone who has to step into a shopping mall, wedding hall, a restaurant, a grocery shop or a barber shop ought to be tested, and so should all those who are manning these outlets. Once every person who is stepping out of the house to engage in a group activity gets tested, we could have a controlled environment of uninfected people creating safe public platforms of interaction.

The testing centres should be linked to the Aarogya Setu application, allowing them to upload the test result directly on to the app, which in turn can provide a safety passport for uninfected people in public places. For instance, a shopping mall should allow only those employees and shoppers who have the Covid-negative certificate on their Aarogya Setu app, thereby creating an absolutely safe shopping experience for all. This practice can be replicated for hotels, restaurants, airlines and every other economic activity. An Uber driver and a passenger could be equally sure of their safety if both need an Aarogya Setu verification to book a trip.

The only other mechanism that our rulers know to keep the infected out of the public places is to lock up the entire population. Maharashtra has enforced a strict lockdown — almost like the previous one — on Thursday. The Delhi lockdown for six days that began early this week was prompted by a staggering test positivity rate of 30 per cent, as against the national daily test positivity rate of nearly 17 per cent. If we extrapolate the numbers to assess the total infection rate of Delhi, we can assume that about 30 per cent of Delhi's residents are infected — an alarming situation. Yet, a lot of asymptomatic people could still be out in the streets. Despite the strict lockdown, people have to fetch medicines, groceries, vegetables, milk and other essentials. So, even a complete lockdown for the 100 per cent population will not stop infected people from stepping out for essentials.

Maharashtra has kept its government offices open with 15 per cent staff and local trains on limited routes. All this could be counterproductive if those who are going to office or are working strenuously to keep the wheels of life rolling are infected. So, instead of shutting down 85-100 per cent of the population, the government needs to make weekly testing mandatory and isolate the infected 20-30 per cent, allowing the rest to carry on with their livelihoods. Testing and vaccination are the only solution — not locking up the nation and throwing the keys away.

The smarter of the two

SATYA KIRAN

THE traditions of an Indian wedding are old and unique.

People have little spare time these days. So, many traditions are being omitted. The ones that survive by virtue of their value and worth are observed. One such tradition is of tying a sacred thread on the wrists of the groom and the bride by their respective families prior to wedding. These threads are removed at the house of the groom in the presence of relatives after the religious ceremonies are over.

Originated long ago, the tradition of *gana banana* (tying the sacred thread) is also known as the

rasam of kangna. It is believed that since the thread is sanctified by the family priest, it protects the persons tying the knot. The younger brothers of the groom and the younger sisters of the bride apply some sticky material on the knots to make it difficult to untie it. Even the learned believe that since it carries positive vibes, it is empowered to protect.

The tradition had started long ago when the bride and groom were not allowed to see each other before the wedding. And this tradition would allow them to catch a glimpse of each other when allowed to play the game of *kangna*.

The married couple is asked to

play this game by the *nain*. Some milk mixed with sufficient water (*kutchi lassi*) is prepared in a big dish called *praat*. In this mixture, some rice grain and turmeric powder is mixed. It then no longer remains transparent. First, the bride unbinds the sacred thread of the groom. The women sing: 'Kangna khohl piaariye tere devran bahnia, manmohnian bahnia' (Dear bride, untie the sacred thread that the handsome younger brothers of your groom have tied).

Then, the groom unties the bride's thread and the women sing: 'Kangna khohl piaaria teri salian bahnia, baran talian bahnia' (Dear groom, untie the sacred

thread that the clever sisters of your bride have tied). The *nain* then takes the bride's ring and throws it into the mixture, along with a silver coin. Now, both the bride and the groom are allowed to locate these two objects, with both of them trying to intentionally touch each other's hands. Doing so, they would even try to see each other's face for the first time.

People would believe that finding the ring and the coin would prove who among the couple was smarter. The one who would find any object first was treated as intelligent and resourceful. The other one was supposed to play second fiddle in the matrimonial alliance in future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vaccine hesitancy

Reference to 'Free vax for 18-plus in govt hospitals'; it is a good gesture on the part of the government, but this cannot be the panacea, as in spite of the best efforts of the government, there is hesitation to get oneself vaccinated. There are many apprehensions and orthodox feelings in the minds of people. Vaccination has a number of advantages. The earlier one gets the vaccine, the better it is. The government must ensure that vaccines are available in abundance at hospitals.

JATINDER BIR SINGH, LUDHIANA

Follow 'SMS' rule

Free vaccination in government hospitals for all above 18 years is a welcome step. I got the second dose of Covishield at Guru Nanak Dev Government Hospital, Amritsar. I must appreciate the fine arrangement for vaccination at government hospitals. There is nothing to fear from the vaccination, as almost everyone, including senior citizens, who got it, are fine after the jab. For more than a year now, people are living under the shadow of constant threat of corona. The only solution in the long run is to have 100% vaccination for everyone, as the new variant is affecting even young persons in large numbers. However, we

must continue to follow the three rules of 'SMS' — sanitisation, mask and social distancing. Let us motivate all to get vaccination at the earliest. It is the duty of the state governments to chalk out the detailed vaccination programme as soon as possible.

BD SHARMA, AMRITSAR

Oxygen shortage

Amid severe oxygen shortage at several hospitals, we need to understand that it is a supply issue, as our total current production is 7,800 MT (metric tonnes)/day, whereas our demand is 5,500 MT/day. If only our surplus states and those facing the crisis could coordinate in a better way, things can improve in no time. Health being a state subject has always been under stress, and the onus of failure must not be passed to the Centre.

VIR PARTAP SINGH, HOSHIARPUR

Let courts govern country

It is unfortunate that the state governments don't act on the control of Covid pandemic unless the respective high courts order them to ensure adequate availability of vaccines, oxygen and medicines; increase beds in hospitals; increase testing and report correct data; enforce Covid safety norms

during elections; impose curfew or lockdown; stop exodus of migrant labour, etc. Now, the Supreme Court wants to deal with all Covid matters pending with high courts. If the elected representatives fail to act in time to safeguard the health of the people who voted them to power, let the courts govern the country.

O PRASADA RAO, BY MAIL

Prop up health system

The second wave of Covid-19 has hit the nation hard. Historical data and experts suggested very vividly a resurgence this year. We had seen the tremendous pressure pandemic puts on our health systems and understood the vital role essential drugs and oxygen play in saving lives, yet the government did not care to put in place a detailed pandemic management plan. Instead, political leaders are busy in election rallies, roadshows, throwing dirt on one another, and vote-bank politics, while our health systems are choking under the rising pressure of caseload. This displays not only a lack of imagination at the top, but also the carelessness of the government. Thankfully, the Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the situation

and pulled up the government. The government should focus on making life-saving oxygen and essential drug logistics seamless and speed up 'vaccination for all' to save our country from further loss of thousands of precious lives and livelihoods.

HARSIMRAN CHEEMA, MOHALI

Hitting below the belt

Reference to 'Stooping to conquer'; the writer's reminiscences of an age gone by is not significant any longer in our current political scenario. In a welcome departure recently, the Delhi HC commented on the importance of civility in public discourse. The concept of civility has become scarce in the political discourse in both electronic and social media. Be it Parliament or election campaign, it is sad to see a declining trend in propriety, courtesy and decorum. For a society to function, people must be willing to accept those guardrails. Debates and disagreements are natural. We have major political parties that are vying to win voters. We need to establish a climate for a healthy public discourse, as befits the office one holds. We must not forget that civility in political debates and discussions is vital for democracy.

HN RAMAKRISHNA, BENGALURU

Raise special civilian force to tackle exodus



BL VOHRA
FORMER DGP, TRIPURA

We are again seeing on TV screens the painful plight of migrant workers leaving Delhi because of the lockdown announced on Monday by the Chief Minister. It is a replay of the similar situation about a year ago. Then, it was a sudden announcement by the PM, and now by the CM, though there was a bit of indication a little earlier. The result is the same. We haven't learnt lessons from the fallout of such sudden announcements affecting the livelihood and health of these workers who are the backbone of the Indian economy and breadwinners for their families.

The first requirement for the returning workers would be money. Considering an average income of Rs 15,000 per month for a worker, an immediate provision should be made to give him this amount per month for two months through an insurance policy or some other financial instrument by the Central government for all registered and unregistered workers. This database may be there with the Delhi government but needs to be updated regularly since there will always be new workers who will be unregistered and they also have to be looked after.

Secondly, a civilian Central force should be raised to deal with such a situation on the pattern of the NDRF. As the DG, Civil Defence, with the Government of India, I had mooted the proposal of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and

panic is so much that according to reports, in one bus, about 350 persons travelled by paying a heavy ticket price while some lost lives when this bus met with an accident on way.

With the PM calling the second wave a 'toofan' (storm), it's time to put up a permanent machinery to deal with such a situation in future as the virus may have many variants for some years to come. Many countries are already having the third and even the fourth wave and we're having only the second deadly wave right now just when we thought that all was well. We became complacent too soon. It seems the virus is not going anywhere. We have enough experience in our country in dealing successfully with disastrous situations like the tsunamis, floods, earthquakes etc. So, it shouldn't be difficult to come up with a solid plan to deal with such a situation of a large-scale movement of migrant workers in future.

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We haven't learnt lessons from the fallout of such sudden announcements affecting the livelihood and health of these workers who are the backbone of the Indian economy and breadwinners for their families. In fact, we should have learnt lessons during the lean period of the pandemic, when many workers returned for work and proper contingency plans for such an emergency in future should have been put in place.

CRISIS AT HAND: Tackling the unplanned exodus of migrant workers calls for coordination between states and the Centre. PTI

the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) which is a reality now and doing good work. In fact, the civil defence department at the Centre and in the states has two wings, Home Guards and Civil Defence. Whereas the former is used extensively by employing youth on a temporary basis on a minimum daily wage announced by the state government, the second is non-functional mostly because their help is taken in war-time generally, except for training during peace time.

This outfit can be revived fully by recruiting young people on the pattern of the Home Guards and given training for dealing with different aspects of the movement of the migrant workers on a large scale. For this purpose, the role of the civil defence department needs to be

expanded by an executive order. Or, we can have a separate Force called the MWMF (Migrant Workers' Management Force) for which a statutory backing will be required, but work can start immediately with an ordinance. This outfit should have branches in cities like Delhi, Mumbai and other metros from where the workers have been moving back to their home states. The RAF (Rapid Action Force) in the CRPF was raised as a specialised unit with some battalions to handle communal riots at once and stationed at communally sensitive locations in the country. The same principle can be applied here. This force should have in reserve enough equipment for erecting temporary shelters and other requirements. It should have big godowns for storage

of reserve equipment. It should have enough money and wherewithal to arrange food for the migrants when required. Also, at the known places of exodus like Anand Vihar at Delhi, there can be permanent shelters and hospital buildings which can be operationalised at short notice. Plus, some buses. More buses when required can be arranged in coordination with the Delhi government and other state governments.

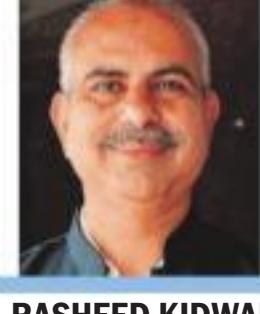
A huge coordination effort is required in such cases and this force can do that by liaising with various departments, including the Railways for trains, and the state governments. For all this work, the force will have to draw up extensive SOPs and other guidelines with separate branches for establishment, procurement, transport, and dif-

ferent kinds of help. All this work needs to be done on top priority with speed if we don't have to fail again. Such an arrangement is necessary as the normal government apparatus cannot handle such a big and serious emergency on its own as its hands are generally full with other work.

Each state government can also have a similar set-up on the pattern of the SDRF to handle the situation at their end because the workers moving back have to be taken back to their homes in villages etc which is a huge work. In states also, either the civil defence department can be strengthened and given this responsibility or the state MWMF can be raised separately.

Let us start work on this solution at once. Let's not leave our less fortunate migrant workers in the lurch.

Signs of Congress regrouping amid Covid crisis



RASHEED KIDWAI
SENIOR JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR

Rahul's bid to offer constructive suggestions regarding vaccine distribution, reduction in the age of immunisation, fast-tracking of emergency approval for foreign-produced shots, which were eventually announced by the Modi govt, seems to have enhanced his stature within the Congress parivar. But there is still no clear indication that Rahul would be taking over as the Congress chief in June.

JUST as speculation was rife over a possible split in the grand old party around May 2 when the Assembly results of four states and one UT will be announced, the Congress seems joining ranks at all levels of the party hierarchy and accepting Rahul Gandhi as its leader.

The reliance on Rahul is coming amid a rather grim scenario which has little to do with politics. The enormity of Covid-19 pandemic or its second brutal wave has shaken everyone to the core. The government of the day may not say it officially but the health emergency has put the Indian nation at war. As former Army chief General Ved Prakash Malik said rather dishearteningly in his April 18 tweet, "Our nation is at war. 1,338 Indians died due to the pandemic yesterday (1,182 the day before), more than 2.5 times the total killed in action in Kargil war. Is the nation focused on this war?"

The Narendra Modi government's inept handling of the Covid-19 crisis, acute shortage of oxygen cylinders, injections and medicines, the mindless focus on electioneering and political rallies have taken the sheen away from the Prime Minister, who for the past seven years had built a formidable reputation as a hands-on man, always confident, in command and leading from the front.

The erosion in Modi's ability to flawlessly and effortlessly deliver anything and everything has been Rahul's gain. Suddenly, Rahul's consistent doomsday prophecies about



REFRESHING APPROACH: The party has been supportive of Rahul Gandhi's way of engaging the NDA govt on handling the pandemic, but he remains a reluctant leader. PTI

the possible consequences of the coronavirus crisis, which were earlier dubbed as 'scaring people', turned out to be right. Rahul's cause was greatly helped with the Modi regime facing a public outcry and social media outrage, and took a series of decisions that were suggested by both Rahul and former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. The CWC that met earlier this week, released a 14-point "chargesheet" accusing Prime Minister Modi of pushing the country towards an unprecedented catastrophe and observed what Rahul had been saying for the past year, "We

regret to say the nation is paying a very heavy price for the thoughtlessness and unpreparedness of the NDA government to tackle the gravest disaster that has hit the country and has affected millions of families claiming 1,75,673 lives so far."

For once, the Congress' in-house dissidents, known as the Group of 23 or G-23 are in agreement with Rahul that a "constant declaration of victory" by the Modi government led to a grim situation. "The government has taken off all the warning systems and shut them down."

Rahul's bid to offer constructive

suggestions regarding vaccine distribution, reduction in the age of immunisation, fast-tracking of emergency approval for foreign-produced shots etc. which were eventually announced by the Modi government, seems to have enhanced the young Gandhi's stature within the Congress parivar.

However, there is still no clear indication that Rahul would be taking over as the Congress chief in June this year. Last heard, the 87th AICC president between December 2017 to May 2019 appeared a tad reluctant. But in more substantive terms, Congress insiders feel Rahul's line of thinking and style of functioning is finding far greater acceptance now than before. This factor alone can provide Sonia and Priyanka Gandhi an effective handle to influence Rahul to take over swiftly. The current Covid-19 crisis is such that a possibility of physical, no-holds-barred contest in a party poll are remote.

Congressmen of various hue and shades are beginning to realise that Rahul is every bit an unconventional politician. His economic and political thinking seems deeply influenced by the left-of-centre, causing disquiet within the grand old party. Senior Congress leaders recall Amartya Sen's interview conducted by Vinod Mehta and Anjali Puri in the Outlook issue of August 2009 where the Nobel laureate had described Rahul as 'talented' and as someone deeply concerned about deprivation in India and wanting to

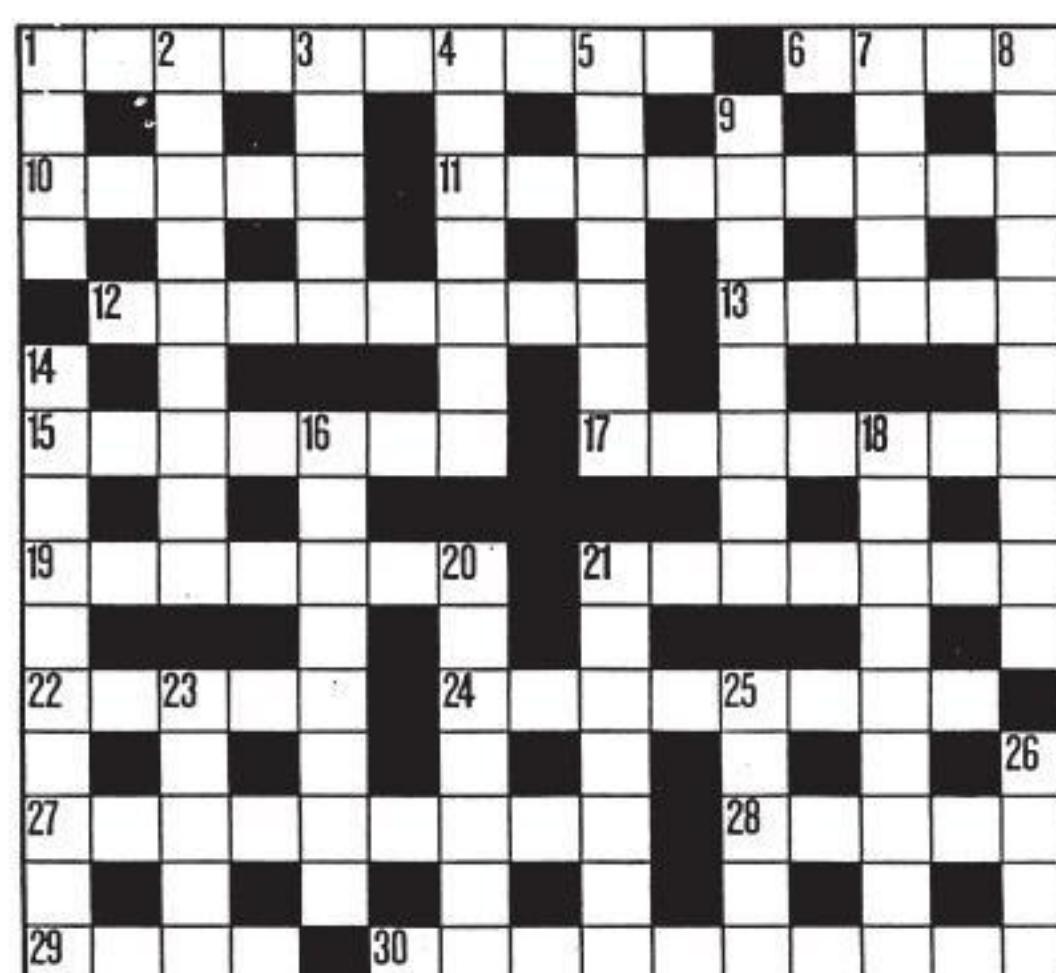
make a change. The noted economist had remarked, 'I know him (Rahul) a certain amount. I once actually spent a day with him when he visited me in Trinity (Cambridge) and I was very impressed with him.'

In the interview, Sen had said that the possibility of Rahul becoming the Prime Minister someday could not be ruled out. Sen said he had told Rahul that there were ways for him to 'dazzle the world' with the money he could make. "But he wasn't in the least interested. I would say, since I have known Manmohan at the same age, that there was a very similar commitment in both of them, in terms of being deeply concerned about deprivation in India and wanting to make a change in that. And to devote one's lifetime to that.'

Cambridge seems to have influenced Rahul quite a bit. Speaking to the Cambridge campus paper, *Varsity*, in 2010, Rahul had told Merrow Golden and Ashleigh Lamming, both political science students, that the most important thing he learned at Cambridge was the 'importance of compromise'. Lamming recalls Rahul as saying that the Cambridge system had helped him learn how to not just 'argue for his own opinions, but to find a solution that takes all points of view into account'.

The key question in the present context is whether Rahul would implement the 'importance of compromise' within the Congress. Will it be the way forward?

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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 - 13 To change (5)
 - 15 Finger cover for sewing (7)
 - 17 Pledge financial support for (7)
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 - 28 Due (5)
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■ Dhruva Yoga up to 11:42 am	
■ Purvaphalguni Nakshatra up to 6:22 am	
■ Uttaraphalguni Nakshatra up to 4:23 am	
■ Moon enters Virgo sign 11:56 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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SUNSET: SATURDAY 18:55 HRS
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:45 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	32	15
New Delhi	35	20
Amritsar	30	12
Bathinda	33	13
Jalandhar	29	12
Ludhiana	34	14
Bhiwani	35	15
Hisar	35	18
Sirsia	35	15
Dharamsala	22	12
Manali	20	07
Shimla	22	09
Srinagar	19	06
Jammu	29	15
Kargil	07	-01
Leh	02	-07
Dehradun	32	16
Mussoorie		

MATRIMONIALS**BRIDES WANTED****JAT SIKH**

Landlord Jat Sikh unmarried 1979, 6'-1", Postgraduate, high rental income, preference Tricity. WhatsApp pictures 94641-66704. (CL21007938)

Seeking match (Canada based) for Jatt Sikh Bains boy 5'-6", 89 born, non-drinker, well settled in Toronto with a Master's Degree in Engineering, working with one of top IT companies. Contact with biodata and photographs. Email: bainsns88@gmail.com P: 647-786-5204. (CL21007029)

Seeking professionally qualified Jat-Sikh match for our 5'-9", 86 born Engineer son. Ph.D. from USA and currently working as Scientist in USA. Plz send biodata and latest pictures to singh98542@gmail.com (CL21005137)

Switzerland citizen Jatt Sikh Randsawha family seeking professionally qualified beautiful match for their 5 ft. 7, 89 born son, he is working as IT System Administrator within reputed international organization. Plz WhatsApp biodata and recent photos on +417698889 or +917901822950. (CL21008570)

Seeking QPM, well cultured, family-oriented, educated Jat Sikh girl must be willing to relocate for a Canadian turbanned handsome boy, 6'-2", born Oct. 1985, Env. Eng., very high income, own business. Ours is a highly professional family settled in Canada from Malwa. Must respond with biodata and pictures of the girl, family details email at calcan@outlook.com (CL21006633)

Suitable match for Canadian citizen Jat Sikh boy, very handsome, B.Tech. (CS), MS, own IT business, excellent income \$350K, own house in Toronto, rental income, parents retd. Class I Officers 38, 6'. WhatsApp: +14036165214, geniusmatch21@gmail.com (CL21008673)

Wanted professionally qualified girl for Jat Sikh boy 4!/6'-1" Canadian PR divorced issueless Lawyer in well known law firm in Vancouver. Contact: matrimony177@gmail.com, +91-70099-1516. (CL21007539)

Gvt. employee girl for Jat Sikh Sandhu 1992, born boy 5'-11", permanent govt. job. Parents retired. Contact: WhatsApp: 98151-35454. (CL21008679)

Jatt Sikh 88/ 5'-10", convent educated, B.Com., M.Com., operations Manager in Vashi Electronic Pvt. Ltd. from 6 years. Elder sister has done Ph.D. and applied for PR Canada. Looking for a girl from Canada, America, Europe. Divorced can also be considered. +1250-406-9600. (CL21008692)

Jat Sikh Randhawa America work permit (divorcee issueless) boy 35/ 5'-10" seeks only living America, issueless between 30 to 35 years, good nature girl. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 99152-23223, 98760-8052, 001415309880. (CL21008676)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh LLB, MBA, 1986, 5'-7", teetotaller boy, doing LLM in Australia, respectable well educated family, rural/ urban property. Australia/ Canada preferred. Contact: WhatsApp: 98151-35454. (CL21007539)

Never married Aurora Sikh non-turbanned 1978/ 5'-6", works from own home Mohali. Caste no bar. Simple marriage. No dowry. 94637-62534. (CL21002671)

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Jat Sikh 1993/ 6'-3", Engineer at Amazon Company in America, 30 acre land and urban property. Seeking American citizen/ Green Card/ H1B Visa Holder girl. Contact 98688-24748. Email: guveen.dhillon@icloud.com (CL21008694)

Seeking intelligent, professionally oriented suitable match for Jat Sikh, handsome, clean-shaven, 30 year old, 5'-10", Ex-Captain Indian Army, pursuing MBA in Toronto from highly educated family with multiple U/R properties in India. Contact: m s a r c h 9 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL21008697)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh boy Nov. 1990, 5'-11", BCA, doing Law, 30 acres agriculture land, and urban property. Patiala. Mobile 94635-55033. (CL21007908)

PQM for Jat Sikh 29/ 5'-11", Central Govt. Class- 1 Officer, girl working in Metro City or Haryana is preferable. For details WhatsApp: 93070-57962. (CL21007926)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh 29/ 5'-11", BA, study in Australia (only son), 6 acre rural properties. Sister married in Australia. Preferred Malwa. 87250-01795. (CL21008000)

A well established family inviting proposal for their handsome, turbanned, teetotaller and Govt. Veterinary Officer boy 31, 6'-1". Seeks well educated/Govt. employee and tall girl minimum 5'-6" from educated and well cultured family. Mobile: 90413-9293, 98887-30001 (WhatsApp). (CL21008008)

Looking for American/ Canadian girl for 30 year permanent resident. Jatt Sikh Sidhu boy. Height 5'-11", Masters in Engineering/ working as Area Manager, Operations with Amazon. Family settled in USA and guy currently residing in Toronto but looking to settle down in USA. WhatsApp: +16479605795. (CL21008088)

Jat Sikh Nagra, 6'-0", 91, vegetarian, handsome, M.Eng., very high income, own business. Well settled family in Europe. jatsikh89@hotmail.com WhatsApp - 004675048715, 82648-98124. (CL21008101)

Jat Sikh boy 29/ 5'-8", Gazetteed Officer Class- I, Asst. Director. Preferred Govt. employee girl near Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Amritsar, Mukerian. Contact: 81466-36472, 98788-41928. (CL21008138)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh boy, 37/ 5'-7", MBA, works in Thapar University. Father retired Army Officer. Wanted well Educated girl for marriage. Welcome to upper caste. Contact: 9814026722, 8837659513. (CL21008254)

Professionally qualified match from a status family for handsome Jat Sikh Army Officer, 27/ 5'-11", having rural and urban residential as well as commercial property. Father retired Senior Army Officer and Mother retired Public School Principal. Siblings: An elder sister, Doctor, married and well settled in USA. WhatsApp No. 9872183995. (CL21008274)

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KHATRI

Reputed Chandigarh based business family looking very beautiful girl for tall, handsome, pure vegetarian Industrialist. Walia/ Khatri clean shaved Graduate boy very, good income, 28th June, 91' 5"-7", send profile with pics on WhatsApp: 95921-00592. (CL21006105)

Hindu Walia boy from Gurgaon Dob 12 Nov, 1993, height 5'-8", B.Tech, Mech, MIT (Manipal, Karnataka) Analyst at Ford Global International Chennai CTC 9.8 PLVA, veg., non-smoker, non-drinker. Caste no bar. Looking for a professionally qualified match. 98116-07905, rtr.walia@yahoo.com (CL21007652)

Suitable Employed match for khatri Punjabi handsome boy 5'-11", 14-04-88, 3.20 am, Chandigarh, working in M.N.C. Mohali. Contact 94172-77595. (CL21009705)

SM4 Khatri Mechanical Diploma, 11-05-83, 2.10 a.m. Ch. 5' 8", Caste no bar send profile/ photos WhatsApp: 9738-30789. Marriage bureau excuse. (CL21008569)

Wanted extremely beautiful girl for an extraordinary handsome (personality like model) very fair, height 5'-11", Khatri, Radha Soami, Advocate, Dob 29.01.1985 at 08:30 am, income more than 3 lacs per month, Phone No. 95307-69002, 82646-25235. (CL21014904)

SM4 handsome Hindu Khatri M.Tech., PGDM, 1989, 5'8", working as TSC with MNC, P.R. of Canada, presently in India. Early marriage. Family status middle class. Ph. 98145-55380. (CL21007701)

Well educated beautiful tall bride for Patiala based handsome 5ft 11 inch Sept 1993 born non-drinker, non-smoker well settled Sodhi Khatri clean shave boy working in private company handsome salary. Father retired Govt. employee. 94642-51029, 0175325079. (CL21007794)

PQM for Khatri boy 15.11.1987, 01:45 PM, Amritsar, Ph.D (IIT, Varanasi), research job at IIT-Delhi. 98782-02567 (CL21007845)

Seeking well educated, beautiful, slim girl for smart, B.Com, Khatri boy 30.10.92, 5'-8", high status industrial family, 85670-09387, 98898-24624. (CL21007858)

Beautiful, slim match for very handsome non-Manglik boy, Regional Manager, Pune, 21-LPA, 21.11.1985, 12.15 p.m. Ludhiana 5'-8", Affluent well established Punjabi Khatri family Ludhiana Father/ sister Doctors, Horoscopes matching must. Call/ WhatsApp: 9739-15109, 95019-37297. (CL21009781)

Professionally qualified match Ph.D. professor 7.9.1987, 1:10 pm, Ludhiana 5'-7", parent. Banker. 98720-11351. (CL21009119)

Match for Hindu Khatri boy, February 1994/ 6'-1", Tech (Civil), Govt. employee. WhatsApp: 99883-01786. (CL21009033)

MD, DM match for Khatri boy 5'-4", 15.5.1991, 10:09 p.m. Ferozepur. Doing DM Nephrology. 98142-22404. (CL21009046)

Khatri boy 10.02.1987, 8:35 pm Sirsa, 5'-7", under graduate. Only son. Business and property in NCR + Fatehabad. Simple marriage 90531-3139. (CL21009064)

SM for handsome 6.1.1993 born, Ch. based. Pharmaceuticals manufacturing business. Good status family. WhatsApp Ph.: 98150-41800. (CL21009088)

Seeking alliance from beautiful qualified girl from status Punjabi family for fair, handsome Punjabi Khatri boy, Nov. 1990, 5'-7.5", MBA (IMT), 10 LPA, working in Corporate Sector, only son. Parents Class I Officers. Contact: 94162 - 90675, 94644 - 03350, matrioh2020@gmail.com (CL21009033)

Employed match for Khatri/ Arora boy, 5'-11", 11.09.1990, 02:40 am, Ambala, B.Tech, MBA working in Ambala. Package 4.20 lacs marriage bureau excuse. 99626-21796, 98962-98888. (CL21007713)

Professionally qualified match for handsome Walia boy 5'-10", 28.11.85, 09:50 am, Kalka. Employed with Haryana Govt. contractual basis as Data Entry Operator. Caste no bar. Simple marriage. No demand. Preferred Tricity. 98969-54572, 99968-07259. (CL21009167)

Khatri boy 20.04.1989, 5'-6", 1988, 12:00 am, Chandigarh, BCA, LL.B. Pursuing Tax professional Zirakpur. 78140-73811, 98761-83109. (CL21009170)

Hindi Khatri fair, handsome boy, 85 born, 5'-7", never married. Master of Pharmacy, MBA, job Pharmaceutical Company, Baddi. Package 7.00 Lac. Residence Chandigarh. WhatsApp 98550-25336. (CL21009193)

Suitable match for handsome Khatri boy, 31/6'-3", MBA, working in MNC Chandigarh. Own house. WhatsApp: 94646-20479. (CL21007889)

Smart Manglik Walia Khatri boy, 6'-4" 1995 Officer Govt. Bank. Contact: 93562-27829. (CL21007960)

Suitable match for handsome 5'-10", 30 year, MBA, Khatri Manglik boy. Hailing from Patiala, the boy is settled in family business. Contact: 96466-43400. (CL21007991)

Match for issueless divorcee Khatri boy, 5'-8", 1988, well settled own business, looking unmarried girl, no dowry. 94631-37660. (CL21007995)

Working match for Manglik Khatri boy 1993, 5.6"-, B.Tech Software Engg., 12 LPA, 98156-23050. (CL21008004)

92 born, 5'-7", Tech, NIT passout working Amazon USA. Software Engineer, B.Tech preferred Punjab . 76960-55885. (CL21008032)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy 8.88, 8.25 pm, Chd, B.Com, MBA, working in Private Company. Service girl preferred. 98760-13436. (CL21008051)

Working girl match for fair and smart boy Nameen Kumar Bhalla, 01.09.1995, 5'-6", 01-05 noon, Yamunanager, B.Tech Software Engineer in Noida, package 8 lac annually. Preferred Yamunanager, Ambala, Panchkula, Karnal. 98960-81472. (CL21008150)

Hindi Khatri boy 11.03.1994, 10:58 am, Ferozepur, 5'-11", Govt. job boy. Required govt. job (preferred Teacher) or professionally qualified girl. 95010-57755, 98771-99228. (CL21008173)

Bhawpal, 14.10.82, 08:25 am, Rajpura, Govt. Teacher. 78886-62762. (CL21008178)

Khatri boy 05.06.1992, 08:13 pm, Ludhiana, 6'-0", 2 Hosiery Manager. 5000/-, no demand, required beautiful, homely girl. 99889-78605. (CL21008258)

Khatri Manglik veg. boy B.Tech., 14.08.90, 12:30 am Sonipat, 5'-10", working MNC Chandigarh 10+ Lac. Residence Phagwara. 98159-65938. (CL21008285)

Wanted homely girl for Kashayp Khatri businessman boy 3/ 6'-1, Ludhiana. Caste no bar. 93167-51946. (CL21008310)

Professionally qualified, beautiful, tall, Non-Manglik match required for handsome, 6", LLM, Advocate. Own practice. Sept. 90. Contact: 98780-11381 (CL21008328)

Suitable match preferably Govt/bank office for Khatri boy, Tech, 5'-9", 31.7.89, 7.45 pm, Jalandhar. Manager Scale-II Govt. Bank. WhatsApp profile. 9471518449. (CL21008385)

Suitable match for Verma boy, age 35, 5'-7", Physiotherapists Mohali. Contact: 80547-70162. (CL21008454)

Wanted a beautiful, homely girl for fair, smart, handsome Punjab, Khatri boy, time 12:40 p.m., 24 November 1988, born, 5'-6", Businessman well established family. One brother & a sister settled in Australia. 86998-08298, 79863-18789. (CL21008465)

Match for Punjabi Khatri boy, Chandigarh, based, 15.11.93, 5'-8", affluent business family. Government contractor having own construction business. Qualified Civil Engineer. Contact: 93177-33675. (CL21008483)

Match for Khatri boy 93/ 5'-10", Master's in Accounting Finance, very fair, own Pharmaceutical business, Chandigarh. 78379-30890. (CL21008491)

Well do to Khatri family seeks smart & educated match for their only son, 5'-5", 19.12.1987, 01:40 am, Nawanshahr, B.Tech., MBA. Gold Jewellery business. No demand. Upper caste no bar. 92563-29233. (CL21008497)

Looking for Advocate from Tricity for Punjab! Khatri boy March 92, 8:00 am, 5'-10", High Court Advocate, parents well settled Advocates of Chandigarh. Material uncle High Court Judge (Retd.), Cousins Ads & SJ Punjab and ADC Haryana. Contact: WhatsApp: 98881-3550. (CL21008542)

Match for handsome Khatri MBA boy, 24.10.82, time 4:30 pm, Chandigarh, based, 5'-8", well settled business. Kundli must match. Ph. 98761-77958. (CL21008583)

Khatri (Abrol) boy 5'-11", 28, working IT Noida, 14.5 LPA, prefer working IT, NCR. 80540-54163. (CL21008620)

Match for handsome upper middle class Khatri boy 5'-5", 5.09.89, 6:45 pm, Shimla, born, B.Tech., self employed. Father Superintendent Engineer (retd.). Himachali girl preferred. Contact 81168-52058 after matching kundli. (CL21008634)

Manglik Khatri boy 3.10.1990/ 5'-10", 9:05 am, Rajpura, 6 LPA, Pvt. Bank job. Wanted working girl. Marriage bureau excuse. 84376-66342, 97801-70154. (CL21008648)

Match for fair, 6'-1", Khatri 30 yrs, own house, business at Faridabad, B.Tech, M.Tech, looking for well educated girl having family values. Contact: 98910-48182. (CL21008766)

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NRI

Working girl in Canada (PR/WP) for Punjabi Khatri Sep.86 born Manglik boy, 6'-1" working in Mississauga Ontario. 80039-93707. (CL21008499)

Match for 6 feet tall Brahmin Bachelor Oct. 1984 born UK citizen, working in London in a Global Investment Bank. Into healthy living, fitness and travel. From close knit Punjabi family based in Delhi, India. Father retired Senior Bureaucrat from Central Govt. Wanted a good looking girl qualified in Medicine, Finance, Law, IT or Engineering not older than 28 years. Please contact with latest photograph and biodata WhatsApp 99850-09524, email: asistrue1956@gmail.com (CL21008906)

Educated match for USA citizen, 50', 5'-10", MBA, Hindu Arora, unmarried boy. Contact: 98723-91901 (CL21003003)

Suitable match for turbaned non-trimmer Gursikh boy, 6 ft fair and slim, Canadian PR, salary 6 digits well settled, has own house in Toronto, working as a Product & R&D Manager in an established Software firm, DoB 17.1.1990, 9:11 pm/ Chandigarh. Girl should be professionally qualified above 5'-5" and willing to settle in Canada. Contact: 97809-94664. (CL21003527)

Well settled Pasricha/ Arora/ Khatri NRI boy, 09-25 hours. KarnaI 3rd May 83, slim athletic, 5 ft 8 - 172 cm, issueless divorcee. Masters Manager own business and property Dec. 91, 6'0"- looking for beautiful "Model look", tall, family oriented, no caste bar. Living in USA/ Canada preferable. sarabkaur@hotmail.com 98509-21900. (CL21009145)

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32/ 5'-11", want BDS/ any other professional girl caste no bar. Call WhatsApp+9194644-36721, +14168224721. (CL21009174)

Verma boy, 29.10.1989, 4:20 pm, Gurdaspur, 5'-10", MS USA- H1, Senior Officer Cyber Security Analyst, Milwaukee. Upper caste no bar. M: 9870-86882. (CL21009291)

Khatri boy, 5'-9", 23 May 1990/ 12:02 pm, Amritsar, B.Tech (Computer Science), MS (USA). Handsome package. 98760-53232, sunilkhndri@gmail.com (CL21009300)

Match for Ramdasia Sikh Doctor MBBS MD doing Govt. job in USA, 35', 5'-8". Caste no bar. Contact Doctor/Engineer 83608-76705. (CL21007735)

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Most beautiful match for Cancer Super-specialist Sikh clean-shaven, 6'-2", Sept. 90, very handsome Dr. working heavy salary of one million dollar annual. HIB visa, Green card in progress. Caste no bar. Send details/photos. E-mail: kptkumar8@gmail.com (CL21008024)

Match for Arora Sikh Canadian PR boy, 1990', 5'-11", M.Tech., Software Developer at Calgary, Contact Whatsapp 94172-42986, sjasbir1304@gmail.com (CL21008088)

Match for New Zealand citizen Sikh Ravidasia boy, 85 born, clean shaven, never married, girl must be well educated & preferred in New Zealand, Australia, caste no bar. 076278-15265 WhatsApp. (CL21008096)

SM for NRI (New Zealand) Verma Radha Swami boy, 5'-11", M.Tech., Software Developer at Calgary, Contact Whatsapp 94172-42986, sjasbir1304@gmail.com (CL21008088)

Gurkisht Khatri boy 1987, 5'-11", Canada citizen, B.Tech., doing job. Girl in Canada preferred. 98155-86148. (CL21008298)

Tonk Kashtriy well educated boy, 1990, 5'-10", Winnipeg PPR, officer parents. Caste no bar. Girl in Canada preferred. 94635-97057. (CL21008304)

SC boy 5'-8"/ 27, B.Tech., Quality Engineering in Canada (PR). Required Bank job/ BDS. girl. Contact- 62800-16983. (CL21008315)

Punjabi Arora handsome November 1987 born, 5'-10", Australian Citizen, Degree in Accounting from Sydeney, Running Own Business. Well settled in Melbourne, Seeks beautiful slim girl only from Australia. Contact. 98887-58804. (CL21008380)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh, UK born boy, Virk, 6"-2", 10.3.96, Graduate in Maths, doing CA final, only child of well settled business family in UK. Girl should be 5"-7"-5'-10", 21-23 yrs, convent educated. Reputed family from Chd/ Mohali preferred. Con. 9464252534. (CL21008322)

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Suitable match for handsome Punjabi Khatri 1987/ 6", Canadian citizen professional Engineer, Government job, well-settled in Canada. Caste no bar. Contact WhatsApp # 14167359744. (CL21008728)

PQM for Khatri boy 1992, 5'-11", B.Tech (CSE) presently work visa Toronto, required student, PR or work visa. 70095-85130. (CL21008775)

Canadian citizen Jat Sikh 35/ 5'-6", educated, well settled boy looking beautiful educated girl, 99886-06657, 0014039182640. (CL21008794)

Match for handsome Punjabi Arora divorced boy 1984, 6', Canadian citizen working with Multinational company, preferred working girl, send photo, WhatsApp +1182546-17686, sharewitharora@gmail.com (CL21008892)

Professional qualified match for German citizen, M.Tech Rajput boy, 86 born, 5'-9", permanent job, boy presently in India. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp profile and photo. 94633-06657, 70093-95744. (CL21008906)

Professionally qualified match Singla boy April 1993, B.Tech (CSE), 5'-8", working on HB Visa in Amazon in US. send biodata/recent pics. Email: vijayasinghal507@gmail.com 92551-72987. (CL21008926)

Handsome NRI boy, 1993 born, 6', looking for beautiful girl, caste and religion no bar. 73071-11659. (CL21008985)

USA born handsome, Jat Sikh boy, Manager own business and property Dec. 91, 6'0"- looking for beautiful "Model look", tall, family oriented, no caste bar. Living in USA/ Canada preferable. sarabkaur@hotmail.com 98509-21900. (CL21009145)

Suitable match for turbaned non-trimmer Gursikh boy, 6 ft fair and slim, Canadian PR, salary 6 digits well settled, has own house in Toronto, working as a Product & R&D Manager in an established Software firm, DoB 17.1.1990, 9:11 pm/ Chandigarh. Girl should be professionally qualified above 5'-5" and willing to settle in Canada. Contact: 97809-94664. (CL21003527)

Well settled Pasricha/ Arora/ Khatri NRI boy, 09-25 hours. KarnaI 3rd May 83, slim athletic, 5 ft 8 - 172 cm, issueless divorcee. Masters Manager own business and property Dec. 91, 6'0"- looking for beautiful "Model look", tall, family oriented, no caste bar. Living in USA/ Canada preferable. sarabkaur@hotmail.com 98509-21900. (CL21009145)

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32/ 5'-11", want BDS/ any other professional girl caste no bar. Call WhatsApp+9194644-36721, +14168224721. (CL21009174)

Verma boy, 29.10.1989, 4:20 pm, Gurdaspur, 5'-10", MS USA- H1, Senior Officer Cyber Security Analyst, Milwaukee. Upper caste no bar. M: 9870-86882. (CL21009291)

Khatri boy, 5'-9", 23 May 1990/ 12:02 pm, Amritsar, B.Tech (Computer Science), MS (USA). Handsome package. 98760-53232, sunilkhndri@gmail.com (CL21009300)

NRJ Khatri boy 30, 6 feet, looking for smart and educated girl. 0049146643766. (WhatsApp. (CL21009321)

WIDOWER

Only son, young & good looking, slim, 43, 165 cm, 59 kgs, Dip in Fashion Designing. Real estate business has 4 yrs. son, Mohali seeks PQ, issueless, well settled match from decent family in Tricity. rockykhmohal@gmail.com (CL21007742)

Looking for a sweet natured, educated female life companion/ live-in partner for self employed Khatri Doctor widower 68 years, male, 5'-3". WhatsApp details: 70097-66537. Email: siderodor782@gmail.com (CL21008539)

Suitable match for Aggarwal widow, 50 years, well settled businesswoman, children abroad. Caste no bar, issueless preferred. 77174-24209. (CL21008587)

SM4 widower Aggarwal, 78 born, Govt. Lecturer, two kids, upper caste no bar. Email: aggarwalbunty3@gmail.com 92166-47001. (CL21008992)

Wanted life partner from 50 to 60 years, widow / divorcee / issueless having no liability for healthy Sikh 5'-6", 75 years gentleman. 98729-31350. (CL21009090)

Divorcee

Handsome smart non-drinker vegetarian divorcee Khatri boy, MBA, 47/5'-10", Manager Ludhiana, 54000-5130780, 62802-53309. (CL21007625)

Looking suitable match for 6' 83, Divorced after one month running well established jewellery business. 98722-86330. (CL21007672)

SM4 March 87 born, 6', Arora B.Tech. MBA, Senior Consultant working ZS Associates Gurgaon, 24 Lakh, Ludhiana 94633-40819. (CL21007689)

Suitable match for well settled, handsome Aggarwal Lawyer, Chandigarh based, 6'/1987. WhatsApp call 097794-00019. (CL21007912)

Suitable match for Saini BAMS private doctor 42/ 5'-7", no liability, Upper caste no bar, Send biodata/ photo. 97294-19257 (WhatsApp) (CL21008389)

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YADAV

Sought to Yadav girl beautiful, at least Graduate for B.Tech (Software Engineer), working in Chandigarh, native from Patna, settled in Mohali, handsome, 5'-10", 28 years. Contact: 92161-97974. (CL21009186)

BRAHMIN

Saraswat Brahmin boy Govt. job 3.10.1979, 3.20 am, Jalandhar, 5'-8", income 80000. WhatsApp 94636-44001. (CL21009344)

SM4 Gour Brahmin boy (BA), LL.B., MA (Engg.), 5'-3/4", 20.03.90, 5.35 pm, Amb. Practicing Lawyer P&H Court, Chd. Father Class-I Officer in Hrsl, Govt. Vats, Mother - Kapil, pure Veg. God loving, requires highly qualified girl, having family values from pure veg. Well reputed family from Tricity Ytr, Knl, Kkr. Contact: 98708-81188, 078271-00007, after matching kundli. Bureau excuse. (CL21008917)

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Modi sharpens attack on Didi, says peace must for WB growth

TRENDING NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, APRIL 23
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today accused the TMC government of patronising illegal immigration from Bangladesh and extortion syndicates but uncharacteristically avoided personally targeting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Addressing a virtual rally at Shaheed Minar ground from New Delhi, he said West Bengal needed peace for development. He said the ongoing Assembly elections in West Bengal were not simply for changing the regime.

"I see hope and aspirations for a new West Bengal in the minds of the voters. West Bengal wants a government that is free of partiality," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said this while addressing a virtual rally for those living in Murshidabad, Malda, Berhampore and south Kolkata. Modi said people were looking for employment opportunities, ease of living and ease of doing business. The PM said the BJP had taken a pledge to fulfil all such aspirations.

"West Bengal wants peace, security and development. It is eager for a regime where every department of the government does its work and accomplishes its responsibilities," Modi



People listen to the virtual address of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Birbhum district. PTI

PM INVOVES TAGORE AS HE WINDS UP CAMPAIGN

Talking about the implementation of the National Education Policy in the state, Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned the ideas of poet Rabindranath Tagore in the field of education and said like the poet envisaged, the NEP was modelled on the need of connecting students to industry right from school days.

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said. Stating that record foreign investment was coming to India, Modi said a major portion of the investment would be used in Bengal to promote industry and employment. The BJP government would work in this direction, he said.

Stating that this was his last speech for the assembly elections, Modi today praised the high voter turnout in the state and urged the voters to maintain the tempo during the last two phases of voting as well.

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Centre choking oxygen supply to state, says Mamata

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

TRENDING NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, APRIL 23
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday lashed out against the Centre for allegedly trying to deprive Bengal of its supply of medical oxygen. Oxygen meant for Bengal was being diverted to Uttar Pradesh by the Centre, she alleged.

"The chain that supplies oxygen to Bengal, namely SAIL, is being shifted to UP. Our chain is being shifted to UP so that there is oxygen shortage here," Mamata alleged. Addressing a press conference at Durgapur, Mamata alleged that the Modi government at the Centre was bent upon destroying Bengal. "Why supply of one state be cut to benefit another," she asked. State government sources said the GoI on Wednesday allotted 200 MT of oxygen from different plants in West Bengal to UP.

Sources said taking into account the current patient load and the rising trend of the infections, it was estimated that the consumption level in West Bengal would rise to roughly 450 MT per day in the next couple of weeks.

"Today I took stock of Durgapur and Asansol districts. I will go to Berhampore and Birbhum tomorrow and review the situation prevailing in Murshidabad and Birbhum districts. Then I will head to Malda," Mamata said.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. PTI

said. Stating that she had written to GoI to consider the need of the state and not send medical oxygen available in the state elsewhere, the Chief Minister claimed that her "priority was Covid" and not the ongoing Assembly elections in the state.

"I have been holding five to six meetings daily on the Covid situation in the state," Mamata said.

"Allocation of liquid oxygen to UP could jeopardise the medical treatment of Covid patients in the state, sources

OBITUARY

Shravan Rathod (1954-2021)

His music stirred the soul

GURNAAZ KAUR



tions. For most of their songs, they sued three instruments

— bansuri, sitar and shehnai. In one of his interviews, Shravan had expressed his disappointment with today's music.

He said, "There is a lot of technology. Electronic music is artificial. It cannot be compared to a live orchestra. The focus should be on the lyrics and the concept of Indianness. We are copying Western style too much."

Nadeem-Shravan is credited to have created history in Bollywood in the 1990s and 2000s. The duo gave chartbuster soundtracks one after another and their breakthrough film was *Aashiqui* (1990), which sold 2 crore cassettes in India and became the best-selling Bollywood album of all time. And the decade that followed was for them to reign.

Sajjan, Phool Aur Kaante, Sadak, Deewana, Dil Kya Kaa, Kasoor, Hum Hain Rahi Pyara Ke, Rang, Dilwale, Raja, Barsaat, Raja Hindustani, Pardes, Sirf Tum and so many more; they belted out some of the most popular tunes of the industry and left an indelible mark on the map. What made their music unique was the strong influence of Hindustani music in their composi-

As the news of Shravan's demise broke, the film and music fraternity poured their grief on social media. While the family is inconsolable, Nadeem (as a name and perhaps as a person) too is left with a void that can never be filled.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENT PUNJAB

e-Auction Notice for Cattle Fairs

e-Auction of Cattle Fair will be held for the period from 16.05.2021 to 31.03.2022. In this regard the auction will be held on 12.05.2021 and the security amount of this auction is Rs. 3,53,10,000/- In this regard terms and conditions are available on www.pbrdp.gov.in. Contact No. 98724-00188.

Sd/- Director,

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25 dead at Delhi's Ganga Ram Hospital amid oxygen crisis...

third top contributor to the burden with 26,995 cases and more 350 deaths.

In worrisome new evidence, the National Centre for Disease Control said the Delhi surge was directly correlated to the UK variant. "We have seen a rise in the proportion of the UK variant from 28 per cent of Delhi's genome sequenced samples in the second week of March to 50 per cent in the last week of March. The surge in Delhi directly correlates with the UK variant.

Nationally, we have sequenced 15,135 samples and found 1,735 (11%) variants of concern," SK Singh, Director, NCDC, said, not ruling out challenging times ahead.

PM's assurances of smooth supplies apart, Ganga Ram Hospital had not received any supplies till 9 pm when the hospital was left with 800 cubic metres of oxygen lasting just 45 minutes.

Hospitals continue to gasp for breath despite government orders. It is becoming an hourly challenge. Every minute of delay on commitments can cost lives. Sangeeta Reddy, JOINT MD, APOLLO

At Ganga Ram Hospital, a tanker entered the facility late at 11 pm on Friday to deliver oxygen for 140 critical patients. Reeling under oxygen shortage, the hospital was on the brink with just half an hour supply left for the night. A tanker arrived in the "nick of time," said Ganga Ram PRO Ajay Sehgal. "The oxygen tanker has given us half a tonne, which is sufficient for 1.5 hours. Hopefully, by that time INOX tanker should arrive. It will be a long night."

Such was the desperation of hospital managements

that Ganga Ram, Bram Healthcare and Batra Hospitals approached the High Court with an SOS.

Outside Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, relatives expressed shock at the state of affairs. A wailing wife whose husband was refused admission asked: "Aise kaise chalega?"

Cries of disbelief rent the air outside all Delhi hospitals even as Kejriwal was chided by the PM for live telecasting his remarks at the meet where he asked the PM to tell Haryana and UP not to obstruct Delhi's oxygen tankers. The PM urged states to come down heavily on hoarders and black marketers of essential medicines and injections and acknowledged that Covid was now affecting Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities at once.

"We are working on all options to reduce the travel time and turnaround time of oxygen tankers," the PM said.

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3rd arrest in Antilia case

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

The NIA today arrested Mumbai police inspector Sunil Mane in connection with the recovery of an explosives-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in the financial capital of the country and the alleged murder of businessman Mansukh Hiran. Agency officials said

with the arrest of Mane, the NIA has so far arrested three police officers in connection with its probe into the case, including suspended assistant police inspector Sachin Waze and his colleague Riyaz Kazi.

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OFFICE OF THE CIVIL SURGEON, REWARI

E-Tender Notice

Civil Surgeon, Rewari has invited E-Tender for E-Rickshaw, alternate vaccine delivery system Urban area of Rewari for F.Y. 2021-22. Further detail Please visit <http://etenders.hry.nic.in>.

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BRIEFLY

GREN CANARIA (SPAIN)

Sharma, Bhullar card 69s after Sandhu's 66

Indian golfers Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar completed their opening rounds, carding matching 69s to tie T-88 at the Gran Canaria Lopesan Open here. While Ajeetesh Sandhu, who had fired a sizzling 4-under 66, and SSP Chawrasia (74), had completed their rounds yesterday, Sharma and Bhullar were at 3-under through 11 holes and even-par through 12. Meanwhile, in Kobe, Japan, India's Rahil Gangjee carded a flawless 5-under 66 to make the cut at the Kansai Open Championship. Gangjee is tied-31.

HARARE

Zimbabwe pull off shock T20 win over Pakistan

Zimbabwe successfully defended a modest total to pull off an upset 19-run win over in-form Pakistan and level their T20I series here today. Zimbabwe were sent in to bat first, and despite a 34 from Tinashe Kamunhukamwe, made only a paltry 118/9. But Pakistan, who beat South Africa 3-1 in a four-match series earlier this month, fell short in a laboured chase as they were bowled out for 99.

MADRID

Atletico return to the top, Messi leads Barcelona

Atletico Madrid defeated Huesca to regain sole possession of the Spanish league lead, while Lionel Messi scored twice as Barcelona stayed in the title race with a victory over Getafe. Atletico moved three points in front of second-placed Real Madrid. Messi's double in a 5-2 win over Getafe helped Barcelona return to third place.

LONDON

Leicester beat West Brom to strengthen hold on 3rd Jamie Vardy ended his two-month goal drought as Leicester tightened their grip on a Champions League spot with a 3-0 win over West Bromwich Albion that pushed the visitors closer to relegation. AGENCIES

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LIVERPOOL VS NEWCASTLE 5PM
WEST HAM VS CHELSEA 10PM
STAR SPORTS

Eye on Tokyo Games, Vinesh wary of Covid

Star wrestler avoiding public interactions, sparring only with her sister

VINAYAK PADMADEO

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

Champion wrestler Vinesh Phogat truly believes in the adage 'once bitten twice shy'. Covid-19 struck her last year just before the Arjuna Awards ceremony, where she was to receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna, the country's highest sporting honour. Even though she was asymptomatic, she was away from her training schedule for over a month and a half.

Now, even as Covid-19 cases are surging — India reported over three lakh

cases on Thursday — the 2019 World Championship bronze medallist has adapted a very cautious approach towards training and interaction with fellow wrestlers, especially in India.

Currently training in Kharkhoda in Haryana, Vinesh has been avoiding public interactions and is only hitting the gymnasium or the mat when the attendance is very low. Further, she has stopped grappling with other wrestlers, choosing to only spar with her sister Priyanka.

Staying apart

"I have been generally keeping away from others. I am only going to the gym or other areas when there are very few there," Vinesh said during a media interaction arranged by the Sports Authority of India.

"In fact I am only sparring



Vinesh Phogat won her first Asian Championship gold in Almaty recently. PHOTO: UWW

with my sister. I do not want to miss training for even a single day as it sets you back for days. Imagine if I get it (Covid) again all my training and hard work will go waste," the 26-year-old added.

The 2018 Asian Games gold medallist further said that she and other athletes

have adapted to training and competition under the cloud of Covid-19. "Wearing masks was bothersome at the start but now we all realise that it is a necessity as you never know how long this may last... A year or two years or maybe four years," she explained.

"Other than that all is OK as teams get their full schedule about training and weigh-ins much in advance," she added.

Work on recovery

Vinesh kickstarted the year with three back-to-back gold medals. She won the Coaches and Wrestlers Memorial tournament in Kiev, Ukraine, before winning the top spot at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series in Rome. Last week she won her maiden gold medal in the Asian Championships in Almaty after

beating Meng Hsuan Hsieh of Chinese Taipei.

Despite the hat trick of golds, Vinesh says she has to work hard, especially in her recovery process after the weigh-ins. "There are a few things I have to work on. Recovery is where I think I need to work as I found out that post the weigh-ins I struggled to hold my own against an opponent with superior strength," Vinesh said.

"I had a prior condition in 2019 where my blood pressure used to drop drastically after the weigh-ins because I used to work really hard to make weight. I would get blurry-eyed and the performance on the mat would decrease. I suffered the same thing during the Asian Championships. I may have to look at my diet and other things to fix it," she added.

Atanu, Deepika enter semifinals

GUATEMALA CITY, APRIL 23

India's top archery couple Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari battled heavy winds to storm into their respective semifinals of the recurve section as India continued to make giant strides in the World Cup Stage 1 here.

Returning to the World Cup after almost two years, Das and Deepika, who got married last year, also paired up to advance to the bronze play-off in the recurve mixed event last night to keep India

confidently on her way to an easy win.

"I had too many thoughts in my mind, and all I wanted to do was to concentrate, to focus and control my mind. I know I can do better. My first match wasn't that good, and I feel like I didn't give it all," she said. "I feel so nervous still, but good as well. I'm happy because I'm finally competing. We waited one-and-a-half years for this, and we're finally here."

The world No. 9, who is the highest seed remaining in the draw, will next face Alejandra Valencia of Mexico in her quest for a gold medal on Sunday.

India remain in the hunt for medals in the men's and women's team events after advancing to the quarterfinals in both. —TNS, agencies

Sachin is India's 8th wonder

YOUTH BOXING
WORLD CHIPS

Haryana's count at event is 5 out of India's 11 medals



The Indian women's boxing team finished with a record haul of seven gold; RIGHT: Sachin won the 56kg gold on Friday.

relentless attacks in the final round to complete a 4-1 win.

Apart from Sachin's gold, Bishwamitra Chongtham (49kg), Ankit Narwal (64kg) and Vishal Gupta (91kg) won bronze medals in the men's section after reaching the semifinals.

Sachin is the first Indian male boxer since 2016 to win a gold medal in the tournament. It was his namesake Sachin Siwach, now a senior camper, who won gold then.

Yesterday, the Indian women's team had secured

the highest medal haul at the prestigious event, with Gitika (48kg), Naorem Babyrojaisana Chanu (51kg), Poonam (57kg), Vinka (60kg), Arundhati Choudhary (69kg), T Sanamacha Chanu (75kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+81kg) winning gold medals. India had fielded a 20-member team — 10 men and as many women — in this year's event, and 11 of them won medals. Ten of the boxers are from Haryana, and five of them won medals. — TNS



Kings stun champs Mumbai

Shami, Bishnoi tame attacking Mumbai batsmen

CHENNAI, APRIL 23

Punjab Kings scored their second win of IPL-14 when they thrashed defending champions Mumbai Indians by nine wickets here tonight. Set a modest 132 to win, Punjab got there with 14 balls to spare, losing only one wicket.

Captain KL Rahul remained unbeaten on 60 of 52 balls, hitting three fours and three sixers, while Chris Gayle was slightly more aggressive in his unbeaten 43 off 35 balls, hitting five fours and two sixers. Mayank Agarwal (25 off 20 balls) was the only batsman to be dismissed, after adding 53 for the first wicket with Rahul.

Mumbai's top-class bowling attack failed to do much after the below-par performance of their batsmen had given them a low total to defend. With this win, Punjab have four points from five matches, the same as Mumbai.

Top show

Earlier, the Punjab bowlers had produced a discipline performance to restrict



Ravi Bishnoi was the standout bowler for Punjab with 2/21. PTI

Bottom-placed RR's Archer out of IPL

The England and Wales Cricket Board today

announced that star fast bowler Jofra Archer will not play in the ongoing IPL, compounding his franchise Rajasthan Royals' misery.

Mumbai to 131/6 despite a fine half-century by Rohit Sharma. Mumbai struggled with two wickets for 21 runs in four overs. Lead pacer Mohammed Shami (2/21 in four overs) was also impressive. — TNS, agencies

between Rohit (63 off 52) and Suryakumar Yadav (33 off 27) steadied the ship for the five-time champions but they could not find the final flourish, managing only 34 runs in the last five overs for the loss of four wickets.

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi, playing his first game of the season, was the standout bowler for Punjab with two wickets for 21 runs in four overs.

Lead pacer Mohammed Shami (2/21 in four overs) was also impressive. — TNS, agencies

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Date: 24.04.2021 Place: Mohali Authorised Officer

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Date: 24.04.2021 Place : Mohali Authorised Officer

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In case the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) do not pay back the Bank's dues within 30 days of this publication, the property/properties shall be sold as described to recover Bank's dues. The owners/ occupiers of the property are directed to hand over the vacant possession within 30 days of this notice to avoid use of force or other measures with the assistance of District Magistrate under section 14 of the Act. The owners/ occupiers may please note that after 30 days from the date of this notice, property will be auctioned.

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Army to acquire light tanks for Ladakh, tenders invited

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
The Indian Army and the Navy have invited tenders seeking specialised light tanks for use in Ladakh and light utility helicopter that can fly off the deck of warships, respectively.

The Army is looking at a "Make-in-India" option to get 350 tanks which weigh less than 25 tonnes each and are easy to operate in extreme cold of the Himalayas.

The Navy is to lease utility helicopters to replace the aging fleet of 1960's Cheetah helicopters. Both forces on Friday issued a request for information (RFI), the first stage of the tendering process.

In case of the tanks, the Defence Ministry tender bid says it wants "a new generation combat vehicle platform, approximately 350 light tanks in a phased manner". The supplier would have to provide logistics,



A jet flies over Ladakh region amid India-China faceoff in Leh. FILE

NAVY SEEKS LIGHT UTILITY COPTERS

- The Army is looking at a "Make-in-India" option to get 350 tanks which weigh less than 25 tonnes each and are easy to operate in extreme cold of the Himalayas
- The Navy too has invited tenders for light utility copters to replace the ageing fleet of Cheetah helicopters
- Navy is looking for a copter that is 5 tonnes or less and it should have the ability to carry out search and rescue at sea
- The Navy too has invited tenders

bring in niche technologies, provide an engineering support package, meet maintenance and training requirements and enable transfer of technology.

lance and communication capabilities.

Meanwhile, the Navy in its RFI says it looks to lease 24 copters from foreign vendors or authorised leasing firms. The lease period is five years and is to include all maintenance support including logistics along with the training of air and maintenance crew.

The Navy is looking for a copter that is 5 tonnes or less. It should have the ability to carry out search and rescue at sea, meaning its radar and sensors should be able to operate in all weather conditions and during night or day. The copter should be able to carry out medical evacuation from sea and carry out low intensity maritime operations while operating from ships and shore.

The Navy wants a twin-engine copter piloted by two pilots with capability to fold the rotors for easy storage on ships.

Moscow offers medical oxygen, Beijing too willing to lend help

US against early lifting of ban on vax raw material export

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
As the number of Covid patients remained high, Russia, UK, France and Germany among other countries have offered to gift oxygen generating equipment to India.

Germany will be the first to send nearly two dozen oxygen generation plants and France and the UK have also said they are prepared to follow suit.

The Russian offer for oxygen as well as Remdesivir injections came on Friday when India notched the world's highest daily tally of Covid cases for the second consecutive day.

Russia has offered to provide medical-grade oxygen and anti-viral drug Remdesivir. India, grappling with a record shortage of both products, can begin receiving shipments in a fortnight. Moscow has also offered 4 lakh Remdesivir injections every week.

The injections have a going rate of Rs 30,000-Rs 40,000 on the black market. India has already waived the import duty on Remdesivir.

Russia is also dispatching emergency doses of Sputnik-V vaccine due to a slow down in production in India. Sources



A patient gets primary treatment inside an autorickshaw as she waits to be admitted to a hospital in Ahmedabad on Friday. PTI

RUSSIA TO SUPPLY REMDESIVIR INJECTIONS

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said till its India-made vaccine hit the market in sufficient numbers, India was exploring the possibility of "full and fill" Sputnik vaccines. The US today said categorically that it will first cater to its domestic requirements and only then consider lifting a ban on the export of raw materials that has hit vaccine production in India.

In Beijing, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said China was ready to offer assistance according to India's needs. Hoping that India will defeat the virus at an early date, ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian expressed Beijing's sincere sympathies to India over the deteriorating situation in the country recently. "The Chinese government and people firmly support the Indian government and people in fighting the virus," added Zhao.

Emergency fiscal powers for military doctors

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has granted emergency financial powers to military doctors. The decision came after he reviewed the Covid-19 situation. This will enable quicker procurement of medical items, material and provisioning of various services for treatment and management of Covid-19 cases.

As per instructions issued today, the DG of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) would be empowered to spend Rs 5 crore. Medical officers of Maj Gen rank could spend Rs 3 crore, while Brigadier-rank officers would be able to spend Rs 2 crore. — TNS

IFFCO's 2nd O₂ plant to start from May 30

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23
Fertiliser cooperative IFFCO on Friday said its second oxygen plant being set up in Uttar Pradesh, at Bareilly, will commence operation from May 30 and will provide the supply for free to hospitals in the state and adjoining areas. The IFFCO is setting up total four oxygen plants in India at a cost of ₹30 crore. — TNS

SC intervention in Covid issues wrong, says Cong

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

'RAHUL QUESTIONS GOVT PRIORITIES'

Covid crisis: No tests, no vaccine, no oxygen, no ICU. Priorities!

Rahul Gandhi, CONG LEADER

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

The Congress on Friday said the Supreme Court's intervention in the Covid response matter on April 22 was uncalled for and wrong.

Party spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said the SC intervention was wrong because it was not suo motu ameliorative, but a reaction to palliative high court orders.

"Judicial decentralisation and not over-centralisation is the need of the hour... SC orders have a demoralising, chilling, paralysing and

Salve recuses as amicus curiae in SC pandemic hearing

SATYA PRAKASH

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23

A day after being appointed as amicus curiae by the Supreme Court to assist it in the suo motu case on Covid-19 management, senior advocate Harish Salve on Friday recused himself following allegations of conflict of interest.

"It's the most sensitive case this court will look into. I don't want this case to be decided under a shadow that I knew the CJI from school and college days... and allegations that there is a conflict of interest," Salve told a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde, referring to critical comments made by some lawyers on his appointment as amicus curiae.

"Please allow me to recuse with all humility. I appeared

for Vedanta since I was informed 10 minutes before mentioning... I don't want any side show. The language of the narrative now is very different," Salve submitted.

The CJI accepted Salve's recusal request even as he said there was nothing clandestine about their relationship. "We understand you are pained by those statements. We will honour your sentiments. We will allow your request," he said. Giving time to the Centre to file its reply with regard to a national plan to deal with the health crisis created by the pandemic, the Bench posted the matter for further hearing on Tuesday.

The move earned him immediate rebuke from the Prime Minister, prompting Kejriwal to tender an apology and express "regret".

"People are in pain due to oxygen shortage. We fear a big tragedy may happen and we will never be able to forgive ourselves. I request you with folded hands to direct all CMs to ensure

smooth movement of oxygen tankers coming to Delhi," Kejriwal said.

Government and BJP functionaries accused him of playing politics on a serious issue



A Covid patient gets oxygen in Ghaziabad on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Delhi CM expresses regret for 'violating protocol'

by airing what they called a "private conversation between him and PM Modi".

"Kejriwal has descended to a new low," they said, accusing the Delhi CM of "playing

politics using a government platform" and "palming off" his inadequacies on to the Centre. "He could have held a press conference. The proceedings of the conference were not supposed to be televised," they said.

Speaking at a meeting chaired by the PM on the Covid-19 situation, Kejriwal requested him to direct CMS of all states to ensure smooth movement of oxygen tankers coming to the national capital.

"Will people of Delhi not get oxygen if there is no oxygen-producing plant here? Please suggest whom should I speak to in the central government when an oxygen tanker destined for Delhi is stopped in another state," the Delhi CM said.

However, cutting him off midway, the PM ticked him off for telecasting an "in-house" meeting.

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