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# Daily cases below 3 Lafter 26 days | Didi leads protests 244 dists still with over 20% positivity rate | ICMR to scale up testing to cover villages | against CBI arrests

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

### **NEW DELHI, MAY 17**

In sustained signs of a retreating second wave of Covid-19, daily infections fell below 3 lakh for the first time in 26 days while weekly positivity rate dropped from 22.61 per cent on May 10 to 18.17 today.

The country saw 2,81,386 new cases today, revealing consistent trends of an average decline in daily cases since May 9. The weekly decline in positivity rate was seen after 15,73,515 tests in the last 24 hours.

Chairing the 26th meeting



TOTAL DEATHS ACTIVE CASES 2,74,390 35,16,997 4,106 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS INDIA EXPLORES IMPORT OF ANTI-BLACK FUNGUS DRUG Production of black fungus drug Amphotericin-B is being scaled up and avenues for import are being

**2,81,386** FRESH CASES

INDIA DROPS PLASMA THERAPY FROM COVID TREATMENT PROTOCOL

of the Group of Ministers on Covid today, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan noted the decline in new cases and hailed Covid warriors for their

services. "India's Covid-19 new cases have dropped to less than 3 lakh for the first CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

**EDIT: CAUTIOUS RELIEF** 

# 23K adverse events post vaccination: Govt NEW DELHI, MAY 17

The national expert committee monitoring adverse events following Covid immunisation (AEFIs) on Monday said the rate of vaccine side-effects in India was negligible and the risk of clotting after the administration of Covishield shots

was "miniscule but definitive". The committee, in a report to the government, said since vaccinations began on January 16, over 23,000 adverse events had been reported

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# NARADA CASE

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

# KOLKATA, MAY 17

Protests erupted in West Bengal after three Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders, including two Cabinet ministers and an MLA, and a former minister were arrested this morning by the CBI in connection with the Narada sting case.

In a dramatic move, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee landed in the CBI office at Nizam Palace here, where her arrested colleagues were kept, and offered to court arrest protesting the detention.

Mamata argued that the permission of the Assembly Speaker should have been taken before arresting the TMC leaders. She spent nearly six hours at Nizam Palace CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

WB GOVERNOR JUSTIFIES APPROVAL FOR PROSECUTION CBI COURT GIVES BAIL TO ALL 4. HIGH COURT ORDERS STAY

CM Mamata Banerjee leaves

the CBI office in Kolkata. PTI

CM HOLDS 6-HOUR DHARNA,

ASKS: 'WHY NO SPEAKER'S NOD'

# 213 lives at stake as Tauktae hits barge Ajay Banerjee there were 273 on board.

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

More than 200 persons may be missing with a barge, used for engineering and cargo purposes, "fast sinking" near the Bombay High oil-rig in the Arabian Sea late Monday night. The barge was ravaged during Cyclone Tauktae.

Naval warship INS Kochi and offshore support vessel Energy Star had rescued 60 persons till 11 pm. In all,

The operations will continue through the night for the remaining members of the crew. The Bombay High is 70

km west off Mumbai.

The barge was deployed by a consortium led by Afcons Infrastructure Ltd, a part of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, to undertake a contract for the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC). The barge was being used as an accommodation base mid-sea for the workers on the project.

# **Dhindsa, Brahmpura float SAD (Sanyukt)**

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** Ranjit Singh Brahmpura and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa today announced to launch a new political party—Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt).

The outfit was formed after the dissolution of SAD (Taksali), formed by Brahmpura, and the SAD (Democratic), launched by Dhindsa.

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# In Himachal, over 30% | Wasthreatened by CM's

# PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

SHIMLA, MAY 17

The Covid situation in Himachal Pradesh seems to be getting from bad to worse as the positivity rate in six of the state's 12 districts has crossed the alarming level of 30 per cent.

The overall positivity rate has risen to 28.9 per cent from 26.3 per cent a fortnight ago while the fatality rate has gone up from 1.42 per cent to

# ALADMING COLINT

ALAR	ALARIVIING COUNT					
DIST	POSITIVITY RATE	FATALITY RATE				
Kangra	38.1	1.73				
Sirmaur	37.2	1.17				
Solan	33	1.75				
Mandi	31.9	1.38				
Hamirpur	31.5	1.46				
Shimla	30.5	2.61				

(FIGURES FROM MAY 10-16) 1.52 per cent in a week. As many as 439 deaths were reported between May 10 CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

# positivity rate in 6 dists political secretary: Pargat

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** 

The ongoing tussle between Capt Amarinder camp and his baiters over delay in justice in the sacrilege and subsequent police firing cases spilled out in the open today with Jalandhar Cant MLA Pargat Singh alleging he was threatened with a police case by the CM's political secretary.

In another development, the Punjab Women Commission Chairperson has asked the Chief Secretary to submit a



Charanjit Channi REPORT SOUGHT IN HARASSMENT CASE INVOLVING MINISTER CHANNI

status report in an old case of alleged harassment of a Punjab-cadre woman IAS officer by minister Charanjit Singh Channi, another member of the camp that has opened a front against the CM. **INSIDE** 

# 46 isolation centres in Rohtak without facilities

# **RAVINDER SAINI**

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY17 Isolation centres have been set up in 46 villages in Rohtak district, but not a single Covid patient has reported there over the past three days.

Villagers avoid coming to these centres citing non-availability of proper facilities. The



A vacant isolation centre at Rohtak's Bainsi village. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# **COVIDCARE BREAKDOWN**

authorities, however, say the centres are meant for providing isolation space to those who can't do so at home. "How can patients move to isolation CONTINUED ON PAGE 9



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# Border village parries infection, battles skin ailment

ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, MAY 17

Sandwiched between the Sutlej on the one side and the hostile Pakistan on the other, it's like a blessing in disguise for the remote Kaluwala village situated along the zero line that to date, no Covid case has been reported here.

Notably, the village is surrounded by the Sutlej from three sides with a barbed wire fencing separating it from Pakistan on the fourth. Even after more than seven decades post Independence, the only mode of transportation available in the village is a wooden "bera", which ferries residents to the town.

Barnala admn

forms panel for

bettertreatment

The Barnala administration

has formed a Pendu Sanjee-

vani Committee (PSC) for

timely medical treatment of

Covid patients in Chananwal

village. The committee con-

sists of RMPs, health work-

ers, a patwari and other vol-

unteers. The administration

Will encourage

villagers for testing

plans to form such commit-

The committee members

have been given training by

the administration and they will categorise all patients in

the village in level-1 and level-

2 stages. They identified 16

sick patients with Covid symp-

toms on May 15. Of these, 11

got their Covid test done after

being motivated by the PSC.

Deputy Commissioner TPS

Phoolka said the purpose of

the committees was early

detection of sick patients in

the village and facilitating

their testing.—TNS

RAVI DHALIWAL

QADIAN (GURDASPUR), MAY 17

Staring at a shortage of 'Fateh

kits' in his Assembly seat of

Qadian, Congress MLA Fateh

Jung Singh Bajwa has hit

upon a novel idea by packing

the contents of the kit in pack-

ets named under his charita-

ble organisation — Satbachan

Welfare Foundation — and

distributing the same among

The MLA, who has made

Qadian his base ever since

the advent of the second

wave, rubbished claims of

his detractors who insisted

that he is using Covid as a

double-edged sword. "By

distributing these kits he is

just fortifying his vote bank

ahead of the Assembly

"The polls are the last

polls," said a SAD leader.

his constituents.

tees in more villages.

BARNALA, MAY 17



"Owing to its location, not many relatives or friends visit us here," said Harbans Singh, sarpanch, adding that the fact had come to their advantage

during the pandemic times. Situated in proximity to Pakistan, the relatives feel there is always a lurking danger of war which prevents them from vis**SOCIAL DISTANCING HAPPENS NATURALLY** 

We have to often wade through the Sutlej, which is polluted due to toxic discharge from tanneries. Due to the contaminated water, several villagers suffer from skin ailment, forcing them to maintain social distancing. Mangal Singh, KALUWALA VILLAGE RESIDENT

iting the village. "Na koi rishtedaar na hi koi afsar ithe aaunda hai (no relative or official visits us)," said resident Kala Singh, adding that no one even from the Health Department had come here in the recent past.

Talking about social distancing, nambardar Mangal Singh said the villagers remained naturally isolated. "We have to often wade through the Sutlej which has been polluted due to discharge of toxic effluents from leather tanneries situated in nearby Kasur district. Due to this contaminated water, several villagers suffer from skin problems forcing them to maintain social distancing in homes," he said.

Another resident Swaran Singh said though they had been saved from Covid till now, no medical facility was available to them. When

**LOSING STEAM** 

6.60 lakh

6.55 lakh

5.60 lakh

5.18 lakh

3.38 lakh

2.69 lakh

asked by The Tribune team, the villagers were not aware about any instructions like wearing of mask or social distancing. The adverse circumstances under which they live day in and day out have, however, saved them from the pandemic.

Living on the edge, there is already a lot to worry about apart from Covid for these border villagers. From education of their children to matrimonial blues, to making both ends meet, they have a whole lot of issues to deal with. However, they do not have any remorse of staying in the hamlet. And the pandemic has only added to their belief of staying in their nondescript village.

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wing president Lal Chand

Kataruchakk has demanded

from Chief Minister Capt

Amarinder Singh to provide

financial assistance of Rs

10,000 to poor families living

in villages and cities and Rs

Wants ₹600 for

**MGNREGA** workers

He said the Captain govern-

ment should immediately

implement the announced

pension of Rs 2,500 for old age,

widows, disabled and depend-

ent children as per its election

promise. In a memorandum

sent to the Chief Minister

through the Deputy Commis-

Kataruchakk said due to lax

health arrangements of the

Punjab Government and the

inability to get expensive treat-

ment in private hospitals, the

common man, especially the

poor, was being pushed to the

brink of death. — TNS

Monday,

600 to MGNREGA workers.

CHANDIGARH, MAY 17



Cops keep a vigil at Bhundar village in Muktsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# 116 test +ve in a day at Muktsar village

**ARCHIT WATTS** 

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE **MUKTSAR, MAY17** 

Setting the alarm bells ringing, 116 persons tested positive for Covid at Bhundar village in Muktsar district today, taking the village caseload to 178. Unfortunately, some children, including a month-old baby, too, have tested positive.

District Magistrate MK Aravind Kumar has declared the village a macro-containment zone. The village has a population of 4,000 persons, of whom nearly 700 have undergone the test and some reports are pending. Asked whether farmers returning from the Delhi protest are being tested positive, Dr Ranju Singla, Chief Medical Officer (CMO). Muktsar, said: "We have not got any such data."

Meanwhile, Sahib Singh Bhundar, chairman, Cooperative Bank, Muktsar, a resident of the village, said, "The reports of nearly 170 are pending. A high number of positive cases has worried all of us. We have now decided to paste the Covid status of all outside their houses." "The village doesn't have any healthcare facility. Four health workers, who visited the village daily, have also tested positive. Two village residents succumbed to the virus yesterday," he said.

Bhundar sarpanch Sukhdev

### **SCHOOL TO BE MADE LEVEL-1 HOSPITAL**

66 After seeing such a high number of Covid cases, we are working to establish a Covid Level-1 hospital at a school in the village. Now, all villagers will be tested. Dr Ranju Singla, MUKTSAR CMO

COVID METER	R all	
Cases	6,947	
Critical	419	
Active	73,616	
Deaths	194	
WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS		

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DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
SAS Nagar	889	11
Ludhiana	851	20
Muktsar	619	9
Jalandhar	586	13
Bathinda	521	19

Singh said: "The police have already sealed the village. Residents are cooperating with the police and civil administration. The District Magistrate declared Kuraiwala village, too, a macro containment zone after 22 residents tested positive. In the past 24 hours, 619 persons, including 400 villagers, have tested positive for Covid in the district.

# Vax drive slackens amid shortage, Covid fight hit

VISHAV BHARTI TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** 

When the state is struggling with high Covid mortality, the vaccination drive has seen a steep dip. Last week between May 9 and May 15, just 2.69 lakh doses of the vaccine could be Earlier administrated. weeks' average remained between 5 and 6 lakh doses.

Till mid April, on an average the state was administering between 6 and 7 lakh doses. But due to the shortage of vaccine, it started to decline over the next five weeks.

As per the data of the state Health Department, in the last two weeks, the situation was such that between May 2 and May 8, the state administered just 3.38 lakh doses and in the next week it came down further to 2.69 lakh in the last week. The

'Fateh' kits in short supply,

MLA comes out with own

thing on my mind. My prior-

ity is to ensure my people do

not catch the virus. Every-

body knows how difficult it

is to convince villagers to get

inoculated because of their

mental block. These psycho-

logical barriers are being

knocked down following

which things have become

different in Qadian. People

NGO deputes 10 ambulances for Covid care

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An ambulance of the Satbachan Welfare Foundation.



An elderly man gets vaccinated against Covid in Jalandhar. FILE

41,48 LAKH **DOSES ADMINISTERED** 

Sunday just 39,000 doses of vaccine could be administered in the entire day.

situation is such that on

In March, the state had announced to administer

1.5 lakh doses of vaccine everyday, but for the past one-and-a-half month due to the shortage of supply by the Centre, the drive wit-

nessed a steep decline.

Healthcare workers

Frontline workers giv-

en 7.82 lakh doses

administered

2.81 lakh jabs

So far the state has administered 41.48 lakh doses to various groups, including healthcare workers, frontline workers and people above the age of 18.

0.95 lakh

doses adminis-

tered to 18-44

age group

# Missing oximeters: Kits to be checked before delivery

30.32 lakh

shots given to

above 45-year

population

The Civil Surgeon (CS) has made it mandatory for staff to open 'Fateh kits' and ensure presence of all items before handing these over to patients. This comes after The Tribune highlighted that pulse oximeters were missing from some kits given to Covid-19 patients in the district.

The CS has directed officials to ensure any of the items not present in the kits are made available to patients. "I have directed my staff to ensure availability of all items in the kits. Though our officers are working hard to ensure the supply, they will be more cautious in the future," said Dr Anjana Gupta, Sangrur CS.

The kit includes a pulse oximeter, digital thermometer, steamer, hand sanitiser, giloy tablets, vitamin

**OPEN IN FRONT OF KIN** 

66 I have directed senior medical officers to ensure our rapid response teams examine kits in the presence of relatives of patients. Dr Anjana Gupta, SANGRUR CS

# The Tribune IMPACT

tablets, vitamin D3 tablets, zinc tablets, topcid, amunity plus liquid, Doxycylin tablets, Ivermectin tablets, Dolo tablets, multivitamin tablets. cough syrup, Betadyne gargle, Levo Cetirizine tablets, face masks and a large balloon. Patients are also advised to use fresh tulsi leaves.

"I have directed senior medical officers to ensure our rapid response teams examine the kits in the presence of relatives of patients," she said. — TNS

# Green corridor facilitates O2 transport near Abohar

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, MAY 17 A foolproof VIP-level security and a green corridor were offered to an oxygen tanker that left Bhiwadi at 1.35 am and reached Sriganganagar at 12 noon. The Transport Department and the state police escorted the vehicle that covered a distance of 442 km on the national highway. Cops were deployed at all terminals on the route.

around 40-km from Abohar, Covid patients here prefer to avail facilities in Sriganganagar instead of travelling 98-km to Tanker covers 442 km without any halt

Faridkot where the number of available beds was insufficient. A private lab in Sriganganagar gives Covid reports on the same day while reports from Faridkot state lab are received here after four to five days. The tanker was taken directly to a private medical oxygen refilling plant at Rico Udyog Vihar on Hanumangarh Road. The tanker was not allowed to stop anywhere.—OC

# **Drivetoboost** immunity

ABOHAR, MAY 17 Amid the ongoing pandemic,

an "Amrit Kadha Rath" arranged by the 'Apna Abohar, Apni Abha' was flagged off with the help of Daksha Ayurvedic Hospital and Panchakarma Centre on Monday.

Earlier, thousands of 'kadha' (decoction) glasses were served by Jansewa Hospital and other nongovernmental organisations to policemen and health workers in Sriganganagar. The 'rath' will visit different parts of the city over the next two-three days and distribute free decoction to people. — OC

# Despite slowdown, govt meets 85% of revenue target

themselves are willing to get

tested and also vaccinated,"

said the MLA's son Arjun

Partap Bajwa who inciden-

selected five 'Covid War-

riors'. These youngsters are

guiding the elderly on how

and where to get vaccinat-

ed," he said.

"In every village I have

tally is the nodal officer.

Checks expenditure, spends ₹81K cr against estimated ₹95K cr | Collected 75.48% in 2019-20

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** Despite lockdown and

economic downturn amid Covid, the state government has been able to better manage its finances in the last financial year as compared to the previous fiscal. The revised estimates of

the government's finances for 2020-21 reveal that the state had managed to achieve 84.62 per cent of its revenue targets for the last fiscal. In 2019-20, before the pandemic, the state had managed to achieve just 75.48 per cent of its targeted revenue collection.

The accounts for 2020-21 show that the state had achieved 81.84 per cent of its estimated tax revenue

#### **FINANCIAL INDICATORS 2020-21 TARGETED ACHIEVED**

₹88,004.31 cr ₹74,468.20 cr Revenue Receipts ₹40,595.81 cr ₹49,845.61 cr Tax Revenue ₹8,045.99 cr ₹3,909.92 cr Non-Tax Revenue Share in Union Taxes ₹14,021.16 cr ₹10,631.35 cr ₹95,716.04 cr Revenue Expenditure ₹81,483.55 cr Revenue Deficit ₹7,711.73 cr ₹7,015.35 cr

collection (Rs 40,595.81 crore against target of Rs 49,845.61 crore) and 48.59 per cent of its targeted nontax revenue (Rs 3,909.92 crore against a target of Rs 8,045.99 crore).

Comparatively, in the previous year, Punjab had achieved just 78.47 per cent of its targeted tax revenue and 47.91 per cent of its targeted non-tax revenue. It may be mentioned that in the past several years, the

collection of non-tax revenue in the state has always been low, in spite of the issue being deliberated upon and this being a focus area for improving the state's finances.

In every parameter, other than receiving the state's share of Union taxes, Punjab has outperformed itself over the previous year. Punjab was targeting to receive Rs 14,021.16 crore as its share from the cen-

between April 2020 and March 2021. The collection of capital receipts (recovery of loans and advances, borrowings, etc), too have been higher this year (at 66.39 per cent of the target of Rs 18,873.13 crore) as against just 38.14 per cent of the target achieved in 2019-20. As a result, the total receipts in 2020-21 were at 81.40 per cent of the target set for the year, against just 63.89 per cent of the targeted revenue

tral taxes, but it received

just Rs 10,631.35 crore

achieved in 2019-20. Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal told *The Tribune* that good performance on the financial front was because of the will of people to take the state forward. "Punjabis are industrious and perform well in adverse situations. The state's share from Union taxes has been lower because the Centre's own tax collection in the last fiscal was hit badly due to pandemic," he said.

The state managed to keep its expenditure under check and against an estimate of Rs 95,716.04 crore, Punjab spent Rs 81,483.55 crore in 2020-21. The only head in revenue expenditure, where the state has spent more than its target, is on payment of pensions (Rs 1,324.66 crore is the additional expenditure). As a result, the state has been able to reduce its revenue deficit from a targeted Rs

7,711.73 crore to Rs 7,015.35

crore — a reduction of Rs

696.38 crore.

# As Sriganganagar is located

# GK moves Akal Takht over Big B's donation to DSGMC

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, MAY 17

Former president of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (DSGMC) Manjit Singh GK today filed a complaint to the Akal Takht against the current committee for accepting financial aid from actor Amitabh Bachchan.

Hours later, the DSGMC legal cell appealed to Akal Takht officiating Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh to take action against GK for maligning the image of DSGMC for political gains.

DSGMC cell chairperson Jagdeep Singh Kahlon stated that GK, during his stint as DSGMC president never spared a thought about 1984 anti-Sikh riot victims or spoke about Bachchan's involvement in it.

Bachchan had recently extended a sum of Rs 2 crore to the DSGMC for Sri Guru TeghBahadur Covid Care Facility for patients at Gurudwara Rakabganj, New Delhi.

GK claimed that a total of Rs 12 crore was accepted from Bachchan, as on earlier



DSGMC ex-president Manjit Singh GK in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# **SIKHS WANT MONEY RETURNED**

DSGMC former president Manjit Singh GK has urged the Takht to take a call on whether the money from Amitabh Bachchan, who allegedly incited the 1984 riots, should be accepted or not

He said the Sikhs never accepted the Centre's proposal to rebuild the dilapidated Akal Takht after Operation Bluestar. Riot victims' kin and Sikhs want the money to be returned

occasion Rs 10 crore was given for MRI machines at Gurdwara Bangla Sahib too. The issue gained attention when Sirsa glorified Bachchan's move on social media.

GK said when Sirsa inaugurated the diagnostic centre on March 11, it was told that the machines were

served by one Chawla and Juneja families. However, on May 10, when Bachchan claimed in his blog that he had given all expenses of the diagnostic centre, the DSGMC said the machines were procured with the assistance from Harivansh Rai Bachchan Trust.

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# Health officials fear spike as labourers arrive in villages

Regular Covid testing camps to keep tabs on paddy workers

Aman Sood

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, MAY 17 Amid rising number of Covid cases in rural Punjab, the return of migrant labourers has added to the concerns of the government. While farmers are eager to welcome the migrant paddy labour, experts warn of testing and vaccination.

Twenty-five villages in the state have already been declared containment or micro-containment zones.

The health department claims that regular checkup camps and tests would be conducted to keep tabs on labourers returning from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, but only if reported.

Experts suggest that any laxity on part of the farmers could be a threat to villagers. "Testing is the key and minimum 10-day isolation should be mandatory for those entering villages," they say.

Migrants have started contacting farmers and have reportedly assured them of returning to Punjab before the paddy season begins. "They are urging me to ensure their ration and stay even if lockdown is workers from my village in these migrants will enter toms and testing, besides extended after the paddy UP. They will be brought in Punjab, as they do every sea-



#### **MIGRANTS WANT FOOD. STAY IF CRISIS DEEPENS**

- Migrants are urging farmers to ensure ration and stay if lockdown is extended after the paddy season is over
- "They have also asked me to arrange for their safe return if crisis deepens," says Jasdeep Garcha, a farmer
- "The only fear is that thousands of these migrants will enter Punjab, but won't be isolating themselves. They won't even carry the mandatory Covid-negative report," says a top health official

son, but will not be isolating themselves. They won't even be carrying mandatory Covidnegative report," said a top health official.

Patiala DC Kumar Amit said as per the government directives, it had been decided "to sensitise the rural masses" regarding the seriousness of the spread of pandemic in villages. "There will be sub-divisional and village-level committees to act swiftly to sensitise the rural masses about Covid sympvaccination," he added.

# So far, 804MT O<sub>2</sub> received

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** 

Punjab has received 804.26 metric ton liquid medical oxygen (LMO) to date by operating 30 flights with assistance of the Indian Air Force since April 17.

A spokesperson for the state Covid control room said due to the long journey involved in taking trucks to and from Bokaro, Jharkhand, and Hazira, Gujarat, from where Punjab gets its LMO quota, the state decided to airlift the oxygen tankers to the two plants from the Chandigarh air base and bring these back by road.

### 30 IAF flights to Bokaro, Hazira since Apr 17

The control room (02) officials said they were in touch with oxygen generation plants across the country giving supplies to Punjab. The government was closely monitoring and ensuring timely movement of trucks carrying LMO.

and Hazira," said spokesperson. — TNS

# Pandemic-induced stress 'on rise'

MANAV MANDER

LUDHIANA, MAY 17

The ongoing pandemic is triggering stress in a large number of people. The category of patients includes students, especially from Class XII and young professionals. Hospital OPDs in Ludhiana are receiving at least 10 such patients every day. On World Hypertension Day today, the load of patients with high BP and stress has increased manifold.

People are losing jobs, facing financial crisis and students are having a tough time. Dr Bishav Mohan, senior cardiologist,

### STUDENTS SEEK HELP

**66** Students are visiting doctors more often than earlier. Those in Class XII are stressed as they are not aware of their exam schedule... They are treated through counselling. Dr Sandeep Chopra, ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR, FORTIS HOSPITAL

DMCH, said the pandemic had increased the number of people suffering from hypertension.

"Many students are coming to the OPD these days. They are mostly those studying in Class XII. Since the board has yet not

announced anything about their exam schedule, it is causing panic among them. Professionals are facing tough times due to the ongoing pandemic as some lost their jobs, others are facing salary cuts and thus becoming prone to hypertension," he said.

He said such patients were reassured that everything would become fine with time and were told to do breathing exercises. Not medicines but counselling helps such patients to recover. Dr Sandeep Chopra, additional director, cardiology, Fortis Hospital, said he was getting eight-10 patients with stress issues in his OPD every day.

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The decision turned the situation in state's favour as it was able to obtain adequate oxygen supplies.

"The movement of trucks was being monitored by the state Covid control room and a police constable was accompanying each truck to check delays. Besides, two 'Oxygen Express' trains have been sent to Bokaro



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**Initiative of Government** of Punjab for fighting COVID

**COVID-19 BED** 

**AVAILABILITY IN** GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE HOSPITALS

	OXYGEN BEDS		(Without Ventilator)		(With Ventilator)	
	Total	Available	Total	Available	Total	Available
Government Hospitals	4154	1835	510	89	370	64
Private Hospitals	6478	1454	1441	185	1032	117
Total (Govt.+Pvt.)	10632	3289	1951	274	1402	181

Figures as on 17.05.2021 5.00 pm DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, PUNJAB



# 24-yr-old dies of Covid, mom says wasn't given O2 for 3 days

season is over. They have

also asked me to arrange for

their safe return if crisis

deepens," said Jasdeep

Singh Garcha, who own

over 40 acres in Punjab and

Bade Lal, a paddy labour

contractor, said: "For the past

three generations, my family

has been involved in arrang-

ing labourers for paddy

transplantation. While lakhs

of migrants returned to their

villages amid lockdown, I

have arranged nearly 150

20 acres in Uttar Pradesh.

Second such case within days at Jalandhar hospital

AJAY JOSHI TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**JALANDHAR, MAY 17** Two days after a woman blamed the Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) for not supplying oxygen to her ailing mother, who later died while being shifted to another hospital, another woman today accused the hospital of not providing enough oxygen to her 24-

Gursevak Singh, 24, a resident of Nawanshahr, reportedly died of Covid-19 today. After his health deteriorated a few days ago, his mother admitted him to the PIMS. But after he died, his mother Kamaljit Kaur accused the PIMS authorities of negligence.

year-old son, who also suc-

cumbed to the virus today.

Sharing a screenshot of the WhatsApp chat with her son, Kamaljit claimed that her son texted her that the he wasn't given oxygen for three days. "In the chat, my son has clear-

# **CHARGES BASELESS**

**66** The youth's saturation level had already lowered to 45% when he was admitted to the hospital on May 13. He was on constant oxygen support. Due to peripheral hypoxia, he wasn't sure of what he was saying. Amit Singh, OFFICIAL, PUNJAB INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

ly said that despite being at the hospital, he believes that he would die. Nobody was even giving water to him. Even after facing difficulty in breathing, he was without oxygen support for three days. My young son has died due to the negligence of the hospital staff," she said.

After doctors in Nawanshahr referred Gursewak to the PIMS, he was declared Covid-positive and also diagnosed with pneumonia.

1 crore, has begun functioning

in Hanumangarh. During a

visit to the plant, MLA Vinod

Chaudhary said state Health

Minister Dr Raghu Sharma

had accepted his request to

rush 8 ton liquid oxygen to

refill 900 cylinders every day.

Doctors of the District Hos-

pital in Sriganganagar

apprised the District Collec-

tor of the problems being

faced due to the expansion of

beds in the Covid dedicated

centre from 100 to 250 after

more patients had to be

accommodated from Abohar

and neighboring areas. It was

decided that an additional

100-bed facility be arranged

at Jan Sewa Hospital.

In a similar incident, Jyoti, a

resident of Jaimal Nagar, had also accused the hospital authorities of carelessness. She said her mother Radha Rani, 54, died after the hospital failed to provide her oxygen. He husband also claimed that despite low oxygen saturation level of the patient, an empty cylinder was attached with the oxygen pipe. It was also brought to the notice that the PIMS administration demanded Rs 98,000 from the kin of the patient before admission, flouting the price cap fixed by state government.

buses next week." When

asked if they will carry

Covid-negative reports, he

said he did not want to put

such conditions, otherwise

the labourers would get

scared. "Let them reach and

What worries health offi-

cials is that majority of the

labourers entering Punjab

have refused vaccination in their native state and are even

entering Punjab without get-

ting themselves tested. "The

only fear is that thousands of

we will see," he said.

Amit Singh, administrative authority at PIMS, denied the charges, saying Gursevak was admitted to the hospital on May 13 and his saturation level had already lowered to 45 per cent, owing to which he was on constant oxygen support. "Due to peripheral hypoxia, he didn't know what he was saying and in that condition he must have told his mother about insuffi-



An oxygen plant installed in Hanumangarh near Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# Oxygen plant started, two more sanctioned

**OUR CORRESPONDENT** 

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, MAY17 The Rajasthan Government has announced installation of medical oxygen plants in Sriganganagar and Hanumangarh over the next 60 days to tackle the second wave of the pandemic.

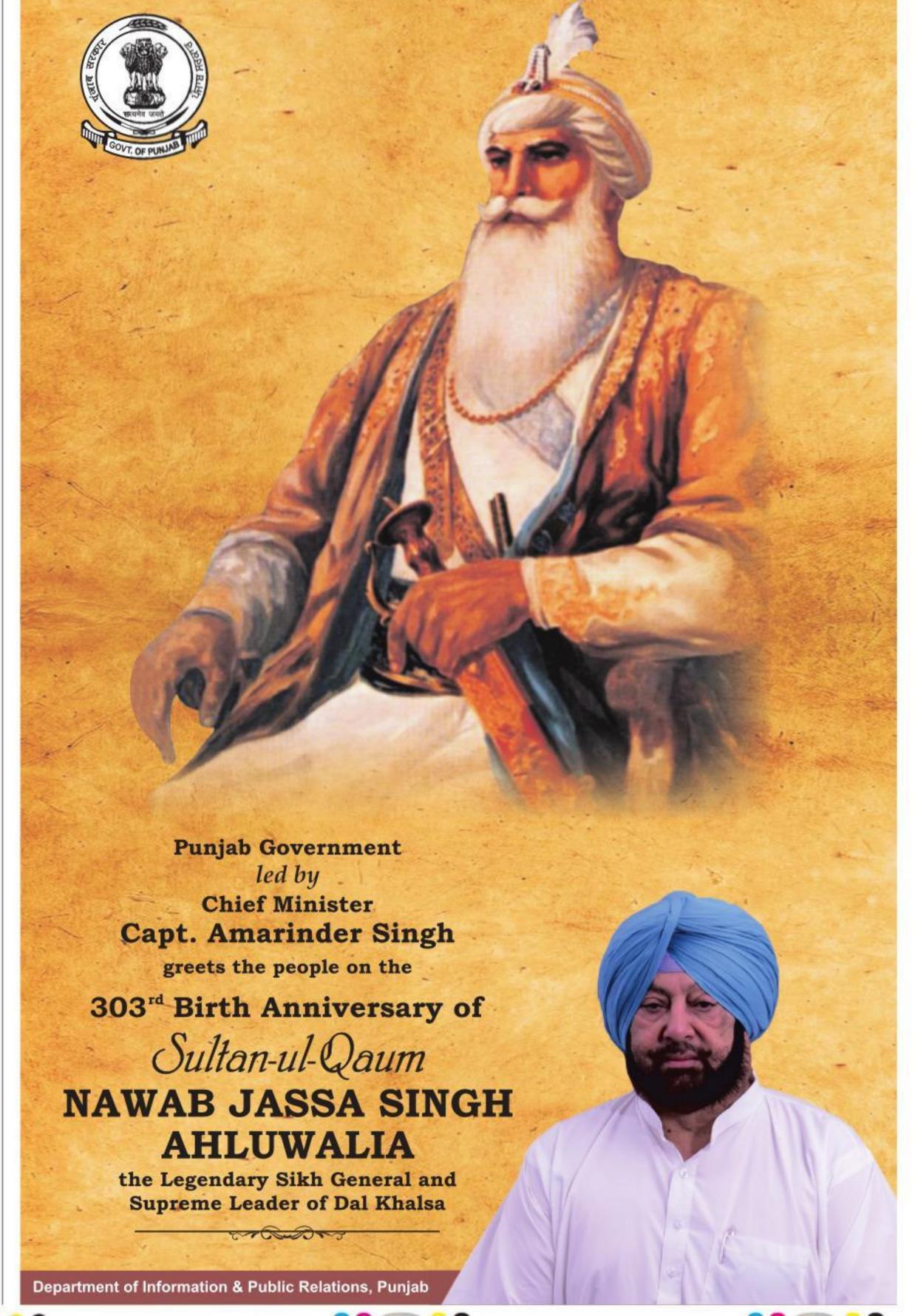
Each plant will provide piped supply to 86 beds in district-level hospitals, which also accommodate patients from Abohar and Fazilka. The company installing the plants will maintain these for two years.

Another 20 ton plant, installed by a businessman, Harshit Grover, at a cost of Rs

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under the scheme. Free treatment of Covid-19 is given to patients according to the prescribed package and procedure. If due to emergency a family is unable to submit the prescribed documents, 15 hours relaxation is provided to ascertain the eligi-



# cient oxygen provided to him." **Covid**patients

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, MAY 17 While complaints suggested that many private hospitals and labs were fleecing Covid patients in different states, Rajasthan CM's Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme is proving to be a boon for the patients at Covid centre that was recently set up at the Jan Sewa Hospital in Sriganganagar, 40 km from Abohar.

In the Bikaner division, a maximum number of Covid patients were being given the benefit of the scheme in this hospital. According to Dr Mohit Tantia, director of the hospital, the scheme had ensured full benefits to eligible patients. Chief Administrative Officer Baljit Singh Kuldiya said a separate help desk had been set up for the convenience of patients and their families and counters were installed to give information on the availability of beds

bility under the scheme. — OC

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# **COURT NOTICES**

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Harreet Kaur Kaleka Additional Principal Judge Family Court-1, Jalandhar. Gurinderjeet Singh aged 25 years S/o Pargat Singh R/o Village Jande Sarai P.O. Boparai Tehsil and District Jalandhar at present R/o 6773-152 Street Surrey B.C. Canada through Attorney Sh. Pargat Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o Village Jande Sarai P.O. Boparai Tehsil and District Jalandhar.

Versus Helena Tuteru Mauala W/o Gurinderjeet Singh Daughter of Etuate Vakalahi Mauala R/o Village Ram Nagar Dhaha District Hoshiarpur at present R/o 29 Farringdon Street Glen Innes Auckland 1072 New Zealand. Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.

CNR No. PBJL01-016961-2019

Next Date:- 02.07.2021 Publication issued to: Helena Tuteru Mauala

Spouse:- Gurinderjeet Daughter of Etuate Vakalahi Mauala R/o Village Ram Nagar Dhaha District Hoshiarpur at present R/o 29 Farringdon Street Glen Innes Auckland 1072 New Zealand.

In above titled case, defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs= district notice&district=jalandhar Dated, this day of 10.03.2021. Sd/- Additional Principal Judge

Family Court-1, Jalandhar. CL21014611

#### (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Deepak Kumar Choudhary, Additional Principal Judge

Family Court, Amritsar. Simardeep Singh S/o Satpal Singh R/o 90-A, A-Block,

Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar. Versus

Harpreet Kaur CNR No. PBAS01-008855-2020 Next Date: 02.07.2021

Petition Under Section 13 Hindu Marriage Act Publication issued to: Harpreet

Kaur, Spouse: Simardeep Singh D/o Pritpal Singh, Village Pandori Rajputtan, PO Tehsil Bholath, Kapurthala, Punjab Woodville RD NSW 2161, Guildford Australia.

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Family Court,

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I, Rajat Kumar s/o Sh. Pawan Kumar r/o VPO. Jhawansa, Samgoli, Derabassi, Distt. S.A.S Nagar (PB.) have changed my name to Rajat Singh (CL21014565)

I, Karanjit s/o Khushi Ram r/o Village Kohja PO Kotla, Tehsil & Distt. Jalandhar, have changed my name from Karanjit to Karanjit Khuttan. Concerned note please. (CL21014574)

I, Kaher Singh s/o Ram Kishan r/o Village diva Tehsil Payal Distt. Ludhiana, have changed the name of my minor son from Kiranjit Singh to Kiranjeet Singh. (CL21014586)

I. Satish Kumar s/o Sh. Deshrai. r/o Kanjhawla Road, 1205D, VPO Bawana, North West, Delhi declares that my son Harish Kumar and daughter-in-law Lalita are out of my control. Therefore, I exclude my son and daughter-in-law from all my movable and immovable property and anyone dealing with them must do the same at their own risk. (CL21014609)

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Manjinder Kaur,

Additional Principal Judge Family Court-II, Jalandhar. Shivalika Sharma W/o Sanjeev Sharma R/o 82 Amar Garden Bye Pass Jalandhar.

Versus Sanjeev Sharma S/o Sham Sunder Sharma R/o 518-A. Lnik Road, New Model Town, Jalandhar.

CNR No. PBJL01-020521-2019 Next Date: 02.07.2021 Petition Under Section 13 of

Hindu Marriage Act for

dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce. Publication issued to: Sanjeev Sharma, Father: Sham Sunder Sharma, 518-A, Lnik Road,

New Model Town, Jalandhar. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on

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ialandhar Dated, this day of 10.03.2021. Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court-II, CL21014613 Jalandhar.

> (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain Principal Judge of Family Court,

Camp Court at Mukerian. Parwinder Singh s/o Surjit Singh r/o Village Bishanpur, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur.

Versus Balwinder Kaur d/o Surat Singh r/o Village Miani, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur at present resident of 283 Penny Lane

Stoneycreek I8J 0ES, Canada. U/S 13 of Hindu Marriage Act. CNR No.: PBHOF4-000942-2019

Next Date: 01.07.2021 Publication issued to: Balwinder Kaur

Father: Surat Singh, Village Miani, Teh. Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur at present 283 Penny Lane Stoneycreek I8J 0E5 Canada. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could

Singh, Address: Village Dalla not be served. It is ordered that VPO Bhogpur, Jalandhar. defendant(s)/respondent(s) should Versus appear in person or through counsel on 01.07.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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hoshiarpur Next Date: 07.07.2021 Dated, this day of 12.03.2021. Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain dissolution of marriage by a Principal Judge of Family Court,

CL21014615 Mukerian. **DISCLAIMER** LEICESTER UK LE4 6 RG. The Tribune Trust does In above titled case, the not take responsibility defendant(s)/respondent(s)

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Preeti Sahni

Principal Judge, Family Court, Camp Court at Phillaur. Navjot Saroye S/o Ram Lubhaya S/o Lachhman Ram R/o Village Talwan, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. Versus

Sandeep Kaur D/o Jit Ram S/o Ram R/o Village Mihan Dhanda, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Petition Under Section 13 of Marriage Act for Hindu dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce. CNR No.

PBJL01-011612-2020 Next Date: - 02.07.2021 Publication issued to:

Sandeep Kaur D/o Jit Ram S/o Mihan Ram R/o Village Dhanda Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2021 at 10:00

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Dated, this day of 17.03.2021. Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Camp Court at Phillaur. CL21014617

> (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Ranjit Kumar Jain Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur.

Tripta Kumar age 29 years w/o Dharminder Kumar son of Siri Ram r/o Village Kitna, PS Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur at present resident with her father Buta Singh son of Darshan Ram r/o Vill. Haveli, PS Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur. ....Petitioner

Versus Dharminder Kumar son of Siri Ram Village Kitna, P.S. Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur at present resident of 4309 Delta Fair Blvd Antioch Ca 9409 America.

...Respondent Petition U/S 13 HMA CNR No.: PBHO01-010061-2019 Next Date: 07.07.2021 Publication issued to:

Dharminder Kumar son of Siri Ram Village Kitna, P.S. Mahilpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur at present resident of 4309 Delta Fair Blvd Antioch Ca 9409 America. In the above titled case, the respondent could not be served. It is

ordered that respondent should appear in person or through counsel on 07.07.2021 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/? trs=district notice&district=

Dated, this day of 24.03.2021. Principal Judge Family Court, CL21014618 Hoshiarpur.

hoshiarpur

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Shilpi Gupta Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division),

Kharar. Ujjaagar Singh Versus Amrik Singh

Suit for the declaration of CNR No.

PBSAA0-000924-2020 Next Date: - 02.07.2021 Publication issued to:

3. Kartar Singh 4. Upkar Singh both S/o Satnam Singh S/o Surjan Singh All R/o 744 Sector

69, SAS Nagar, Mohali. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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20.04.2021 Sd/- Ms. Shilpi Gupta

Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL21014619 Kharar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of

Poonam R Joshi, Principal Judge Family Court, Jalandhar. Rajinder Singh S/o Kabal

Sonia Minakshi Parmar,

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CL21014622

Sd/- Principal Judge

Family Court,

Jalandhar.

Distt. Barnala, 2. Bhushan Registered transfer deed no 1549 dated 16-09-2016, Registered transfer decree of divorce. Kumar Son of Surinder Kumar Publication issued to: Sonia R/ o Roop Chand Road Near Minakshi Parmar, Spouse: SBOP Teh. Tapa Distt. Barnala, Address 152 GIPSY LANE 3. Sanjeev Kumar Son of Surinder Kumar R/o Roop Chand Road Teh, Tapa Distt.

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# Improvement Trust case: 20 yrs on, HC raps state for inaction

SAURABH MALIK TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** Two decades after an FIR was registered following alleged fraud by a former Chairman, officials and officers of the Ludhiana Improvement Trust along with office-bearers of a house building society, the Punjab and Harvana High Court has rapped the state of Punjab for inaction

after expressing its anguish.

Taking up a petition by the

Ludhiana Improvement Trust and another petitioner against Shaheed Bhagat Singh Coop House Building Society Ltd and others respondents, Justice Anil Kshetarpal made it clear that a special investigation team looking into the matter would conclude the probe positively within three months before filing a report. The Ludhiana Commissioner of Police was also directed to furnish his own affidavit disclosing the detail of steps from the FIR registration till report submission. Justice Kshetarpal asserted

THE RULING

The Improvement Trust's then management acted in a manner detrimental to its own interest

■The officials appointed to protect the corporate body's interest assumed roles of encroachers and perpetrator in defeating its interest

■ The plots were allotted without payment, which was impermissible as per the rules

it was clearly established that the allotment of the plot procured by the respondent-society was a result of fraud carried out in connivance with the officials/officers of the Trust. "The government after having registered the FIR in 2001 did not take any action for 20 years. It is a sad reflection of the state officials, who miserably failed to discharge their duties. The prosecution swung into

action only after this fact was pointed out to the state's counsel and Punjab Principal Secretary, Local Government, was requested to appear," Justice Kshetarpal asserted. The Bench was told that the respondent-society claimed itself to be the owner of 16,800 sq yards in Dugri village of Ludhiana district. The Trust proposed a scheme for planned development of approximately 400 acres as

'Model Town Extension Part-II', including the respondent-society's land. The society challenged the proposed compulsory acquisition, but its petition was withdrawn in May 1976. The government, vide a notification dated June 25, 1981, decided to release the society's entire land from compulsory acquisition subject to certain terms and conditions. The Bench was also told

that plot allotment process to six societies gained momentum despite rejection of their requests for eight years after PCS officer BD Aggarwal's joining in May 1990 as the Trust chairman. "A fraud was sought to be perpetrated by adopting a layout plan of 400 acres in such a manner that the respondent-society's land in possession of dwellers jhuggi reserved for vacant area and a piece of land owned by the Trust and other societies was planned to be given to the respondent-society in the shape of developed plots," the Bench was told.

# DDPObooked, patwariheld ongraftcharge

SANGRUR, MAY 17

The Vigilance Bureau has registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act against the District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO), Sangrur, and a patwari.

The Vigilance arrested the patwari red-handed while allegedly accepting Rs 25,000 in bribe, while the DDPO had joined the investigation. Investigation

Sudarashan Saini said complainant Jagsir Singh from Gobindgarh Jejiya had taken a panchayat pond on lease for 10 years for fish farming. But in September last year, Gurpreet Singh and Shingara Singh of his village lodged a case against him at the DDPO's office, alleging it would cause drainage problems in the village. While both sides later reached a compromise, the DDPO did not quash the case. "When Jagsir approached DDPO Parmjit Singh, he sought Rs 25,000 through patwari Jagsir Singh to quash the case," said Saini. The patwari was arrested redhanded while accepting the bribe, while the DDPO had joined the investigation. A case had been filed against the two, he added. — TNS

# No Vigilance probe against any Cong leader: Jakhar

CHANDIGARH, MAY 17 PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar

today trashed the rumours of a Vigilance probe against party leaders and asserted there was no truth in it.

Describing party MLA and veteran sports star Pargat Singh as a role model for the youth, he said the party respects his sentiments. The main agenda of the party at present was to save the people from the Covid resurge and to punish the perpetrators of sacrilege incidents that happened in the previous regime, he added.

Jakhar said the Congress never indulged in vendetta politics. It was the principle of the party not to use constitutional institutions for personal interests or to settle scores and it was unthinkable to do so against its own MLA. — TNS

# **RAWAT INTERVENES**

Congress Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat called up Sukhjinder Randhawa and Charanjit Singh Channi on Monday, expressing concern over the sequence of events. He advised them not to escalate the issue as the high command was intervening in the matter. In light of Rawat's intervention, the proposed briefing by the



# Tussle within Congress on sacrilege probe spills over RAJMEET SINGH

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** The ongoing tussle between

Capt Amarinder camp and his baiters over delay in justice in the sacrilege and subsequent police firing cases spilled out in the open today with Jalandhar Cantt MLA Pargat Singh alleging he was threatened with a police case by the political secretary to Chief Minister and the Punjab Women Commission Chairperson asking the Chief Secretary to submit a status report in a two-and-a-half-year-old case of alleged harassment of a Punjab-cadre woman IAS officer by minister Charanjit Singh Channi.

Questioning the timing of both incidents, PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar and Rajya Sabha MP Partap Bajwa expressed serious concern over the turn of events and their impact on the party. While neither the CM nor his office reacted to the events, Jakhar claimed no Vigilance probe had been launched against any party leader.

Both Channi and Pargat, besides minister Sukhjinder Randhawa and other MLAs, have been holding meetings to press upon the CM to act fast in the sacrilege and police firing cases. Channi and Randhawa had recently joined ranks with Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu and MP Partap



66 If the Vigilance has to act, it should take the multi-crore irrigation scam involving an XEN to a logical conclusion. But efforts are being made to save big fish. Pargat Singh, CONGRESS MLA

Bajwa, a move being seen as

announce their next line of action tomorrow.

not respond for comment.



lt would have been better had the Vigliance knocked at the doors of Badals for their acts of omission and commission. The action against Sidhu and Pargat is ill-advised. Partap Bajwa, CONGRESS MP

an act of defiance by the CM's camp. The CM's baiters are expected to

Earlier in the day, Pargat Singh at a press briefing pointed out political secretary to the CM Sandeep Sandhu called him up last Thursday and told him he was conveying CM's message that he should be ready to face action. Sandhu did

"Being a former captain of the Indian hockey team, I was shocked to have got such a message. But if speaking truth on sacrilege and police firing cases, mining, liquor and transport mafia was not acceptable to

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them, let them do whatever

they want. I am ready to face any probe, provided they send an officer who can stand with the truth," said the MLA. Coming out in Sidhu's support, he said other MLAs and ministers too were being arm-twisted as senior adviser to CM BIS Chahal was the de facto DGP (Vigilance). While Channi refused to

comment on the harassment case, Women Commission Chairperson Manisha Gulati said though two-and-a-half years.

# **SAD**seeks special Assembly session CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today demanded a special session of the Vidhan Sabha to be convened to discuss the alleged manner in which ministers and legislators were being first encouraged to engage in corruption and then blackmailed to prevent them from speaking against the government.

Reacting to the statements of Congress legislator Pargat Singh, former SAD minister Dr Daljit Singh Cheema claimed it was shocking that the Congress legislator had laid bare the fact that the government was creating files against its own legisla-

## Says govt blackmailing MLAs to silence criticism

tors to prevent them from raising their voice against the Chief Minister. "This is a clear case of breach of privilege and the Vidhan Sabha should deliberate on this to ascertain who patronised the acts of corruption, who created the files of the said acts and who was blackmailing the legis-

lators to buy their silence". He said all legislators irrespective of their party affiliations should condemn any move to use corruption as a weapon to purchase the lovalty of the MLAs. "This is against the very grain of functioning. democratic Those doing so should be booked and due action should be taken against them," he added. — TNS

#### Punjab & Sind Bank पंजाब एण्ड सिंध बैंक BRANCH: BARNALA MAIN

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> dated 26.09.2016 Property Bounded as: East: Bahi 123'0", 296'0" Lucky Rice Mills and 152'0" Gupta Rice shelter, West: Bahi 570'.0" Open Land of Gulab Singh, North: Bahi, 312',0" Open Land Chanan Singh, South; Bahi 176'.0"Lucky Rice Mills and 59'-6" Road Rureke

deed no 944 dated 29.06.2016 and Registered exchange deed no 943

Now by way of this publication by the undersigned in his capacity as the Authorised Officer of Secured

**BID TO SAVE BIG FISH** 

there was no complaint against the minister, a lobby of IAS officers was questioning her over inaction against Channi, forcing her to seek status report after

# 4-day police remand for six dera followers

**FARIDKOT, MAY 17** 

tion team (SIT) of the Punjab Police today produced the six Dera Sacha Sauda followers, who were arrested yesterday in connection with a sacrilege case, in a local court, which remanded them

Sunny, Shakti Singh, Ranjit Singh, Baljeet Singh, Nishan Singh and Pardeep Singh opposed their remand, saying the SIT had no fresh evidence against them and that they had already been granted bail in one of the three sacrilege cases of 2015.

Sacrilege case: No fresh evidence against suspects, say defence counsels

incidents of 2015 at Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and Bargari villages in Farikdot, which had led to protests and subsequent police firing at Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan in October 2015. The SIT was constituted fol-

lowing the January 4 orders of

the Punjab and Haryana High Court after one of the accused, Sunny, accused the head of the earlier SIT, Ranbir Singh Khatra, of bias. In June 2018, Sunny was arrested by the Moga police, which claimed he had confessed to his and other suspects' role in the sacrilege incidents.—TNS

The new special investiga-

in four-day police custody. Earlier, counsels for the dera followers—Sukhjinder Singh

The new SIT, headed by

IGP Surinder Singh Parmar, is investigating three FIRs pertaining to the sacrilege Place: Barnala **AUTHORISED OFFICER** 

State to procure

**DRDO** medicine

Health Minister Anil Vij

today said that the state gov-

ernment would purchase the

drug 2DG prepared by the

Defence Research and

Development Organisation

(DRDO) for the treatment of

The Health Minister said

the drug was expected to

provide speedy recovery to

corona patients and would

reduce the need of extra

Vij said the administra-

tion of the Covid-19 vac-

cine to people in the state

was going on vigorously.

So far, about 49 lakh per-

sons had been vaccinated.

oxygen for the patients.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** 

Corona patients.

# 50 Sonepat villages declared hotspots, dist admn on toes

700 cases reported in 10 days | Quarantine wards being set up

PARVEEN ARORA

# KARNAL, MAY 17

With around 700 Covid cases in 10 days, 50 villages of Sonepat have been declared hotspots of the district, prompting the authorities to set up isolation centres there.

Besides, of eight Community Health Centres (CHC) and one urban dispensary, four health centres having 29 oxygen beds have been turned into Covid hospitals. Apart from it, a massive sampling and vaccination drive had also been launched in these villages.

"Each of the 50 villages have reported, 10 to 15 cases. We have started the process to establish village-level isolation centres," said Shyam Lal Poonia, Sonepat Deputy Commissioner.

"We have constituted 50 coordination teams comprising principal or headmaster of the village, secretary, ANM, Asha worker, Anganwari worker, exsarpanch and numberdar to screen all residents. If anyone is found to be asymptomatic, they will be shifted to a villagelevel isolation centre and if any patient requires oxygen support, they will be referred to the CHC," the DC added.

SUSHIL MANAV

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**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** 

Even as the Covid curve

shown a downward trend

during the week that ended

on Sunday, the number of

deaths in the past seven

days remained almost close

to the mortalities of the pre-

According to the state's

weekly status report on

Covid-19, 78,530 persons test-

ed positive between May 10

and 16. As many as 1,01,009

cases were reported in the

preceding week from May 3

to 9. The weekly cases were

90,569 from April 26 to May 2

and 67,348 from April 19 to 25.

It is for the first time since

cases started showing an

upward trend from Febru-

ary 8 that the new infec-

tions in a week are lesser

However, apprehensions

are being raised over the offi-

cial figures as the testing

remains "poor" in rural areas.

On the other hand, there

is little respite as far as the

number of deaths is con-

cerned. At least 1,080 per-

sons succumbed to the

virus in the past seven days

against 1,119 deaths report-

The R-Naught value, also

known as reproduction rate

or transmission rate, which

determines how many

healthy persons a Covid

patient is infecting, has dipped to 1.22 from 1.40

ed in the preceding week.

than the previous one.

ceding week in Haryana.



**CONTROL ROOM SET UP** 

established a control room,

for any help or query

bers – 1950, 2221500,

reserved for the public

For further treatment, the

patients will be shifted to the

ICU facility at the Bhagat

Phool Singh Government

Medical College, Khanpur,

and the Sonepat district hos-

pital. "The village isolation

centre and timely screening

of the patient will help reduce

the burden on the tertiary

care health centre," he said.

7,488

**Faridabad** 

FRESH CASES

114 DEATHS

**IN 24 HOURS** 

ACTIVE CASES 83,161

506

Three helpline num-

and 7494871950 —

where patients or their atten-

dants can call round the clock

■ The Sonepat administration has

#### **DRIVE-THROUGH INOCULATION IN RAI**

 ← A drive-through vaccination centre has been started at the HSIIDC. Rai, with the help of the Health Department and Wian Industry. The move is aimed at maintaining social distancing and avoiding rush at these centres.

Shyam Lal Poonia, SONEPAT DC

### ■ State Congress spokesman Krishan Murti Hooda has demanded Covid test facility in every village of the state

**'TESTING FACILITY MUST IN VILLAGES'** 

■ He also demanded that doctors and nurses be deployed at health facilities, while isolation centres be equipped with oxygen

"The BJP-JJP government has left people at the mercy of God. People in villages are dying due to non-availability of facilities," said Hooda

administration has also started the teleconsultation facility for the home-isolated patients. "We have roped in 120 interns and PG students to reach out to the homeguarantined. These students

have been divided into 30 teams, who have been monitoring the health of these patients. If they feel any a hospital, the department will do so," the DC added.

Meanwhile, Sonepat SP Jashandeep Singh Randhawa said 10 Innovas, received for the 'Dial 112' service, have also been roped in as ambulances to ferry the patients. Four buses of the Haryana Roadways have also been converted into ambu-Apart from it, the Sonepat patient needs to be shifted to lances, he added.

# Weekly cases decline Diaspora donates O<sub>2</sub> concentrators

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 17** The Association of Haryanvis in Australia (AHA) has donated 110 oxygen concentrators (OC), 3,000 pulse oximeters and 2,500 thermal scanners for Haryana and NCR under the 'Operation Sanjeevani' campaign.

According to a government spokesperson, these medical devices have been sent to India in two phases. The PGIMS-Rohtak received the first consignment of 10 oxygen concentrators on May 13, while 1,000 oximeters were delivered to the Haryana Government and GIEO Geeta Sansthan.

# Critical patients denied admission

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

A 65-year-old woman has

died of black fungus at

Kalpana Chawla Govern-

ment Medical College

(KCGMC) here, the first such

case in the district since the

Director, KCGMC, has

The deceased has been

identified as Rajwanti (65), a

city resident. She was admit-

ted to the hospital on May 2

after she complained of fever

for 12 days and worsening

breathlessness for two days.

Her Covid test report came

out positive. She passed

away on May 14 and her

report for black fungus came

Dureja,

KARNAL, MAY 17

Covid breakout.

confirmed this.

Dr Jagdish

Residents queue up for the Covid test at the PGIMS, Rohtak.

# **TATA HOSPITAL SENDS 98 02 CONCENTRATORS**

Tata Memorial Cancer Hospital, Mumbai, has sent a consignment of 98 oxygen concentrators and 25,000 N95 masks to the Rohtak-PGIMS. Prof (Dr) Dhruva Chaudhry, state nodal officer for Covid-19 and head of the department of pulmonary and critical care medicine at PGIMS, has expressed gratitude towards PGIMS alumnus Dr Ashish Gulia and Tata Memorial Centre Director Dr Rajendra Badwe for the goodwill gesture.

### 40 CASES REPORTED IN GURUGRAM

■ About 40 cases of black fungus have been reported

Sources, however, put the number at 49. Gurugram and Faridabad districts account for 70 per

cent of black fungus cases

in the state.

in Gurugram, the health

authorities have said.

In Karnal, woman dies of black fungus

■ A majority of the patients are from NCR districts and Delhi, which lack treatment for the disease.

■ "There are 40 cases of black fungus in Gurugram. The health authorities have asked all hospitals to share data regularly," said Dr Virender Yadav, CMO.

#### **FOUR-TIME COUNCILLOR DIES**

Karnal: Four time councillor Sudarshan Kalra (61) reportedly died of Covid pneumonia at a private hospital in Mohali on Monday. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar expressed his condolences on Kalra's demise, TNS

out positive the next day. "The report confirmed she had black fungus, acute respiratory problem and pneumonia," said Dr Dureja.

Another patient of black fungus, Sanjay (39) of Bal Pabana village in Assandh, is admitted to the KCGMC. He was admitted on April 20.

# 3 weeks on, CM's promise to add 650 more beds at PGIMS only on paper

**SUNIT DHAWAN** TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 17

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had announced during a media interaction here on April 26 that the number of beds for Covid patients at the PGIMS would be increased from 350 to 1,000 soon.

However, more than three weeks after the announce-

# COVIDCARE **BREAKDOWN**

ment, the CM's promise has failed to materialise.

On the night of April 25, the PGIMS administration had pasted a notice at the Trauma Centre (designated Covid hospital), stating that no more patients could be admitted due to oxygen shortage.

However, shortly before the CM's visit to the institute on

April 26, the PGIMS authorities announced that the admissions of Covid patients had been resumed.

As of now, there is no official notice stating that Covid patients would not be admitted to the PGIMS, but even critical patients are being denied admission at the state's premier medical institute. "It is a tough task even for us to get a Covid patient admitted to our own institute," says a senior consultant.

The PGIMS authorities say more beds will be of little use without adequate supply of oxygen as a majority of patients require high-flow oxygen.

"Though we have sufficient quantity of liquid oxygen as of now, but oxygen cylinders are also required to maintain the requisite pressure," says Dr Pushpa Dahiya, Medical Superintendent, PGIMS.

#### **WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS** DEATHS 1,176 13 Gurugram ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਮੰਡਲ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ 830

ਦੀ ਫ਼ਾਜ਼ਿਲਕਾ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੰਡ ਮਿਲਜ਼ ਲਿਮ. ਦੇ ਬੋਰਡ ਆਫ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰਜ਼ ਦੀ week of this month. Doctors say a corresponding dip in the number of deaths is expected to be witnessed in the next seven to 14 days as the critical patients of the past two weeks are still under treatment in hospitals and ICUs. The second wave of Covid-

ਦੀ ਫ਼ਾਜ਼ਿਲਕਾ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੰਡ ਮਿਲਜ਼ ਲਿਮ. ਦੇ ਸਮੂਹ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀ 19 has seen the maximum number of deaths in the state. Of the 6,685 persons who died in Haryana since the outbreak of the pandemic in March last year, almost half (3,270) have lost their lives in the past four weeks (from April 19 to May 16). "This is a welcome trend, but let us wait for another week before we can say with surety that the peak is over," said Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and

> ਸਹੀ/- ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ. ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪਰ ਮੰਡਲ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪਰ। DI-2865

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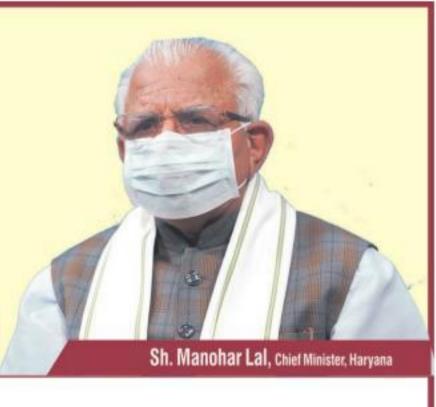
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ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਦੀ ਫ਼ਾਜ਼ਿਲਕਾ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੰਡ ਮਿਲਜ਼ ਲਿਮ. ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ/ਸ਼ੇਅਰ ਹੋਲਡਰ/ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਹਲਕਾਬੰਦੀ/ਜ਼ੋਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਬਣਤਰ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਅਖ਼ਬਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਛਪਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਪੰਦਰਾਂ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖ਼ਰੀ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਜੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਮਿਤੀ 02.06.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖ਼ਰੀ (ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਮੰਡਲ, ਫ਼ਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ) ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ (02.06.2021) 'ਤੇ ਖ਼ੁਦ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਆਵੇਗਾ। ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਤੌਰ ਂਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਣਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਫ਼ੈਸਲਾ ਮਿਤੀ 02.06.2021 ਨੂੰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਅੰਤਿਮ ਜ਼ੋਨਲ ਲਿਸਟਾਂ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਜ਼ੋਨ ਉਸੇ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ (ਜਿਸ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਸੀ) ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

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# Govt. of Haryana







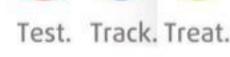
# Door to Door screening for COVID of everyone in Rural Areas

Strict adherence of **Test, Track and Treat Strategy** 











# Teams will identify COVID patients after screening

Patients with mild, moderate symptoms will be given 'Home Isolation Kit'and patients with severe symptoms will get immediate medical attention in nearby medical centres

Such multi-disciplinary teams will include Trainee Doctors, Asha / Anganwadi Workers etc.

Village Dharamshalas, Government schools & AYUSH centres etc. will be set up as isolation centres where oximeters, steam machines, thermometers and other essential medicines will be arranged

Helpline 8558893911 for Entire State

& 1075 (Except Gurugram & Faridabad)

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# reported during the first **SKM mourns** death of senior farm activist

**SONEPAT, MAY 17** The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has expressed grief over the death of Major Khan, an ex-serviceman and farm activist. Khan, who belonged to Jhandi village of Patiala district, passed away on Monday.

In a joint statement, SKM leaders, Balbir Singh Rajewal, Dr Darshan Pal, Gurnam Singh Charuni, Hannan Mollah, Jagjit Singh Dallewal, Joginder Singh Ugrahan, Yudhvir Singh, Yogendra Yadav and, Abhimanyu Kohar, said Khan was actively involved in the mobilisation of farmers. "Major Khan was an invaluable asset to the movement. He had been camping at Singhu since November 26," they added. — TNS

# **Pankaj released** from K'shetra jail

Family Welfare, Haryana.

"More than 15,000 rapid

antigen tests have been con-

ducted in the rural areas and

the positivity rate is 4.57 per

cent," added Arora.

Pankaj Habana, who was arrested in connection with a case registered under various charges, including using criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of duty, voluntarily causing hurt, rioting and violating Covid norms, was released from the

Pankaj said, "We opposed the JJP Shahabad MLA Ramkaran Kala during his visit to Yari village, following which a case was registered and I was arrested."

After his arrest while Pankaj was sent to judicial custody, the BKU activists had gheraoed the Shahabad police station on Saturday and started a dharna. — TNS

# **BKU** activist

**KURUKSHETRA, MAY 17** 

(Charuni) activist BKU Kurukshetra jail on Monday.

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED Whereas complaint bearing No. 463 of 2018 titled as Sukhminder

Singh V/s M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estates Pvt. Ltd., made before State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T. Chandigarh, was allowed vide order dated 13.01.2020. In that consumer Complaint, as Execution Application bearing No. 133 of 2020 was filed and since the order passed by the State Commission was not complied with, this Commission has issued warrants of arrest on numerous occasions and when the raids were conducted. Ravi Garg S/o Ishwar Chand, R/o Flat No. 405, Tower No. 18, Royal Estate, Zirakpur Director, M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. was not found present at the given addresses.

Whereas on 24.03.2021, none has been appeared on behalf of Opposite parties/judgment debtors, opposite parties/judgment debtors has shown his inability, on the ground that he has been declared Proclaimed Offender in Execution Application bearing No. 133 of 2020 titled as "Sukhminder Singh V/s M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estate Pvt. Ltd." and if he is produced before this Commission, he can be arrested.

In view, of above, this Commission is satisfied that Sh. Ravi Gard S/o Ishwar Chand, Director of M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. cannot be arrested through warrants of arrest. Therefore, this Commission has no reason to disbelieve that Sh. Ravi Garg S/o Ishwar Chand, Director of M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. has absconded or is concealing himself so that warrant cannot be executed.

Commission but to proceed under the provision of Section 82 and 83 of Code of Criminal Procedure 1973. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sh. Ravi Garg S/o Ishwar

In these circumstances, there is no other alternative with this

Chand, Director of M/s Sanskriti Golden Oak Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. is required to appear before the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, U.T., Chandigarh on 12.07.2021 at 11:00 a.m. Dated, this 31.03.2021

**State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission** U.T., Chandigarh.

Sd/- President,

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# Cautious relief

Let Covid-appropriate behaviour be a way of life

AUTIOUS relief should mark the apparent retreat of the second surge of the coronavirus that brought the country to its knees since it began wreaking havoc. Hope for better days floats as the national daily Covid cases dipped by 25 per cent in 10 days, with Monday seeing less than three lakh new patients after the peak of 4.14 lakh on May 7 and daily recoveries continued to exceed daily cases for the sixth day. While the falling Covid curve in the past one week is encouraging, it only reinforces the importance of being continuously on alert, prepared and following pandemic-appropriate norms. Utmost care needs to be taken to ensure that the guard is not lowered. The gains of the restrictive measures imposed by most states over this period to check the onslaught of the ferocious contagion have begun to be visible and they must not be frittered away with the recklessness that marked the end of the first wave. For, even as we are still grappling with a huge caseload, the lull, expected soon, comes under the dark shadow of an ominous third wave.

Coronavirus has been seen to resurge repeatedly the world over. The unprecedented misery unleashed during the March-May period holds crucial lessons learnt the hard way. Given the constraints of our economic and medical infrastructure, a public health crisis is riddled with huge human and humanitarian costs — a fact sadly laid bare in the ongoing second Covid wave.

The only way to avoid a repeat is to keep potential super-spreader events locked down for an indefinite time. Mass religious, political and social gatherings should be a complete no-no. For the few numbers — 10 or so — allowed for these activities, a Covid-negative RT-PCR test should be mandatory. Government and private offices as also marketplaces need to work out staff/space decongestion plans for a long term. Meanwhile, even as the authorities strive to ramp up medical and vaccination infrastructures, the public must strictly follow the hand hygiene-mask-distancing regimen. Such measures should become a way of life for our own good.

# Death in the villages

Testing can help in treatment and recovery

**THAT** the importance of testing to prevent Covid-related deaths cannot be underestimated is evident from the over 110 fatalities that have occurred in just four villages of Haryana. Of these, 35 have taken place in the native village of Chief Minister Khattar. In the absence of a proper Covid test result, the cause of death cannot be ascertained with finality in these cases, but the high mortality figures are enough to ring alarm bells and call for preventive measures since the deaths raise question marks over the healthcare system and its adequacy. While the villagers have not been forthcoming in getting tested despite door-to-door surveys by the health department, they have made a start by getting vaccinated. The state should make similar efforts to inspire confidence and encourage the villagers to get tested for timely detection and treatment. A surveillance of every village has been ordered to detect influenza-like symptoms, but it is equally important for the residents to report symptoms or signs of discomfort so that curative measures can be taken early on.

The rapid spread of the virus in rural areas has gone unchecked, particularly in UP. The panchayat polls and reverse migration of people from the cities because of the loss of livelihood caused by the extended lockdown enhanced the danger of the virus spreading among the local population, besides the violation of Covid-appropriate protocol. Cases not getting reported also increase the risk. Already, there have been apprehensions over the Covid fatality rate being higher in the rural areas.

The government has made recommendations like setting up Covid care centres in the villages to handle both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases but their functioning remains in doubt because of the lack of doctors and other healthcare staff, besides the required wherewithal like oxygen or medicines. While the steps may help in giving healthcare facilities a boost in the rural areas and upgrade them, the situation calls for pragmatic measures to prevent an outbreak, check mortality and improve chances of recovery.

# THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. — **Aristotle** 

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

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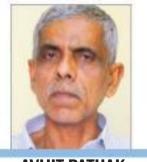
LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1921

#### EUROPEANS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. IN its issue of May 13, the "Pioneer" has once again taken up the cause of "The

European in Government Service." In the course of an article, the journal expatiates on what it is pleased to regard as the grievances of Europeans in Government employ. The European is depicted as the injured party and the people of India are somehow to blame for it. The complaint is that there is a general feeling of hostility against European officers among the people and in many places they are exposed to actual hardship through boycotting of their servants and are made to feel that they are not wanted in India. Our contemporary admits that the great majority of Indians, both educated and uneducated, desire that the services of a certain proportion of Europeans are necessary for India in the present stage of transition, but there are a few who make the position of Europeans irksome and the remedy suggested is the repudiation of this hostile attitude by the leaders of the people. In this country, the position of Indians in the various services of Government has been far enviable. In those rare cases in which Indians established their claims by dint of seniority and ability in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, to some of the highest posts in the executive branch of the services, these claims were brushed aside more or less on racial grounds inspite of the declaration regarding equality of treatment between subject and subject embodied in the Gracious Proclamation of Victoria the Great. Take the case of Sir (then Mr.) K.G. Gupta, who was the senior most member of the Bengal Civil Service and had behind him a record of service of which the most brilliant of Lieutenant-Governors might very well be proud. The Lieutenant-Governorship of Bengal fell vacant but Sir Gupta was superseded apparently because he was Indian.

# Redefine learning as we know it

Visit Tagore, Jiddu Krishnamurti, once more, for inspiration



**AVIJIT PATHAK** 

SOCIOLOGIST

VEN amid the pandemic and associated darkness all around, our sacred longing for life-affirming and emancipatory visions refuses to wither away. It was in May that this land gave birth to two great souls — Rabindranath Tagore (May 7, 1861) and Jiddu Krishnamurti (May 11, 1895). And today, even though in May 2021 we are all broken and wounded, it is still refreshing to invoke them, feel the light of illumination, and rethink what goes on in the name of standardised and mainstream education. Well, in this age corrupted by the market-driven notion of 'productivity', 'utility' and 'efficiency', not many may be willing to walk with a poet and a wanderer. Yet, those who see the discontents of the prevalent form of education oppressive schooling, utilitarian coaching centres, rote learning, exam obsession, hyper-competitiveness and spiritual dumbness, ought to converse with Tagore and Krishnamurti, strive for emancipatory education, and raise a dissenting voice — even if the Establishment and its techno-managers as policy makers devalue it as utopian.

Let us reflect on what modern schooling with its regimentation and techniques of discipline and surveillance has done to our children. It has created artificial armours, restrained spontaneity and creative flow of life energy, and denaturalised their existence. Huge walls, CCTV cameras, the tyranny of the clock time with the dissemination of discrete and fragmented knowledge capsules (physics at 9.30 am; poetry at 10.15 am, and clay modelling at 11 am) and the contin-



IN SILOS: We want our children to be smart strategists, exam warriors, or potential toppers. Success now is the thrill of defeating others. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Modern education has killed the spirit of a seeker transcending the boundaries of the mind, and evolving through a ceaseless process of learning and unlearning.

ual pressure to perform: schools are like prisons. Is it that this sort of schooling eventually transforms one into an alienated worker, or a reckless consumer? And now imagine Tagore's poetic wisdom, his critique of regimentation, his urge to dismantle these prison-like structures, create a modern 'tapovan', and nurture a learning community in which children and their mentors evolve together through a deep communion with the abundance of nature. Nature heals: and the ways of seeing and relating to the whisper of trees, the play of monsoon clouds and the radiant moon give a new meaning to education. It is not like reading Keats ('A thing of beauty is a joy forever') in a closed classroom within the stipulated time period; it is like becoming a poem itself. In other words, it creates the ground for the creation of an aesthetically enriched and ecologically sensitive relational self. This, as the poet felt, is the real substance of education. It is sad that in a prosaic world, seldom do our headmasters see beyond

English grammar and algebra. Second, see the way the prevalent form of education has killed the spirit of being a wanderer, or a seeker continually transcending the boundaries of the conditioned mind, and evolving through a ceaseless process of learning and unlearning. These days, we want our children to be smart strategists, exam warriors, or potential toppers. And their schooled consciousness is conditioned to believe that knowledge is nothing but the official curriculum (or, for an IIT aspirant, physics is nothing but FIIT-JEE physics; or maths is essentially what coaching centres offer at Kota — the town in Rajasthan known for all that is black and ugly about our education system); it is a product to be consumed. For Krishnamurti, this conditioning limits the growth of consciousness; it makes one incapable of learning and unlearning from the rhythm of life — its freshness, its unpredictability and uncertainty. Truth, Krishnamurti reminded us, is a 'pathless land'. However, our edu-

cation makes us one-dimensional. No wonder, a conditioned mind of this kind is always fearful. It can't take risks; it can't see beyond the established pattern; it cannot walk through what Robert Frost would have regarded as 'the path less travelled'. Furthermore, as the ritualisation of examinations is based on comparison, it activates the fear of failure, the fear of lagging behind, or the fear of being stigmatised. Through his life-long conversations with teachers, educators and children, Krishnamurti was urging us to see the worth of education as awakened intelligence, self-discovery, sensitivity to life, or a quest.

Think of the world we have created. Religion is a dogma; nationalism is some sort of hyper-masculine aggression; 'good living' is centred on the pleasure principle that seductive consumerism cultivates; nature is an obstacle to be conquered through techno-science; social Darwinism is the cherished mantra; and success is the thrill of defeating others. And what goes on in the name of education cannot take us beyond this ugly world. In fact, this education further reproduces this culture of violence. The ugliness of this sort of education manifests itself once again at the time of the pandemic. The academic bureaucracy refuses to be reflexive; it cannot imagine anything beyond 'online teaching', covering the official syllabus, conducting exams and grading students. Even at this moment of psychic and existential crisis, it wants teachers to be just data providers — supplying the required information to the higher authorities: students' attendance and grades. There is hardly any serious reflection on the hollowness of this sort of approach to education when the taken-for-granted world has crumbled.

Yet, there ought to be people amongst us who dare to think differently. And as a teacher, I believe that they would contemplate, converse with Tagore and Krishnamurti, and reimagine a kind of education that teaches us to live and die intensely, gracefully and meaningfully.

# As good an actor as soldier

COL HP SINGH (RETD)

EY Harry boy, how are you?' It was a pleasant surprise to get a Lcall from him. My senior in boarding school and subsequently in the Army, Bizz Bizz, as he was popularly called, was now an established actor. He spoke enthusiastically about the movie he was planning on Siachen glacier that would give an insight into the challenges our soldiers face at the world's highest battlefield. Little did I know that this would be my last conversation with him; he succumbed to Covid-19 a fortnight later.

'Send him to Sanawar and make a man of him.' This oft-quoted phrase from Rudyard Kipling's book, Kim, had been the justification our seniors

offered while 'toughening' us up in school. Bizz, with his compassionate attitude, was different; he preferred to role play an elder brother instead of a bullying senior.

Acting and soldiering were his passions. Undoubtedly, he was at his best on stage during school shows, as also on the parade ground for the annual ceremony of trooping of King's Colours awarded to our school. His joining the Hodson's Horse, as a second-generation officer, came as no surprise. Call it providence, this cavalier's death coincided with the Raising Day of the Tank Corps he belonged to.

A great sense of humour and jovial nature, accentuated with excellent command over the Queen's English, made him popular wherever he was posted. I remember his motorcycle was often borrowed by budding teenagers for joyrides, as was his collection of cassettes of soft country music. Many of them joined the forces following him as a role model. After giving the prime of his youth

to the Army, he took premature retirement and found his forte in acting. He started with television serials and soon muscled his way through stiff competition in Bollywood. He played character roles in movies like *Page 3*, Hijack, Murder 2, Corporate, Rocket Singh, Shaurya and Two States, to name a few. The combatant in him was always alive as he played a soldier's role in many movies.

I last met him at the Military Literature Festival at Chandigarh, wearing medals on his blazer and posing for selfies. He appeared interested in the school insignia on my coat, enquiring from where he could get one. I read his mind and gifted it to him. He was overwhelmed and his tight hug had all the warmth on that cold December morning.

Destiny has little regard for plans of men; it was not written in the tablet of his fate to get any further on this movie. His untimely death is a tragic reminder of the fickleness of fortune. He has gone to his rest and now only the memory of him remains. My penning a tribute to Major Bikramjit Kanwarpal is one definite way of achieving a catharsis of emotions. As the saying goes, 'Soldiers never die, they just fade away'. His movies will keep him alive in our hearts.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Get cracking** Apropos of 'The emperor's new

clothes' (The Sunday Tribune), the entire defence establishment has been on its toes, which itself shows that the government is in fire-fighting mode. The lack of planning and focus is visible, as the international aid has been lying unutilised. Retired healthcare workers should be called in and more funds made available. Corona awareness campaigns should be strengthened and security social measures announced for unemployed youth so that they do not resort to crime. **ANIL OBEROI, MOHALI** 

Time for a lesson Reference to 'The emperor's new clothes'; the writer has aptly echoed the pain and anger of the common man. The people of Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have already given their verdict on the failure of Modi's style of working. The apex court has also remarked about the failure of the Indian state. Where lies the remedy? We should take a leaf out of the recent American elections where the people, the Opposition and the media taught a befitting lesson to haughty Trump. Indian media and the Opposition parties will have to

get organised to awaken the public

about their rights.

**JASPAL SINGH**, LUDHIANA

# Have had enough

The UP Government's shameful act of hiding the corpses is utterly reprehensible ('Hiding corpses in UP'). The manner in which the pandemic triggered the toll is rising and is penetrating the rural hinterland. The irony is that the government is putting up a brave face and is in denial mode. It believes that the catastrophe of even such a scale shall blow over time as the raging pandemic is not of its making. However, mismanagement of Covid-19 squarely lies on its shoulders. Voters are taken for granted as usual, but this time around, they have been shattered to the core by the loss of their loved ones and income. Now no dose of nationalism, hermit attire and polarisation tactics shall work to the BJP's advantage.

**DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA** 

# **RSS' timely warning**

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has pulled up the Modi government for complacency in dealing with the pandemic, which has since become even more acute. Both the RSS and the Left were known to put institutional discipline above individuals. In 1997, the Left did not allow its

leading light, Jyoti Basu, to become the PM, despite an active consensus in the coalition. The BJP, on the other hand, in its avid pursuit of power is seen to be compromising on the RSS ethos and tenets, and shedding accountability. Given the context, the warning from the RSS to its political understudy, the BJP, is, indeed, timely. If neglected, the BJP, too, could face estrangement from people, much like the fate of the Left today.

### R NARAYANAN, NAVI MUMBAI **Rural Covid wave**

Now that the Covid-19 virus has entered rural areas in a big way, there is a need for remedial action on a war footing before this wave turns into a tsunami. The main requirement is to stop the spread of the virus through contact with positive cases. As our village population is living in congested households, it is not possible for them to arrange home isolation. It is imperative that makeshift isolation centres be put up by the panchayats, which can serve clusters of villages. All suspected Covid cases should be moved to these centres immediately on detection and be given medical aid. These centres can be financed by village temples/gurdwaras/masjids and other donors under the stewardship of local MLAs/MPs on the pattern of many gurdwaras. These can be manned by nurses of PHCs and assisted by family members of the patients who can also bring food for them.

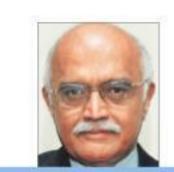
BRIG WS CHOUDHARY (RETD), PANCHKULA

# **Israel-Palestine conflict**

The controversial Israel-Palestine conflict has escalated recently. Hundreds of missiles were fired from both sides, killing dozens. Both Israel and Hamas have given various excuses for their actions. Sadly, this is what extremist leaders do globally: they justify violence and communal conflict. The world outside stood divided, too — some fuelled with outrage and others with triumph. While the majority of them have no real knowledge about their complex history, they are quick enough to pass judgements and trend hashtags on social media, like 'India stands with Israel/Palestine'. Passing provocative comments serve no purpose; it only deepens the abyss between the two factions and their supporters. World leaders should also put aside their political and religious ambitions and focus on saving lives by pushing for a ceasefire, as the deaths of today will only become grief and 'excuses' for tomorrow. PRIYA DHIMAN, BY MAIL

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# Gaping holes in Israel's ability to crush Hamas



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN

EX-SPECIAL SECRETARY, CABINET SECRETARIAT

HE present Israeli-Palestinian war was anticipated in April 2015 by Moshe Ma'oz, a leading Israeli academic, in a Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung paper. The clash so far has claimed 130 lives, mostly civilians on the fifth day (122 Palestinians, including 31 children and eight Israelis).

Yet, leading powers like the US and Germany are only speaking about the "Israeli right for self-defence". Only the United Nations and the global media are highlighting the war's disastrous effects on Palestinian children.

Additionally, serious communal riots have broken out within Israel due to the factors mentioned by Ma'oz, Professor of Islamic and Middle Eastern studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He had warned of the possibility of serious clashes between Jews and Palestinians on the issues connected with the Temple Mount/Al-Haram Al-Sharif (Al Agsa) and the East Jerusalem/Al-Quds Al-Sharif. He had feared that this would spiral out of control, far beyond East Jerusalem.

For this, he had blamed right wing especially Benjamin Netanyahu, for flagging emotive issues like the Jewish sanctity of the Temple Mount for political reasons and on the inability of Palestinian

President Mahmud Abbas in controlling the fears of his people on the alleged Jewish intentions to destroy the holy Al-Aqsa mosque.

Ma'oz had said that the Zionist-Jewish campaign which began in the late 19th century had also included purchasing Arab lands in Palestine and thus, indirectly, evicting Arab peasants. This trend was exploited by Hajj Amin Al-Husayni, the grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who was the first to allege that the Jews were conspiring to destroy the Temple Mount mosques and rebuild their ancient Solomon temple of 957 BCE.

All these factors had vitiated the atmosphere and had led to the 1929 riots which started at the Western Wall and spread throughout Palestine, killing more than 300 people. On the other hand, moderate voices in both communities wanted only peaceful coexistence. Moderate Jews only demanded to control the Western Wall as a historical national symbol.

The 1936-37 "Palestine Royal Commission", led by Sir Robert Peel, legendary creator of "Bobbies", had recommended that Palestine should be divided into three areas: one for Arabs, another for Jews and a neutral territory, including Jerusalem, under British control as "holy territories" for the three religions.

The United Nations Resolution 181 passed by the UN General Assembly in 1947, which was accepted by the Jewish leadership followed this principle of dividing Palestine into three areas: Arab and Jewish states and the city of Jerusalem declared as a *corpus* separatum (Latin for "separate entity") to be governed by a special international regime. The UN map shows



these three areas in different colours.

In 1948, Jordan captured the eastern portion of the city of Muslim Jerusalem during the Arab-Israeli War. Under the Jordanian regime, Jews were barred from entering the Old City till June 10, 1967 when Gen Yitzhak Rabin (later Prime Minister) captured it during the Six-Day War, allowing Israel's control of the Al-Agsa compound.

There are three immediate reasons for the present crisis: It started with daily clashes for nearly a month between the Israeli police and Ramzan worshippers while controlling some of Palestinian gatherings outside Al-Agsa. Unfortunately, this coincided with the efforts of Zionist "nationalists" to celebrate "Yom Yerushalayim" (Jerusalem Day) on

May 9-10 when East Jerusalem was captured by Israel in 1967.

Another reason was the recent ruling by a Jerusalem district court evicting several Palestinian families living for years in the Sheik Jarrah neighbourhood of East Jerusalem which were claimed to have been purchased originally by the Jews before 1947. The matter is now before the Supreme Court which has delayed hearing that case. This has severely agitated the Palestinians who feel that the Jews are now evicting Muslims even from East Jerusalem.

Hamas elevated the tension from May 10 onwards through rocket attacks on Israel in support of the 300 Arabs who were alleged to have been injured during clashes with Israeli

police and right-wing "nationalists" outside Al-Aqsa.

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The Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) responded by missile attacks on pinpointed targets claimed to be Hamas military and intelligence centres. The IDF has now massed ground troops for action if necessary.

Israel had tried the same strategy in 2009 and 2014, but failed. The Guardian (UK) said that Hamas had fired 8,500 rockets into Israel in 2009 and Israel retaliated with an air strike every 20 minutes. During the 2014 war, Hamas fired 4,000 rockets into Israel. On both occasions. Israel could not locate where the Hamas had stored its rockets. Instead, they bombed apartment complexes and police stations.

The New York Times (May 13, 2021) reported that Israel believes that Hamas has about "30,000 rockets and mortar projectiles stashed in Gaza." The question is why is Israel not able to detect where Hamas stores such rockets? Is it not better to bomb those targets instead of causing civilian deaths?

There are many reasons for this, including misjudgement and capability. On January 1, 2009, famous pianist-conductor Daniel Barenboim wrote an Op-ed piece in *The Guardian* (UK) that Israel had encouraged Hamas to weaken Yasser Arafat. Israeli journalist Ronen Bergman confirms this by quoting former Chief of AMAN (military intelligence) Amnon Lipkin-Shahak: "In a certain sense, the Shin Bet grew the jihadist."

In 2011, Prime Minister Netanyahu was forced to order the humiliating "Gilad Shalit" exchange in which a lone Israeli soldier, kept hostage by Hamas since 2006, was exchanged for 1,027 Hamas prisoners. This was because Israeli intelligence agencies, despite their legendary technical prowess, could not locate Shalit, although Gaza is only 365 square kilometre in area (one-fourth of Delhi's area).

Bergman quotes another instance of 1992 how a wrong decision by the IDF chief Ehud Barak (later Prime Minister) to clandestinely expel top 200 Hamas operatives to Lebanon in December 1992 had paved the way for Hamas getting closer to Shia extremist group Hezbollah and then to Iran for rocket technology.

These examples would indicate gaping holes in Israeli capability of vanquishing a diehard enemy like Hamas. As a result, innocent civilians are suffering.

# Pandemic has laid bare flaws in healthcare



**MANPREET SINGH BADAL** FINANCE MINISTER, PUNJAB

By asking the states to purchase their own vaccines, the Union Government has abdicated its responsibility and conceded a virtual defeat in governance. How can India now claim to be a global pharmacy or the world's largest producer of vaccines when the government itself is now abandoning its own states during their darkest hour? Handling the pandemic is the singular biggest failure ever since the country became independent.

LMOST 220 years ago, a three-year-old girl in Mumbai became the first Indian recipient of the smallpox vaccine. This was just around five years after British scientist Edward Jenner invented the smallpox vaccine. This was possibly the first case of vaccination outside of England, but it firmly placed India on the vaccination map.

Slowly and steadily, India became the pioneering base of vaccines. The cholera vaccine was tested and developed in the 1890s in India, and so was the vaccine for plague. For over two centuries, India acquired expertise in vaccination that no country has ever possessed.

One of the most significant boosts came when our then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi made immunisation one of the five technology missions. India became a stellar example of vaccine production, delivery and last-mile logistics. The massive two centuries of progress in vaccination has come to naught, courtesy the monumental incompetence of the Narendra Modi government.

In 2004, when the tsunami struck the Indian Ocean, the government led by Manmohan Singh took a historic decision — he announced that India will not accept foreign aid, stating that India now possesses the resources and potential to take care of itself. India had reached a stage of development where it could take care of its own needs without external help. Post the 2004 tsunami, a massive cyclone adaptation exercise was initiated to create a vast infrastructure to safeguard people against such disasters. Subsequently, the Indian example of preparedness was cited globally as a



CRISIS AT HAND: Along with the warning system, the delivery system also failed. PTI

country that could ward off the devastation unleashed by natural disasters.

Today, because of the missteps of the NDA government, India has again become an aid recipient, with almost 40 countries having donated to relief operations in India, stumbling from a donor to a receiver.

The image of India has suffered an unprecedented dent, which might take a generation to make amends. Two months ago, Indians were proudly announcing that as part of the Quad agreement, the country will produce one billion doses of the Covid vaccine to be primarily sent to the Indo-Pacific and that India will also take the lead in humanitarian assistance. Today, in May, this announcement is not even finding a mention as the world is trying to get its act together to help India.

Besides abandoning other countries where India was busy making commit-

**MEDIUM** 

ments of aid and relief, the Union Government seems to have abandoned its own people and states as well. By asking states to purchase their own vaccines, the Union Government has abdicated on its responsibility and conceded a virtual defeat in governance. How can India now claim to be a global pharmacy or the world's largest producer of vaccines when the government itself is now abandoning its own states during its darkest hour?

Handling the pandemic is the singular biggest failure of the Union Government since independence. Let me enumerate a few aspects. Despite its massive team of experts and Centrally funded institutes at disposal, the Union Government failed to anticipate and inform the states of the impending catastrophe. Individually, each state cannot and does not have the experts to deal with such situations.

That is the reason why our first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had created the Central institutes.

If the early warning systems failed, so did the delivery systems. Out of the 320 ventilators supplied by the Union government to Punjab, over 280 are faulty. Oxygen supplies have failed to arrive, vaccines are in short supply, medicines are not available, and the situation is more or less the same with PPE kits. This amounts to criminal negligence.

Third, over-centralisation has meant that bureaucratic red-tape is holding up aid that is arriving from abroad. NRIs and international community have provided help, but it remains stuck in the Byzantine bureaucracy. The Punjab Chief Minister has repeatedly asked the Centre to consult the state governments while formulating their Covid plans because it is in the towns, cities, tehsils and districts that the plans have to be implemented. The Union Government can continue issuing advertisements, patting its own back, but it should listen to the states in order to save people's lives.

Petty politics has overpowered national and humanitarian interests. The PM participated in political rallies, and he was featured prominently in what are described as super-spreader events. If he is encouraging tens of thousands of people to attend his events, how can we ask people to stay indoors?

I hope urgent measures are taken to remedy the situation. It should commence with a nationwide free vaccination campaign — the way so many successful immunisation campaigns have happened in the past. This should be a

concomitant to expansion of domestic vaccine production. The PM will do his image no harm if he can allocate Rs 35,000 crore from the nebulous PM's relief fund to this cause. The Union Government must immediately cease the controversial Central Vista project and divert these resources to combat the pandemic. It must also abandon the farm laws that will pauperise the farmers and abet profiteering. The government must quickly come out with a pan-India citizen relief package based around food supply and direct cash transfers for the poorest sections of our country.

In every previous crisis or blunder, PM Modi has escaped through his characteristic bluster. This was possible because he could control sections of the media. That influence is waning because journalists are seeing the distress of their fellow citizens first-hand. They refuse to buy into the government's spin-doctoring. In fact, India has lost some of its finest journalists in the line of duty in the Covid pandemic. But this sacrifice will not go waste. Professor Amartya Sen wrote that an alert media can prevent a famine, citing the Bengal famine, when the colonial government tried its best to suppress information, but an active media ensured that the picture of death and government callousness reached the world. The Indian media's selfless service in the last few months has firmly put the focus on this government's incompetence in managing the crisis.

Modi should realise that the time for equivocations and obfuscations is gone. It is time to show real results.

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# **ACROSS**

- Humorous (7) Unsympathetic (5) 7 A curse (4)
- 8 Decisive (8) 10 Shabby (4-2-4)
- 12 Usher in (6)
- 13 Unorthodox belief (6)
- 15 Objections (3,3,4) 18 Inventive (8)
- 19 Indirect suggestion (4)
- 20 A selection (5)
- 21 Orange-yellow colour (7)

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- 1 Audibly (5) 2 Inconvenient (8)
- 3 British soldier from Nepal (6)
- 4 Prepared for action (2,3,5) 5 Interjection expressing pain (4)
- Faulty reasoning (7) Lively dynamic person (4,2,4)
- 11 Strange (8) 12 Keep in one's mind (7)
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# **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

NOTICE

Sh. Gurvinder Singh S/o Sh. Karan Singh Designation Sr Pharmacist/HU/Ludhiana remained unauthorized absent from duty from 29.08.2019 to till date. He should join duty within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice otherwise it will be concluded that he is not willing to continue his service in Railway and D&AR proceedings initiated against him will be finalized. Serving Customers With A Smile

#### **GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB** MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, ZIRAKPUR BRANCH **NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Tender Reference No. ..

The Department of Local Government of Punjab invites online bids for <Ci & other works> **Closing Date and Time** Technical Bid 02.06.2021 05:00 p.m

Financial Bid 02.06.2021 05:00 p.r http://eproc.punjab.gov.in For Details log onto Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the

above website only. The line "Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be publishe

on the above website http://eproc.punjab.gov.in only".

Sd/- Executive Officer Municipal Council, Zirakpur DPR/Pb/4598

#### **GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB** NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works) NIT No. 21/SE(TIC), dated 17.05. 2021

The department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online doub bids for 01 No. work (under PUEIP) as per schedule given below:-

Last Date of online submission of Bidding document Financial Bi 03-06-2021 04-06-2021 at Will be 31-05-2021 at 11:00 AM in the upto 5:00pm 11:00 am in the Intimated late Zone-A MCL

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

Note: - Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents an corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above websit

DPR/Pb/4599

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

#### PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD E-TENDER NOTICE No. PWSSD/MOGA/2021/07 Dated 17.05.2021 www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerag Division, Moga invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed below:

- 1 Providing and Laying Lateral Sewer, Domestic House Connections and Reconditioning of Road (Balance Work) at various locations Faridkot Disti Faridkot (within MC Limit Area) Part-A. 2 Providing and Laying Lateral Sewer, Domestic House Connections and
- Faridkot (within MC Limit Area) Part-B

Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be: 08.06.202

'For detailed terms and conditions refer to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.ir Corrigendum will be published on department's website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Moga PR/Pb/4603

No. S.E. (B&R)/NIT-919 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. JALANDHAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAI **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS)** eproc.punjab.gov.in

E-tender No. MCJ/(B&R) 2021-22/08

Civil/Horticulture/Building/Road works mentioned at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from the contractors enlisted with Municipal Corporation Jalandhar and Co-Op. L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt. CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued side notification No. 76/52 79-C.1(5)/8856 Dt. 04.11.2019 and 5/82/2018-2lg-4/1892 Dt. 02.08.2018 and 5/82/2018 and 5/82/2018-2-lg-4/702 Dt. 01.04.20. Date and Time Schedule for L/C Societies (14 Days Notice)

Sr. | Last Date of online submission | Opening of of Bidding Document

17.00 Hrs.

Opening of Financial Bid 04.06.2021 up to 04.06.2021 up to 11.00

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Other terms and conditions can be seen at E-tender website: eproc.punjab.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer DPR/Pb/4600

10.00 Hrs.

# 3,546 fresh cases, 58 deaths in state

The wife of Governor Bandaru Dattatreya has tested positive for Covid and has been admitted to a special ward in the IGMC here. "At the moment, she doesn't need oxygen support or an ICU bed. If required, she will be shifted to the Covid ward," said IGMC Principal Dr Rajnish Pathania.

Meanwhile, 3,546 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 163,786. Besides, 58 persons died of the virus, including highest 24 in Kangra.

The highest 1,210 cases were reported in Kangra, followed by 429 in Mandi, 389 in Sirmaur, 344 in Hamirpur, 300 in Shimla, 242 in Bilaspur, 200 in Chamba, 99 in Kullu, and 79 in Solan. — TNS

# **COVID METER**

DISTRICT-WISE CO	DUNT
Deaths	2,369
Positive cases	163,780
Active cases	36,633
Recovered	124,750
Samples tested	17,47,26

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	10,621	178
Solan	19,085	209
Kangra	36,159	686
Chamba	8,118	90
Hamirpur	11,601	146
Sirmaur	12,671	126
Mandi	22,313	267
Bilaspur	10,198	42
Shimla	20,860	470
Kullu	7,396	112
Kinnaur	2,388	30
Lahaul & Spiti	2,388	14

163,786

# Covid fatalities rise, CM says better patient mgmt must

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 17

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today expressed concern over the rise in Covid-related deaths in the state. He directed the Health Department to evolve a more effective mechanism to provide the best possible treatment and life-support

He presided over a meeting with the senior government officers and Principals of the IGMC, Shimla, Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College, Ner Chowk in Mandi

equipment to patients.

#### **'REGULAR MONITORING NEEDED'**

A better patient management mechanism must be evolved in the Covid wards to ensure that there is regular monitoring of all other conditions of the patients. Doctors and other paramedical staff must regularly visit patients and ward sisters and ward boys must also constantly examine their health parameters. 99 Jai Ram Thakur, CHIEF MINISTER

through video-conferencing from here.

Thakur said that a better patient management mechanism must be evolved in the Covid wards to ensure that there was regular monitoring of all other conditions of the patients. He added that doctors and other paramedical staff must regularly visit patients and

ward sisters and ward boys should constantly examine the health parameters of the patients.

He said if the condition of patients deteriorates, it should be immediately brought to the notice of the doctors so that timely treatment could be provided to them.

Thakur said that in order to ensure adequate supply of oxygen to the medical col-

leges, 20 MT each additional storage capacity would be created at the medical colleges in Shimla, Tanda and Mandi. He said that similar efforts should be made to establish PSA plants at various health institutions.

He said that at present there were 49 functional ventilators in Tanda Medical College and 19 more ventilators would be provided. He said that 35 more ventilators would be provided to Ner Chowk Medical College. He said that the state government had urged the Government of India to provide 200 additional ventilators to the state from PM CARES Fund.

# Thakur launches vax drive for 18+

2,369

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 17

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched a vaccination drive for the people of 18-44 year age group from Government Senior Secondary School, Chhota Shimla, today.

The Chief Minister said 213 centres had been set up. Urging the people to come to the vaccination centres as per schedule, he said 21,090 persons had booked their slots. "The next date of vaccination is May 20 and sessions will appear on the CoWin portal on May 18. Other sessions will be held on May 24, 27 and 31," said the Chief Minister.

The state had emerged as the frontrunner by providing vaccine to 31 per cent of its population. "A total of 21,50,353 doses have been administered. People are coming in large numbers to vaccinate themselves against Covid-19," he said.

He said 386 cold chain points had been established through which these vaccines were being distributed. He said these points were being monitored on the Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) basis.

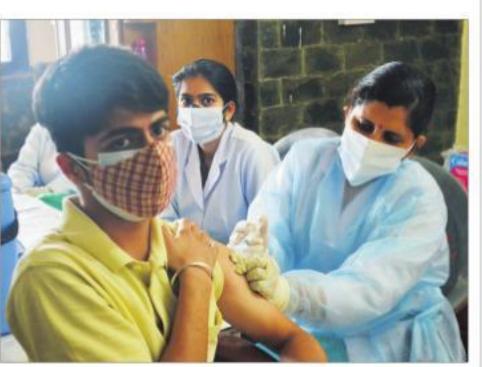


**SEEKING IMMUNITY:** People over 18 years of age in queue to get their first dose of Covid vaccine outside a centre in Shimla; and (below) a boy gets a jab in Dharamsala on Monday. PHOTOS: AMIT KANWAR/KAMALJIT

213 centres set up, 21,090 persons booked their slots

# **NEXT DATE MAY 20**

66 The next date of vaccination is May 20 and sessions will appear on the CoWin portal on May 18. Other sessions will be held on May 24, 27 and 31. — Jai Ram Thakur, CM



# Many show up sans registration in Solan

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 17

The desperation to get vaccinated was witnessed in people of the 18-44 age group at several centres where a large number of people turned up without registration and also from outside the state.

Vaccination centres in Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial area saw some people from other parts of the district like Solan. After failing to get registered at vaccination centres in Solan, some people managed to secure a slot in the BBN area. At some centres, people from Chandigarh were also seen getting the jab as they had secured registration.

Nalagarh Sub Divisional Magistrate Mahinder Pal said, "Some village pradhans raised an objection to people from other villages in the BBN or other parts of the district getting vaccinated at local centres.

They were explained about the centralised registration system and the need to vaccinate as many people as possible, following

People who are not tech-savvy face problem in booking slot

which they accepted the outsiders with reluctance." Health officials said peo-

ple who were not techsavvy failed to schedule a session for vaccination and hence could not be vaccinated. Several others from far-flung areas could not turn up due to the large distance between the vaccination centres.

As many as 1,685 people were vaccinated against the registered 1,900 at 19 centres in the district today. Chief Medical Officer, Solan, Rajan Uppal said the next phase of vaccination for the 18-44 age group would be held on Thursday and people should register themselves on Cowin or the Aarogya Setu app.

Registration will be open from May 18 from 5 pm onwards. He appealed to the people to turn up for vaccination only after securing a slot by registering themselves.

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# HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED (A State Government Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Domestic Competitive Bidding (e-mode)

(Selection of Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOUs) for electricity bill payment through Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)

Online tenders are invited, on the prescribed format from eligible bidder for the Selection of Bharat Bill payment Operating Units (BBPOUs) for electricity bill payment through Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS). The bidders are requested to visit website www.hpseb.in and https://www.hptenders.gov.in for more details. The detail of schedule of sale of tender document is as below: EMD (Rs.) Tender Date of online Date of pre- Start date & End date & Opening Cost Value publication bid meeting time of bid time of bid date of part-Doc cost (Rs.) (with GST) submission submission lof bid 3.00.00.000/- 3.00.000/- 5.000/-04.06.2021 10.06.2021 23.06.2021 30.06.2021 HPSEBL/ 20.05.2021

Follow COVID-19 Protocol

Chief Engineer, (Commercial),

# **GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

Tender Notice No.1397/XEN/O&M/B Dated: 17.05.2021 The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites online bids for the following:

	Sr. No.	Items	(in Lakh)
	1.	Prov./Inst. of tubewells (against failed tubewells) and P/o Motors.	
1	2.	Prov./Laying/Shifting of Sewerage/Water Supply Line.	As per
I		Repair of Vehicles and Annual Rate contract for P/o Tyres.	uploaded DNIT
	4.	Prov. of staff on outsources for Disposals & Repair of motors & Starters etc and Prov. Generator sets on hiring basis.	וואוט

Closing Date & Time: 07.06.2021 till 05.00 p.m. Opening of Technical Bid: 08.06.2021 till 11.00 a.m.

Opening of Financial Bld: Date will be fixed after technical bid opening For detail logon to: eproc.punjab.gov.in Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the

above website only. Sd/- Executive Engineer-O&M

Zone-B, M.C., Ludhiana. e-mail: xenzoneb@gmail.com

# TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

# Beopar Mandal threatens to open shops from tomorrow

DHARAMSALA, MAY 17

Traders in the state have threatened to open their shops from 9 am to 1 pm from May 19 if the state government does not find a viable solution to their problems.

State president of the

Himachal Beopar Mandal SK Sharma said that it seemed that the lockdown had been imposed only for traders and shopkeepers. He added that the government should understand the practical problems of their shops had been closed. the traders and shopkeepers and address them. Otherwise, they would would open their shops from 9 am to 1 pm from Wednesday.

If any shopkeeper is booked for the violation of the prohibitory orders, the traders from all over the state would take to roads, he said.

Sharma said the government was not understanding

added that the traders and shopkeepers had stocked summer material as fans, ACs and coolers just before the start of summer season. Now, If the summer season passes and traders could not sell their stocks, they would not be able to sell these the entire year and suffer huge losses.

their practical problems. He

He said while the shopkeepers were not being allowed to sell their stocks, people were ordering material online that is being delivered on their doorsteps. Besides, the factories

have been allowed to operate. Due to it, the traders, who have agencies of various products, are getting regular supplies of products from factories.

As per the general practice the traders give advance cheques to factory owners with the expectation that they would be able to sell the stocks and pay back to factory owners. However, now the factories are sending them material and shopkeepers are able to sell. If it continues it would result in a debt trap, Sharma said.

# Doctors wear black badges

RDA president Dr Vishal

MANDI, MAY 17

Members of the Resident Doctors Association (RDA) of Nerchowk Medical College today wore black badges to protest the government's decision to end the quarantine period for health workers after Covid duties. They said the government should withdraw the decision.

Jamwal and general secretary Dr Roshan Thakur said even after two doses of vaccination, many doctors were getting infected. They said if doctors were not quarantined after Covid duty, the safety of their families would be endangered.

They said if doctors go

to OPDs, they could infect patients. The resident doctor associations of medical colleges in the state are united on this matter. The Medical Officers Association and other associations of doctors, too, are protesting against the government over the matter. —TNS

straight from the Covid duties

#### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE OPENING DATE AMOUNT/EMD NAME OF BOARD/ **NODAL OFFICER/** CLOSING DATE (APPROX.) IN BOARD/CORP./AUTH NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER CORP./AUTH RUPEES PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONST, INSTALLING, TESTING HARYANA TOURISM COMM. OF 0.20 MLD STP BASED ON MBBR TECHNOLOGY 17.05.2021 9216400440 39 LACS haryanatourism.gov.in DEVELOPMENT CORP. COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT WITH O & M AT NADA SAHIB 07.06.2021 haryanatourism@gmail.com **GURUDWARA PANCHKULA** PLANNING, DESIGNING, CONST, INSTALLING, TESTING, COMM HARYANA TOURISM 17.05.2021 9216400440 OF 0.50 MLD STP BASED ON MBBR TECHNOLOGY COMPLETE 76.60 LACS haryanatourism.gov.in DEVELOPMENT CORP. haryanatourism@gmail.com 07.06.2021 IN ALL RESPECTS O/M AT MANSA DEVI, PANCHKULA 9991480086 CLOSING DATE CONSTRUCTION OF 4'-6" HEIGHT B/WALL AT 33KV S/STN. RAI 3.59 LACS nttps://etenders.hry.nic.in UHBVN 27.05.2021 xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com PROVIDING AND LAYING OF INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK **CLOSING DATE** 9991480086 **UHBVN** 4.26 LACS nttps://etenders.hry.nic.in AT 33KV S/STN. RAI (SONEPAT) 27.05.2021 xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com A/MTC. OF EXISTING 20/25/4550/72/90 WATT LED STREET MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE **CLOSING DATE** LIGHT IN ALL WARDS OF MC AREA (EXCLUDING SECTOR 4 Municipal Engineer 14.95 LACS etenders.hry.nic.in **DHARUHERA** 24.05.2021 AND 6 AREA) MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA THE BALLAGARH COOP E-TENDER NOTICE FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY AND 17.05.2021 9968604725 MILK PRODUCERS 20000/www.vitaindia.org.in vitablb@gmail.com INSTALLATION OF DIFFUSED AERATION SYSTEM IN ETP 08.06.2021 UNION LTD EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" (EOI) (ART/MURAL WORK FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 13.05.2021 BEAUTIFICATION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC PLACES & 1 LAKH nttps://etenders.hry.nic.in 9728025011 25.05.2021 **PALWAL** PARKS AT PALWAL) SUPPLY OF BATTERIES MAKE EXIDE OR AMARON OR 10.05.2021 0180-2566015 **HPGCL** 7.19 LACS www.hpgcl.org.in MICRROTEK FOR PTPS, PANIPAT AND RGTPP, HISAR 09.06.2021 xenmp1.ptps@hpgcl.org.in RENOVATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DOG HOSPITAL AT CLOSING DATE MC SONIPAT 48.64 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in cemcsonepat@gmail.com MURTHAL ROAD WARD NO 6 MCS + 1 OTHER WORK 03.06.2021 SUPPLY OF IDLERS AND SELF ALIGNED FRAM (BRACKET) 04.05.2021 **HPGCL** 12.68 LACS nttps://etenders.hry.nic.in FOR CHP TO RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR 03.06.2021 mm1.rgtpp@hpgcl.org.in CATCHING AND CAPTURING MONKEYS IN MUNICIPAL CLOSING DATE MC SONIPAT https://etenders.hry.nic.in NIL semcsonepat@gmail.com CORPORATION AREA. 03.06.2021 CONSTRUCTION OF SLAB OVER EXISTING GHAT FOR WJC 16.05.2021 KARNAL SMART CITY CANAL FRONT DEVELOPMENT UNDER SMART CITY MISSION smartcitykarnal@gmail.com https://etenders.hry.nic.in 24.05.2021 + 1 OTHER WORK EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM PROCESSORS/SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL FMCG PRODUCTS (PULSES, HARYANA AGRO 5% OF 11.05.2021 0172-2561305 SPICES, SUGAR, DRY FRUITS, RICE, CEREALS & CEREAL CONTRACT **INDUSTRIES** www.haic.co.in 21.05.2021 haicpkl@gmail.com CORPORATION LIMITED PRODUCTS, FLOUR & FLOUR MIXES ETC.) TO HAICL SPECIFIED VALUE DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2022/260/2953/I/31/4

# 92 inmates test Covid positive in two prisons

All asymptomatic, shifted to separate barracks

JAMMU, MAY 17

Ninety-two inmates have tested positive for Covid in two prisons of J&K, officials said on Monday. All of them are asymptomatic and have been isolated in separate barracks.

Udhampur and Kupwara district jails through special rapid antigen test (RAT) screening pushed the active cases among inmates to 115 out of a total of over 4,570 prisoners in all the jails. The special drive in the two jails was carried out nearly two weeks after a prominent separatist leader and chairman of Tehreek-e-Hurriyat Mohammad Ashraf Sehrai, who was lodged in Udhampur district jail under Public Safety Act, died of Covid at a government hospital on May 5.



# 119 NEW CASES, 122 RECOVERIES IN LADAKH

Leh: Ladakh recorded 119 fresh cases that took the infection tally to 16,452 while 122 people were discharged from hospitals after recovering from the disease, pushing the total number of recoveries to 14,471. No fresh death was reported. PTI

among 272 prisoners in Kup-

Last year, two elderly prisoners, one each in Rajouri jail and Bhaderwah sub-jail, succumbed to the virus, while the rest of the 540 infected prisoners recovered after suc-

**REPORT SYMPTOMS** 

Vaccine beneficiaries

vaccination

have been told to report

symptoms of clotting on

CoWIN within 20 days of

The rate of such cases in

nation thrombotic events

with AstraZeneca-Oxford

vaccine (Covishield in India).

The committee found no

A statement from the panel

says, "The reporting rate of

thromboembolic events in

India is around 0.61 per million

doses, much lower than the 4

46 isolation...

centres that don't have doc-

tors, support staff, medicines

etc. Patients need at least atten-

dants to give them water, food

and medicines etc. on time, but

there is no such arrangement.

Hence, staying at home is bet-

ter than shifting to these cen-

tres," said an ailing resident of

Bainsi Sarpanch Krishan

Chhabra said many villagers

were running fever, but in the

absence of Covid testing they

were not shifting to these isola-

tion centres. "A 10-bed isolation

centre was set up in the village

three days ago, but it has no

doctor, nurse or medicines. I

medicines etc. have been made

available at these centres and a

health official will also visit

these centres daily for examin-

ing patients. Those developing

complications will be shifted to

cent to 38.1 per cent within a

week. Of the 2,369 deaths

since the outbreak of the pan-

demic, the highest 686 have

"Active cases, which were a

little over 200 in February,

have mounted to 36,633," said

Nipun Jindal, National

Health Mission Director.

been reported in Kangra.

a hospital immediately."

Bainsi village.

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administration of Covaxin.

India is less than those

in UK and Germany

days earlier. — PTI

# **Daily cases** below3L...

time after 26 days. Also, a net decline of 1,01,461 cases has been recorded in the active caseload in the last 24 hours," moh area of Srinagar. Officials in the security Vardhan said.

Although the pandemic most (38) districts with over 10 per cent rate.

The GoM took note of the virus moving village wards with the ICMR announcing plans to scale up testing by 80% over the coming days to

Balaram Bhargava, ICMR DG, informed the GoM of innovative changes in testing policy that would widen its scope of application and help

Hindi and other languages.

# 2 Al-Badr terrorists killed

A joint team of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the police killed at least two terrorists in an encounter that took place this morning in the Khan-

establishment said a combing operation was launched to ensure that no other terrorist was hiding at the encounter site or had taken shelter at any nearby place. According to a senior police

official, the slain terrorists were affiliated with the Al-Badr terror outfit. A joint team of the police and the CRPF conducted a cordon and search operation."The security agencies received info about two terrorists hiding in Khanmoh last night. With the help of the Army and the CRPF, the security forces cordoned off the area. They appealed to terrorists to surrender, but to no avail. An encounter started today. Two terrorists associated with Al-Badr terror outfit were killed," Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Vijay Kumar said.

On Sunday, an improvised explosive device (IED) was neutralised between Sugan and Turkhwangam by security forces in the Shopian district of the UT.

# Dhindsa, Brahmpura float SAD (Sanyukt)

"We have decided to launch the Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt) today. The organising structure of the party will be set up soon," said Dhindsa and Brahmpura in a joint statement after a meeting in Chandigarh. Dhindsa is the president of the new party, while Brahmpura will be its patron. Coming down heavily on SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, the two leaders sought a clarification on accepting dona-

tions from those "responsible" for the Sikh "genocide".

"The SGPC and the DSGMC should release a white paper giving details who donated how much to them during the Covid-19 pandemic and farmers' protest. It has come to light that the DSGMC received around Rs 2 crore from Amitabh Bachchan who was responsible for instigating attacks on innocent Sikhs after Indira Gandhi's assassination," said Dhindsa and Brahmpura. — TNS

SCO 74-75. BANK SOUARE. SECTOR 17-B. CHANDIGARH E-mail: ctopswc@punjab.gov.in **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER TENDER NO.: PSWC/CTO/2020-21/03** 

Punjab State Warehousing Corporation invites online bids fo Comprehensive Centrally Monitored Electronic Surveillance System for PSWC Warehouse locations. Closing date and time 04.06.2021 at 12.00 noon

For details log on to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in Note: Any addendum(s)/Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only. **Managing Director** 



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ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਭਰਤੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟੋਰੇਟ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ (ਮਾਡਲ) ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਸੈਕੰਡਰੀ ਸਕੂਲ, (ਮਾਈਕਰੋਸਾਫਟ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ) ਫੇਜ਼-3ਬੀ-1, ਮੁਹਾਲੀ

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ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਭਰਤੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟੋਰੇਟ, ਪੰਜਾਬ

ਸਹੀ/- ਸਹਾਇਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 39 Dated 13.05.2021** The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Sangrur reinvites online bids fo

the following: Name of Work Earnest Approx. Money Value of the Work (Rs. Lakh) in Lakh) Providing installing, Testing & commissioning of 1 No. 19.02 T/W size 300mm X 200mm dia with reverse rotary Rig up to 200 mtr. (650') deep complete in all respect. Construction of Pump Chamber, providing & installing pump set & Stringing DIK7 pipe of 150mm i/d connection line at Khanauri, Distt. Sangrur as per DNIT.

Closing Date & Time Up to 24.06.2021 at 5.00 p.m. For details logon to www.eproc.punjab.gov.in Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above

> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division,

#### **GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATS OFFICE OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER**

Sec- 62, Vikas Bhawan, SAS Nagar,

#### 0175-5020582. RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of Director (Social Audit) purely on Contract Basis. Tenure of Director is three years. The last date of submit the application in the office of Join Development Commissioner, 3rd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Sec-62 SAS Nagar, Punjab, PIN 160062 is 04-06-2021 till 4 pm. The application format, education qualification, work experience address for submission of application and other terms and available https://sites.google.com/view/rdppb in case there is any amendment in this regard it will be uploaded on the above referred website

Sd/- Joint Development Commissioner DPR/Pb/4585

# **COMMERCIAL SITE (TAXI STAND) ON RENT FOR 03 YEARS AT ISBT-17, CHANDIGARH**

No. 3433/CT/CTU/2021 Dated: 17.5.2021

Chandigarh Transport Undertaking invites e-tenders (online tenders) from the individuals/Companies/Firms/ Contractor/Agency/Joint Venture/Consortium for the allotment of Taxi Stand at ISBT, Sector 17, Chandigarh. The interested parties can apply for the bidding on or before 07.06.2021 up to 14.00 hrs. The terms and conditions of the bidding can be seen on the website of Chandigarh i.e. http://etenders.chd.nic/nicgep/app or http://chandigarh.gov.in or http://chdctu.gov.in

> Sd/- Assistant Controller (F&A) For Divisional Manager CTU & **Director Transport**, **U.T.**, Chandigarh.

#### SHIMLA JAL PRABANDHAN NIGAM LIMITED **NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER**

Online bids on Item Rate basis are invited by the Additional General Manager Sewerage SJPNL, Shimla - 171001, Himachal Pradesh on the behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from authorized dealer of original manufacturer.

Sr. No.	Description of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of Form		
1	Sewerage Scheme for Shimla Town (SH:- Providing and laying sewer line and manhole construction works for Beolia, Gussan and IT Bhawan (HBC) Mehli to STP Panthaghati)	10,43,07,852/- only	Rs. 10,75,580/- only	Twelve Months	Rs. 5,000/- only		
KEY	KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:						
2	Date of online Publication From 14.05.2021 5:00 P.M						

#### a Date of online Publication From 14.05.2021 5:00 P.M. From 14.05.2021 5:00 P.M b Downloading of e-tender documents up to 28.05.2021 11.00 A.M c Date of submission of e- tender From 14.05.2021 5:00 P.M up to 28.05.2021 11.00 A.M

d Physical submission of EMD, cost of tender form Up to 11:00 A.M. on through Registered Post only or In case of online 28.05.2021 Submission of EMD, cost of tender form the amount should be deposited at IndusInd Bank Ltd. The Mall Shimla, A/C No. 151772650680 and IFSC INDB0000185 (proof of payment is to be provided through by hand or by post within

7 days to this office) and eligibility documents.

Date of opening of bids: Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria 28.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M. Shall be intimated separately Cover-2 Financial Bid Site Visit

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website https://hptenders.gov.in

Additional General Manager Sewerage Division, SJPNL US Club, Shimla – 171001 DPR/HP/74

# **GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER** Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive

Engineer Jal Shakti Division Pragpur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractor/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh, Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money		
1.	Providing FHTC to various WSS under GP Aloh Punani Tikkar Bharoli, Kurna Garli and Nahan Nagrota under JJM in Distt Kangra HP (SH:Construction of reinforced cement concrete infiltration gallary 35.00 metre long in Punani Khad)		33780	400/-	Three Months
1	Tender documents and	other instru	ictions ca	n he dow	vnloade

- 2. Online from the portal http://hptenders.gov.in, by the interested bidders/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
- Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility information and criteria and Financial bid should be put in separate envelope and all two separate envelopes should be put together in a single envelope. The bids shall be submitted online electronically. Bid evaluation of criteria-Technically Qualified lowest evaluated
- bidder (L1) will be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal will rest with the JSV Department who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
- As the bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable venders or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
- 6. KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:-

а	Date of Online publication	13.05.2021 at 05:00 p.m.
	Downloading of e-tender Documents	From 13.05.2021 at 05:00 p.m to 21.05.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
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	Date of submission of	From 13.05.2021 at 05:00 p.m
	e-tendering.	to 21.05.2021 at 11:00 a.m.
d	criteria, prequalification documents, earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents (in original)	·
е	Date of opening bid	
	i) Cover-1 Eligibility Information and Criteria	On 21.05.2021 at 11:30 a.m.
	ii) Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately

- 7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
- (1) The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two)
  - 1. Cover-I shall contain Scanned copies of "Eligibility Information and Criteria".
  - 2. Cover-2 shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed

(2) Cover-I shall contain Scanned copies of following "eligibility information and criteria" (Scanned copies to be uploaded): In case of Exemption of EMD the tenderer shall have to submit an affidavit and list of works where he has used the exemption. in order to ascertain the amount exempted, mandatorily.

- (i) The Earnest Money (unless Exempted) should be deposited (through online (e-payment) & offline mode) duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur in the shape of National Saving Certificate in any Post Office in H.P. or Time Deposit Receipt/FDR of any Scheduled/ Nationalized Bank, having its branch at Dehra or Pragpur and should reach the Office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibahg Division Pragpur on or before the date and time of opening the
- technical bid (mandatorily). (ii) The cost of tender form through online (e-payment) & offline mode as shown above in shape of Demand Draft, only drawn in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti
- Division, Pragpur payable at Pragpur. (iii) Copy of Certificate of registration with I&PH Department (Now JSV) in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.
- (iv) Income Tax, PAN No. (Permanent Account No.), GST registration, EPF registration and latest clearance certificate thereof, are to be submitted with the eligibility criteria.
- (v) Copy of similar Work done/Experience Certificates.
- (vi) The authorization letter regarding digital signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered renderer to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.
- (vii) A scanned copy of undertaking that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions Stipulated in the contract document before quoting the rates.
- Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" which will be opened at a later date to be notified separately & shall be opened only of those contractors/Firms whose documents as per Eligibility Information "Cover-I" are found in order. The Financial Bids

shall contain only Financial Bid/Offer on departmental schedule

of quantity/BOQ where contractor/firms will quote his /their offer

- for each item. 7. Earnest money of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained for a period
- of 120 days. 8. No subletting of work by the contractor is permissible.
- 9. In case, opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day.
- 10. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. 11. Ambiguous/telegraphic/ Conditional tenders or tenders by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/considered in any case. 12.Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning
- 13.The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel
- any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s). 14.Any enquiry/clarification regarding tender can be obtained

Jal Shakti Division,

DPR/HP/733

Dated: 13.05.2021 No.EE/JAL SHAKTI/Pragpur/Tender/NIT/2021:- 1593-1692

on e-mail of the divisional office under e-mail address i.e xeniphpragpur@gmail.com and office telephone

No. 01970-245045. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pragpur.

epaper.tribuneindia.com

The latest detection in

Officials said 72 prisoners and seven staff members tested positive in Udhampur district jail. A total of 479 inmates were subjected to RAT testing and 20 inmates tested positive

through the CoWIN platform

from 684 of India's 753 dis-

tricts and of these, 700 cases

(9.3 cases per million doses

administered) were reported

"The AEFI committee has

completed an in-depth case

review of 498 serious and

severe events, of which 26

cases have been reported to

be potential thromboembolic

(formation of a clot in a blood

vessel that might also break

loose and carried by the blood

stream to plug another vessel)

events following the adminis-

tration of Covishield vaccine

with a reporting rate of 0.61

cases per million doses," said

experts after alerts issued in

some countries on post-vacci-

before leaving for a Cabinet

meeting. Defying lockdown

norms, a large number of

TMC supporters gathered

and threw stones at the cen-

tral forces deployed there.

TMC supporters also held

demonstrations outside the

Raj Bhawan and at several

The arrested leaders — Rur-

al Development Minister Sub-

rata Mukherjee, Transport

Minister Firhad Hakim, TMC

MLA Madan Mitra, and Sob-

han Chatterjee, former TMC

minister who switched over to

the BJP but later severed con-

nection with it too after he was

denied ticket in the recent

Assembly elections — were

later given bail by the Special

CBI Court here. The bail order

was however stayed by the

high court late in the evening.

chargesheet in the court in con-

nection with the Narada sting

case. All four were named in

the document. The sting opera-

tion carried out in 2014 alleged-

leaders, including the four

arrested, accepting bribe from

journalist Mathew Samuel,

Jagdeep Dhankhar justified

his consent for the prosecu-

tion, saying that as the

appointing authority he had

the right to approve their pros-

ecution. The Calcutta HC had

in 2016 ordered the CBI probe.

week during the pandemic.

Kangra, Solan, Sirmaur,

Shimla, Mandi and Hamir-

pur districts have registered

a transmission rate higher

than 30 per cent. The fatality

rate in Shimla was at an all-

time high of 2.61 per cent, fol-

lowed by 2.10 per cent in Una.

In Kangra, the positivity

Governor

In HP, over 30% positivity...

and May 16, the highest in a rate has shot up by 10 per

posing as a businessman.

Meanwhile,

The CBI also filed a

other place.

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to be serious in nature.

wara district jail.

cessful treatment. Earlier, 21

prisoners tested positive in Kathu district on May 10, while one inmate each was tested positive in the district jail Jammu and Central jail Kotbhalwal Jammu a few

23,000 adverse events post vaccination: Govt

Germany has reported 10 events per million doses." Experts said the risk is almost 70% less in persons of South and South East Asian descent in comparison to

UK's regulator Medical and

Health Regulatory Authority.

those from European descent. The government has, meanwhile, issued advisories to healthcare workers and vaccine beneficiaries to encourage people to be aware of suspected clotting symptoms occurring within 20 days after receiving any Covid vaccine (particularly

Covishield). Beneficiaries have been

— breathlessness, chest pain, pain in limbs, on pressing limbs or swelling in limbs (arm or calf), multiple, pinhead size red spots or bruising of skin in an area beyond the injection site, persistent abdominal pain with or without vomiting, seizures in the absence of previous history of seizures with or without vomiting, severe and persist-

within 20 days of vaccination

ent headache with or without vomiting (in the absence of previous history of chronic migraine or headache), weakness or paralysis of limbs or any particular side or part of the body told to report any of the fol-(including face), etc. — TNS

cases per million reported by lowing symptoms on CoWIN

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਲੀਸ ਫ਼ਰੀਦਕੋਟ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ 22 ਕੰਡਮ ਵਹੀਕਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਿਤੀ 21.05.2021 ਨੂੰ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਐਮ.ਟੀ. ਬ੍ਰਾਂਚ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਲਾਈਨ, ਫ਼ਰੀਦਕੋਟ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕੰਡਮ ਵਹੀਕਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਐਮ.ਟੀ. ਬਾਂਚ ਪਲੀਸ ਲਾਈਨ, ਫ਼ਰੀਦਕੋਟ ਵਿਖੇ ਬੋਲੀਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ 22 ਕੰਡਮ ਵਹੀਕਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵਹੀਕਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦਾ

# DPR/Pb/4590 SIPNL

SHIMLA JAL PRABHANDAN NIGAM LIMITED

CIN- U74999HP2018SGC007069

Email ID: sjpnltd@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM The offline tender for the Job No. 1 to 17 & 1 to 6 was COVID this Offline NIT No. SJPNL-WD-Tender/2020-2021 1327 dated 30.04.2021 SJPNL-WD Tender/2020-2021 1420 dated 06.05.2021 which was published in leading newspapers and scheduled to be opened on 18.05.2021 at 3:30 p.m. 20.05.2021 at 3:30 p.m. has been postponed due to COVID-19. The same will be scheduled for sale 29/05/2021 & Opened on dated 31.05.2021 Instead of 18.05.2021, 20.05.2021 due to extension of COVID-19 Curfew vide

have written to the Civil Surgeon to arrange necessary facilities there," he said. Around 25	DP	Water D	nal Gene Distribution b, Shimla	or		
villagers had died in a month, he added. Similar is the situa- tion at CM Manohar Lal Khat- tar's Nindana village where	foll	Government of Punjab TENDER NOTICE RFFERENCE NO. 38 Dated The Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Sangrur, other following:				
over 20 persons are suffering from Covid, but none of them	Si No		Earnest Money	A <sub> </sub>		
has gone to the isolation centre.  Mahesh Kumar, CEO (DRDA)-cum-nodal officer for	1	Tender for supply of man power for O&M of water supply & Sewerage system at Cheema Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.		Ì		
isolation centres, confirmed that not a single patient had come to any of the 46 centres in	3	period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.				
the district so far. He, however, said, "Basic facilities like beds, drinking water, conveniences,	4	-do- at Sewerage system Sunam Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.				
		Clasing Data & Time : up to 09 06 20	24 24 5 00	1 10		

Closing Date & Time

For details logon to

above website only.

DPR/Pb/4589 hpmc

**HIMACHAL PRADESH HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE** MARKETING AND PROCESSING CORPORATION LTD. (A State Government Undertaking) Head Office: Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002 (HP) Ph-0177-2623832,35,36,82, Fax: 0177-2623834- E-mail hpmcshimla@live.com

up to 08.06.2021 at 5.00 p.m.

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Punjab W/S & Sew. Division. Sangrur.

Ref: No. HPMC/Mkt/Cartons/Trays/2020-21-4782 CORRIGENDUM HPMC has floated EOI/Tender for the purchase of

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quality packaging material to the fruit growers of the State. The last date for opening of EOI was mentioned 20th May, 2021 But keeping in view the imposition of COVID Curfew in Himachal Pradesh & its adjoining States & due to some administrative reason the last date for opening of EOI has been further extended upto 1st June, 2021.All the interested parties can offer their best rates up to 1st June, 2021 till 1.00 P.M. and the offers after scrutiny shall be opened on the same date at 3.00 P.M. It is also pertinent to mention here that the EMD of those parties to whom the certificate of deposited amount has been issued by HPMC need not to deposit fresh EMD. **Managing Director** 

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ (faridkotpolice.in) 'ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

(A jointly owned company of M.C. Shimla and Govt. of H.P.) Regd. Office: - US Club, Forest Road, Shimla — 171001 (H.P.) Tel No. 0177-2650680

District Magistrate letter Number SML.ADM(C&O) COVID-19-1-1089-IIV Additional General Manager, on, SJPNL

ਸਹੀ/- ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਪੁਲੀਸ, ਫ਼ਰੀਦਕੋਟ।

**— 171001.** 13.05.2021

	ne Department of Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, S wing:	angrur, o	ther bids for th
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money	Approx. value of the work (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Tender for supply of man power for O&M of water supply & Sewerage system at Cheema Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.		Lump Sum
2	-do- at Dirba Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.	39100/-	Lump Sum
3	-do- at Longowal Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.	35000/-	Lump Sum
4	-do- at Sewerage system Sunam Town Distt. Sangrur for the period of 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022.		Lump Sum

Cartons, Trays and Other Allied items to ensure providing of

No. JPNL-SD-Tender/2021-22-

# HPMC Shimla 171002 (HP)

**NEW DELHI, MAY 17** 

wave appears to be ebbing, challenges loom in the form of 244 districts showing over 20% positivity rate and 479 districts showing more than 10% positivity rate. The WHO advises nations to continue to ramp up testing till positivity rate drops below 5%. Karnataka has 27 districts — the maximum — with over 20 per cent positivity rate while Madhya Pradesh has the

cover rural India.

The ICMR will also provide home isolation guidelines in

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in mass screening.



**VOICES OF DISSENT:** Anti-Olympics group members protest in Tokyo, Japan, on Monday. REUTERS

#### **Prince Charles launches 'Plant a Tree' drive**

LONDON: Britain's Prince Charles on Monday launched a new 'Plant a Tree' drive, dubbed 'Tree-bilee', in celebration of his mother Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The 72-year-old heir to the British throne, who is known for his conservationist drives, said the "Queen's Green Canopy" (QGC) initiative would invite people all over the UK to start the initiative from the tree planting season in October this year through to next year as a celebration of 70 years since the Queen's accession to the throne in February 1952. PTI

#### **Spain sends plane to Nepal to help evacuation**

MADRID: Spain is sending a plane to Nepal to pick up and bring home some 40 Spanish mountaineers, aid workers and others who have been affected by the travel ban imposed amid high Covid infection rates there. Foreign Minister Arancha Gonzalez Laya said on Monday that the plane would also take ventilators and other medical supplies to Nepal to treat patients with Covid-19. AP

**US Supreme Court to weigh rollback of abortion rights WASHINGTON:** The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to consider a major rollback of abortion rights, saying it would decide whether states could ban abortions before a foetus could survive outside the womb. The court's order sets up a showdown over abortion, probably in the fall, with a more conservative court seemingly ready to dramatically alter nearly 50 years of rulings on abortion rights. AP

# Israel kills militant commander as Palestinians renew rocket fire

GAZA/TEL AVIV, MAY 17 Israel killed a senior Palestinian militant commander in heavy airstrikes on Gaza on Monday and Islamist groups renewed rocket attacks on Israeli cities despite mounting international calls for a ceasefire. As the fiercest hostilities in the region in years entered a second week, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken urged all sides to protect civilians and said Washington was working intensively behind the scenes to halt the conflict.

Gaza health officials put the Palestinian death toll since the hostilities flared last week at 201, including 58 children and 34 women. Ten persons have been killed in Israel, including two children, the Israeli authorities say. The killing of Hussam Abu Harbeed, Islamic Jihad's armed commander for north Gaza, was likely to draw a fierce response from the militant group that is fighting alongside Hamas, the Islamist movement that governs the coastal enclave.

The Israeli military said in a statement that Harbeed had been "behind several anti-tank missile terror attacks against Israeli civilians", and an Israeli general said his country could carry on the fight "forever".

Militant groups in Gaza also gave no sign that an end to fighting was imminent. Soon after Harbeed's death, Islamic Jihad said it had fired rockets at Ashdod. — Reuters



**CONFLICT RAGES**: Palestinians evacuate a body from the site of Israeli strikes in Gaza City; and (below) firefighters put out a fire at a sponge factory in the northern Gaza Strip. REUTERS

#### **US WORKING TO END VIOLENCE: BLINKEN**

**US Secretary of State Antony** Blinken on Monday urged all parties in the conflict between Israel and Palestinians to protect civilians and said the United States was working "intensively" to put an end to the violence. Fighting spilled into a second week on Monday as Israel bombed what it said were

nels used by Hamas and Palestinian militants fired rocket barrages at Israeli cities.REUTERS

underground tun-



THREE PALESTINIANS KILLED

At least three Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike on a car in Gaza City on Monday, medics said, after a night of heavy Israeli airstrikes.

■ Israel's military said Gaza militants fired about 60 rockets towards Israeli

cities overnight, down from 120 and 200 the two previous nights.

Israel bombed what its military said was 15 km (nine miles) of underground tunnels used by Hamas after Palestinian militants fired rockets.

# PM Johnson calls for caution as curbs ease

LONDON, MAY 17

Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday urged people to move to the next stage of considerable easing of lockdown restrictions that allows greater indoor interactions with a "heavy dose of caution", as the UK continues to monitor rapidly rising cases of the B1.617.2 variant of Covid-19 first identified in India.

In what is step three of a fourstep roadmap set by Johnson for easing the legally-binding lockdown restrictions, the hospitality sector, including pubs, restaurants and cinemas, and most businesses can resume close to normal service in England, Wales and most of Scotland. However, surge testing and an accelerated vaccination programme is being implemented as the threat from the variant first found in India looms over the reopening, with UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock warning over the weekend that the B1.617.2 variant of concern (VOC) seems to "spread like wildfire" among those who have not been vaccinated.

"Together we have reached another milestone, but we must take this next step with a heavy dose of caution," said Johnson. The Department of Health and Social Care said the focus was on tackling rising cases of B1.617.2 VOC. — PTI

# **ACT RESPONSIBLY**

**Everyone must play** their part by getting tested twice a week. I urge everyone to be cautious and take responsibility when enjoying new freedom in order to

keep the virus at bay.

Boris Johnson, PM

### **BRITISH VACATIONERS DESCEND ON PORTUGAL**

- British vacationers have started arriving in Portugal after the UK and Portuguese governments eased their Covid-19 pandemic travel restrictions.
- A flight from Manchester, England, arrived early Monday in Faro, the main city in Portugal's southern Algarve tourist region.
- Over 5,000 British visitors were expected to arrive in Portugal on 17 flights. AP

#### TRACKING VIRUS **NATIONS DEATHS** 6,00,174 BRAZIL

4,35,823 **MEXICO** 2,20,433 1,27,684 1,24,156

# Pak issues demarche to Kabul's envoy

**ISLAMABAD, MAY 17** 

Pakistan on Monday served a demarche on Afghanistan's ambassador Najibullah Alikhel, protesting against the accusations by the Afghan leadership. Pakistan's Foreign Office, however, did not specify the statement which Pak Oppn leader on no-fly list

angered it. Afghan President Ashraf Ghani alleged that Pakistan "operates an

organised system of support" for the Taliban. "The names of various decision-making bodies of the Taliban are Quetta Shura, Miramshah Shura and Peshawar Shura. There is a deep relationship with the state," the Afghan leader said. — PTI

# US sanctions Myanmar junta leaders

**WASHINGTON, MAY 17** The US placed more mem-

bers of Myanmar's ruling military junta on a financial blacklist on Monday for the deadly attacks against civilians following the February coup in the southeast Asian

nation. The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control imposed financial sanctions on 16 persons and the newly created State Administration Council.

The designation freezes any assets they have within a US jurisdiction and bars anyone within a US jurisdiction from conducting any financial transactions with them. Thirteen of them are senior members of Myanmar's military, which seized control of the country in February. — AP



Visitors line up at The National Gallery in London, Britain. REUTERS

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# The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

# **NHPC conducts Covid testing** camp at its corporate office

NHPC recently held a Covid testing camp at its corporate office. As many as 52 were tested during the camp. NHPC is the nodal agency for Covid testing for all CPSUs under the Ministry of Power in the Delhi-NCR region.

# LG pledges \$5.5m to set up 10 hospitals in India

Continuing its commitment to support India in the Covid crisis, LG Electronics will provide \$5.5 million to set up 10 makeshift hospitals. This will be done in association with local bodies and NGOs.

## Blue Dart to deliver vaccines, medical supplies via drones

Blue Dart has formed Blue Dart Med-Express Consortium to deliver vaccines and medical supplies to the remotest parts of India with drones. It is part of the 'Medicine from the Sky' project in collaboration with the Telangana government, WEF, NITI Aayog and Healthnet Global.

## SBI donates masks, gloves to **PGI on International Nurses Day**

SBI donated 50,000 masks and 50,000 gloves to the PGI, Chandigarh, on International Nurses Day. The contribution was made under the bank's CSR initiative. Dr Jagat Ram, Director, PGI, thanked the bank for the donation.

### **Aryans Institute of Nursing** celebrates Nurses Day

Aryans Institute of Nursing, Rajpura, celebrated International Nursing Day on May 12 under the theme 'A Voice to Lead: A Vision for Future Healthcare'. Dr Anshu Kataria, chairman, Aryans Group, presided over the function.

## **REC conducts anti-Covid** vaccination camp

REC Ltd recently held an anti-Covid vaccination camp on International Nurses Day along with Apollo Hospitals for staff of various power sector CPSEs and their families. As many as 500 persons were vaccinated.

### Ludhiana MC commissioner, mayor visit Duke Fashion

Ludhiana MC is encouraging people to develop green belts. To pursue this link, Mayor Balkar Singh Sandhu and MC commissioner Pradeep Kumar Sabharwal recently visited Duke Fashion and appreciated their contribution

## **Trident Group awarded for its** initiative amid Covid surge

Trident Group has bagged platinum award in the Most Innovative Covid Response category in HRDA-2021 by the HR Association of India. It has been awarded for its novel initiatives to ensure well-being of its staff.

## Max Bupa unveils 'Senior First' plan for senior citizens

Max Bupa has unveiled 'Senior First' - a plan for senior citizens. It includes coverage of up to Rs 25 lakh with no sub-limits on common conditions such as cataract and knee replacement.

## Geojit, PNB in pact to provide 3-in-1 account

Geojit Financial Services has entered into a pact with PNB to provide the advantage of a three-in-one account to the latter's customers. It allows customers having savings account to have a demat and trading account.

# Australia's IHM to provide scholarships worth ₹10 cr

Australia's Institute of Health & Manage ment (IHM) plans to offer scholarships worth Rs 10 crore to nurses in India as a mark of recognition of their commitment during the Covid pandemic. The scholarship will be worth 2,000 Australian dollars for those undertaking the 'Gateway to Global Nursing Program'.

## SafexPay raises \$6 million in pre-series A round

SafexPay has raised \$6 million in a preseries A round led by T. Choithrams and Ardor Advisors. This is SafexPay's first funding round after it received seed funding from Ravi Gupta & Pankaj Tripathi as an angel investor.

# **M&M Group supports farmers** with M-Protect Covid plan

M&M's Farm Equipment Sector has rolled out 'M-Protect Covid Plan — a new customer-centric initiative committed to support Indian farmers in these testing times.

# Fortis felicitates frontline workers to mark nurses week

Fortis Hospital, Mohali, recently felicitated the nursing staff to mark the Nurses Week. Mohali DC Girish Dayalan was the chief guest. Ashish Bhatia, COO, and Abhijit Singh, zonal director, Fortis, were also present.

## NFL donates five fowler beds to Civil Hospital

NFL, Nangal, has donated five fowler beds to the Civil Hospital, Nangal, under the CSR initiative. Rakesh Kumar Markan, CGM, NFL, provided these beds to Dr Naresh Kumar, SMO, Civil Hospital, Nangal.

## Hinduja Foundation's virtual summit on mental health

The Hinduja Foundation has collaborated with Chopra Foundation, John W Brick Mental Health Foundation and CG Creatives to co-sponsor 'Spotlight India' — within the Never Alone Global Mental Health (Virtual) Summit. It will be streamed live on social media platforms at 6.30 pm on May 21.

## Dhani begins distribution of medicines to 25 lakh families

Dhani app has started distribution of 25 lakh free covid care health kits worth Rs 90 crore. Each kit has preventive medicines for two persons. Dhani is an app-based business of healthcare by Indiabulls Group.

# **Spice Money launches ATM** services in Chitkul, Himachal

Spice Money has extended financial services in Chitkul, India's last inhabited village in Himachal, by introducing mini-ATM services. It has converted a kirana store in the village into a 'Digital Dukaan' to offer cash-in and cash-out services.

# India loses Iranian gas field discovered by OVL

**NEW DELHI, MAY 17** 

India on Monday lost the ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL)-discovered Farzad-B gas field in the Persian Gulf after Iran awarded a contract for developing the giant gas field to a local company.

"The National Iranian Oil Company has signed a contract worth \$1.78 billion with Petropars Group for the development of Farzad B Gas Field in the Persian Gulf," the Iranian oil ministry's official news service reported. "The deal was signed on Monday, May 17, in a ceremony held in the presence of Iranian Minister of Petroleum Bijan Zangeneh in Tehran." The field holds 23 trillion cubic feet of in-place gas reserves, of which about 60% is recoverable. It also holds gas condensates of about 5,000 barrels per billion cubic feet of gas. The buyback contract



# **HOLDS 23 TRILLION CUBIC FEET RESERVES**

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signed on Monday envisages daily production of 28 million cubic meters of sour gas over five years, Shana said.

OVL, the overseas arm of ONGC, had in 2008 discovered a giant gas field in the Farsi offshore block. — PTI

# Airtel Q4 profit at ₹759 cr, revenue increases 12%

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

Bharti Airtel on Monday reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 759 crore for the fourth quarter of financial year ended on March 31, 2021, and an annual turnover of more than Rs 1

lakh crore for the first time. The consolidated revenue increased by 11.9% to Rs 25,747 crore during the reported quarter compared to Rs 23,019 crore in the corresponding quarter of 2019-20.

India revenue of Bharti Airtel increased by 10% during the quarter to Rs 18,337.8 crore from Rs 16,734.3 crore a year ago. Mobile services business of Bharti Airtel grew by 9% to Rs 14,079.7 crore during the period under review.

Bharti Airtel MD and CEO for India and South Asia Gopal Vittal said the enterprise segment delivered double-digit growth during the quarter. — PTI

# Wholesale inflation spikes to 10.49% in April

**NEW DELHI, MAY 17** 

The wholesale price-based inflation shot up to an all-time high of 10.49% in April, on rising prices of food items, crude oil and manufactured goods, and experts believe the uptrend is likely to continue.

This is the fourth straight month of uptick seen in the wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation. In March, 2021, it was 7.39%.

The low base in April last

year, when WPI inflation was

(-) 1.57%, also contributed to

the spike in April 2021.

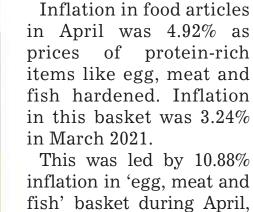
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### FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH OF UPTICK ■ This is the fourth straight

month of uptick seen in the wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation. In March, 2021, it was 7.39%

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"The annual rate of infladiesel etc, and manufactured products as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," the Ministry of Com-



merce and Industry said.

10.74% in pulses and 27.43% in fruits. In vegetables, the rate of

price rise was (-) 9.03%, against (-) 5.19% in the previous month. — PTI

epaper.tribuneindia.com

# Friction at meeting on Olympics preparedness

Irked by Batra's comment, Rijiju exits meeting

VINAYAK PADMADEO

**NEW DELHI, MAY 17** 

ROME, MAY 17

Slam title.

Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju is known to keep his wits difficult circumstances, at least publicly. Monday was perhaps one of the few times when Rijiju

After warming up for the

French Open in style by

beating world No. 1 Novak

Djokovic in the Rome Mas-

ters final on Sunday, Rafa

Nadal said he is heading to

the French Open with con-

fidence and a clear mind in

search of a 21st Grand

Nadal, 34, beat the Serb 7-

5 1-6 6-3 to claim a record-

extending 10th ATP Mas-

ters 1000 title in Rome and

felt his game improved

Nadal, who suffered quar-

terfinal exits at Masters 1000

events in Monte Carlo and

Madrid, said he would rest

for a couple of days back

home before heading to

"I think I can work in a

couple of things that I can

do a little bit better or I can

keep confirming that I am

on the way," he told

reporters. "I think I have

been improving this week,

but I need to keep going

with that improvement,

because when you improve

and you're able to do it

every day for longer time,

then you feel more confi-

"So I just need to keep

going. I know what I need to

₹1 lakh reward for info on

**Sushil Kumar: Delhi Police** 

The Delhi Police today said that

it has announced a reward of

Rs 1 lakh for information lead-

Kumar and Rs 50,000 for his

associate Ajay Kumar in con-

nection with the Chhatrasal

Stadium brawl that led to the

death of another wrestler. Last

week, a Delhi court had issued

non-bailable warrants against

Sushil and six others in con-

nection with the Chhatrasal

**NZ** refuses to visit India

The Indian men's hockey team

lost an opportunity to test its

competitive skills after its FIH

Hockey Pro League matches

against New Zealand, sched-

uled for late this month, were

postponed as the opponents

the raging Covid-19 pandemic

here. The two matches were

to be held on May 29 and 30

**Barcelona rout Chelsea 4-0** 

to win WCL final for 1st time

against Chelsea, scoring after

just 32 seconds en route to a

Women's Champions League

title. Barca are the first side

from Spain to win the WCL.

Barcelona came out firing

4-0 victory and their first

in Bhubaneswar.

refused to visit India due to

for hockey Pro League

Stadium brawl. TNS

**NEW DELHI** 

ing to the arrest of two-time

Olympics medalist Sushil

dent and more safe.

**BRIEFLY** 

**NEW DELHI** 

Paris for his title defence.

through the week.

lost his cool and walked out of a high-level meeting that was being conducted online to review India's preparedness for the Tokyo Olympics.

According to a source, the reason was a simple misunderstanding with Indian Olympic Association president Narinder Batra. Ban on flights originating from India due to the Covid-19 situation in the country has forced Indian athletes to sit out of tournaments, qualifying

and this was the sticking point in the meeting.

In the last month, India could not participate in the World Relays, the Pro-League hockey matches between India and Great Britain were postponed, and the Malaysian Open and Singapore Open badminton tournaments were postponed due to the pandemic. This denied several Indian athletes a shot at qualification for the Olympic Games.

This was brought up in the discussion today and Rijiju pointed that National Sports Federations should also pressurise the International Olympic Committee (IOC) because the travel ban was detri-

The minister is learnt to have said at the meeting: "Federations and SAI have to be well coordinated so that IOA is given requisite information."

La Decima

Remarkably, Rafael

Nadal won a fourth dif-

ferent tournament for

the tenth time to com-

plete his latest 'La Deci-

ma' - 'the tenth' - and

all of them are on clay.

ed this 10th here in

I won in my career,"

Nadal said about his

lo, 10 in Barcelona, I

"The 10th, I really want-

Rome. It was one of the

first important titles that

10th win in Rome. "After

achieving 10 in Roland Garros. 10 in Monte Car-

really wanted this one."

Nadal is one of only two

event, the other being

Roger Federer, who has

(grass) and Basel (hard-

va is the only woman to

**Active players with** 

Djokovic+Federer+Robre-

do+Thiem+Fognini+Waw

most clay titles

achieve this feat.

Nadal: 62

rinka: 62

court). Martina Navratilo-

male players to have titles

in double digits at a single

won 10 titles each in Halle

mental to Indian athletes.

IOA president Batra did not like the statement and objected to it, saying: "I take offence sir. I am directly in touch with all federations."

According to a source, at this, Rijiju tried to clarify his position and said that his statement was being misconstrued, and all he wants is what is best for Indian athletes.

Batra then apologised but the minister quit the meeting in a huff, accord-

Comeback man

he'll be in top tier

'I'm excited to be back, am not

Roger Federer during a training session in Geneva. REUTERS

Federer thinks

focusing on Rafa-Novak'

ing to a source.

Batra was unavailable for comments.

Besides Rijiju and Batra, those who attended the meeting included sports secretary Ravi Mittal and SAI director Sandip Pradhan, Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwalla, joint secretary sports LS Singh, a Ministry of External Affairs representative, and shooter Gagan Narang.

Australia not fixed: ICC A TV documentary

India Tests vs England,

had made the allegation in 2018

DUBAI, MAY 17

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has said it found no evidence of wrongdoing after investigating claims made by news channel Al Jazeera that two Test matches involving India against England (2016) and Australia (2017) — were fixed.

In an statement today, the ICC said that the passages of play identified as fixed by Al Jazeera were entirely predictable, and therefore "implausible as a fix".

In a documentary in 2018, Al Jazeera had claimed that India's Tests against England in Chennai in 2016 and against Australia in 2017 in Ranchi were fixed.

The ICC also cleared five people — filmed by the channel — of any wrongdoing, saying even as they behaved in a questionable manner, there was no credible evidence against them to bring charges.

In the documentary, an

alleged bookie — Aneel Munnawar — was seen making claims about his dubious connections and history of fixing matches, including two Tests involving India. The ICC then launched an investigation into the claims.

"The programme alleged

4 specialists

that two matches were fixed: India v England in Chennai in 2016 and India v Australia in Ranchi in 2017. To assess whether the passages of play highlighted in the programme were unusual in any way, the ICC engaged four independent betting and cricketing specialists to analyse the claims," the ICC said today, saying its investigation is over.

The ICC did not name the people exonerated but sources said former Pakistan cricketer Hasan Raza, Sri Lanka's Tharanga Indika and Tharindu Mendis were among them. They had joined the investigation. Mumbai First-Class cricketer Robin Morris was also filmed, but he didn't join the investigation. — TNS, agencies

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Pun 1.	Sealed quotation for supplying of Pocklane machine, JCB machine and tractor trolley and shifting charges etc. on hourly basis for internal clearance of various drains/channels under the jurisdiction of Pundri W/S Division Kaithal in Kaithal Distt.	On actual basis	24.05.2021 up to 11:00 hrs.
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> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pundri W/S Division, Kaithal.

Rome won, Paris beckons Rafa Tenth win in Rome shows clay



Most titles at single event (ATP and Majors)				
TITLES	TOURNAMENT	PLAYER		
13	French Open (Grand Slam)	Rafael Nadal		
12	Barcelona Open (ATP 500)	Rafael Nadal		
11	Monte Carlo Masters (ATP 1000)	Rafael Nadal		
10	Rome Masters (ATP 1000)	Rafael Nadal		
10	Halle (ATP 500)	Roger Federer		
10	Basel (ATP 500)	Roger Federer		
9	Australian Open (Grand Slam)	Novak Djokovic		

work (on) for the next couple of weeks, and I (am) going to

do it," Nadal added. Victory in Rome saw

Nadal equal Djokovic's tally of 36 ATP Masters 1000 trophies but it was not all plain sailing, the Spaniard

having to save two match points against Canadian Denis Shapovalov in the third round. — Reuters

### **CA** reaches out to Bancroft over ball-tampering revelation

**MELBOURNE:** Cricket Australia (CA) has asked batsman Cameron Bancroft if he has new information on the 2018 Cape Town balltampering scandal in the wake of his suggestion that the team's bowlers were aware of the wrongdoing. The former Test opener was banned for nine months for his role in the incident, dubbed "Sandpapergate", while then-captain Steve Smith and his deputy David Warner were stripped of their leadership positions and suspended for a year. A CA investigation at the time cleared the rest of the team and support staff of wrongdoing or knowledge of the plan to alter the condition of the ball, but Bancroft suggested that was not the case in interview on Friday.

# No surprises: Clarke

**SYDNEY:** Former Australian captain Michael Clarke won't be surprised if it comes to light that more players were aware of the balltampering plot. Clarke has accused CA of sweeping the issue under the carpet. "If you are playing sport at the highest level you

know your tools that good it's not funny. Can you imagine that ball being thrown back to the bowler and the bowler not knowing about it? Please," Clarke told a radio channel today. "I love how the articles in the paper are, 'It is such a big surprise that Bancroft has made a...' Actually, if you read his quotes, it is not what he did say as what he didn't say in regards to other people knowing about Sandpapergate," Clarke said.

# **IPL's Aussies arrive in Sydney**

**SYDNEY:** The Australian players, coaches and commentary staff who were part of the suspended IPL arrived here today from the Maldives and will be in quarantine for 14 days. The cricketers had gone from India to the Maldives after the suspension of the tournament as the Australian government had imposed a travel ban on travellers from India due to the Covid-19 situation in the country. On arrival here today, the group was escorted by police to quarantine hotels across Sydney, according to reports. Former Australia batsman Mike Hussey, who had tested positive for the virus, was expected to arrive here later today in a flight from Qatar. AGENCIES

### **GENEVA, MAY 17**

Roger Federer has said his focus is to be at a the top level once again, not to match the standards of Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

After last year's two surgeries on his right knee, Federer renews his comeback here tomorrow — he did play in Qatar Open in March this year — and will go on to several tournaments, including the French Open, Halle, Wimbledon and then the Tokyo Olympics.

"I'm just concerned about where my game is at. The guys on tour are all in a good rhythm. The level that everybody is producing in great. I want to achieve that as well again," Federer said.

His old rivals Djokovic and Nadal played out a two-hour 49-minute final in Rome on Sunday, with Nadal winning 7-5 1-6 6-3 victory to match Djokovic's record of 36 Masters 1000 series titles.

"I'm excited about the comeback, that's what my focus needs to be on and not about trying to be at the same level as Rafa and Novak right now," Federer said.

But the 20-time Grand Slam title winner, who turns 40 in August, added:

Barcelona in shambles

# Clay no problem

to find that level."

Federer said he has never faced problems in switching from claycourts to grass and hopes his decision to play on his least favourite surface at the French Open will prove beneficial to his Wimbledon bid. Federer has not competed at Roland Garros in four of the last five years due to injuries and scheduling preference. — Agencies

"I believe I will be part of

Federer, however, said that

younger players such as Ste-

fanos Tsitsipas, Andrey

Rubley, Alexander Zverey,

Medvedev

Dominic Thiem would all

prove a much tougher chal-

"One thing is for sure, I

would expect that the genera-

tion of Tsitsipas, Zverev,

Rubley, Medvedev have all

again gotten better naturally

because they have more

"Dominic won a Slam in the

meantime. Rafa, Novak are

still where they are. You

would think that the game

has improved again. For me,

that's going to be an extra

challenge, extra hard for me

he

lenge to him now.

experience,"

and

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# Cricket club sheltering Indian students in Israel

BEERSHEBA (ISRAEL), MAY 17 A cricket club in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba has come to the rescue of of the Ben-Gurion University in the Negev region after they had been struggling for proper shelter during the surge in hostilities in the region over the the past one week.

The Beersheba Cricket Club building, a twostorey structure close to the university which is actually a shelter house with an underground floor, opened its doors for the local residents immediately after rockets launched by Palestinian militants started to fall on Israel's southern areas. The club extended the gesture to Indian researchers at the university who were look-

for a safe shelter is welcome

ing for protection. "Some of the Indian researchers also play for the cricket club and are like part of our family. But we told them that anybody looking

to use our facility," said Naor Gudker, chairman of Beersheba Cricket Club.

"There are several Indian Defeat by Celta Vigo at Camp several Indian researchers researchers staying with us during the past week, both boys and girls, and we have tried to make things as comfortable as possible, extending them all possible help," he said. "Some of them are not fully aware of the safety regulations and me and my colleagues have tried to make them aware of all the precautions to be taken to keep them safe."

> The Indian doctoral and post-doctoral fellows who have taken refuge at the club expressed their gratitude for the generosity. "The club has not only

> made Indian students feel secure but, in a way, has been pampering them. They have access to snacks, tea and coffee and can use the gym and the entertainment system... It helps distract us from the ongoing misery," said Ankit Chauhan, a doctoral student. — PTI

# Can finish third at best in La Liga

MADRID, MAY 17 Nou on Sunday condemned Barcelona to a seventh loss of the season—their most since 2007-08 — meaning they can

finish third at best in La Liga. Having won eight of the past 12 league titles coming into this campaign, where has it gone so wrong for Barca? Lionel Messi has 30 Liga goals to his name, and coach Ronald Koeman said after the Celta defeat: "If he's not at the club, who is going to score the goals for us?".

Barca's second-highest scorer in the league is Antoine Griezmann, with 12 goals, five of which have come in the last 10 games. Barca allowed Luis Suarez

to join Atletico Madrid last summer for a nominal sum, and the Uruguayan's 20 goals have shot them to the brink of the title. On Sunday, Suarez scored an 88thminute winner in a 2-1 victory against Osasuna. Messi's contract expires



Barcelona's Lionel Messi and coach Ronald Koeman after the loss to Celta Vigo. REUTERS

next month. Should Barca fail to retain him, they could find themselves in a battle for Champions League next term, rather than a push for the title.

#### **Defensive woes** Koeman has often lamented

the fact that sides have been clinical against Barca, but that reflects the quality of the chances his side offer up. They are still as reliant as

ever on 34-year-old Gerard Pique and neither Clement Lenglet nor Samuel Umtiti has looked capable of part-

nering him. However, the habit of relying on Pique was ruthlessly exposed by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League. The image of Kylian Mbappe sprinting away from Pique in their 4-1 Camp Nou win has turned into an internet meme. A reliable partner for, and

successor to, the centreback are required.

#### Wrong appointment Barca's decision to sack

Ernesto Valverde, who had won back-to-back titles, while top of the league in January 2020 has never seemed as miscalculated. His replacement, Quique Setien, was fired that summer and replaced by Koeman. While a club legend as a player, Koeman's coaching record at club level made him a gamble that seems to have backfired. Barca won the Copa del Rey

— the Dutchman's first trophy since 2009 — but their big game record has suffered.

Local media reports suggest he is on the brink of exiting, with another club legend, Xavi Hernandez, in the frame to replace him. — Reuters

# HARYANA IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Approxi- mate Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lac)	Last Date of receipt of tender
Pun	dri Water Services Division, Kaithal	-	
1.	Sealed quotation for supplying of Pocklane machine, JCB machine and tractor trolley and shifting charges etc. on hourly basis for internal clearance of various drains/channels under the jurisdiction of Pundri W/S Division Kaithal in Kaithal Distt.	On actual basis	24.05.2021 up to 11:00 hrs.
2.	Sealed quotation for supplying of one No. JCB Machine in working condition which should be available for 24 hours, One day) in the jurisdiction of Pundri W/S Division, Kaithal which will be provided at once on demand during the rainy season.	On actual basis	24.05.2021 up to 11:00 hrs.

Rs. 2.00 Lac for each work.

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# **PARMA** Serena posts first victory in more than 3 months

Serena Williams earned her first victory in more than three months by beating 17-year-old qualifier Lisa Pigato 6-3 6-2 in the first round of the Emilia-Romagna Open. AGENCIES

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# Tauktae makes landfall in Guj

Power cut in several areas | Heavy rain, winds lash Maha, 6 dead

More than 2,00,000 persons were evacuated from their homes in Gujarat and the authorities shut ports and major airports as a very severe cyclonic storm with winds gusting up to 185 km per hour made landfall in the state late on Monday.

Rain intensified and several incidents of power outages were reported in the state. Electricity pylons and trees were uprooted and buildings were damaged in coastal areas of Guiarat, the state authorities said.

The storm is expected to last for several hours after slamming into the state's coast.

Earlier, the cyclone lashed Mumbai, forcing the authorities to suspend operations at the city's airport and to close some main roads due to flooding. Tracks on Mumbai's urban rail system were also flooded.

Meanwhile, six persons were killed in Maharashtra's Konkan region in separate incidents related to the severe cyclonic storm and three sailors remained missing after two boats sank in the sea, officials said.

Two boats with seven sailors on board, anchored in the



winds triggered by Cyclone Tauktae in Mumbai on Monday. PTI

WIND SPEED

IN GUJARAT

**COVID PATIENTS IN** 

PORBANDAR CIVIL HOSPITAL SHIFTED

**FLIGHTS CANCELLED AT** MUMBAI AIRPORT

LAKH EVACUATED

Anandwadi harbour in Sindhudurg district capsized, an official statement said.

As the cyclone moved past the Maharashtra coast in the morning, Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Interna-Airport initially announced the suspension of operations from 11 am to 2 pm and later decided to keep all

Flight operations at the Mumbai airport eventually resumed on Monday night after being suspended for 11 hours due to the cyclone.

The Centre has offered all

operations shut till 10 pm.

help to Gujarat to deal with the cyclone and asked the Army, Navy and the Air Force to remain on standby to assist the administration if the need arises, the Gujarat Government said. At least 17 Covid-19 patients on ventilator support in the Porbandar Civil Hospital's ICU were shifted to other facilities on Monday as a precautionary measure because of Cyclone Tauktae. Winds blew at 114 kmph in Mumbai on Monday afternoon as the cyclonic storm passed close to the Mumbai coast, civic officials said. Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray on Monday took stock of the situation in Mumbai. — Agencies

# Rajnath reviews preparations by armed forces for relief work

Asks 3 services to provide assistance to civil admns

**NEW DELHI, MAY 17** 

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday directed the three services to provide all possible assistance to the civil administrations in the coastal states of Maharashtra and Gujarat in tackling the situation arising out of Cyclone Tauktae.

Singh issued the instruction after reviewing the preparedness of the armed forces to deal with the fallout of the cyclone.

"The Defence Minister directed the three services to provide all possible assistance to the civil administration to deal with the emerging situation," the Defence Ministry said.

Singh carried out the review at a video-conference, which was attended by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar, Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria and Army Chief Gen MM Naravane among others.

The ministry said three ships of the Indian Navy have been put on standby with aid and relief materials for providing immediate



People move a fishing boat to a safer place along the shore ahead of Cyclone Tauktae in Gujarat on Monday. REUTERS

# FOUR SAVED BY NAVY HELICOPTERS

Four persons were saved by helicopters of the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea west of Mangalore on Monday morning. A tugboat they were travelling got flooded leaving them with no propulsion or power. The four crew members were winched up in the copter and handed on the deck of Coast Guard ship nearby.

#### 121 VILLAGES AFFECTED IN K'TAKA, 8 DEAD

Eight persons have lost their lives in the Cyclone Tauktae-hit coastal and surrounding malnad districts of Karnataka, officials said on Monday. According to the officials, till this evening, 121 villages in seven districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan and Belagavi have been affected by the cyclone. PTI

assistance to affected areas if required.

Several other ships on the

being kept ready for any deployment.—PTI

Western seaboard are also

# IN BRIEF

# Political leaders can't hoard Covid drugs: HC

The Tribune

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Monday said political leaders have no business to "hoard" stocks of Covid-19 medicines already in shortage and the drugs must be surrendered, as it expressed dissatisfaction over the inquiry by the Delhi Police on allegations against politicians on this issue, terming the report "vague and whitewashed". — PTI

# **IGI** airport shuts ops at Terminal-2

**NEW DELHI:** The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport operator DIAL on Monday said it would shut operations at T-2 terminal from Monday midnight as there had been a significant reduction in flight operations due to the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. — TNS

# Pvt hospital 'hides' 65 deaths in U'khand

**DEHRADUN:** A private hospital in Haridwar allegedly withheld information about deaths of 65 Covid patients from the health authorities for over a fortnight in violation of the norms, officials said on Monday. — PTI

# Tested +ve, boy isolates self on treetop to protect family

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**HYDERABAD, MAY 17** 

Ramawat Shiva Naik, an 18year-old engineering student from Hyderabad, spent 11 days on a tree to isolate himself after he tested Covid-19 positive.

Since he did not have enough space in his house for "self-isolation" and did not want to pass on the virus to his parents, he isolated himself on a treetop near his home at Kothanandikonda village in Telangana.

Shiva was with his parents when he developed symptoms and got himself tested. Since colleges are closed, he could not return to his hostel.

From a not so well-to-do family, he was financially helping his family by working as a porter at a paddy procurement centre where he picked up the infection. After he developed fever, he travelled to the primary health centre,



A medic administers vaccine to a woman in Noida. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Aligarh: Another senior professor of AMU succumbed to Covid at the university's Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, according to officials, pushing the number of serving and retired faculty

5 km away, to get himself test-

top was an obvious choice He made his cot with bamboo sticks and ropes on a tree. His parents kept meals, water and other requirements in a bucket that he would pull up. Later, the authorities shifted him to

# Bizman sets up firewood bank in UP

**GHAZIPUR, MAY 17** 

Gujarat-based businessman Sanjay Rai has set up a firewood bank at the cremation grounds on the banks of the Ganga to help poor people perform the last rites of their kin, instead of dumping the bodies in the river.

Rai, who is a native of Sherpur village in Ghazipur district of UP and now residing in Gujarat, decided to start the facility after dozens of bodies were washed up on the banks of the river last week.

The bodies were apparently immersed in water after the relatives could not afford the cost of cremation. Rai was in his village when the bodies washed up, and decided to help out the poor. — IANS

# DCGI: Don't use 0, concentrators with under 5L/min flow at home trators that contain oxygen

safe

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

al of India (DCGI) on Monday issued an advisory saving Covid infected in home care should not use oxygen concentrators with flow of less than 5 litre a minute. At present, various models

of oxygen concentrators, having different capacities of continuous flow (1 to 10 litre a minute) and widely varying concentration of oxygen, are being marketed.

The drug regulator said those in home isolation should use concentrators with a minimum flow of up to 5 litre a minute or more.

monitors to verify concentration; digital or analogue metres that display cumulative hours of device operation. It is advised that oxygen concentrators of less than 5 litres per minute capacity may not be sold under the misleading label of homebased Covid care. It is further advised that oxygen concentrators must be purchased with consumables required to operate it and user care instructions and protocols, including guidance for replacement of accessories and consumables and

decontamination of

reusable parts, indicating if they are generic or brand relat-"The advice is to use concened," it said. — TNS Printed and published by Rajesh Ramachandran for The Tribune Trust

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# protection against lung

infections and Covid. "Gaumutra ark' (cow urine extract) of a desi cow keeps us away from lung infection. I am in a lot of trouble (health issues) but take the 'gaumutra ark' every day," she said at a function. РТІ

**PRAGYA SAYS COW URINE** 

# **ANOTHER AMU PROF DIES OF COVID, TOLL 39**

members who have died due to Covid to at least 39. PTI

ed and was found positive.

The doctors advised him home isolation. With a single washroom at home, isolation was not possible. He said since he had heard the virus dipped oxygen levels, the tree-

an isolation centre.

# Govt ramps up Remdesivir production

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

The Union Chemical Ministry on Monday said country's Remdesivir production capacity has increased from 38 lakh vials per month to nearly 119

and the manufacturing companies, the production capacity of the licensed manufacturers has increased unprecedentedly," the Department of Pharma-

drug, manufactured in India under voluntary licences granted by Gilead Life Sciences USA, the patent holder, to seven Indian pharmaceutical companies (Cipla, Dr Reddy's Lab, Hetero, Jubilant Pharma, Mylan, Syngene and Zydus Cadila).

To augment the domestic production capacity, all seven domestic licensed manufacturers of Remdesivir were asked to ramp up production quickly. — TNS

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**IRRIGATION HISAR** 

PWD (B&R) SIRSA

PANCHAYATI RAJ

# WhatsApp privacy policy violates IT laws: Centre to HC

NEW DELHI, MAY 17

The Centre on Monday told the Delhi High Court that it views the new privacy policy of WhatsApp as a violation of the Indian Information Teching to the same.

The Central government's claim was made before a Bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh during hear-

effect from May 15 and has not been deferred.

WhatsApp told the Bench that while its new privacy policy has come into effect start

would try to encourage them to get on board.

> The platform said there was no universal or uniform time limit after which it would start to delete accounts as each case-to-case basis.

WhatsApp and sought their stand on one of the pleas by a lawyer who has claimed that the new policy violated users' right to privacy under the Constitution.

Centre said according to it the policy was in violation of Indian IT laws and rules. — PTI

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#### nology (IT) law and rules, and ing of several pleas chalfrom May 15, it would user would be dealt with it on During the hearing, the lenging WhatsApp's new prisought directions to the social deleting media platform to make it vacy policy, which according accounts of those users who The Bench issued notice clear whether it was confirmto the platform has come into to the Centre, Facebook and have not accepted it and GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
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