

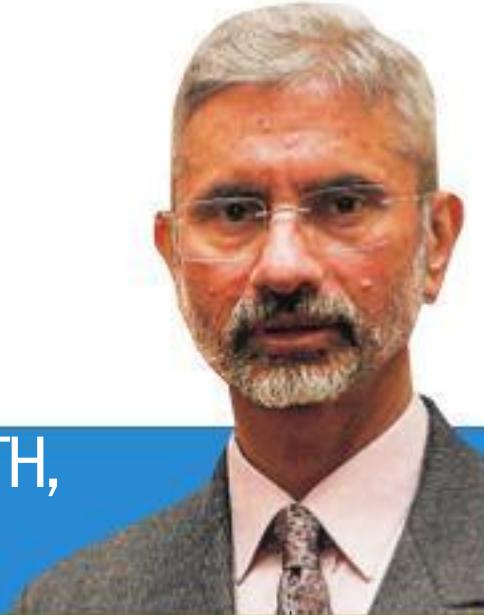
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Crowding at hill
stations scary,
says ICMR chief

NEW DELHI, JULY 6
With daily Covid-19 cases falling to 34,703, the government on Tuesday flagged "frightening laxity" on part of the people and said the timing and scale of the third wave would depend on collective behaviour.

34,703 FRESH CASES
TOTAL DEATHS 4,03,281 ACTIVE CASES 4,64,357
553 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS
KINNAUR AMONG 73 DISTS WITH OVER 10% POSITIVITY

Reacting to pictures of overcrowded hill stations, shopping areas and other public places, ICMR Director General Balram Bhargava said the frames were "frightening". He said there were still 73 districts in 14 states, including Himachal's Kinnaur, where positivity rate was over 10 per cent.

He advised restrictions in these districts, some of which "are still in the middle of the second wave". The official data showed that 80 per cent new cases concentrated in 90 districts, signalling localised infection. —TNS



Cabinet rejig likely today; Scindia, Sonowal, Narayan reach Delhi

8 states, including Haryana, HP, get new Govs on reshuffle eve

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 6
Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet reshuffle, the first in his second term, is expected tomorrow. The National Capital is abuzz with political activity with several names of probables like Jyotiraditya Scindia, Narayan Rane and Sarbananda Sonowal doing the rounds. All three leaders reached here today.

In another development, Cabinet Minister Thawarchand Gehlot was appointed



FOCUS ON NEW FACES, PROFESSIONALS

- The Cabinet has 53 ministers, its strength can go up to 81
- Ahead of reshuffle, Thawarchand Gehlot named Karnataka Govt 20-25 "new faces and professionals" likely to be inducted
- JD(U), Apna Dal and LJP faction may be accommodated
- Govt creates Ministry of Co-operation to boost cooperatives

HIMACHAL GOVERNOR SHIFTED TO HARYANA: Besides Thawarchand Gehlot, the new Governors are Bandaru Dattatreya (Haryana), Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (HP), PS Sreedharan Pillai (Goa), Satyadev Narayan Arya (Tripura), Ramesh Bais (Jharkhand), Hari Babu Kambhampati (Mizoram) and Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel (MP)

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as the Governor of Karnataka today. The surprise decision confirmed that the reshuffle will be an all-encompassing exercise, involving the needs of the Modi government and political considerations of the BJP.

There has been no official confirmation on the names of new ministers likely to be inducted. However, sources claimed that preference would be given to MPs with "good educational qualification and those having performed well at the grassroots".

Women, Dalits and members of the OBC community are also expected to be given preference during the reshuffle that follows a massive stock-taking exercise conducted by

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Cong chief's decision to be acceptable: Capt

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'Don't know anything about Mr Sidhu': CM after meeting Sonia



- Capt shares progress on 18 poll promises with Sonia
- CM sticks to his stand on Sidhu: no PCC chief post, can be given by chief minister
- CM backs a Dalit, Hindu or OBC as PCC chief
- Amarinder to continue steering the govt in Punjab
- Important role likely for Navjot Sidhu in party, say sources

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Vax scam, G'gram hospital booked

GURUGRAM: A Gurugram private hospital has been booked in an alleged vaccination scam. The facility allegedly charged money from beneficiaries after getting them vaccinated free of cost at a local polyclinic and a vaccination centre in Delhi. INSIDE

IN BRIEF

2 Army sepoys held for leaking info to ISI

JALANDHAR: Punjab Police have busted an espionage racket with the arrest of two Army personnel on charges of leaking information to ISI. INSIDE

Pending JEE-Mains from July 20-Aug 2

NEW DELHI: The pending third and fourth editions of JEE-Mains will be conducted from July 20 to 25 and July 27 to August 2. The results will be announced in August. —TNS

Delimitation illegal, parties tell panel; PDP skips meet

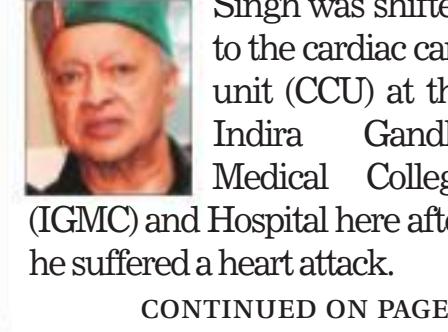
GEETANJI GAYATRI
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SRINAGAR, JULY 6
Leaders of various political parties today met the Delimitation Commission, which set the ball rolling for redrawing boundaries of Assembly segments in the UT as mandated under the Jammu and Kash-

mir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

The parties termed the exercise as "unconstitutional" and demanded restoration of "complete statehood" before the elections. On a four-day visit to the UT, the commission, headed by Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd), met

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Ex-CM Virbhadrappa put on ventilator after heart attack

SHIMLA, JULY 6

Six-time HP CM Virbhadrappa Singh was shifted to the cardiac care unit (CCU) at the Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital here after he suffered a heart attack.

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UN, EU rights bodies call Stan's death devastating; no rule violated, says India

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 6

Led by the UN Human Rights Council, several international human rights organisations have termed the circumstances surrounding Father Stan Swamy's death as "disturbing", "inex-

Jailed on 'false' terror charges: US panel chief

usable" and "devastating".

The MEA, however, said all actions were strictly in accordance with the law and Father Swamy was arrested and detained by the NIA

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Large units told to stay shut till July 10

POWER CRISIS Others needing continuous supply can use 50% of load from July 8

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

As Punjab grapples with rising temperature, delayed monsoon and an unprecedented demand for power, restrictions on power-intensive industry have been extended further.

This has sparked a debate in the state with industry and trade questioning the government on "sacrificing industry at the altar of farmer politics". With operations remaining shut for four days and unscheduled power cuts imposed for two days, industry has incurred huge loss, which is likely to hit the state's economy hard.

As power situation continues to remain grim, large scale industry has been asked to shut operations till July 10. The orders for extending the power restrictions on the large scale industry, using over 100 KW load, in Central, North and West zones were issued by Punjab State Pow-



A worker operates a machine at a unit in Ludhiana. FILE

INDUSTRY QUESTIONS GOVT MOVE

- The industry is questioning the government on 'sacrificing trade at the altar of farmer politics'
- "Even as PSPCL continues to cater to the increase in agriculture load, the industrial economy is clearly going for a six," says AK Kohli, senior VP, Punjab Chamber of Small Exporters
- "For a unit having 50 workers, the per day loss is estimated at ₹35,000. For how long can we sustain amid such losses?" says Badish Jindal, president, Federation of Punjab Small Industries Association

er Corporation Limited (PSPCL) late last night.

The continuous supply industry has also been asked to use just 50 per cent of the sanctioned load/contracted load,

from July 8-18. These units are so far allowed to use just 30 per cent of the contracted load.

"Even as the PSPCL continues to cater to the increase in agriculture load, the industri-

al economy is clearly going for a six because of power restrictions," says AK Kohli, a Phagwara-based tools exporter and senior vice-president, Punjab Chamber of Small Exporters.

"Though the forced shutdown on industry ended yesterday, the numerous unscheduled power cuts of 30 minutes each are making it difficult to run operations smoothly. Earlier, industry would rue about costly power, now it's only about power availability," he adds.

Industrialists are worried that they will not be able to complete their orders in time and in this highly competitive environment and economic downturn could end up losing business.

"For a unit having 50 workers, the per day loss is estimated at Rs 35,000. For how long can we sustain amid such losses? Should industry be sacrificed at the altar of vote bank politics?" says Badish Jindal, president, Federation of Punjab Small

Industries Association.

Many small and medium enterprises are actually flouting the restrictions and operating their units by drawing power, saying it is cheaper to give the penalty to PSPCL than to incur losses on account of no production.

The state's power average

demand in this paddy season has increased to 14,500 MW, while the supply has remained static at 13,200 MW. As the daily gap hovers between 1,300-1,500 MW, the state power utility has little option but to impose cuts on industry and on domestic and commercial consumers.

RS Sachdeva, a prominent industrialist and mentor of PHD Chamber, says: "Units making raw materials are located in different zones. With each zone having restrictions at different points of time, the entire supply chain is disrupted and industry will either lose out its orders or spend money on paying delayed delivery charges."

Joshi defiant as BJP serves notice for 'anti-party' activity

VISHAV BHARTI

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

Taking a tough stance against those criticising the leadership publicly, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has issued a show-cause notice to former Cabinet minister Anil Joshi.

In the notice, issued by party's state unit general secretary Shubhash Sharma, it has been pointed out that Joshi had been issuing statements against the central as well as state leadership. "These activities are anti-party", it said.

Joshi has been given two days to explain as to why action should not be taken against him. As per a statement issued by the party, the notice had been served on Joshi on the directions of state unit president Ashwani Sharma.

Calling it a conspiracy to end his career, the former Cabinet minister said though he would give a

Has been critical of state leadership



BID TO END CAREER

I have been a faithful soldier. I only asked them to convey to the national leadership the ground reality. It is a conspiracy to finish my career.

Anil Joshi, FORMER CABINET MINISTER

What wrong did I do? I just asked them to convey to the national leadership the ground reality. The present lot of the state leadership is insecure of my stature. It is a conspiracy to finish my career," he said.

He added Sharma should resign as under his leadership, the "party was on the verge of getting finished off in the state". Sharma, however, refused to comment on the resignation demand made by Joshi.

Last month, the BJP leaders had alleged there was no democracy in the saffron party. He had said workers and leaders were being snubbed in the garb of "negative talk" by the state leadership.

All attempts by the BJP leadership to mollify a defiant Joshi have proved futile so far. His statements in public against the state leadership have caused much embarrassment to the party.

300 free units no good if PPAs stay, says Sidhu

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

As Capt Amarinder Singh met Congress president Sonia Gandhi in Delhi today, former Cabinet minister Navjot Singh Sidhu once again took to Twitter saying the promise of 300 units of free power will have no meaning until the power purchase agreement (PPAs) are annulled.

In a series of tweets, Sidhu said the faulty clauses in the PPAs were keeping Punjab bonded as the agreements bound the state to pay fixed charges for 100 percent production, whereas other states paid no more than 80 percent. If the fixed charges were not paid, the cost of power would come down by Rs 1.20 per unit. Questioning the PPAs, he said the fixed charges in the agreements were based on four months of peak demand of 13,000 to 14,000 MW, whereas as the demand for rest of the year was 5,000 to 6,000 MW.

"Even more alarming! There is no provision for mandatory supply of power from these private power plants... Private plants keep finding loopholes to file litigation that has cost Punjab Rs 25,000 crore already," he tweeted.

— TNS



The police use a water cannon to prevent protesters from forcing their way through barricades in Chandigarh on Tuesday. PHOTO: VICKY

Jobless teachers face lathicharge, water cannon

Several hurt during protest | Meeting with Education Minister today

MOHALI, JULY 6

The Chandigarh Police on Tuesday used tear gas shells and water cannon and resorted to lathicharge to prevent the protesting non-permanent unemployed teachers from heading towards Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh's residence. At least 10 protesters, including women, and five cops were injured in the action.

Unemployed teachers, who had been protesting outside the Punjab School Education Board's office in Mohali for more than three weeks, were on their way to Chandigarh to gherao the residence of Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh. They succeeded in crossing the barri-



cades near the YPS crossing to enter the UT.

The Chandigarh Police took action after the protesters started scaling the barricades

HEAR THEM OUT: SAD

The SAD on Tuesday flayed the lathicharge on agitating teachers at Mohali and asked CM Capt Amarinder Singh to listen to their grievances sympathetically

DRIVE AGAINST GOVT

Unemployed members of five different unions under the banner of a joint front of unemployed will start "Expose Punjab Government" campaign in Sangrur villages from Wednesday.

set up to prevent their entry into the city. Earlier, on June 29, the non-permanent teachers tried to cross over to Chandigarh to gherao the

CM's residence. A few days ago, the Chandigarh Police failed to stop farmers who had also succeeded in breaking through the barricades.

Meanwhile, the Mohali administration immediately shifted the injured protesters to the Civil Hospital. They were discharged after treatment. Deputy Commissioner Girish Dyalal said the meeting of teachers with the Education Minister, which was scheduled for today, was postponed till tomorrow due to some unavoidable reasons. Following which, the teachers started their march. "It will be ensured that the meeting takes place tomorrow," he said. — TNS

The workers have been demanding regularisation of jobs of Class 3 and 4 workers of the departments, revised salary scales as per demands, implementation of old pension scheme and recognition of Class 4 employees as technical workers with technical

Staff: Amend pay panel's report

BATHINDA, JULY 6

Opposing the 6th Pay Commission report, members of the Punjab State Ministerial Services Union (PSMSU) staged a protest outside the district administrative complex here today.

PSMSU chairman Megh Singh Sidhu addressing the protesters, said the employees across the state would go on a pen-down strike and block roads in the coming days if the government failed to amend the order. — TNS



Ministerial staff protest near the DC office in Bathinda. PAWAN SHARMA

Now, protesting PWD workers threaten to stop water supply

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Plan march towards CM's house on July 13

grade pay among others.

Union members during a meeting on Tuesday said they had decided to hold protests for an undefined time in protest against the government over our pending demands from July 21."

Union state general secretary Anil Kumar said: "Our employees have been working with the department for past 20-30 years. Some employees are on contract, others are outsourced and they are paid meagre amounts. All, nearly 20,000 workers of the five departments, will go on strike over our demands."

July 13. Later, we will shut water supply from all overhead water tanks in all cities and villages across the state for an undefined time in protest against the government over our pending demands from July 21."

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Pearl land sold despite SC order: AAP

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

AAP MLA and kisan wing state president Kultar Singh Sandhu today alleged that despite the Supreme Court stay on the sale and purchase of Pearl Company's properties, land near Cycle Valley in Ludhiana was being sold by political leaders and higher officials.

Sandhu, accompanied by MLAs Jai Kishan Singh Rodi and Amarjit Singh Sandhu,

Says govt failed to return people's money

claimed like the Badals, CM Capt Amarinder Singh was defending the management of the company that "looted" crores of rupees from 30 lakh families in Punjab.

Sandhu said company officials allegedly invested people's hard-earned money in their firm and purchased lands without returning a single penny to them. Neither the Akali regime nor the Congress government took steps to ensure money was returned to the people. — TNS

Mansa villages bar leaders' entry

SUKHMEET BHASIN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JULY 6

With political parties intensifying activities ahead of the 2022 Assembly elections, farmers in the Malwa region have put up boycott banners outside villages to protest against the leaders.

Farmers of Mansa Khurd village in the district have put up boycott banners under the banner of the BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) at the entry points so that no leader or worker of any political party visits the area. They have also written that no political banner or wall painting will be allowed in the village till the "black" farm laws are repealed.

Ram Singh Bhianibagh, Mansa district president, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan), said: "People are angry with the parties as the farm agitation is going on at Delhi borders, but leaders are playing vote bank politics for the 2022 elections due to which we have decided to boycott them."



BKU members protest the central agricultural laws in Abohar.

ABO HAR FARMERS GHERAO BJP LEADERS' OFFICES

Abohar: BKU activists on Tuesday gheraoed the Circular Road offices of former BJP legislator Dr Ram Kumar Goyal and his son Shivraj Goyal (ex-president of the Municipal Council), who had organised a rally of OBCs at Chuhariwala Dhanna village to sound bugle for the next year elections. Farmers also gheraoed a neighbouring premises after learning that BJP workers were celebrating the birthday of Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, the founder of Jansangh. A heavy police force was deployed to ensure the law and order. The BKU said the BJP wouldn't be allowed to hold events until the farm laws were scrapped.

working of all political parties. Our organisation has not issued any specific directions but there is a complete ban on the entry of BJP leaders in the villages." They have also decided to bar anyone indulging in the election campaign from entering their village, saying political parties have done little on the ground level to safeguard the interest of farmers."

SAD men booked for halting traffic

MOGA, JULY 6

The Moga police have registered an FIR under Sections 283 (causing danger, obstruction or injury to any person in any public way or public line of navigation) and 188 (disobedience to the order promulgated by public servant) of the IPC against SAD district president Tirath Singh Mahla, 22 other local Akali leaders and 150 unknown party workers for staging a protest at Baghpura town on the allegations of violating the prohibitory orders issued in the wake of Covid and disrupting traffic on the highway.

Led by Mahla, SAD workers staged a protest on Saturday evening demanding legal action against local Congress MLA Darshan Singh Brar, his sons Kamaljit Brar and Gurjant Brar for alleged illegal mining. Investigating officer Jagbir Singh said the Akalis disrupted traffic causing disturbance to the commuters due to which the case has been registered against them. Moreover, they also violated the prohibitory orders issued in wake of Covid by the District Magistrate. — TNS

BATHINDA, JULY 6

Members of the BKU Sidhupur today continued their protest for the second consecutive day, with farmers blocking the entry and exit points of the district administration complex (DAC) here.

They are seeking implementation of assurances given by the government during their protest at Jaito over a year ago. Union leader Resham Singh Yatri said they had committed suicide.

A meeting was held in

which Capt Sandeep Sandhu from the Punjab Government assured a government job for a family member, compensation and loan waiver.

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Key suspect among 3 held for Batala murders

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BATALA, JULY 6
The police have arrested three persons, including the main accused, for killing four members of a youth's family at Batala village of Batala.

A team led by Tejbir Singh Hundal, SP (Investigation), arrested prime accused Sukhjinder Singh, his wife Kulwinder Kaur and relative Jatinder Singh. The revolver used in the crime has also been recovered.

SSP Rachpal Singh said Sukhjinder was arrested from a secluded place on the banks of the Beas. "He neither used a mobile phone nor a vehicle. He had six live cartridges and wanted to gun down more members of Harmandeep's family. To dodge the cops, he made an isolated spot on the banks of the Beas as his hideout. But he was spotted by some Gujjars who informed us," the SSP added. The police, however, said

Planned to kill more relatives of youth: Cops

the accused family alleged that all four deceased had political enmity with them, a claim refuted by the SSP.

"The fact is that Harmandeep sexually molested a 15-year-old girl, a Class X student, at a tubewell on the village outskirts. At the break of dawn, he let go of the girl and when she reached home her mother confronted her. When the girl told her about the incident, her father Sukhjinder got enraged and rushed to the tubewell with his licensed revolver. Seeing him, Harmandeep fled the scene," the SSP added.

Later, the youth's father, Sukhwinder Singh, paternal uncle Jasbir Singh and grandfather Mangal Singh and Babajit Singh, son of Mangal Singh's youngest son, were shot dead.

Ex-DGP, SSP say no to brain mapping, lie detector tests

KOTKAPURA FIRING Umranangal agrees, but cites health issues

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FARIDKOT, JULY 6
Former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini and ex-SSP Charanjit Singh today refused to undergo polygraph, brain electrical activation profile and narco analysis tests in connection with the Kotkapura police firing incident.

However, suspended IGP Paramraj Singh Umranangal has agreed to the SIT request, but as per the Supreme Court guidelines.

In its application before the court on June 11, the newly formed Special Investigation Team (SIT) had claimed that the suspects were evasive in their reply on the core issues during the investigation, so they needed to undergo the tests for the probe to proceed further.

SIT claims suspects are evasive in their reply to key queries



Sumedh Singh Saini
Paramraj Singh Umranangal

As an individual can't be forcibly subjected to these tests, the court issued a notice to the three suspects and the trio responded today.

In their reply to the SIT application, the counsels for Saini and Charanjit Singh told the court about unwillingness of their

clients to undergo the tests. However, Umranangal's counsel submitted that the tests would be expectedly carried out under complete privacy in comfortable surroundings in a laboratory disclosed to the IGP in advance with an assurance about the drugs to be induced during the narco analysis test to satisfy the IGP for any side effects as he was a patient of hypertension, diabetes and cardiac problems.

"There should be no use of banned substances such as scopolamine and sodium amytal and the IGP must be provided a language interpreter during these tests in order to avoid any communication gap," said his counsel in his application.

The case has been adjourned until July 9.

HC no to Kotkapura MC chief election

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6
Just four days after a meeting was convened for today by the Kotkapura convenor-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate for administering oath to remaining elected members and holding elections for the Municipal Council president's post, the Punjab and Haryana High Court limited the meeting to administration of oath.

"It is directed that the conduct of business in the meeting called for today, pursuant to notification dated July 2, would be confined only with regard to administering oath of allegiance to the remaining elected members," the Bench of Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa and Justice Vivek Puri ruled.

The Bench was hearing a petition filed against the State of Punjab and other respondents by Savantar Rai and other respondents through senior counsel Amit Jhanji with adv-

Allows meeting only for oath-taking

cate Shashank Shekhar Sharma. At the very outset, Jhanji clarified that the challenge to the impugned notification was only with regard to the elections for the president's post.

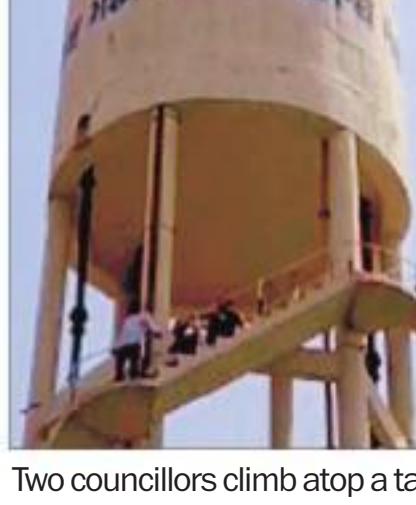
The Bench was told that eight elected members attended a meeting on June 18. Senior vice-president and vice-president were elected, but president could not be elected as it was reserved for the Backward Class. No such candidate was present in the meeting. It was added that power was conferred upon the DC or any other person appointed by him to convene the council's "first" and not any subsequent meeting. "The respondent does not have any jurisdiction to call for a subsequent meeting under Rule 3 of the Punjab Municipal Election Rules, 1994," the Bench said.

Poll deferred for 5th time in four months

BALWANT GARG
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOTKAPURA, JULY 6
Over four-month delay in the election of the Kotkapura Municipal Council (MC) president due to factionalism within the ruling party today witnessed more drama when two of the 29 councillors climbed atop a water tank and threatened to immolate themselves if the president election were held today.

The protesting councillors were from one of two rival groups of the Congress in the town. "Our leader is admitted to the PGIMER, Chandigarh, after he met with an accident. We will not allow elections to take place in his absence," said one of the councillors atop the tank. It was for the fifth time today that the councillors had met to choose the president in the past four-and-a-half months, but due to intense rivalry between two leaders — who are aspiring



Two councillors climb atop a tank and threaten self-immolation.

for the Congress party ticket from Kotkapura for the forthcoming Assembly poll — the election was postponed.

The MC has 29 councillors — 21 from the Congress, five Independent and three from SAD. The president's post is reserved for Backward Class. Kotkapura SDM Mandeep Kaur said: "The decision to postpone the poll was taken as per the suggestion of the Advocate General as the issue is pending in the HC."

Book Bittu: Akalis to SC commission

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

The SAD today urged the Punjab State Scheduled Caste Commission to order registration of a case against Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu for hurting the sentiments of the SC community with his recent "pious" seat remark.

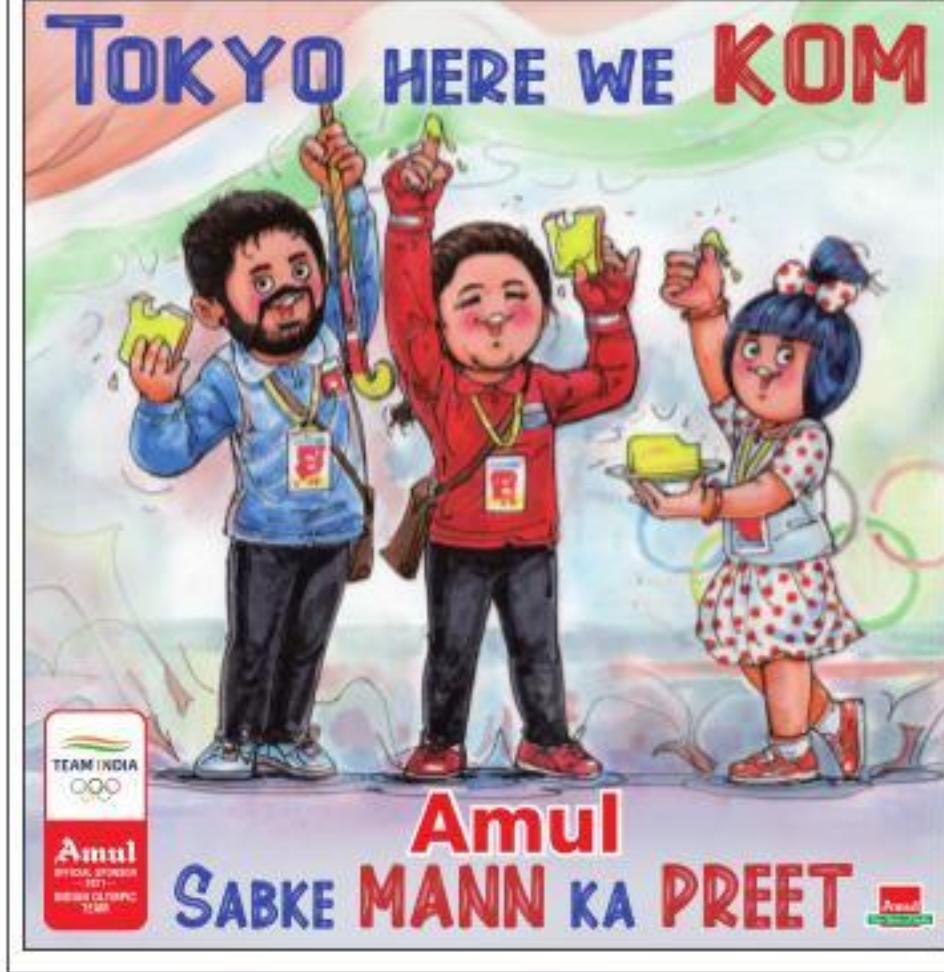
SAD leaders, led by ex-chief parliamentary secretary Pawan Kumar Tinu, met commission members and later said they were surprised that it had failed to do its duty by refusing to order Bittu's arrest under the SC Prevention of Atrocities Act. They said the commission was the only hope for the oppressed, but it had become a tool of the Congress. — TNS

Vaxdrive at Tikri

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6

The state health department today started a vaccination drive for farmers protesting at the Delhi borders for the past over seven months.

A team of the department, including Mohali Civil Hospital Senior Medical Officer Dr Harminderjit Singh Cheema and community health officer Dr Manpreet Singh, was formed following the orders of the DC and the civil surgeon. The first dose was administered to Avtar Singh Surasing. — TNS



With 10K doses, vaccination resumes in Muktsar today

MUKTSAR, JULY 6

The vaccination drive, which was suspended on Monday after the stocks dried up, is set to resume from Wednesday.

A health official said they had sent a vehicle to Chandigarh to bring the stock. "We

are expected to get 10,000 doses of vaccine," he said.

Meanwhile, health officials today held meetings to resume the drive tomorrow.

CMO Dr Ranju Singla said camps would be set up at various places tomorrow. — TNS

COVID METER

Cases	190
Critical	45
Active	2,015
Deaths	5

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Amritsar	21	0
Ludhiana	19	0
Bathinda	15	2
Hoshiarpur	15	1
Faridkot	12	0
Total	5,96,736	16,131

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Reserve five seats for Sikhs in J&K: SAD

CHANDIGARH, JULY 6
The SAD today urged the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory Delimitation Commission to reserve five seats for members of the Sikh community in the Union Territory Legislative Assembly.

Party senior leader and former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra handed over a letter written by SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal to Delimitation Commission Chairman Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (retd) in Srinagar today. The SAD has urged the commission to consider reserving three seats for the Sikh community in Jammu and two seats in Srinagar. The commission assured to consider the demand sympathetically.

Seeks 3 in Jammu, two in Srinagar

ly, a SAD press release said.

In the letter, Sukhbir said: "Several times, the Sikhs were promised that they would reserve a definite number of seats for members of the community in the J&K legislature on the pattern of the Anglo-Indian community in Parliament and State Assemblies. Sadly, the then Congress government did not honour any of the promises made to the Sikh community post-Partition".

Meanwhile, Chandumajra while apprising the Commission members about the entire issue said the Sikh community had a rich historical and cultural association with J&K. He said J&K was at one time part of the Sikh empire. — TNS

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Pro-Hooda MLAs continue meetings with Venugopal

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NEW DELHI, JULY 6

Haryana Congress MLAs continued their meetings with the central leadership here today to demand adequate say for themselves and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in the impending organisational reshuffle.

They met AICC general secretary KC Venugopal in groups of six after the yesterday's meeting with 10 lawmakers, who sought consultations with elected representatives in the organisational matters.

It is further learnt that some MLAs, including Geeta Bhukkal and Shakuntala Khatak, also held meetings with AICC Haryana in charge Vivek Bansal who assured everyone that pre-reshuffle deliberations would be comprehensive.

Among the legislators who were Venugopal today were Bhukkal, Khatak, Mamman Khan, Surendra Panwar, Mewa Singh, Induraj Narwal, Mohammad Ilyas, Subhash Gangoli, Amit Sihag and Varun Mullana.

G'gram hospital booked for vax scam

Took money from 56 persons, but later got them vaccinated at govt centres for free

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, JULY 6

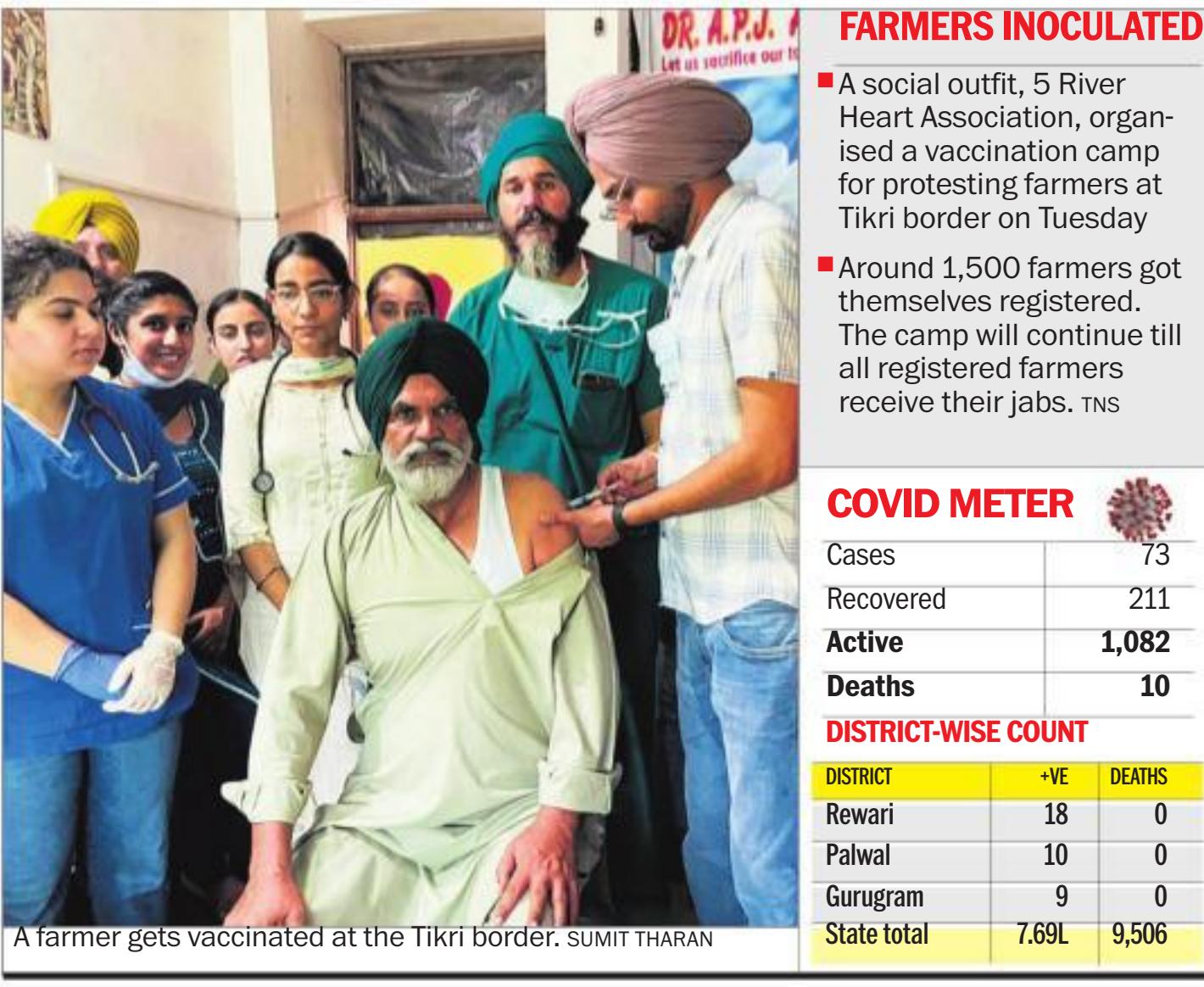
A Gurugram private hospital has been booked for fake vaccination scam.

The Jharsa road-based private hospital allegedly took vaccination charges and then took all beneficiaries to a local polyclinic and vaccination centres in Delhi and got them vaccinated for free. Later, the beneficiaries were given certificates from the hospital. An FIR has been registered at the Sadar police station.

As many as 56 people were vaccinated through the hospital after paying the charges, but got jabbed at Delhi's Aerocity and Gurugram's polyclinic.

According to the complaint filed by district immunisation officer Dr MP Singh, a local resident approached him claiming that on July 3, Chiranjivi Hospital, located on the Jharsa road in Gurugram, refused to vaccinate her even when she had got online slots.

Hospital officials allegedly offered to get her vaccinated at the polyclinic in Sector 31,



A farmer gets vaccinated at the Tikri border. SUMIT THARAN

but the certificate she received was issued by Chiranjivi Hospital.

The hospital had no vaccine with it during the period as per records as it had returned the entire lot.

As per guidelines, the vac-

cines remaining from the first phase were to be deposited with the Health Department by April 30 and private hospital had to buy vaccines on their own for the next phase.

Following the complaint, a

FARMERS INOCULATED

- A social outfit, 5 River Heart Association, organised a vaccination camp for protesting farmers at Tikri border on Tuesday
- Around 1,500 farmers got themselves registered. The camp will continue till all registered farmers receive their jabs. TNS

COVID METER

Cases	73
Recovered	211
Active	1,082
Deaths	10

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Rewari	18	0
Palwal	10	0
Gurugram	9	0
State total	7.69L	9,506

were also registered on Cowin portal. But the hospital had no vaccine as per the records.

"When asked, the committee was informed that the hospital just issued certificates and the people were vaccinated at Delhi or the polyclinic, Sector 31.

"Hospital director Dr Amritsh Soni and vaccination manager Sumit Sharma failed to give any satisfactory reply," Dr Sharma said in his complaint.

Following the complaint, an FIR has been registered against Dr Amritsh Soni and Sumit Sharma of Chiranjivi Hospital under Sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using forged document), 34 (common intention) of the IPC at the Sadar police station.

"We have lodged an FIR and probe is on," said inspector Dinesh Yadav, SHO of the Sadar police station.

Dr Amritsh Soni accepted that they made a mistake, but there was no intention of any fraud. "We were just helping the people," he said.

HC issues stay order on admission without SLC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

He added a recognised school could not admit a student from another recognised school without school leaving certificate.

Taking up the matter, Justice Mittal also issued a notice of motion to the state and other respondents, which was accepted by the state counsel.

Referring to Rule 194-A of the 2003 Rules, the state council added it permitted the state government to issue directions permitting a school to admit students without school leaving certificate — a submission that failed to find favour with Justice Mittal.

Staying the operation of the communication, Justice Mittal added a perusal of the rule referred to, prima facie, did not grant any such powers.

Will soon be active in politics, says Chautala

NEW DELHI, JULY 6

Former CM Om Prakash Chautala, who was recently released from jail after completing his sentence, on Tuesday said he would soon be active in public life and politics.

"I was never out of politics," he said, adding he had kept up his contact with people during his sentence.

Chautala was here to pay homage at the *samadhi* of his

father and former Deputy PM Devi Lal.

To a question on the JJP's stand against farmers' stir, Chautala said: "Only time will tell who is on which side. However, no one is on the side of the incumbent government."

He said there should be no bar on his contesting elections and hoped the EC would take a favourable call in his case. —TNS

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday put the state of Haryana on notice on a petition seeking setting aside of an order, whereby sanction for prosecution of four police officials in the Gurugram schoolboy murder case was declined by the government.

The notice by Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan came

on a petition filed against the state and other respondents by the victim's father.

Prince, a Class XI student,

was found dead in his

school washroom on Sep-

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The Tribune

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The death of Fr. Swamy

Denial of bail to under-trials must come up for national debate

STANISLAUS Lourduswamy or Father Stan Swamy, a Jesuit priest, was born in Tiruchirappalli, worked in Ranchi for the rights of forest dwellers and died at the age of 84 in Mumbai as an under-trial prisoner; exemplifying the undying spirit of rebellion against the State power and life-giving kindness for the meek. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) claimed that he was a Maoist and a key conspirator in the Bhima-Koregaon case, but it did not, even for a day, seek his custodial interrogation after it arrested him on October 8, 2020. The NIA just wanted to keep him in jail. The FIR of the case goes back to 2018 when the NIA raided Fr. Swamy's residence first and he was questioned too, yet he was not arrested till 2020. Obviously, the NIA did not consider him a flight risk. Then, why did it keep a Parkinson's patient in jail during a raging pandemic?

Fr. Swamy's lawyer has sought a judicial probe into the incarceration of an ailing man leading to his death; and the least that the Bombay High Court can do now is to order one. After all, it failed in assessing the need for interim bail to Fr. Swamy when it agreed to shift the priest to a hospital of his choice. The conduct of the NIA and jail authorities, which denied him a sipper to drink, should be scrutinised to stop the misuse of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act to deny bail to the accused. In Fr. Swamy's case, the NIA court invoked chapters IV and VI of the Act to detain him. These provisions pertaining to terrorist activities and organisations should not have been used in the case of a man who never picked up a weapon.

The greatest misfortune of our criminal justice system is its propensity to allow the misuse of the judicial process to punish the accused rather than awaiting verdicts dependent on evidentiary merit — be they enemies of the State or the moneyed. Fr. Swamy's death should trigger a national debate on the denial of bail to under-trials. Let his suffering not go in vain.

CBSE exam pattern

A timely and welcome roadmap for students

LEARNING from 2020, when the world, in general, was taken off guard by a raging pandemic and strategies for vital events such as board exams were modified along the way, the CBSE has, creditably, fortified itself with a detailed assessment scheme for classes X and XII of the 2021-22 session. Coming at the beginning of the session, the board's timely plan should enable the students as well as school authorities to prepare for these two crucial exams. Catering to the various probable scenarios that may emerge in view of the ongoing pandemic, the CBSE has announced a slew of evaluation methods. With the coronavirus waves looming large, but without precise prediction, alternative patterns of exams have been formulated to fit in all exigencies: whether the Covid-19 curve is going up or down, factoring in conditions that are conducive to offline or online modes.

This roadmap — even as some creases are still being ironed out — should save the current batches of CBSE students from the harrowing time that this dilemma presented to their counterparts during the 2020-21 session. The other school boards must lay out how they would compute results. Last year was marked by a punishing guessing game, with the exam schedules swinging from the now-on mode to the now-off one in response to the unfolding surges. The boards drew flak from parents, students and schools as they revised at the last minute their decisions over the conduct of classes and exams.

The CBSE's introduction of a two-term system of marking candidates for half-yearly exams along with regular internal tests is welcome as it is designed to give weightage to the year-round performance of students. In fact, it's a much-needed reformatory step. The authorities would do well to transition into this new scheme of appraisal even beyond the pandemic. The present examination process is directed more towards rote-based learning and undue stress on accomplishment in one set of tests. An overhaul has been long due. Brainstorming of a strategy that ensures a level playing field and checks against schools giving unfair scores to their wards is needed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding. — Albert Einstein

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1921

The Irish Problem.

IT was the late Mr. Redmond, we believe, who once pathetically declared that again and again had the cup of freedom been snatched away from Ireland at the very time when she was about to grasp it. We do not know if we are witnessing a repetition of this very tragedy at the present moment. A few days ago, what looked so like a hopeful situation was created by Mr. Lloyd George's invitation to Mr. De Valera to go to London and explore to the utmost with the Premier of Ulster the possibility of an Irish settlement, Mr. De Valera's first reply was a bare acknowledgement of the Premier's letter, though it did emphasise their (the Sinn Feiners') earnest desire to effect a lasting Anglo-Irish peace. The second and final reply has dashed to the ground all hopes of peace. In refusing Mr. George's invitation to the conference in London, Mr. De Valera has declared that "the Irish political differences should be adjusted on Irish soil." He has emphasised the same view in his telegram to Sir James Craig, the Premier of Ulster, who had informed him of the impossibility of arranging the proposed conference at Dublin and added that he had already accepted Mr. George's invitation to the London conference — which means nothing, because with the refusal of Mr. George's invitation by Mr. De Valera, the proposal about the London conference automatically fell through. While regretting Sir Craig's inability to meet him in Dublin, Mr. De Valera adds that "owing to its implications, it is impossible for him to accept Mr. George's proposal in its present form. Irish political differences should and can be adjusted on Irish soil, but it is obvious that in negotiating peace with Britain, the Irish delegation should not be divided." The trouble is that the common principle has yet to be discovered and every conference that has been held for the purpose has resulted in a fiasco.

Taliban holds peace key

That this crucial initiative has passed into its hands indicates US failure



VIVEK KATJU

EX-Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs

AS America left the Bagram air base in Afghanistan last week to signal that it had effectively withdrawn its forces much before the September 11 deadline set by President Biden, attention has turned to the immediate and mid-term future of a country ravaged by conflict and instability for over four decades. This is not unnatural, for the departure of the Americans is not proceeding, at least as yet, in circumstances they themselves, a large section of the region or the Kabul elite, had desired.

Effectively now, the choice of either war or peace, the latter however tenuous, is with the Taliban. That this crucial initiative has passed into Taliban hands shows many American and Afghan failures: global attention has focused on the military successes of the Taliban; what has escaped adequate attention is the failure of the Kabul elite to meet inter alia the social and cultural challenge posed by the group. It is necessary to examine it, especially in the context of the emphasis being given by sections of the international community, including India, of 'preserving the gains of the past 20 years'. The very fact that it is found necessary to make such calls is indicative of the Kabul leadership's failure in rooting these gains in firm countrywide social and cultural foundations. That can be attributed to the Kabul elite's inability over the past two decades to deny cultural, social, ideological and even theological space to the Taliban in Afghanistan, especially in the Pashtun heartland.

At least since the middle of the 18th century, Afghanistan has been dominated by the Pashtun ethnic group. It is the largest group but its claim to con-



ON THEIR OWN: With Americans leaving the Bagram air base last week, the challenges for the Afghan forces are set to mount. REUTERS

Over the years, the capital rootedness of the Kabul elite helped the Taliban narrative that they were foreign puppets.

stitute a clear majority of the population is contested by the other important groups which are Tajik, Hazara and Uzbek. Ethnicity is a very important fact of Afghan social and political life and the Pashtun traditionally, and today also, consider themselves as the natural leaders of Afghanistan. Whereas historically, they did not think it necessary to share power with others, now they do, but only on their terms.

At its core, the Taliban is Pashtun, though over the past two decades, it has co-opted other ethnicities. It draws its strength from the Pashtun areas in the south and the east. Significantly, it does not entirely conform to the traditional 'mazhab' of Sunni Afghans, though many of its leaders have been schooled in Deobandi madrasas. (Once a renowned Afghan jihadi leader, a pious Muslim himself, told me in the 1990s that he did not understand Taliban doctrines!). Its cultural practices have exhibited extreme forms of Pashtun conservatism and regressive Islamism.

American intervention in 2001 did not finish the Taliban, for its leaders, along with a considerable number of supporters, managed to cross the Durand Line into Pakistan and the rest

went back to their homes in the Pashtun areas. This provided an opportunity for the Kabul-based Pashtun leaders who came into power to actively combat the Taliban ideologically and theologically in the Pashtun heartland and in Pashtun communities elsewhere in the country. These initiatives had to be led by President Hamid Karzai and his Pashtun colleagues through personal contacts with the people, not so much in Kabul as through repeated tours in the Pashtun areas. This they seldom did. Most preferred the safety of Kabul and thus left the field open to the Taliban to continue to spread and consolidate its influence. Local notables were called to Kabul to meet Karzai, and later, Ashraf Ghani too, but it is one thing for leaders to have met them in the safety of their dwellings and offices in the capital and quite another for them to spend time in the provincial capitals and even more in the villages. The Kabul Pashtun leaders should also not have allowed traditional tribal Pashtun divisions to stand in their way.

Security considerations and the weakening of Pashtunwal—the code of the Pashtuns—perhaps contributed to many of them, especially the Presidents, seldom undertaking tours of

the country. These were essential to demonstrate that they had the courage to move among their own people even amidst the violence. Many Kabul-based post 2001 Pashtun leaders belonged to the Afghan diaspora. They had weak roots in the countryside and lacked the credibility which would have enabled them to counter Taliban ideology. In this respect, the non-Pashtun Kabul-based leaders maintained a better connect with their ethnicities through travel and tours of their areas, though they, too, faced charges that they did not do so sufficiently. Over the years, the capital rootedness of the Kabul elite helped the Taliban narrative that they were foreign puppets and birds of passage.

A new generation has come of age in Afghanistan over the past two decades. It is connected with the world through social media and is aware of the systems and values of the present times. Afghan women in the capital and in the non-Pashtun areas are asserting that they would not accept the rigid and violent codes which the Taliban had adopted on gender issues. The ethnic minorities would also not willingly submit to the Taliban; the fact that militias under local commanders are forming is a manifestation of this unease. The problem, though, is that it is not fully known the extent to which the Taliban has succeeded in developing a constituency among non-Pashtuns. In this respect, the Taliban's recent swift moves in north-eastern Afghanistan are worrying. Amidst all this, the key lies in the prevailing social and cultural attitudes of the Pashtuns in their heartland, for it is from there that the Taliban draws strength. And there is no evidence that Talibanism is being actively shunned there—where it matters.

The international community should never accept the gender policies pursued by the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in the 1990s. It should also find unacceptable its reprehensible approaches towards religious minorities, including Shia Muslims. Will it show the required unity to shun the Taliban if it captures power in the country and policy-wise gives up the gains of the past 20 years? It does not seem so.

A deadly gamble for life

AJAY KUMAR SHARMA

IT was a quiet evening in April 2014 when I, along with a friend, decided to explore the tourist town of Goreme in the Cappadocia region of Turkey, famous for its fairy chimneys, boutique cave hotels and hot-air balloon rides.

Wandering the streets, we were tempted to take a break at a small roadside café. We were accosted by a young South Asian waiter. The tone and tenor suggested the boy was either from India or Pakistan. "We will like to have coffee but where are you from?" I asked him.

"Pakistan," he replied.

As he came back to serve coffee, we couldn't hide our curiosity and asked

him as to why and how did he reach there. "It's a long story," Aslam told us. "I belong to a small village in the Punjab province of Pakistan. My family doesn't own any land and there are no jobs available in the village. A question of survival, my father found his way to Dubai. Hearing about the prosperity of Europe, I also started planning for the perilous journey to be recovered later. And then, there is the constant threat of being caught or shot by the border police," he narrated.

"Once in Turkey, they took us to Istanbul for onward smuggling to Greece, but we were stopped by the local police, jailed for a month and then released. There are thousands of illegal Pakistani migrants in Turkey who come here mostly through the land route via Iran, with the intention to enter Europe. These days, Greece has closed its bor-

ders and it is getting difficult to enter. So, like many other such illegal migrants, I decided to stay put in Turkey. Here in Turkey, most migrants work at restaurants, factories or construction sites and are paid unfairly due to their illegal status," he continued.

As Aslam went away, we were left speechless. Trudging back to our hotel, we wondered what motivated these young boys to undertake such illegal, harsh and sometimes life-threatening journeys!

Lure of a prosperous future, extreme poverty and lack of employment opportunities in their own hometown and country? Thousands of Indians also undertake similar journeys through sea and land route to reach Europe or the US.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outmoded debate

Refer to 'A Force to reckon with'; the infantry vs Air Force debate is as old as WW-II. In later day warfare, air superiority became vital. It is hard to win a battle on the basis of the Army alone. Equipped with the latest firepower, the Air Force paves the way for penetration into enemy lines, but then, it is the Army that seals victory. This era increasingly uses new technologies to engage in any conflict zone with minimal military footprint, through remote warfare. This approach also strategically creates political distance between the nation and the sites of its military interventions that stand enhanced by powerful armed drones and meticulous special operations. It is surprising that we should engage in debates that are far less relevant today. The emphasis today is on coordination, optimisation of resources and the use of superior technology.

R NARAYAN, NAVI MUMBAI

No relief on fuel front

Petrol price has been hiked 35 times in two months. But sadly, there is no light at the end of the tunnel, as the twin fuel prices continue to rise in the country and the government conveniently turns a blind eye to the resultant predicament of the common man. The state-run oil marketing companies

have relentlessly been toying with their revenue-centric game plan (obviously on the Centre's behalf) ever since the declaration of the West Bengal Assembly poll results. Petrol has already crossed the Rs 100-a-litre mark in 14 states and UTs. It's a different matter that neither the Centre nor the states are willing to part with their current overflowing revenue surpluses.

KUMAR GUPTA, PANCHKULA

Quashed law

This refers to 'Shocking: SC on FIRs under junked Section of IT Act'. The big question remains: How to compensate where the damage has been done?

Why is the quashed law not taken off the statute book through an ordinance pending action by the legislature? The ends of justice are met only when unjust suffering ends. The executive is dancing to the tunes of its political masters guided by vote-bank politics and has oftentimes failed to come to the rescue of the common man. Suspension of traffic to avert confrontation only adds to public woes. As the sentinel and saviour of constitutional freedoms and rights, the SC needs to bite where baring its teeth does not suffice.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Federer still in the game

Apropos of 'Federer ready for another title run', the Swiss leg-

end, who is gunning for a record 21st Grand Slam title, has been sailing smoothly in the current Wimbledon. When many professionals would have long retired from the game, astonishingly Federer is still playing, and has the hunger and energy for more Grand Slam titles. Maybe the body will listen to the master for a couple of more years. But living in the present moment, we need to stick around, for there is a final chapter left to write on this tennis icon because legends always have one last surprise to spring.

RANGANATHAN SIVAKUMAR, CHENNAI

Misuse of water

Refer to 'Water scarcity'; acute shortage of water can be seen in many parts of Haryana, especially in areas bordering Rajasthan. But, still people waste a lot of water on activities like washing cars and for maintaining lawns. In Narwana, a lot of service stations have mushroomed in every nook and cranny, where their staff wash cars throughout the day and waste a lot of water. They dig deep, illegal borewells, connect illegal kundi connections and carry on their illegal business openly without fear of the law. Water is precious; people should use it judiciously.

RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA

Will be Punjab's undoing

'Sidhu bats for 300 units of free power, wants PPAs scrapped' is an amusing but ironical story. In politics, ex-cricketer Navjot Sidhu is regarded as an opportunist. He has always had his feet in two boats. His statement on 300 units of free power is an echo of AAP's slogan. Here again, Sidhu's one foot seems to be in AAP's boat. Free power to all consumers is a ruinous path. It will sink Punjab into debt. But politicians bid their time and enjoy power. Who cares for the long-term effects on the economy?

LR SHARMA, SUNDERNAGAR

Wake-up call for all

Apropos of 'Tyranny of the elected in a democracy', it is true that India has turned into an authoritarian democracy because citizens have submitted to tyrants. All democracy-saving institutions have been hijacked by the ruling dispensation. Minimal scope of justice is left for the common people. Here, Arnab Goswami gets bail while Stan Swamy dies in jail! Our freedom fighters laid down their lives not for this kind of India. This is George Orwell's 'Oceania', instead. There is need for a mass movement against such totalitarian trends. Wake up people, save democracy.

BHAVYA ATAL, BATHINDA

BJP does balancing act to check dissidence



RADHIKA RAMASESHAN

SENIOR JOURNALIST

THE BJP has reasons to applaud and raise a toast to the success that came its way over the past seven years. The party's website commemorates every milestone there is to celebrate. The BJP is the world's largest party with 11 crore members, it rules at the Centre and over 18 states and union territories autonomously or in conjunction with allies, and has an unassailable grip over Parliament with 301 MPs in the 543-member Lok Sabha and 95 in the 245-member Rajya Sabha. With its rapid spread in the east and the north-east, the BJP has shed the tag of a party confined to the north and west of India. The south stands like a parapet against the unbried expansion and the core beliefs enshrined in the BJP's versions of nationalism and Hinduism.

Power carries a price tag despite generously rewarding the BJP. The cost entailed in maintaining and retaining defectors from the other parties — variously labelled as imports, turncoats, opportunists and weather-vanes — is enormous. These are men and women who did not enter the BJP to embrace its ideology and imbibe the RSS's bible. Their entry was a derivative of the party's rise to a pole position where it held out the promise of a supreme patron handing out the

loaves and fishes of power in much the way the Congress did in the decades gone by. There are two significant differences: the BJP was birthed by an ideologically motivated RSS, albeit out of expediency, when the Sangh needed political and parliamentary presence to lobby in crises and was part of a large family with equally ambitious progenies desirous of sharing power. On the other hand, the Congress spawned off-springs such as the Sewa Dal and the National Students' Union of India that were always subservient to the parent. Second, the BJP or the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in its previous incarnation was on the political periphery until 1989 but the party organisation was put together by dedicated founders who never swerved from the original political objectives and built a corps of workers, initially drawn from urban India, with the RSS's help.

Barring stray individuals, the core team remained unquestioningly loyal to the BJP through thick and thin. But the BJP's recent enlargement and the induction of defectors from the Congress and regional parties etched their own fault lines. Added to this trend is the over-centralisation of authority in identifiable power centres ensconced in Delhi which ride roughshod over the regions and the provincial satraps.

TIGHTROPE WALK: The BJP has been able to manage contradictions despite its expansion. PTI

Singh Rawat, went out on account of his 'unpopular' decisions, one of which upset the powerful Hindu clergy. His successor, Tirath Singh Rawat, a Lok Sabha MP, had to quit ostensibly because he could not meet the deadline set for his election to the legislature. The view from inside the BJP was that the leadership was afraid for Rawat to contest a bypoll in case he lost. If this reasoning is even partially true, it shows that despite the Congress's failure to step up to the plate, the BJP is unsure about its prospects of returning to power. The choice for the third incumbent fell on a relatively younger Pushkar Singh Dhami, who like his peers in Himachal

Pradesh and Goa, Jai Ram Thakur and Pramod Sawant, enters through by the now established route of the ABVP and the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. If demography were a determinant, nothing explains why the leaders could not have chosen the 45-year-old Dhami over the senior Rawats in the first place. Except that Uttarakhand has a line-up of CM aspirants, consisting of the BJP's originals as well as the migrants who are reportedly miffed at being passed over thrice and could work against the official candidates in their districts in the elections.

Over to another state, Tripura, that was trumpeted and showcased as a bang-up win in 2018 after the Left



Manik Sarkar. The Congress and the TMC were ineffective counters. Seeing the wind blow in the BJP's favour, their leaders and rank-and-file switched allegiance and filled in the human resources vacuum. However, under Deb, the trust deficit between the originals and the outlanders never closed. They were mutually suspicious to the extent that Sudip Roy Burman, a former Congressman who became a minister, was dropped for allegedly "conspiring" against the CM.

In Madhya Pradesh, when the BJP candidate was convincingly defeated by the Congress nominee in the Damoh Assembly bypoll in May, the axe fell on Jayant Malaiya, a former BJP minister and a heavyweight at that, on the suspicion of sabotage. Rahul Lodhi, the candidate, came to the BJP from the Congress in the en masse defections that precipitated the downfall of the Kamal Nath government. In this instance, a BJP old-timer paid the price for allegedly getting back at a Congress defector.

Goa, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh are the other states that exemplify a system stressed out by the pulls and pressures of power and possibly, of overreaching its ambitions. The tension between adhering to the RSS's ideology and executing its divisive agenda and maintaining the power balance among a motley group of new inductees is one aspect of the New BJP. Undergirding the unwieldy growth is a powerful and cohesive centre in the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah who so far have demonstrated an uncanny ability to hold together the contradictions. It's not just about enforcing 'discipline'.

Strategic vaccine diplomacy the way forward



GURJIT SINGH

FORMER AMBASSADOR

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THE world is witnessing new international dynamics this year. Realignments, reconsiderations and re-engagements are occurring. India has moved closer to the US, the European Union (EU) and the G7 and is expanding its role as a responsible G20 member.

The India-EU leaders' meeting in May, followed by the G7 meeting in June, sought India's role through a preferred strategic convergence. This envisages collaboration in managing the pandemic, its economic fallout, creating resilient value chains, and enhancing vaccine production and accessibility.

Such enhanced partnerships cannot wish away extant contradictions. Western partners like to set higher standards for India as for instance, on climate change, WTO issues, and investment rules. India would for its own interests like to be on the side of developing countries.

Vaccine production, distribution and wider availability challenge the summits' consensus as in practical terms, national interests come to the fore. The India-EU leaders' meeting noted the "importance of effective and inclusive rules-based multilateralism for tackling current and future global challenges." This has to navigate the shoals of varied national interests since India alone cannot adjust itself to deepening partnerships.

In October 2020, at the WTO's TRIPS Council meeting, India and South Africa sought a waiver amid the pandemic for broader access to vaccine technologies. Scaling up local production can ensure affordable and effective access to vaccines. India can use its manufacturing



EU'S GREEN PASS: The WHO is not in favour of a vaccine passport which would benefit limited countries and restrict travel to people with access to vaccines. REUTERS

capabilities, expand production with western partners and increase accessibility, including through COVAX.

Six vaccines approved by WHO received COVAX focus and mainly Pfizer and AstraZeneca doses have been delivered so far. Most COVAX orders went to the Serum Institute of India (SII).

European or US manufacturers did not contribute much to COVAX as they built their own reserves,

catering to national requirements. As of May 2021, India contributed 107 million doses in bilateral grants, 357 million commercially and 198 million under COVAX. This halted when the second wave hit India. The realisation dawned that manufacturing capacities needed expansion as Europe, the UK and the US faced inadequacy of their own manufacturers in fulfilling com-

mitments. The concept of sharing started falling prey to vaccine nationalism, while multilaterally, countries committed themselves to vaccine globalisation.

The same EU leaders who in May 2020 spoke about the vaccine as a 'global public property' are now resisting the TRIPS waiver.

Over 100 countries now support the waiver, including the US. With the EU nations, there is little meeting ground because they believe that vaccine producers like India should invoke compulsory licensing instead of seeking waivers.

The EU sees the US as playing to the gallery by supporting the waiver without contributing to actual resolution in WTO negotiations. The WTO has been the place where the EU and developing countries, particularly India, have had several showdowns. These contin-

ue despite the strategic consensus at the India-EU and G7 summits.

Another issue is of vaccine passports. The EU, as always, wants to protect itself from everybody else. Its Green Pass is a noble thought for its own citizens.

Increasing trade and investment means a larger number of business people travelling between India and the EU. Germany, France and other European countries have attracted a larger number of Indian students who now face problems related to access, despite obtaining admissions.

These need empathetic resolution while upholding the safety of citizens. But, is the European Medical Agency (EMA) the right authority for the purpose? For EU people to travel freely within Europe, the EMA can set standards, like the Green Pass, for themselves. Extending that as a vaccine passport to non-European countries is a challenge.

At the G7 Health Ministers' meeting in June, India opposed this concept as discriminatory. The WHO is not in favour of such a vaccine passport, which would benefit only limited countries and restrict travel to people with access to vaccines. The Green Pass is limited to vaccines in operation in the EU and is meant to facilitate movement within Europe. It ought not be linked to restricting wider access.

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have moved quickly to work with WHO-approved vaccines, including Covishield, which EU countries have funded under COVAX for many countries. Providing a vaccine and then prohibiting access to its users is problematic.

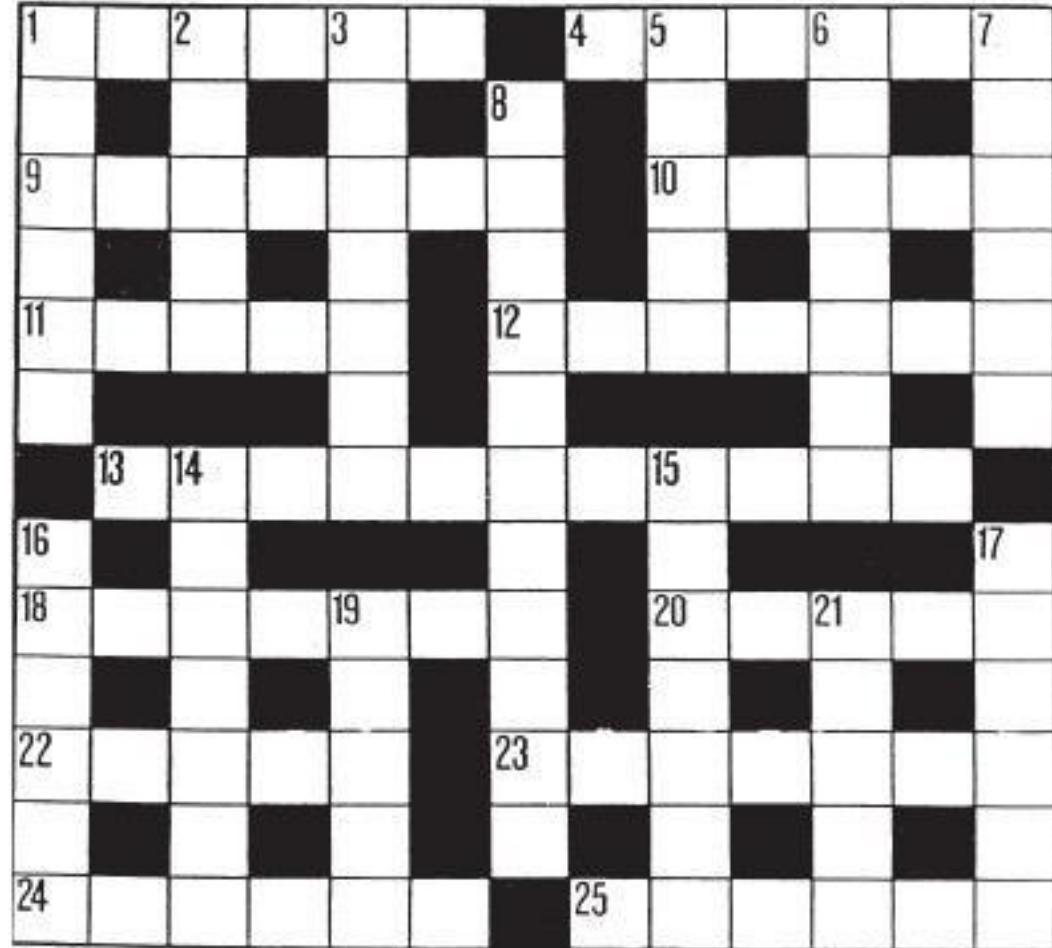
Undoubtedly, the SII had not applied to EMA. It is unclear whether applications were being called for, or a determination was being done by the EMA itself. A market authorisation application would invoke EMA consideration. India need not go the EMA route; it should persist with a WHO-led format.

Since India is carrying out a major vaccination exercise and Indians are important partners to countries like Germany, Estonia and Spain, nine Schengen countries decided to accept the Covishield CoWin certificates. Thus, individual EU countries moved to not let the EMA become an irritant with India.

If the spirit of a new strategic consensus to combat the pandemic prevails, vaccine-producing EU countries like Germany could consider a vaccine initiative with India. This could be like the Quad vaccine proposal and work alongside to establish the norms with mutual acceptability. A surge in production requires a supply chain of over 300 ingredients. This will not emerge from a TRIPS waiver but from a thought-out collaborative effort. The Quad idea is moving slowly but in the right direction. EU countries could parallel it.

India could choose its battlefields more selectively, as it did on the Green Pass. Consensus-building outside the framework of contentious institutions is a better choice that will contribute to making vaccines a truly 'global public property'.

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I, Suresh Kumar S/o Roop Lal, Z-6-1621/004, Street- 12/9, Dhillon Colony, Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda declare that my son Jashandeep Kumar and his wife Ojasvi alias Naina are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable- immovable property. Anybody dealing with them, will do at his own risk. (CL21030622)

I, Army Service No. 2481380F, Sanjay Kumar S/o Late Sh. Hari Chand, Rank ACP/N Sub/R/o 22 Punjab C/o 56 APO declare that my married daughter's name is wrongly entered as Shawani Kumari in my Army service record. Her correct name is Shiwani Kumari as per her educational certificate. Concerned please note. (CL21030631)

I, Gurdev Singh s/o Late Sh. Badan Singh r/o H.NO. 891, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh declare that I had disowned my son Swaranjeet Singh in The Tribune publication of 30.11.2019. Now he is under my control and he has full rights in my moveable- immovable property. (CL21030647)

I, JC-340771W, Rank Sub. Raju Singh s/o Kishan Singh, Unit-52 Engr. Regt. c/o 99 APO declare that my son Name Sekher Kumar and DOB 29.01.1991 which incorrect mention in my service record. That correct Name is Shekhar Singh & DOB 20.08.1990. (CL21030679)

I, Seema Kumari w/o Ex. No. 13958639-W, Rank Ex Hav. Balbir Chand (late) r/o Village: Athaman Road Amb, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una (HP), in Army documents record mistakenly entered my daughter name be corrected as Dimpal instead of Dimpale. (CL21030683)

I, Shashi spouse of No. 1062648-P Rank: Ex Dfr. Rajesh Kumar Rana, Village: Raipur, PO: Marwari, Tehsil: Ghanari, Distt. Una (HP), have changed my name to Shashi Devi and my DOB be corrected as 14.03.1966 instead of 27.12.1965 vide affidavit. Dt. 06.07.2021, before Executive Magistrate Amb (Una) HP. (CL21030667)

I, Number 605276B, Rank ex-JWO, Des Raj son of Ran Singh, Village Dhar Bhol, PO Larth, Tehsil Jawali, District Kangra (HP) declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Reena to Renu Choudhary in my service record. Concerned note. (CL21030688)

I, Service No. 19014986K Recruit Pankaj Kumar s/o Trilok Raj, Village Dakiara, PO and Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra, HP, declare that I have changed my name from Pankaj Kumar to Pankaj Singh. Concerned note. (CL21030689)

I, G.P. Singh s/o S. Narinder Singh r/o H.NO. 93, St.No. 14-E, Darshan Singh Nagar, Alipur Road, Patiala, have changed my name to Gurmanpreet Singh. (CL21030443)

BoQ and tender related conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hptenders.gov.in

HIM SOOCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

No. 2047-52 Dated 25/06/2021 DPR/HP/2146

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

No. 1474 Dt. 30.06.2021

Commissioner on behalf of Municipal Corporation, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for the following work from only eligible, incorporated and experienced companies from India of relevant field.

Congress ticket aspirants from Fatehpur put up show of strength

Panel meets in Dharamsala; names discussed for three bypolls

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Himachal Congress in-charge Rajiv Shukla arrives for a political affairs committee meeting in Dharamsala on Tuesday. PHOTO: KAMLAJEET

NO CONSENSUS

No consensus could be built at the meeting on the candidates for the byelections, sources said. The names of Bhawani Pathania from Fatehpur, Rohit Thakur from Jubbal Kotkhai and Kaul Singh Thakur from Mandi parliamentary seat were discussed. However, the political affairs committee has decided to wait for the BJP to declare its candidates before finalising Congress candidates.

While the meeting was being held various Congress leaders, aspirant of party ticket from Fatehpur assembly constituency, gathered at a private hotel where the meeting was being held. Bhawani Pathania, son of former Congress minister Sujjan Singh Pathania on whose demise by-elections of Fatehpur were being held, came with his supporters who raised slogans in his favour. Various other Congress

leaders from Fatehpur also came with their supporters and demanded that the party ticket should be given to a common party worker.

While talking to newsmen, Congress workers from Fatehpur said in case a leader was forced on them and ticket was not given to a common worker of Fatehpur, they would oppose the candidate.

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Russia offers military support to secure Tajik-Afghan border



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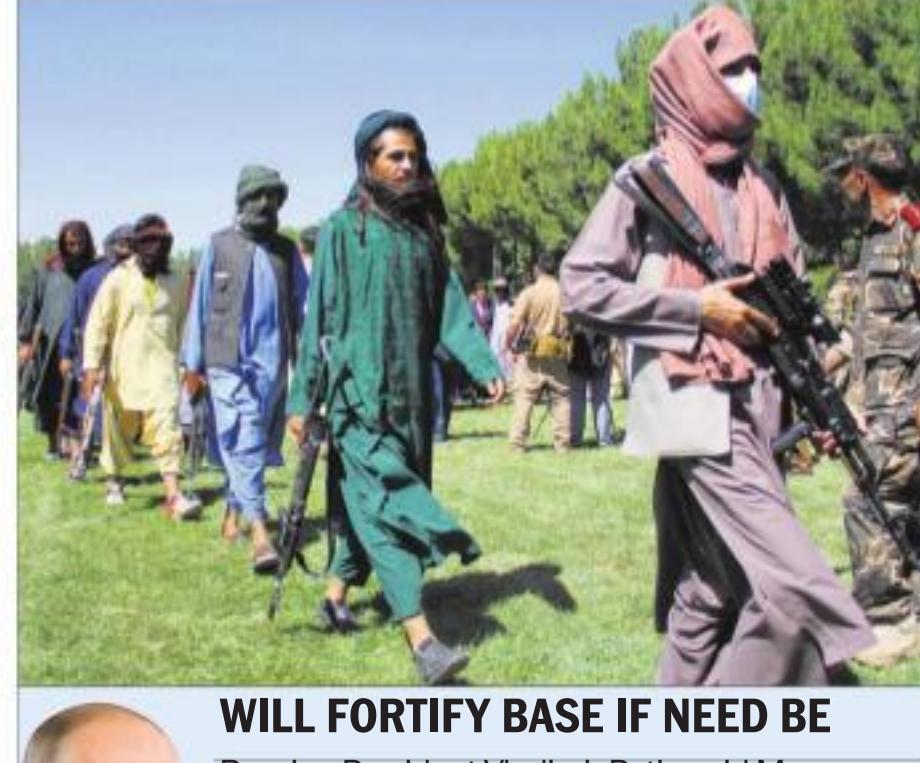
6 students among 9 held in alleged HK bomb plot

MOSCOW, JULY 6

Russian military helicopters based in Tajikistan fired air-to-surface missiles during a training exercise on Tuesday as Moscow said its forces in the Central Asian nation were fully equipped to help secure the border with Afghanistan.

Tajik President Emomali Rakhmon ordered the mobilisation of 20,000 military reservists to bolster the border with Afghanistan after more than 1,000 Afghan security personnel fled across the frontier in response to Taliban militant advances.

Russian President Vladimir Putin told Rakhmon said Moscow would help the impoverished former Soviet republic contend with the fallout from NATO's exit. Russia, which operates one of its largest military bases abroad in Tajikistan, would help stabilise the border with Afghanistan if need be.



WILL FORTIFY BASE IF NEED BE

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Taliban find new revenue source as they seize US-built border gateway

TALIBAN VICTORIES SHUT CONSULATES

A surge of Taliban wins in northern Afghanistan has caused some countries to close their north Afghan consulates.

Across the border in Tajikistan, reservists are being called up to reinforce its southern border, according to officials and reports on Tuesday.

INDIAN EMBASSY IN KABUL JUNKS CLOSURE REPORTS

The Indian Embassy in Afghanistan on Tuesday described as "incorrect" reports saying India was shutting its diplomatic missions in the country.

The embassy tweeted it was closely monitoring the security situation, particularly around Kandahar and Mazar.

Twitter restricts account of prof who mocked Xi

WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND), JULY 6

A New Zealand academic says Twitter temporarily restricted her account after she mocked Chinese President Xi Jinping. University of Canterbury Professor Anne-Marie Brady is an expert on China's attempts to exert political influence around the world and has been an outspoken critic of its ruling Communist Party. Last week, she sent tweets poking fun at the party's 100th anniversary celebrations.

She said two of those tweets were temporarily marked "unavailable" by Twitter and her account was temporarily restricted over the weekend, before it was restored on Monday. Twitter did not say what prompted its actions.

Edward Lucas, a columnist for The Times newspaper in Britain, wrote that it probably resulted from an online campaign of complaints by Communist Party agents which would have triggered response from Twitter.



Japan to ship another 1.1mn AstraZeneca doses to Taiwan

TOKYO: Japan is set to send another 1.1 million donated AstraZeneca doses to Taiwan this week to help the self-governing island fight its worst Covid-19 outbreak amid a struggle to get vaccines. AP

Euro Cup: 3 Indians among 8 arrested for gambling

KATHMANDU: Eight persons, including three Indian nationals, were arrested here on Tuesday on charges of illegal online betting on Euro Cup 2020, the police said. PTI

Russia, which operates one of its largest military bases abroad in Tajikistan equipped with tanks, helicopters, drones and ground attack aircraft, would help stabilise the border with Afghanistan if needed.

Kremlin said. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko said it appeared that

the Taliban were now in control of most of the border on the Afghan side. — Reuters

28 dead in Russian plane crash



The crash site in the north of the Kamchatka Peninsula. REUTERS

■ None of the 28 persons on board a Russian An-26 plane survived its crash on Tuesday.

■ The weather was bad and the plane missed a scheduled communication, and disappeared from radar.

Iran accuses Israel of attack on nuclear site

DUBAI, JULY 6

Iran accused Israel on Tuesday of mounting a sabotage attack on a nuclear facility near Tehran last month, the country's state-run news agency reported as the authorities acknowledged for the first time that the mysterious assault had caused structural damage to the site.

The authorities announced in late June that they had prevented saboteurs from attacking a site in Karaj, a city about 40 km northwest of the Iranian capital. They gave no details about what the targeted building belonging to contained. — AP

UK sees biggest surge since Jan



TRACKING VIRUS

NATION	DEATHS
US	6,21,371
BRAZIL	5,25,229
INDIA	4,03,700
MEXICO	2,33,689
UK	1,28,268

WORLD METER TILL JULY 6, 11 PM

Sri Lanka on Tuesday banned protests and public meetings until further notice in a bid to arrest the spread of Covid-19, saying there was a threat of rapid transmission of the pandemic through large gatherings. PTI

infections. Russia's Covid task force on Tuesday reported 23,378 new cases. The daily tally of confirmed infections has more than doubled in the past month. — Agencies

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ￥	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$	BSE ₹	NSE ₹	GOLD ₹	SILVER ₹
₹74.55	₹88.25	₹103.28	₹0.67	₹11.52	₹60.25	₹56.44	₹55.43	₹9.59	52,861.18	15,818.25	₹47,750	₹70,600

GST mop-up dips below ₹1 lakh crore in June

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FIRST TIME IN NINE MONTHS

■ Out of ₹92,849 crore collected in June, Central GST is ₹16,424 crore, State GST ₹20,397, Integrated GST ₹49,079 crore (including ₹25,762 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹6,949 crore (including ₹809 crore collected on import of goods), the Finance Ministry said

■ The revenue in June this year is 2% higher than ₹90,917 crore collected in June 2020

■ GST collection was ₹1.02 lakh crore in May

to the national lockdown declared last year.

According to the Finance Ministry, GST collection for June was Rs 92,849 crore. The last time this happened was in September 2020, when GST collection was Rs 95,480 crore. The June figure, which refers to GST collection in May, was 3.99 crore e-way bills were generated as compared to 5.88 crore in April, when GST collection of Rs 1.41 lakh crore

was the highest-ever since its introduction.

"The GST collection for June is related to the business transactions made during May. During May, most of the States/UTs were under either complete or partial lockdown due to Covid," the Finance Ministry said.

"During the month, 3.99 crore e-way bills were generated as compared to 5.88 crore in April, down over 30%," it said.

At the current exchange rate, the deal value is about Rs 18,550 crore. Fullerton India Credit Company is a non-banking lender and is wholly owned by Fullerton Holdings.

It started India operations in 2007 and has since grown across 600 towns and over 58,000 villages with 629 branches and employs over 13,000 and serves 2.3 million retail and small business borrowers.

The two-legged deal involves Sumitomo buying 74.9% in the Mumbai-based Fullerton India Credit Company — subject to regulatory approvals — and later the remaining stake, Sumitomo and Fullerton said in a joint statement.

Sumitomo said the acquisition was done.

"As sought by the company, the SAT, in its hearing on July 5, adjourned the case for Monday, July 12," PNB Housing Finance said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

Under the deal announced on May 31, the US-based

Sumitomo Group to buy Fullerton India for \$2.5 bn

MUMBAI, JULY 6

Diversified Japanese conglomerate Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group on Tuesday inked an agreement with Singapore-based Fullerton Financial Services Holdings to acquire its non-banking arm Fullerton India Credit Company in a reported \$2.5-billion deal. Fullerton Financial Services is a fully owned subsidiary of Singaporean investment giant Temasek Holdings.

The Japanese acquirer did not disclose the deal value in the public statement, but market sources said Sumitomo will pay around \$2 billion for the 74.9% stake it is buying in the first leg of the two-legged deal, and another \$500 million-plus for the remaining stake to take the ownership to 100%.

■ Fullerton India Credit Company started India operations in 2007 and has since grown across 600 towns and over 58,000 villages with 629 branches and employs over 13,000

which will help it participate in India's long-term growth story on one hand and on the other hand help it strengthen its digital reach across Asia.

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc today entered into an agreement with Fullerton Financial Holdings of Singapore to acquire a 74.9% stake in Fullerton India Credit Company, subject to regulatory approvals. Sumitomo will eventually acquire 100% of Fullerton Credit, the Japanese giant and Singaporean owners said.

"We expect the deal to help strengthen our medium-term objective of widening our digital reach in Asia as envisaged in our three-year business plan beginning FY2020," Jun Ohta, president & group chief executive of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group was quoted as saying. — PTI

OIL LEAPFROGS TO MULTI-YEAR HIGH AFTER OPEC+ TALKS COLLAPSE

LONDON, JULY 6

Oil prices surged to multi-year highs on Tuesday including US crude hitting its highest since 2014 after OPEC+ producers fell out over plans to raise supply in the face of rising global demand. Brent crude climbed 62 cents, or 0.8%, to \$77.78 a barrel by 0748 GMT, a level not seen since October 2018.

BRENT RISES TO \$77.78 A BARREL

■ Brent highest since 2018, US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude highest since 2014

■ OPEC+ talks collapse after Saudi-UAE clash

■ White House has urged compromise to allow output increase

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures traded up \$1.75, or 2.3%, at \$76.91, the highest since November 2014.

Talks collapsed on Monday among ministers from OPEC+, which groups producers from the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) with Russia and others. No date for resuming negotiations was agreed after the talks were carried over for a third day after disagreements last week. — Reuters

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

E-Tender Notice No. 223 dt. 30.06.2021

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewer Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division No. 1, Patiala invites bids from the eligible bidders, contractors for the project work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s):

Sr. No.

Date and Time

Name of Notified Water whose auction will be held

Place

Closing Date and Time

Description

Estimated Cost

Online Sale of Bidding Document

Tender closing Date and Time

Eligibility Open Date and Time

Financial Open Date and Time

Tentative Date and Time

1. Rewinding of 150 HP Motor No. 3 at Old Pump Chamber and Rewinding of Rotor for Motor No. 1 & 2 at New Pump Chamber including cost of material at Water Works at Rajpura and all other works contingent thereto.

2. Replacement of Brick Circular Sewer at M.C. Office and all other works contingent thereto at Patiala.

3. Providing and Laying of Water Supply and Sewerage lines & all other works contingent thereto in Goyal Colony at Banur.

4. Rewinding of 167 HP Motor including rewinding of Rotor and starter of Motor, spare parts of Motor, Repair of Sewage Pump Set and Control Panel including cost of material at MPS, Sheramraja.

5. Providing and laying of sewer lines & construction of House Connections and all other works contingent thereto at Vaishali Enclave at Zirakpur.

6. Providing & laying of UPVC Pipe sewer line and replacement damaged RCC NP-3 Pipe Sewer line and all other works contingent thereto near Shivalik Vihar, Patiala Road at Zirakpur.

7. Providing sewer lines & construction of M.H. Chamber & all other works contingent thereto on Chandigarh Traffic Light point Barrier to Hotel Safire on Chandigarh Ambala Road at Zirakpur.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Patiala.

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BRIEFLY

Mithali's three 50s take her to No. 1 spot

Mithali Raj's three successive half-centuries in the three-match ODI series against England helped her grab the No. 1 position in ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings for the eighth time in her 22-year-old international career.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Neymar's touch puts Brazil in final of Copa America

The Selecao advanced to the final with a 1-0 win over Peru on Monday night. Neymar made the difference as the only goal of the match came in the 34th minute after he tricked defender Alexander Callens on the left edge of the box and assisted Lucas Paqueta, who just pushed the ball to the back of the net.

LONDON

Covid hits England, new squad picked

England have been forced to select a completely new group of players and management for the One-day International series against Pakistan after three players and four members of staff were infected by the Covid-19 virus. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
2ND SEMIFINAL: ENGLAND VS DENMARK
SONY TEN, SONY SIX
00:30AM (THURSDAY)WIMBLEDON
STAR SELECT 3:30PM
TOUR DE FRANCE
EUROSPORT 3:30PM

IOA bosses want Namdev in Tokyo party, treasurer revolts

His name on list controversial as no taekwondo athlete has qualified

VINAYAK PADMADEO

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 6

The issue of India Taekwondo (IT) president Namdev Shiraonkar's inclusion in the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) delegation for the Tokyo Olympics is expected to rock Wednesday's meeting to decide the final list of officials.

Shiraonkar's name has been agreed upon by IOA president Narinder Batra and secretary general Rajeev Mehta. However, as per rules, IOA will be allowed to send one official for every 20 qualified athletes. With India sending 126 athletes to the

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF LUDHIANA
INVITATION FOR ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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

Dated: 25.06.2021

1. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites online Expression of Interest (EoI) for the following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Work(s)	Bid Security/Earnest Money (in INR)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (in INR)
1	Supply, Operation and Maintenance of 4 Nos. E Road Sweeping Machines for Municipal Corporation of Ludhiana	Rs. 11,80,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Thousand only)	10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)
2	Providing and Installation of anti smog guns up to 100 Mts road	Rs. 1,76,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand only)	10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)
3	Providing and Installation of E-Rickshaw Mounted Anti Smog Guns	Rs. 78,000/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Thousand only)	10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)
4	Providing and Installation of CNG Based crematorium and development of Shamshan Ghat at Ludhiana	Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only)	10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)

Closing Date & Time: 12.07.2021 till 05.00 P.M.

Opening of Technical bid: 13.07.2021 till 03.00 P.M.

Opening of Financial Bid: Date will be fixed after Technical bid opening.

For Detail logo to: eproc.punjab.gov.in.

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

Sd/- Superintending Engineer-O&M,
Zone-A/B, M.C., Ludhiana.

e-mail: xenzoneb@gmail.com

DPR/Pb/5787

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender Notice no. 433-Sig-T-1-21-22 Closing Date/Time 30/07/2021 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on iREPS portal like Net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Contract Type	Works
Name of Work	Work no. 1:- Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Statcon make Integrated Power Supply (IPS) systems installed over Firozpur Division for Three years. Work no. 2:- Comprehensive Annual Maintenance contract of Hitachi Rail STS India Private Ltd. make Electronic Interlocking System installed at 6 stations on FZR-BTI section of FZR division for three years. Work no. 3:- Annual maintenance contract (AMC) of UFSBI systems of Deltron make installed over Firozpur division for three (03) years. Work no. 4:- Recharge of 61 connections of Tata SKY DTH Hindi Lite HD pack over Firozpur division for one year.
Tender Type	Open (E-Tendering)
Tender Closing Date & Time	Work no. 1-3: 30/07/2021 15:00 Hrs. Work no. 4: 06/08/2021 15:00 Hrs.
Pre-Bid Required	No
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Work no. 1 - 10383691.32 Work no. 2 - 6909300.00 Work no. 3 - 8423977.71 Work no. 4 - 267264.00
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule Item
Earnest Money (Rs.)	NIL
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	NIL
Bidding Start Date as per IREPS	Work no. 1-3: 16/07/2021 Work no. 4: 23/07/2021
Dated: 06.07.2021	Closing Date/Time: 30/07/2021 15:00

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People's champion

Without spectators, it would be a hollow victory, says Federer

LONDON, JULY 6
It came as little surprise on when Roger Federer declared that if he had triumphed at Wimbledon without any fans in attendance, it would have felt like a hollow victory.

The eight-time All England Club champion is one of the most-loved athletes around the world, and no matter where he plays, or who he plays — including home favourites — he can always count on crowd support.

Hence he cannot be happier that Wimbledon's two main showcourts will be full Tuesday onwards, the first time outdoor stadiums will be at 100% capacity at a sporting event in Britain since the Covid-19 pandemic struck in March 2020. Last year's Wimbledon was cancelled for the first time since World War II while the US Open was played behind closed doors.

"I tried to think back like what would it have meant for me to win Wimbledon with no crowds in a finals... I felt like it probably would have taken 70% or 80% of everything away from me," the Swiss said after being wildly cheered on during his fourth-round win over Lorenzo Sonego. "Sure, I would have been Wimbledon champion, but it never



Roger Federer celebrates win against Lorenzo Sonego. REUTERS

would have felt the same. That's why so happy that we have crowds back. I hope it stays this way."

Hurkacz next

In the quarterfinals, Federer will face Poland's Hubert Hurkacz, who ousted second seed Daniil Medvedev after the pair returned on Tuesday to finish their match halted by rain on Monday.

Medvedev was leading Hurkacz by two sets to one on Monday with the fourth set on serve when play was cancelled. But the 24-year-old Hurkacz, seeded 14th, turned the match on its head and won 2-6 7-6(2) 3-6 6-3. — Reuters

DAY 8: HIGHLIGHTS

BLISSKOVA

It took Karolina Pliskova almost a decade of trying before she finally reached the Wimbledon semifinals with a rapid-fire 6-2 6-2 win over little-known Swiss Viktorija Golubic.

KERBER TURNS ON STYLE

Former Wimbledon champion Angelique Kerber of Germany put in a strong show to beat an error-prone Karolina Muchova 6-2 6-3.

NO STOPPING SABALENKA

Second seed Aryna Sabalenka proved too powerful for Tunisian Ons Jabeur in her 6-4 6-3 victory. Meanwhile, Ashleigh Barty outclassed Ajla Tomljanovic 6-1 6-3.

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IT failed to enter the Indian team for the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Jordan in May after it failed to hold trials in time. It could not enter the team for the final qualifying tournament in Lebanon after the hosts denied visas.

Controversial

Shiraonkar, the president of IT, has been a controversial figure. There are several complaints with the IOA from several district associations in Maharashtra claiming he 'forcefully' became the president of the state unit.

Former TFI president Harish Kumar has also registered a complaint against Shiraonkar with the IOA Ethics Committee, alleging Shiraonkar heads over 10 sports federations, in violation

of the IOA constitution. IT failed to enter the Indian team for the Asian Olympic Qualifiers in Jordan in May after it failed to hold trials in time. It could not enter the team for the final qualifying tournament in Lebanon after the hosts denied visas.

Namdev can't go'

IOA treasurer Anandeshwar Pandey, whose name has been dropped from the delegation to accommodate Shiraonkar, has openly revolted. "I don't care whether I am going to Tokyo or not but let me assure you, I will not sign on any cheque if Namdev is part of the list," Pandey told *The Tribune*. "I will tell the same to the IOA Finance Committee. We have to send people who deserve and not encourage someone like Namdev. How can Namdev go? No athlete has qualified in taekwondo!" he added.

CLOSING DATE: 25.06.2021

DPR/Pb/5786

Big names defend Raducanu over Wimbledon exit

LONDON: British sports personalities from Andy Murray to Marcus Rashford rallied to the defence of teenage tennis sensation Emma Raducanu today after suggestions she quit her debut Wimbledon because she could not handle the pressure. The 18-year-old was the last of 14 British players standing after three superb wins that had fans on their feet. REUTERS

O/O THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E), HARYANA, PLOT NO. 4 & 5, LEKHA BHAWAN, SECTOR-33, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

O/o the Accountant General (A&E), Haryana, Plot No. 4 & 5, Lekha Bhawan, Sector-33, Chandigarh Publish a Public Notice intimate that this office's Toll Free Number 18001023292 has been changed to 0172-3503960. In future the Telephonic communication will be held with this office on Phone No. 0172-3503960 which will have operational facilities of call conferencing with DDO's of Haryana Govt. and Other Officials.

PRDH/1137/11/2022/3606314 Sd/- Dy. Accountant General (Admn.)

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JALANDHAR

Name of the Work: Construction of Multi-Storey Parking at Partap Bagh on BOT basis

No. SE(B&R)NIT/956 Dt. 05.07.2021

Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar, invites "Expression of Interest (EOI)" from consultancy firms for preparing the Detailed Project Report and providing consultancy services for construction of multi-storey parking at Partap Bagh, Jalandhar on BOT basis.

The interested applicants can submit detailed proposal as per the guidelines and formats specified hereunder:-

Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date of online submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid
20.07.2021 at 11:00 hrs.	29.07.2021 up to 09:00 hrs.	29.07.2021 up to 10:00 hrs.

Other terms and conditions can be seen at E-tender website eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (B&R)

DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, SANGRUR,

ROOM NO. 408 3RD FLOOR, JUDICIAL COURT COMPLEX, SANGRUR

ADVERTISEMENT/NOTICE

The State Govt. has notified the Mediation Cell to be attached to the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission under Section 74(1) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 on 11.6.2021. Under Section 75(1) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, a panel of Mediators is to be prepared by the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Sangrur, as per Section 75 of the Consumer Protection Act.

Accordingly, applications are invited from eligible candidates for empanelment as Mediators in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Mediation Cell, Sangrur. For eligibility (see Regulations 384) and other conditions as per the Consumer Protection (Mediation) Regulations 2020 and the Consumer Protection Mediation Rules, 2020. Interested candidates may submit their applications in the format available on : sangrur.nic.in. The complete application alongwith related documents should reach the office of President, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Room No. 408, 3rd Floor, Judicial Court Complex, Sangrur within one month from the date of publication of this advertisement.

Sd/- President,
District Consumer Disputes
Redressal Commission, Sangrur

DPR/Pb/5786

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)

Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813

Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://pspcl.in)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary power regulatory measures on Industrial consumers of the State.

- Due to breakdown of Talwandi Sabo Power Plant at Mansa, low level of water in various reservoirs of the State and due to delayed monsoon, following regulatory measures were imposed on Industrial consumers of the State in order to provide continuous power supply to Domestic consumers and 8 hours power supply to the Agriculture consumers:-
- i) Weekly-off days as per PSPCL PR Circular No. 9/2021 dated 5.7.2021.
- ii) Continuous Process Industry has been restricted to 50% of their load as per PSPCL

