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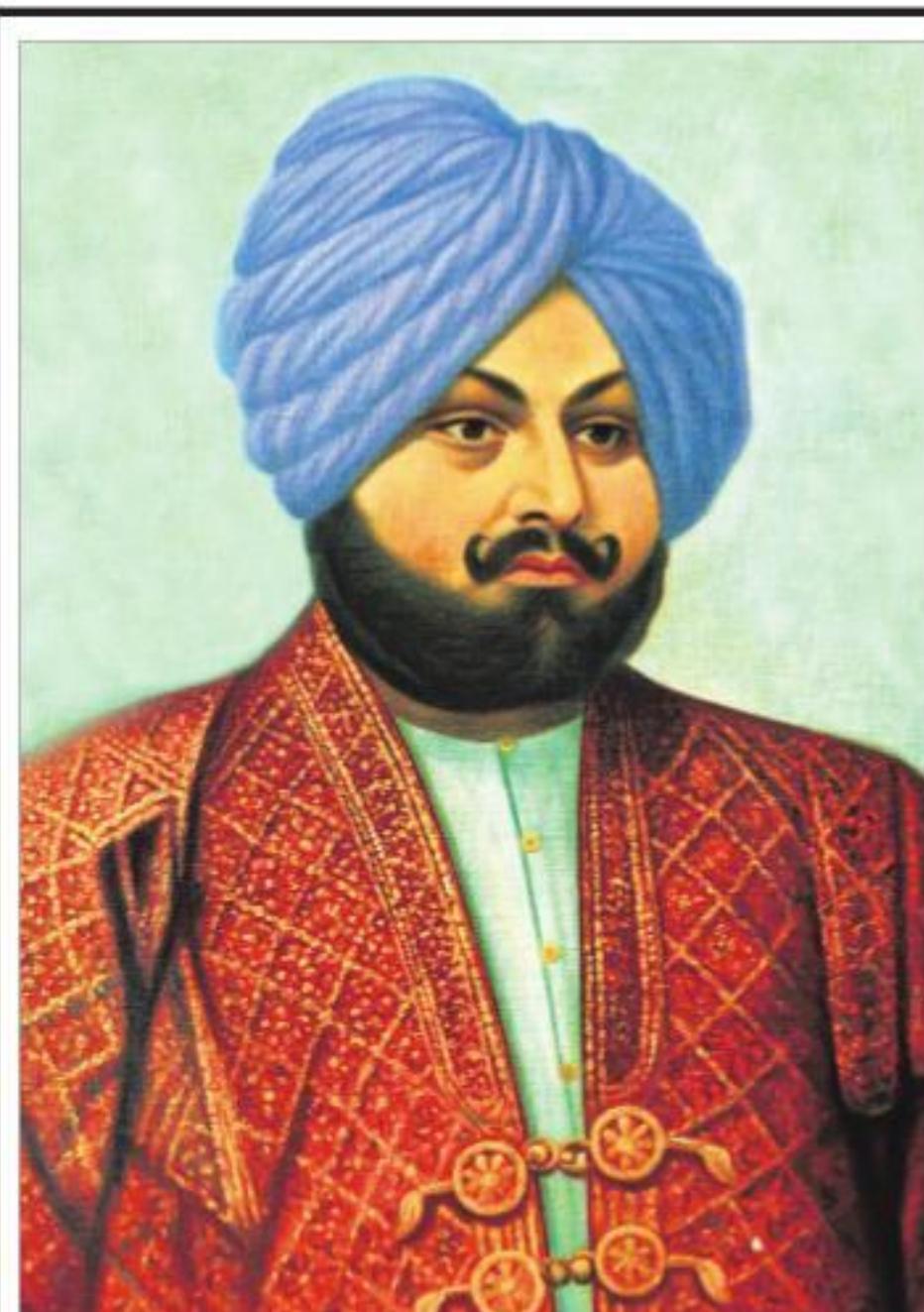
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Along with millions of readers and admirers, The Tribune pays homage to its founder, Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia, who passed into eternity on this day 122 years ago

China misleading, PLA fired shots: Army

Blames armed Chinese troops for intimidation bid at Ladakh peak, says no transgression by India

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8
Bullets were fired along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh on Monday, a first such incident in the area since November 1962, as India and China blamed each other for the firing.

The incident occurred at Mukhpuri mountain top near Rezang La, where the Indian Army and the People's Liberation Army (PLA) fought a pitched battle during the 1962 war.

A statement by the Ministry of Defence today said: "At no stage has the Indian Army transgressed across the LAC or resorted to use of any aggressive means, including firing." India blamed the PLA for the September 7 incident.

"The PLA troops attempted to close in on one of our forward positions along the LAC. When dissuaded, PLA troops fired a few rounds in the air... despite grave provocation, own troops exercised great restraint."

BEIJING'S CHARGE

Indian Army fired threats to the patrol of the Chinese border guards who had made representations, and the Chinese guards were forced to take countermeasures. PLA statement

INDIA'S COUNTER

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Indian Army statement

FIRST IN AREA SINCE 1962

This is the first firing incident in Ladakh since the 1962 war. Even during the Galwan clash, no bullets were fired

In 1975, a few Assam Rifles men were killed in an ambush in Arunachal

CARRIED RODS, SPEARS

Around 50-60 PLA soldiers were armed with rods and sharp weapons as they tried to close in on Indian-held Mukhpuri mountain top in eastern Ladakh on Monday evening, but the Army confronted them, forcing their retreat, govt sources said



People's Liberation Army soldiers, armed with spears and clubs, move towards an Indian post near Mukhpuri peak in Ladakh on Monday. PTI

China confirms 'finding' five missing youths

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 8

After claiming to have no knowledge about the whereabouts of five Arunachal youths, who were reportedly picked up by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) along the border, China today confirmed they were with them.

The five teenagers had accompanied Army personnel as hired porters to the border in Lacho area of

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EAM firm on LAC status quo, now all eyes on meet with Yi

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CCS MEETS, NSA DOVAL MAY HOLD TALKS TOO

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met on Tuesday to take stock of the situation in Ladakh. There is a possibility of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval also meeting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

In Moscow, the minister is expected to hold several bilateral meetings, including

interaction between Defence Ministers Rajnath Singh and Wei Fenghe.

Jaishankar's meeting with Yi would be significant as he and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla have made it clear that diplomatic ties with China are predicated on the restoration of status quo on the LAC. Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi is

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NCB arrests Rhea



Actor Rhea Chakraborty being taken in a vehicle after her arrest by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI BACK PAGE

Poet's kin under house arrest over stir in UP

LUCKNOW: Two daughters of well-known poet Munawwar Rama have been placed under house arrest after they gave a call for staging a protest against the Yogi government. Rama's daughters Sumaiya and Uzma Parveen had asked people to gather near the CM's residence and beat 'thalis' to make their voices heard. A spokesman said since Section 144 was in force, no congregation could be allowed. IANS

Centre softens stand on GST dues

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

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The assurance came after at least nine states rejected the two options offered by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Under the first option, the GST-related shortfall was Rs

97,000 crore while the rest was lost due to "hand of God". States were given leeway to borrow more from the market if they accepted this option. Under the second option, the states would have got the entire amount but further borrowing was conditional. — TNS

Minister transfers 23 officials, Capt revokes order

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today revoked the transfers of 23 revenue officials, hours after Additional Chief Secretary Vishwajit Khanna had issued the orders following clearance from Revenue Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar.

The orders to shift 10 tehsildars and 13 naiks tehsildars were reportedly cancelled due to resentment among MLAs and DCs. A few MLAs are even learnt to have accused Kangar of having "ulterior motives".

Kangar said he was unaware of the CM having stayed the transfers.

The reason for the immediate political and administrative uproar was that these revenue officials were playing a crucial role in Covid management, it is learnt. — TNS

HC dismisses bail petition of Saini

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today dismissed the anticipatory bail petition filed by Punjab's former Director General of Police (DGP) Sumeeth Singh Saini in the three-decade-old Multani kidnapping and murder case.

Justice Fateh Deep Singh also dismissed another petition filed by Saini for declaring the probe "non-est" (nothing) and in violation of a Supreme Court judgment. Saini, for the time being, has no protection from the court in connection with the FIR registered against him in the case allegedly for abduction, detention, torture and custodial death of Balwant Singh Multani in December 1991.

Ex-DGP now has two options, either to move SC or surrender

Detailed judgments were not yet available.

He now has the option to pursue his legal remedies by moving the Supreme Court or to surrender either in the court or before the police.

The state, in the meantime, can initiate proceedings for declaring him a proclaimed offender. A Punjab Police team had last week conducted a raid at Saini's house in Chandigarh.

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"The Russian vaccine has been under India's consideration. Russia approached India for help on two counts — to consider manufacturing through our companies which are well-known for vaccine production of high quality, volume and capacity. The second was to see if

NIA attaches properties of 2 pro-Khalistan terrorists

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

The government today ordered attachment of immovable properties owned by designated terrorists Gurpatwant Singh Pannu in Amritsar and Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Jalandhar.

While Pannu, based in the US, heads the banned Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), Nijjar, living in Canada, is the chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force.

A senior National Investigation Agency (NIA) official said the orders for attaching the properties were issued in accordance with the powers conferred on the anti-terror probe body under Section 51A of the UAPA (Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act), 1967.

Pannu owns 46 kanal in

ban in Amritsar district. Nijjar has 11 kanal 13 marla land at Bhar Singhpura village in Phialaur, Jalandhar.

"The orders have been issued as part of the NIA investigation into a concerted campaign by secessionist SFJ under the banner of Sikh Refereed 2020 for creation of Khalistan," the official said.

Acting tough, the department has lodged 32 FIRs against violators, including colonisers and property dealers, for breaching the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975.

The illegal colonies were detected between December 6, 2018 and June 10, 2020. Comparatively, only 75 unauthorised colonies were detected in Yamunanagar district in nine years between January 1, 2010 and December 5, 2018.

59 illegal colonies detected in Y'nagar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

YAMUNANAGAR, SEPTEMBER 8

The Town and Country Planning Department has detected a record 59 unauthorised colonies in the district over the past year and a half.

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The illegal colonies were identified in last 18 months. FILE

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COVID-19 CASES INDIA

RECOVERED 33,23,950

FRESH FATALITIES 1,133

TOTAL DEATHS 72,775

COUNT 42,80,422

WORLD

TOTAL 2,76,36,940

RECOVERED 1,97,10,630

Rumours derailed Covid fight in state: Central team

Says community participation declined due to spread of misinformation

VISHAV BHARTI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
The Covid-control programme in Punjab has suffered a severe setback due to widespread rumours, maintains the team of experts sent to the state by the Union Government.

In its first feedback shared with the state today during a meeting with top health officials, including Principal Secretary (Health), Director (Health Services) and others, the team said the community participation in the programme had declined suddenly in the state due to rumours.

Dr JS Thakur, who is a member of the team and works as a professor at PGI's School of Public Health, said the team was of the view that the state needed to deal with rumours strongly. "We need to understand the pattern of rumours and their origin. Areas need to be identified where rumours are widespread."



Health workers cremate a Covid victim in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- The state should set up 'rumour registries' in every district and an investigation should be launched into every rumour.
- There is a need to understand the pattern of rumours and their origin besides identifying areas where they become widespread.
- People's participation is a must to check misinformation. Social organisations should be involved in all such efforts.
- Legal action should be taken against rumour-mongers.

We have asked the state government to set up 'rumour registries' in every district," he said.

An investigation should be launched into every rumour, he added.

The state has also been

asked to use social organisations, such as Mahila Aroga Samitis, Village Health and Sanitation Committees, Panchayati Raj institutions and NGOs, to check rumours. Though the Chief Minister has asked all MLAs and ministers to counter rumour-mongering by political opponents, the team felt the problem could only be dealt by ensuring social participation in such efforts.

The team recommended that strict legal action should be initiated against all those spreading falsehoods. The team has also asked the state to commission some studies to sociology departments of various universities to conduct in-depth studies on the social reasons behind rumours.

The team has asked the state to focus on mental health issues of the infected population. Provisions in this regard were already there under the National Mental Health Programme, it said.

As new hotspots emerge in the state, aggressive testing will help the state combat the pandemic," said Dr KK Talwar.

Dr Talwar, who heads the Punjab Government's expert group on Covid, said many lives could be saved if

Getting tested early key to reducing fatalities: Expert

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

The next four weeks are crucial for Punjab as the number of Covid-positive cases and the mortality rate remain high in the state. The present hotspots in the state are likely to show signs of recovery even as new hotspots have started to emerge.

"While Covid cases are showing signs of plateauing in Ludhiana and Amritsar, Bathinda, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur are emerging as the new hotspots in the state. As the mortality rate remains high, the only way out is to convince people to immediately get themselves tested once they show symptoms and not succumb to baseless rumours of organ harvesting or that the disease is a seasonal flu."



NOT A SEASONAL FLU

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fear and rumour-mongering regarding the disease were stopped. "It is because of fear of being compulsorily taken for institutional quarantine and baseless rumours that people are coming for testing only at a much later stage of the infection. The fact that dai-

ly 70-80 patients become critical and require ventilator support shows they are approaching hospitals at an advanced stage of the infection. Punjab is a high-risk zone for Covid, mainly because the co-morbid conditions among the Punjabi population — diabetes, hypertension, cancer, obesity and renal ailments requiring frequent dialysis — are high," he told *The Tribune*.

He warned that this stage of high mortality could continue for another eight to 10 days, saying, "We are up against time. The state government has taken pro-active steps to remove the stigma associated with the viral infection by ordering that stickers would not be pasted outside houses and by giving relaxation in home isolation norms."

When asked about the basis for the earlier statement by Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on over 80 per cent of the population getting infected by the disease, Dr Talwar said the response was based on a mathematical calculation.

Govt allows pvt labs to conduct antigen tests

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
To improve the screening of people for timely detection of Covid-positive patients, the Punjab Government has decided to allow private hospitals/clinics/labs to conduct rapid antigen testing for Covid-19 after empanelment with the district health authorities.

Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said guidelines had been issued to all Deputy Commissioners and Civil Surgeons regarding allowing rapid antigen testing by private health establishments. He said testing kits would be provided free of cost by the department.

The Civil Surgeons will empanel those private hospitals/clinics/labs which are willing to get empanelled voluntarily for testing through kits provided free of cost by the department.

The minister said the private hospitals/labs could charge maximum Rs 250 from patients. Earlier, the price of rapid antigen testing had been reduced for private labs from Rs 1,000 to Rs 700.

Roll back MBBS fee hike, demands SAD

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today condemned the Congress government for increasing the fee for MBBS courses by 75 per cent and demanded that the hike be withdrawn immediately.

In a statement issued here, former minister Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said it seemed the government had not learnt any lesson from the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The need of the hour is to reduce MBBS fee to ensure students from ordinary

backgrounds can become doctors. It is these students who will be ready to serve the state in rural areas. Instead of subsidising medical education to make it within the reach of common man, the Congress government has increased fee in both government as well as private medical colleges."

The SAD leader said in case the government did not withdraw this unjustified hike, the shortage of doctors in the state would increase further. — TNS

Nambardar held for spreading false info

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
In its continued crackdown against rumour-mongers, the Punjab Police arrested the nambardar of Jattpura village in Ludhiana for uploading a fake and objectionable post about human organ trafficking at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, on Facebook, and spreading rumours on Covid-19.

The accused, Mandeep Singh, alias Deepa, has been booked under Section 188 of the IPC and Section 54 of the Disaster Management Act.

The investigation has

FIR against 10 for partying during night curfew in Adampur; two held

revealed that Mandeep uploaded a post on Facebook on August 24 wherein he made disparaging remarks about the hospital and referred to it as being a centre for human organ trafficking. He levelled a baseless allegation that the staff kill people by injections, etc., an official spokesperson said.

The accused has admitted that he uploaded the post as he was emotionally disturbed

after his uncle, a sarpanch, died recently due to Covid-19, the spokesperson added.

Notably, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday had directed the DGP to crack down on rumour-mongers spreading misinformation among the people about the pandemic.

In another case, the Jalandhar police registered an FIR against 10 persons, including the son of an ASI, for partying during night curfew

1,964 fresh cases, 67 more succumb

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	12,512	522	Moga	1,681	41
Jalandhar	8,354	210	Patiala	1,258	42
Amritsar	5,219	209	Tarn Taran	992	38
Patiala	7,426	210	Kapurthala	1,644	77
Sangrur	2,490	98	Fazilka	1,189	19
SAS Nagar	4,920	118	SBS Nagar	862	24
Gurdaspur	3,250	70	Faridkot	1,678	28
Bathinda	3,298	53	Barnala	1,353	26
Hoshiarpur	2,195	66	Ropar	1,132	30
Ferozepur	2,113	51	Muktsar	1,356	16
Pathankot	1,761	29	Mansa	864	13
Total positive	67,547		Deaths		1,990

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break-up of fresh cases reported today, Ludhiana topped the list with 311 cases, followed by Jalandhar (265), Amritsar (236), Patiala (206), Bathinda (168), SAS Nagar (127), Gurdaspur (126), Hoshiarpur (104) and Faridkot (83).

As far as deaths are concerned, Ludhiana was the worst-hit with 13 deaths, followed by Amritsar (11), Patiala (eight), Bathinda (seven), Jalandhar and Moga (four each), Faridkot, Gurdaspur and Sangrur (three each), Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Muktsar (two each), and Barnala, Fazilka, Mansa, SAS Nagar and Ropar (one each).

Staff hiring incomplete, Mohali medical college yet to begin ops

KARAM PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, AUGUST 8
Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences, a government medical college in Mohali, is once again likely to remain a non-starter. Reason: The government has failed to complete the process of faculty recruitment for the college.

As a result, the Medical Council of India (MCI) has not granted the Letter of Permission (LOP) to the



PROMISE TO OPEN COLLEGE THIS SESSION

“The recruitment process will be completed soon. We can't give an assurance, but the government is fully committed to start the college from this session. Dr Akashdeep, JOINT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

college till now. However, it has been learnt that there is still a chance to start the college as the MCI had communicated via its website that it had approached the Supreme Court to extend the last date of

grant of LOP from March 31 to October 15 for the academic year 2020-21.

However, in its notification pertaining to the MBBS admissions, the Punjab Government had mentioned only three gov-

ernment medical colleges — GMC, Patiala and Amritsar, and Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot.

The government had invited applications for 30 posts from faculty working in the Central government

and state medical colleges situated outside the state.

However, a source said the initiative received a poor response. One of the reasons behind the delay was applicants having an issue with the eligibility criteria. Dr Manjot Kaur Mohi, director principal, BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical sciences, said,

"The recruitment of staff is underway. We have not received the LOP, but we have enough time as the date has been extended

till October 15."

Dr Akashdeep, joint director, Research and Medical Education, said: "Some faculty members have already been recruited and the process will be completed soon. We can't give an assurance, but the government is fully committed to start the college from this session."

Meanwhile, DK Tiwari, Principal Secretary, Medical Education and Research, couldn't be reached despite repeated attempts.

In the district-wise

total number of Covid cases in the state has reached 67,547 and 1,990 persons have succumbed to the virus so far. The number of persons who have recovered from the infection so far stands at 49,327, while there are 16,230 active cases in the state. Apart from that, 633 patients are on oxygen and 87 on ventilator support.

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PSEB yet to reduce Class IX-XII syllabus

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MUKTSAR, SEPTEMBER 8
The Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) in July announced to reduce the syllabus for Classes IX to XII by up to 30 per cent due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the revised syllabus is yet to be made public.

The Central Board of School Education (CBSE) has already reduced the syllabus for these classes.

A committee of subject experts from the PSEB and State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) set up by the school education department has to finalise the revised syllabus.

The PSEB had once uploaded the reduced syllabus on its website "without approval" and it had to be removed after the Punjab State Education Research and Training Council (SCERT) brought

Sidhu: AAP plan to use oximeters may spread virus

ANIRUDH GUPTA

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
While Covid-19 is at its peak in the state and the border town witnessing a huge spike in cases, the frequent transfers of key stakeholders in the Health Department, combined with the lack of resources and manpower, has put the healthcare management out of gear. Also, ventilators provided to the hospital are lying unused.

As per sources, three Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) and three Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) have been transferred for unknown reasons during the past three months, which has adversely impacted Covid management in this district.

During the initial period, when the lockdown was imposed, Dr Navdeep Singh was posted as the CMO. However, he was transferred on June 26, following which Dr Jugal Kishore joined on July 1. He, too, was transferred on August 22. Later, Dr Sukhjiwan Kakkar was

now, Dr Vinod Sarin has been posted as the CMO.

Similarly, Dr Avinash Jindal joined as the SMO in March. He was actively involved in Covid care management but was transferred in July. Thereafter, Dr Pradeep Mohindra joined on July 10 but was eventually posted on August 22. Later, Dr Sukhjiwan Kakkar was

appointed for the post but he was reportedly transferred within eight days.

Till date, 44 deaths have been reported due to Covid in the district and the cases are increasing with each passing day. Besides, hundreds of patients are suffering from other diseases like dengue, typhoid, malaria and other kinds of viral infections. In this scenario, the frequent changes have impacted the healthcare management adversely.

Local businessman Inder Gupta, who was admitted to the Civil Hospital after he tested Covid-positive, said unhygienic and poor sanitary conditions, besides lack of housekeeping arrangements, posed a huge challenge for

the patients. Even the food being served was not up to the mark. These portrayed a grim picture of healthcare facilities due to which the patients were reluctant to get admitted to the Civil Hospital. They were rather making a beeline outside private clinics and hospitals, he added.

None of the three ventilators recently provided to the Civil Hospital are functional. A ventilator which was provided by one of the NGOs is lying abandoned without any care. Another two ventilators, provided by

Security up in Ludhiana villages after 2 arrested for terror links

RAIKOT, SEPTEMBER 8
The Ludhiana (Rural) police have enhanced surveillance around Tazpur and Binjal villages after two youths were nabbed by the special cell of the Delhi Police after a brief encounter. Six pistols and 40 live cartridges were recovered from them on Sunday.

The suspects were identified as Bhupinder Singh, alias Dilawar Singh, of Tazpur village, and Kulwant Singh of Binjal village, in Raikot subdivision. Both are alleged to be Babbar Khalsa terrorists.

The duo was also suspected of hoisting saffron flags on government buildings on Friday before leaving their homes. However, their families said the two were being implicated.

SSP Vivek Sheel Soni said senior functionaries of the Ludhiana police would be joining their Delhi counterparts during the interrogation of the accused. —OC

Won't budge till action taken against Dharamsot, says LIP

SCHOLARSHIP SCAM Announces to launch a 10-day protest

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 8

Presenting before mediapersons party workers who got injured during the police lathicharge outside the CM's residence in Patiala yesterday, Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) MLAs Balwinder Bains and Simerjeet Bains today said they wouldn't get bogged down by such assaults and would continue to demand the dismissal of SC Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot from the Punjab Cabinet over the SC post-matric scholarship scam.

LIP announced that it would now launch a 10-day protest against the minister.

"We will go on autorickshaws or on feet to the Dalit-dominated localities and tell them about the fraud that the Punjab minister had



LIP MLA Simerjeet Bains, along with party leaders, addresses mediapersons in Jalandhar on Tuesday. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

committed with the children of the poor families. We will assure these families of helping their children get college admissions," said Bains, adding that the programme would start from September 16 from the Dalit-dominated Doaba region.

Bains said the barbaric action against him and his

YAD SEEKS CBI PROBE

Chandigarh: The Youth Akali Dal (YAD) on Tuesday demanded a CBI inquiry against former Social Welfare Director-turned-Congress legislator Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal to uncover the money trail in the scholarship scam. It also announced to intensify its agitation against SC Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot.

"The Centre has deputed the team on the CM's call just to defuse the mounting pressure on the state government", he said, rubbishing the exercise.

"The state government has also got lodged FIRs against me to muzzle my voice, but my protest would continue till action is taken against the minister," Bains said.

Now, minority students can apply online for scholarships

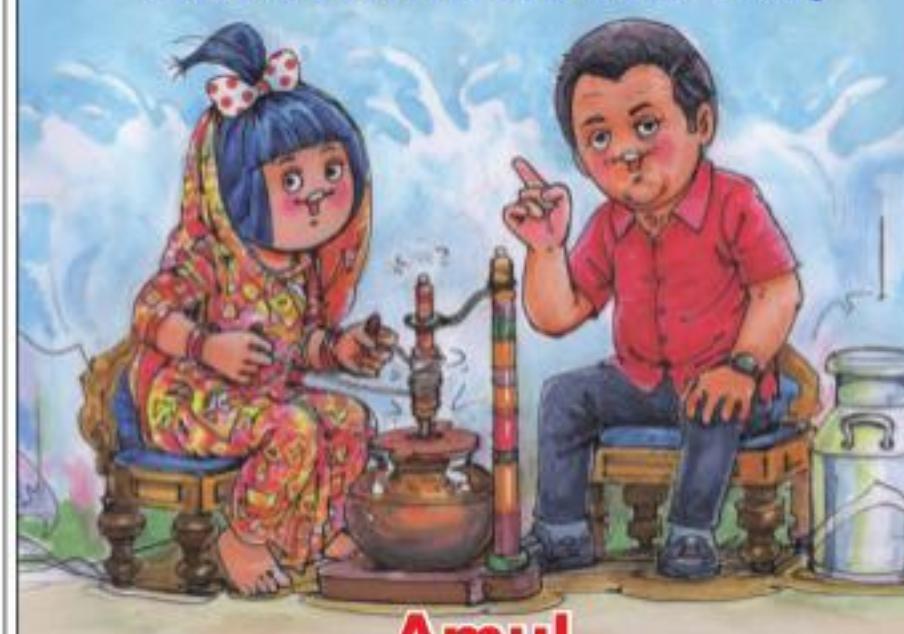
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

Online applications have been sought from eligible students for pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means based scholarships for youth belonging to minorities of Punjab. The eligible candidates can apply online till October 31.

Disclosing this here today, a spokesperson for the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities said the youth belonging to Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, Parsi, Jain and Christian communities in the state could avail the benefits of these schemes for 2020-2021.

Students who have secured at least 50 per cent marks in the previous examination will be eligible for the scholarship, the spokesperson stated. Students can apply at www.scholarships.gov.in or www.minorityaffairs.gov.in or through National Scholarship App on mobile phone. —TNS

Milk ka Maan, Sammaan aur Atmanirbharta!



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Tribute to Dr Kurien on his 8th death anniversary

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ETOs on indefinite strike

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

Officers of the Excise and Taxation Department proceeded on an indefinite strike from today. They are protesting against alleged 'atrocities' they were being booked in cases on flimsy grounds, while their colleagues were being arrested and raids conducted at their residences to humiliate them. —TNS

Associations of Senior Excise and Taxation Officers and Inspectors alleged they were being targeted by the Vigilance Bureau. They alleged they were being booked in cases on flimsy grounds, while their colleagues were being arrested and raids conducted at their residences to humiliate them. —TNS

Priest gets into legal trouble for performing minor's marriage

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



GENESIS OF CASE IN PROTECTION PLEA

Taking up a protection plea filed by a runaway couple, the HC observes that the girl's own declaration in the petition shows she's a minor. The court directs the priest's production before a CJM's court.

came out to be 17 years, two months and three days.

Justice Sangwan also directed the station house officer of Sahnewal police station in Ludhiana district to ensure the presence of petitioners and the respondent before the CJM on the date fixed.

The CJM was also directed to record the statement of Pandit Sonu Sharma of Panchkula on the date fixed "as to how he has performed the marriage without taking any proof regarding age of petitioner-girl to be above 18".

The SHO, MDC police station, Sector 4, Panchkula, is also directed to ensure the presence of Pandit Sonu Sharma before the CJM, Ludhiana, on September 15. The SHO will depute two police officials and Pandit Sonu Sharma will pay an amount of Rs 3,000 to the SHO towards the cost transportation, Justice Sangwan added.

Before parting with the order, Justice Sangwan directed the submission of the CJM's report to the High Court by the next date of hearing. The case will now come up for hearing in September third week.

CBI team meets kin of 8 pilgrims missing since '17

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 8

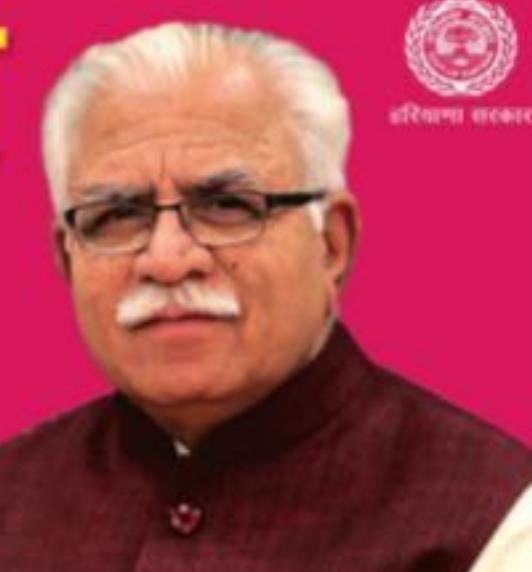
A two-member CBI team today visited the residences of eight persons who had gone on a pilgrimage to Hemkund Sahib in July 2017, but have not returned.

All missing were residents of Mehta town and villages around it. The two-member team, led by Inspector Manoj Kumar of the CBI Special Crime Branch, Lucknow, interacted with family members of the missing persons and presented before them a comb, a parna (a piece of cloth) and some parts of an Innova car.

The missing pilgrims included NRIs Premjit Singh (60) and his son-in-law Harkewal Singh (32), Kirpal Singh (52), his nephews Kulbir Singh (17) and Jasbir Singh (28), driver Mehnga Singh (35), veterinarian Harpal Singh (50) and his nephew Raninder Singh (28).

Lakhwinder Kaur, wife of Kirpal Singh, said how could she identify her husband and other relatives on the basis of the articles showed by the CBI. The team also visited Mehnga Singh's residence and interacted with his wife Rupinderjeet Kaur and brother Narinder Singh.

प्रधानमंत्री सुरक्षित मातृत्व अभियान



यह अभियान हर महीने की 9 तारीख को हरियाणा के सरकारी स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों में चलाया जाता है श्री मनोहर लाल, मुख्यमंत्री, हरियाणा

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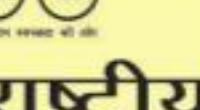
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The Bathinda Improvement Trust, Bathinda invites online bids in two bid system for various (2 Nos.) Development Works (Civil Works) amounting to Rs. 88.06 lacs.

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Kartarpur pilgrims' wait likely to stretch on

RAVI DHALIWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURDASPUR, SEPTEMBER 8
Though Pakistan has decided to start construction of a 300-metre bridge, which will join the 100-metre overpass on the Indian side, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is unlikely to give its nod to reopen the Kartarpur corridor in near future.

Officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) claimed it would not be feasible to commence activities "at least not till the middle of next year". The passage was closed on March 16 following the Covid-19 outbreak.

A four-member Pakistani team had met Indian officials at the Zero Line last week to finalise the coordinates of both the bridges. The corridor, which is a 4.6-km thoroughfare stretching from Dera Baba Nanak to Kartarpur in Narowal district of



There have been apprehensions that Pakistan army and ISI may use the corridor to execute their nefarious designs

Pakistan, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 9 last year. The corridor facilitated the movement of pilgrims who wanted to pay obeisance at the Kartarpur shrine where Guru Nanak Dev spent final years of his life.

Sources said the Covid-19 pandemic had come as a blessing in disguise for the Indian authorities.

"There were a lot of security concerns that Pakistani army and Inter-Services Intelligence would use the passage to execute their nefarious designs. Even Chief Minister

Capt Amarinder Singh and Director General of Police Dinkar Gupta had expressed apprehensions. The MHA wanted a reason to shut down the operations and the pandemic came as a convenient excuse," said a senior official.

Officials said since the corridor also catered to devotees from outside Punjab, it would not be feasible to open it till rail and air services got back to normal.

Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said he would urge the CM to talk to the MHA to find a way forward.

Gangster to undergo narco test

Moga, SEPTEMBER 8

In the ongoing investigation into the murder of trader Jasinder Kumar, alias Pinka, on July 14, the police have brought dreaded gangster Mandip Singh Dhruv on production warrants from the jail.

Dhruv is believed to be operating a gang of extortionists and supari killers from the jail with the help of some NRIs and local associates.

Accepting the police request, a court today allowed two-day police remand of Dhruv besides giving the go-ahead to conduct his narco test to ascertain his involvement in the murder.

Investigations revealed that Dhruv's NRI friends, Ramandeep Singh (Canada) and Arshdeep Singh (UK) made extortion calls from abroad.

Dhruv already faces at least 10 cases of murder, shootout and extortion in various cities/towns of the Malwa belt. He is in the jail for the past over six years. — TNS

Centre orders inquiry into misuse of MGNREGA funds

Payments to bogus firms flagged in Faridkot, Bathinda

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, SEPTEMBER 8

The Union Rural Development Ministry today ordered an inquiry into the alleged embezzlement of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) funds in Faridkot and Bathinda.

After receiving a complaint from Union Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal on August 28, the ministry has directed the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh, to complete the probe before September 14.

Accusing Faridkot MLA Kushaldeep Singh Dhillon of embezzling funds in connivance with some government officials, Harsimrat alleged the material was shown purchased

'PERSONAL ASSISTANTS INVOLVED'

The material was shown purchased from non-existent firms and payments to the tune of crores were made to them. These bogus firms are owned by personal assistants of Faridkot MLA Kushaldeep Singh Dhillon. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, UNION FOOD PROCESSING MINISTER

from non-existent firms and payments to the tune of crores were made to them. These non-existent firms were owned by the personal assistants of Dhillon, she alleged.

The entire payment to the material suppliers had been released based on estimates even for works that never started on the ground. Job cards were issued to ineligible persons, she alleged.

Meanwhile, Dhillon refuted the allegations. "This is not the first time that the Badals are leveling such frivolous allegations. Earlier, Sukhbir Singh Badal had also made such complaints. Two high-level inquiries were conducted by the Union ministry, but no truth was found in the allegations," he said.

"Each time Sukhbir Singh Badal contested from this constituency, he promised to convert Faridkot into California. In reality, Sukhbir and Harsimrat are opposing brick-lining of streets in the district by asking the Union Ministry to stop funds under the MGNREGA," Dhillon alleged.



And here comes the latest 'Breaking News'!

BRIEFLY

Motorcyclist killed in mishap

Abohar: A motorcyclist was killed and his pillion riding friend grievously injured when an unidentified vehicle hit them near Dutaranwali village on Tuesday. The deceased was later identified as Balwinder Singh (45) of Sihaganwali village. Injured Lal Chand was shifted to Abohar Civil Hospital from where doctors referred him to another hospital. oc

Kidnapping, assault alleged

Abohar: Four persons have been arrested for allegedly kidnapping a man. Kanta Devi (55) of Dharampura village told the police that over 10 persons on Sunday forcibly took away his son Ravi in a car after thrashing him for marrying a girl of the same village. The couple recorded their statement at the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police on Tuesday. The police have arrested four persons in this connection. oc

4 peddlers booked in Moga

Moga: The police have booked four peddlers. Acting on the statement of ASI Kulwant Singh, the police have booked Darshan Singh (alias Raju) and Balwant Singh, both residents of Fatehgarh Korotana village. Two unidentified persons have also been booked. The ASI said the accused were on their way to purchase poppy husk. The police have seized a truck, tractor, .32 bore revolver, police uniforms and ammunition. The accused have been booked under Sections 473, 171, 419 and 420 of the IPC, Sections 25, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act and Sections 15, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act. TNS

Abohar bridge caves in



A tractor-trailer stuck on a bridge that caved in on Dalmirkhera-Dhinganwali road, along Malukpura sub-canal, in Abohar on Tuesday. A TRIBUNE PHOTOGRAPH

CSIR, NISE to bolster solar energy sector

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8
The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurugram, both working under different central ministries, have joined hands to bolster the solar energy sector across the nation.

An online memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the CSIR's Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute and the NIE that aims at jointly working towards enhancing and expanding the capacity, capability, facility and infrastructure through resource mobilisation and capacity building, according to an official statement issued today. — TNS

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Vikramjeet Sheriya** S/o Mohan Lal R/o B-023, Capital Green, Karampura, Moti Nagar, Delhi also at Village Haryl, Block Dhar Kalan, Distt. Pathankot, Punjab has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 255/2019 u/s 406/420/120-B IPC P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Vikramjeet Sheriya** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Vikramjeet Sheriya** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Vikramjeet Sheriya** accused of FIR No. 255/2019 u/s 406/420/120-B IPC P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.10.2020.

By Order: Ms. Gita
Metropolitan Magistrate (Central Distt.)
Room No. 180,
1st Floor, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/309/CD/20

Youth booked for abetment to suicide

FARIDKOT, SEPTEMBER 8

Seven months after a 21-year-old nursing student allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her hostel room, the police booked a youth for abetment to suicide on Tuesday.

The youth was accused of harassing the deceased, allegedly forcing her to take the extreme step on February 6. The deceased belonged to Moga district. — TNS

I, Anushka Sharma (old name) D/o Subhash Chander R/o Brij Nagar, Miran Sahib, have changed my name from Anushka Sharma (old name) to Anoushka Sharma (new name). I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname Anoushka Sharma (new name). DI-9180-1

I, No. 9109202L, rank NK Unit 17 JAKLI name Ajay Kumar S/o Babu Ram R/o Thandapani, Tehsil Sunderbani, Distt. Rajouri do hereby declare that my son name has been wrongly written in my service records as Summar Sharma instead of correct my son name Samar Sharma. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days. DI-9180-2

HC: Discontent with cancellation report no basis for further probe

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

In a significant order that will change the way the trial courts order reinvestigation by the police, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that complainant's dissatisfaction with the cancellation report filed by the investigating agency cannot be the sole ground to discard the same and order further probe.

Justice Raj Mohan Singh also made it clear that the Judicial Magistrate dealing with the matter was required to elaborate upon the reasons for the dissatisfaction of the complainant with the cancellation report.

The police after probe may either file a charge sheet against the accused after concluding that an offence appears to have been committed. It may, in alternative, file a closure report stating that no offence appears to have been committed in the opinion of the police. In case of a closure report, notice is issued to the complainant or the victim.

He, in turn, can challenge the report and raise objections. The Magistrate is not obliged to accept the closure report and may deal with it in different ways, including order further investigation by cops.

Taking up the petition against the State of Punjab and other respondents by Ravinder Kumar in one



such matter, Justice Raj Mohan Singh observed Nabha Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate rejected the cancellation report and the matter was sent for further investigation vide order dated October 13, 2018, in a case alleging criminal breach of trust.

Justice Raj Mohan Singh also took note of counsel Mansur Ali's contention that the impugned order was totally non-speaking and the matter was sent for further investigation report.

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"The complainant being an interested party would obviously not be satisfied with the cancellation report. Recital in the impugned order that the complainant was not satisfied, in my considered view cannot be the sole ground to discard the cancellation report...." Justice Raj Mohan Singh added.

Referring to the facts of the case in hand, the Bench added the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate did not elaborate upon the reasons for the complainant's dissatisfaction except the allegation that the police did not consider the material aspects of an inquiry report in the petitioner's favour.

Don't shift carcass dump: Villagers to Sangrur adminn

SANGRUR, SEPTEMBER 8

Days after the Punjab and Haryana High Court issued direction to the district administration to shift the carcass dumping ground on Bakhor Kalan road to some other location, the Bakhor Khurd village panchayat on Tuesday urged the officials

to another location. Panchayat members also stated that a private school, which is located near the dump, was started in 2007. They want to keep the dump at the same location as the panchayat land is near the village," said the Lehra BDPO.

"Besides foul smell, the stray dogs sitting near the carcass ground are a nuisance for schoolchildren of nearby villages and residents. After authorities did not act on my application, I filed a petition in the High Court. The administration now must implement the HC order," said Gurpreet Singh, who works as a teacher.

Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir Singh said he had directed the BDPO to prepare a detailed report and "we would submit it to the HC on next date of hearing". — TNS

ANTIM ARDAS

ਜੁਗਮ ਸਨਮ ਦਾਤਾਰ ਰਾਇਆ॥ ਸਾਡੇ ਦਰਵਾਰ ਸਾਹ ਪਿਤ ਮੜੀਆ॥



With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform you of the sad demise of our Respected

Sardar Harcharan Singh

Ex-GM, P&SBank, Ex-Sr VP / Director, Indian Express & Ex-Chief Secretary

Kirtan & Antim Ardas will be held on 10th September 2020 (Thursday), from 12 noon to 1 pm followed by Guru Ka Langar at Gurdwara Sahib Sector 34-D, Chandigarh.

Considering the prevalent situation and restrictions on gathering, you may join us in prayers from the safe confines of your homes and bless the departed soul.

Grief stricken
Mrs. Dalvinder Kaur - Wife
Dr. Nirmita Kaur - Daughter,
Col. Rajinder Singh - Brother, Manjit Kaur - Sister-in-Law
Capt. Bhagat Singh - Brother, Mrs. Harinder Kaur - Sister-in-Law
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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION SOPORE NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No-92 of RnB-Sopore of 2020-2021 e-tendering DATED- -09. 2020.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K e-tenders (in Single Cover System) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State Central/Governments for the following works:

S. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ DOC (In Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Rupees)	Time of Completion in days	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of Account	Position of AAA
1	Upgradation of Tujjar Sharif road strengthening of berms by way of Khak bajree filling.	1.75 lacs	200/-	3500/-	10 days	17.09.2020	DEE/	4059 Co C&T	Accorded
2	Upgradation of Durro to Brath (strengthening of berms) by way of Khak bajree filling.	1.50 lacs	200/-	3000/-	10 days	17.09.2020	DEE/	4059 Co C&T	Accorded

Position of funds: Available

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q). Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:

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2,286 fresh cases, 25 more succumb

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COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT



DISTRICT	>VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	14,434	180
Gurugram	13,740	140
Sonepat	5,273	41
Panipat	4,929	54
Ambala	4,871	45
Karnal	4,389	47
Rewari	4,127	25
Rohtak	3,664	38
Panchkula	3,315	36
Hisar	3,092	24
Kurukshetra	2,709	53
Yamunanagar	2,320	32
Mahendragarh	2,225	2
Sirsia	1,911	25
Bhiwani	1,766	16
Palwal	1,682	13
Jhajjar	1,550	19
Kaithal	1,536	19
Fatehabad	1,277	17
Jind	1,045	11
Nuh	877	15
Charkhi Dadri	326	1
Total	81,059	854

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8 With 2,286 fresh cases, the tally of Covid-positive persons went up to 81,059 in the state. The toll reached 854 with the addition of 25 deaths.

Faridabad reported a maximum of 266 cases, followed by Gurugram (258), Karnal (224), Panipat (204), Panchkula (269) and Rohtak (162).

Karnal and Kurukshetra reported three deaths each, followed by Ambala, Panchkula, Sirsa, Yamunanagar and Fatehabad (two each). Faridabad, Gurugram, Rewari, Hisar, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Bhiwani, Nuh and Kaithal reported one death each.

Two Covid deaths and 98 new cases were reported from Ambala district, taking the death toll to 47.

Meanwhile, Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala has tested negative for the Covid infection and is completely healthy now.

SUSHIL MANAV
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

Introduced towards the first week of July, Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) have proved a game changer in Haryana so far as ramping up testing is concerned, despite being considered unreliable initially.

Of the 12.87 lakh samples tested in the state till Sunday, over 10 lakh were tested in July, August and the first week of September. Of these, nearly four lakh samples have been tested through rapid antigen tests.

Haryana had a testing rate of 9,955 per million and the total tests touched the 2.52-lakh mark when it decided to go for rapid antigen tests, particularly for the NCR districts which were witnessing many cases.

While from March till the beginning of July, the state had performed nearly 2.5 lakh tests, the total number of tests till Sunday has touched 12,94,598 while the tests per million in Haryana stand at 50,668.

Of these, 8,96,736 tests have

FASTER RESULTS

The rapid antigen tests, which take a few minutes to give results, have helped the government test large numbers of people in clusters in the NCR districts and hence facilitate the opening up of industries and business. — Rajeev Arora, ACS, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPT

been done through the RT-PCR technique while 3,91,108 samples have been tested by rapid antigen tests.

Among the NCR districts, where 1,88,354 samples have been tested with 1,24,373 tests per million population, 79,071 samples have been tested by rapid antigen testing. Similarly, in Faridabad with per million testing of 81,356, as many as 67,470 out of 1,47,233 samples have been tested by rapid antigen technique.

Though rapid antigen tests are now being used across the state. This is despite the fact that rapid antigen tests are not considered as reliable as the RT-PCR tests, which is



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Giving the recent example of detection of a large number of cases at 'dhabas' in Murtial (Sonepat), Arora said that it would not have been possible with the RT-PCR which takes a day or two for the results besides having a limited capacity.

"Antigen testing has helped us detect cases early in large clusters and isolate the patients early to prevent further spread of the virus," he added.

The ACS further said that antigen testing has also helped the Health Department to continue with testing where its labs faced bottlenecks because of its staff testing positive, like the one in Panchkula.

He, however, said that the department has been maintaining a balance of 70:30 between RT-PCR and rapid antigen tests so that the maximum number of samples are tested by the former method, being more reliable.



PATIENTS AT RISK: A safai karamchari dresses the wound of a patient in the Civil Hospital in Jhajjar. PHOTO: SUMIT THARAN

Safai karamchari caught on camera dressing wound

RAVINDER SAINI
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, SEPTEMBER 8

A safai karamchari at the casualty ward of the local Civil Hospital have been reportedly caught on camera dressing and stitching the wound of a patient.

This came to light in a video shot in the Civil Hospital on Sunday.

In the video, a doctor can be purportedly heard asking a safai karamchari (in khaki dress) to dress the wound and tie a bandage on a man, who was rescued from Dubbal village after he was kidnapped on Sunday.

The safai karamchari with the help of another Class IV employee can be seen cleaning and dressing the wound and then applying a bandage. The safai karamchari,

who dressed the wound, said: "The doctor on duty calls us for help when there is a rush of patients in the casualty ward. Our work is to keep the ward clean but, many times, we also help the attendants to bring patients to the casualty ward from outside."

Sources say only one doctor remains on duty at the casualty ward.

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Dr Sanjay Sachdeva said: "Doctors at the casualty ward have been instructed to stitch the wounds on their own. Attendants dress and bandage the wounds. Class IV employees, however, can also help the doctor in dressing and bandaging if the wound is minor. In case of serious injuries, surgeons are a call away."

Bizman robbed of ₹9 lakh in G'gram

OUR CORRESPONDENT

₹5L RECOVERED

- Businessman Vinit Bansal was outside his home when three armed men accosted him
- They took him to a forest area and robbed him of ₹9 lakh, a gold chain, a bracelet and a ring
- A few hours after the incident, the police recovered ₹5 lakh and a mobile phone from the crime spot

Teen held captive for 28 hrs, raped

GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 8

A 17-year-old girl from Punhana in Nuh district was allegedly gangraped by three men after being held captive for 28 hours on September 4, the police have said.

A case was registered on Tuesday, three days after the alleged incident, at the Pinangwa police station. The victim's family alleged the police dilly-dallied on registering the case initially.

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Bansal approached the police after returning home and they reached the forest area around 11.30 pm from where the cash and a mobile phone were recovered.

An FIR has been registered against three persons under Section 392 (robbery) of the IPC and sections 25-54-59 of the Arms Act at the Sector 50 police station.

The robbers left the cash on the spot, which was recovered by our team. We are checking the CCTV footage to identify the accused and they will be arrested soon," said Preet Pal Singh Sangwan, ACP, Crime.

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Last date for admission is 30th September, 2020 (without late fee)

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Covid epicentre

Treatment is the key while continuing work on vaccine

INDIA, the new epicentre of Covid-19, recorded nearly 75,000 fresh infections on Monday, far less than the average of more than 90,000 cases per day over the weekend. The sharp drop is attributed to a drastic reduction in testing. Kerala, for instance, reported about 1,600 new cases on Monday, down from Sunday's over 3,000. The state tested only 20,000-odd samples on Monday, nowhere near the previous day's figure of 40,000-plus. Reduced testing is uncalled for as India is struggling to contain the spread of the virus, which has made deep inroads into urban as well as rural areas. Though the country's Covid mortality rate is quite low (around 1.7 per cent), the number of daily deaths remains high, with a record 1,133 fatalities reported on Monday. Along with enhancing the test count, which can curb the death rate to some extent, there is a dire need to improve treatment facilities and intensify contact tracing.

The healthcare system has been under severe strain in recent months, but there is no option to simply wait for the virus to run its course. 'Every life matters' was the government's slogan when a nationwide lockdown was enforced in late March. Now, with the pandemic wreaking havoc during the unlocking process, the same dictum has become even more pertinent. The authorities need to ensure optimum use of the existing infrastructure; if there is a shortfall, it should be overcome at the earliest. It's an irony that the country's 'largest' Covid care centre, a 10,100-bed facility at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, will be shut down from September 15 due to lack of patients.

Amid the worsening situation, a potent vaccine can prove to be a life-saver. With the Russian Health Ministry announcing on Tuesday that the first batch of the Sputnik-V vaccine has been produced for civilian circulation, India can hope to utilise the all-important shot in the near future, once its long-term safety and effectiveness have been established. The country's own research on the vaccine should not lose momentum. The Covid peak is still elusive, but India ought to be well prepared for the worst.

Beti bachao

Gurugram girl child's drowning belies tall claims

THE chilling incident of a heartless grandma allegedly drowning her 'unwanted' infant granddaughter — the third in the family — in a septic tank in a Gurugram village yet again highlights the persistent prevalence of the social evil that refuses to die down. In the face of the continual preference for a male child caused by a mindset culturally conditioned to consider girls as a liability, many a daughter continues to be killed in the womb or soon after birth. This case reinforces Haryana's poor record in gender ratio. While a considerable improvement in the sex ratio at birth (SRB) was witnessed since 2014 when the sex ratio was an abysmally skewed 871 women for 1,000 men, this year has seen a setback with the SRB till July 2020 dropping to 914 against 923 in 2019.

This worrisome reversal of the trend belies the state government's tall claims of the much-hyped *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* campaign. Such efforts as well as crackdowns on illegal sex determination tests and female foeticide by the Haryana health department (in the state and the 'safer' Punjab, UP or Rajasthan) alone are not enough to change the situation on the ground. To shape an awakening, they must be bolstered by progressive reforms that stem forth from the bowels of society, including the influential khap and the general public. The key lies in educating the people about the benefits of bringing girls into the world and bringing them up as equal to their brothers regarding access to nutrition, health and education. Not only will gender parity ensure that brides are not in short supply for the men, but also mean that well-educated and empowered women contribute their might to the development of the family and to state-building.

The Economic Survey of 2018, which had a pink-coloured cover to signify the relation of economy with gender issues, revealed that the craze for sons stubbornly persists — most so in Punjab and Haryana. And, notably, an increase in wealth too fails to suppress this rage. Even as there has been a perceptible improvement in the status of women over the years, the path towards welcoming the girl child sadly remains a long and uphill one.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Cooperation is the conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there. — Virginia Burden

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

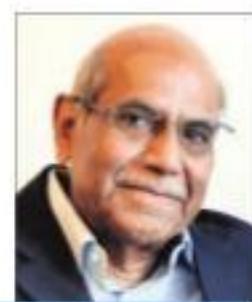
LAHORE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1920

The Tribune Founder's Day.

THE 9th of September, being the anniversary of the death of the founder of *The Tribune*, is a day sacred to us. It is appropriate to recall the state of public life and intellectual activity in this Province this day nearly 40 years ago and measure the rapid progress made since then. Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia took no small share in shaping the course of the progress through various institutions which he founded then. *The Tribune*, as most of our readers remember, was founded in 1881 and from a weekly paper protecting the people's interests against official vagaries and class aggression, it soon developed into a tri-weekly during the founder's lifetime and subsequently into a daily. We owe it to his sacred memory to acknowledge that the spirit of independence, impartiality and justice which the Sardar instilled into the conduct of the paper has helped to guide its conductors since his death. He was sagacious enough to realise the value of starting a national newspaper to ventilate the cause of the public at a time when the power of the press was little known to people. Dyal Singh College and the High School which feeds it together with the large Free Library and Reading Room in Lahore constitute another sphere of intellectual growth which the great Punjab patriot and philanthropist created out of the abundance of his wealth. The hundreds and thousands of graduates and under-graduates that pass through these institutions have reason to bless his name. He was the President of the Indian Association and the President of the first Indian National Bank started in the capital of the city. He was an ardent Congressman and organised the first Lahore Congress in 1893. He exercised a magnetic influence over those who came in contact with him and astonished them with originality of his thought. He gave nearly all he had — over 20 lakhs of rupees — to public benefaction in legacies to his people and his countrymen.

Time to take the lead

Regional cooperation is a compulsion now, and must drive our neighbourhood policy



SHYAM SARAN

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INDIA and its sub-continental neighbourhood are confronting a public health crisis and a collateral economic crisis. Despite awareness among South Asian countries that the crisis could be better managed and overcome through closer regional cooperation, each country is largely going its own way. Hopes were raised when PM Modi convened a virtual summit of SAARC leaders in March to urge a regional response to the pandemic and pledged India's cooperation and support. The summit was a significant development because there has been a perception that India has given up on SAARC and is promoting the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) instead. The latter does not include Pakistan. It has other South Asian countries like India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan and Southeast Asian countries like Myanmar and Thailand. However, there has been little substantive follow-up to the Indian initiative. Pakistan did convene a meeting of SAARC health officials subsequently and though a mechanism for exchange of information and experiences seems to have been established, this does not live up to expectations generated by the summit. One must acknowledge that the twin crisis has erupted at a time when there are renewed political tensions in relations between India and some of its neighbours such as Pakistan, Nepal and even Bangladesh. The political environment is not conducive to regional cooperation. If the crisis is to serve as an opportunity to revive SAARC and impart fresh momentum to regional

VIDEO CONFERENCE OF SAARC LEADERS ON COMBATING COVID-19
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STEPPING UP: Once a Covid vaccine is available, its affordability and availability in South Asia will be a challenge. India could shoulder this responsibility.

Economic revival should be pursued not as a purely indigenous effort but as a shared effort among our neighbours.

cooperation and economic integration, India as the largest country in the region will have to take the lead and deploy significant resources to assist its neighbours, both to cope with the pandemic and support their economic recovery post-pandemic. What could be a compelling narrative to enable this lead role?

The narrative has to be at two levels. Covid-19 has brought to the surface the serious erosion of our planet's ecology which lies behind the pandemic. The forest habitats of the animal kingdom are shrinking at an alarming rate, leading not only to the loss of biodiversity but also bringing wild species hosting unfamiliar and often deadly viruses, into close contact with both domesticated animals and human beings. This is the same phenomenon which is accelerating climate change because forests constitute giant carbon sinks whose loss means more carbon stays in the earth's atmosphere. South Asia is one of the most ecologically integrated regions of the world with very rich biodiversity but this is fragile and under threat. The Himalayan glaciers are receding, affecting the flow of perennial rivers in the Indo-Gangetic plains. The pollution of our rivers with run-off from the use of toxic chemical fertilisers and pesticides and a huge amount of plastic waste is creating a dead zone in the Bay of Bengal, with complete loss of marine life. Rivers are living and life-giving. They cannot be partitioned and exploited among countries. The seas around us are similarly a common resource that maritime boundaries cannot divide and parcel off as family assets. If these cross-border ecological challenges are not recognised at the political level and addressed through cooperation, we are setting ourselves up for even more severe crises in the future. The very survival of our people may be at stake. The political issues that preoccupy South Asian countries today will be rendered irrelevant in the face of the infinitely greater risks that await us round the corner. India's larger size and resources will not count for much in confronting these overwhelming challenges. But India could be the centre of gravity for an urgent region-wide effort to minimise these imminent risks. Taking the lead on this overarching issue will require political bolding,

ness, a willingness to transcend current differences and disputes and move away from a competitive and reciprocal frame of inter-state relations to a collaborative frame. This does not mean that issues will go away or that outstanding issues will resolve themselves. It will mean that their salience in our relations with our neighbours will diminish while a positive narrative of cooperation begins to take hold. In a real sense, regional cooperation is no longer a choice. It has become a compulsion. This is what must now drive our neighbourhood policy.

There are near-term initiatives through which the regional agenda may be advanced in dealing with the crisis. Once an effective vaccine becomes available, there will be a major challenge in enabling its large-scale production and distribution and ensuring its affordability among a relatively poor population of South Asia already hit by the economic impact of the pandemic. India has one of the largest production capacities for vaccine production in the world, which could be mobilised for bringing relief to the people of South Asia without letting borders stand in the way. SAARC countries could be invited to design this public health initiative together, with India shouldering the larger responsibility.

On the economic recovery aspect, one area where India could help is in assisting neighbours cope with the increasingly severe balance of payments pressures they are facing. India has large and comfortable foreign exchange reserves which should enable much larger swap facilities than is currently available. Atmanirbhar Bharat could be rebranded as Atmanirbhar South Asia with regionally structured supply chains. Economic recovery would be pursued not as a purely indigenous effort but as a shared effort among our neighbours.

A mix of both overarching and more modest initiatives may help India in regaining the initiative in a region which impacts most directly on India's security and economic welfare.

A science fair that changed life

HIRA SINGH BHUPAL

IN 1993-94, I was pursuing middle school education in my village, where science was taught by instructors with a non-scientific background. Our academic condition was so poor that even the names of extraordinary contributors like Newton and Einstein became victims of 'evil words' from our mouth. We contemplated their non-existence, so we wouldn't have to study their dreary theories. Distressfully, science couldn't inspire us, and we remained blissfully ignorant of its significance in our everyday life.

The days were passing, as such, with the same despondency. However, as we transitioned to class VIII, Mr Mohinder Pal was appointed as our new science teacher. In his very first

lecture, he elucidated the importance of science in our life by citing phenomenal examples and perspectives. After some outstanding lectures and exceptional clarity, a turning point came just before the summer vacation. The teacher had received an invitation letter to a district-level science fair. Along with one of my classmates, I was informed about the upcoming event. After lunch, he pulled out an apparatus from a dusty almirah and told us to be present in the school on Sunday.

The following Sunday, he demonstrated the experiment, leaving no detail to imagination. The next morning, he gave us a ride on his scooter and took us to the much-fantasised science fair at Mansa. As we belonged to a sleepy village school, we felt overwhelmed watching guardians of other

students, with neckties, patronising them. This red-carpet treatment to the sharp-looking pupils astonished us.

The event commenced and we started assembling our apparatus with a sense of fear and with low confidence. As the assessment committee evaluated our experiment, we explained to them the whole concept and answered their every query impeccably. They appreciated our efforts and after the first day's conclusion, Masterji took us to the nearby canteen and treated us to samosas. We were thrilled and enjoyed the scrumptious delicacy!

The next day, the results were announced and we grabbed the second position, beating English-medium students. It was like a miracle. More than us, our teacher was excited, and took pride in us — students

from a rural background, from a small school at Bhupal village, had performed outstandingly.

Today, I owe my success to that science fair which brought me where I am. I inculcated interest in science and was awarded a state merit position in the class XII (medical) exam. But I had a long way to go.

That I took admission in BSc Agriculture at the PAU, Ludhiana, and won a gold medal are the joyful parts of my success story. I am now working as Assistant Professor at the PAU.

From my experience, I have realised that society needs such encouraging teachers, who, without showing prejudice towards rural students and with minimum infrastructure, are willing to bring in the change. That makes all the difference. It did to me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why not start from Punjab?

Apropos of 'Reforms can bolster global value chains' (Sept 8), with due regard to his age and status, I would request the writer to throw his weight behind burning issues of his own state, Punjab, where he is at the helm of affairs. To prosper once again, the state is required to get rid of various mafias. What happened, and has been happening, during Covid-19 is known to everyone, and best known to the writer. Tax evasion, drug trade and loot of public money have been added to the long list. There is hardly anyone to incur risk against these mafias. As SDM, during the previous government, whenever I undertook raids against the sand mafia, I was transferred within hours. The present regime has only one-and-a-half years to deliver. We need fearless and honest officers who can deliver without caring for frequent transfers. Drug addiction is a chronic problem which can be partly tackled through employment generation. All types of contracts can be thrown open for the unemployed youth by formulating effective policies instead of giving these to elite groups. Corruption is the root cause of all these evils. Therefore, the writer while thinking globally, must act locally, which is the need of the hour.

VK SYAL, SANGRUR

Doubts remain...

I regularly read Julio Ribeiro's excellent, forthright and revealing columns. In 'Why police are partisan' (Sept 5), he has rightly praised Tejinder Khanna's record as an outstanding and upright administrator. However, after retirement, he blotted his copybook when he accepted the chairmanship of the Ranbaxy pharmaceutical company. He was chairing a Board meeting when a whistleblower exposed the fraudulent dealings that Ranbaxy was then committing. Those dealings have been exposed in detail by the investigative writer, Katherine Eban, in her book, *Bottle of Lies: Ranbaxy and the Dark Side of Indian Pharma*, which I covered in my column. When I tried to question Khanna about that meeting, he was unavailable for comment.

RAHUL SINGH, MUMBAI

Congress lacks strategy

The recent happenings in the Congress have done more damage than help improve the image of the party which still doesn't have a full-time president after its chief quit following the 2019 elections. Experienced leaders are trying to strengthen the party by asking the leadership to evolve a suitable strategy. No party can survive if their members have no right to

speak their minds. They should chalk out a plan to put forth their views democratically in Parliament and avoid disrupting its proceedings by holding protests. Since the proceedings are telecast live, a wrong message goes out to the public. They should utilise the opportunity to present the mishandling of the situation in the country by the government. If they continue to disrupt the proceedings, the Congress will not be able to win the confidence of the people.

MUKAND LAL KAUSHIK, BY MAIL

Cong existencial crisis

Apropos of 'Congress at crossroads' (Sept 8), with PM Modi having gained a tenacious grip over the common masses, the Congress is facing an existential crisis. It needs to introspect what has gone awry, resulting in fiasco in two successive elections. It

needs to shed a personality-centric approach and choose a viable and visible leader to rescue the sinking ship. It is only by redesigning the idea of the party high command that the party can be resuscitated. Our country is in dire need of a strong Opposition.

VIMAL SETHI, KAPURTHALA

Real teachers missing

Reference to 'A good teacher educates for lifetime' (Sept 8), a teacher is a per-

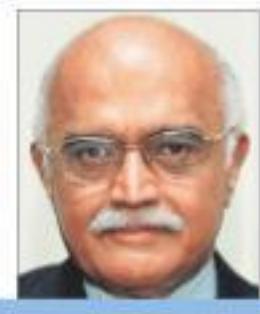
former, motivator; an awakener and a pedagogic leader who leads from the front by raising his/her own bar of teaching methods, morals and manners, to be a role model for students. William Arthur Ward said, 'The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. A great teacher inspires.' Sadly, the tribe of such teachers is dwindling. If there is decline in teaching-learning standards, we, the teachers, are also to blame. Earlier, teaching was a profession and a mission. But the spirit is wanting these days. An Urdu couplet says it beautifully, 'Jo ek nigah se karte the khaak ko aqseer, Kahan gaye woh mujallam woh meharban ustaad' (Where have gone those teachers who transformed dust into elixir with a single glance)?'

JASWANT SINGH GANDAM, PHAGWARA
A rarity now
Refer to 'A principled principal' (Sept 7); principals like Triloki Nath are a rarity now, and this has led to a steep decline in the quality of higher education as well as the lack of discipline among students and teachers. Injecting work culture among teachers and staff is possible only through example. Nation builders, as they are called, must depict virtues of dedication, truthfulness and industriousness.

ASHOK CHAUDHARY, BY MAIL

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Breaches of norms in Trump's campaign



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN

FORMER SPECIAL SECRETARY,

CABINET SECRETARIAT

UNDER 52 US Code 30121, it is a federal offence to receive 'contribution' or 'other thing of value' from a foreign national for a federal, state or local election: "It shall be unlawful for a foreign national... to make a contribution... or something of value... in connection with a Federal... election."

Under the US Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA), an individual would be deemed to be a candidate if he or she 'seeks' or 'expected to seek nomination for election and has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or has made expenditures in excess of \$5,000'. Unlike the Indian law, it is not necessary for him/her to have actually filed nomination.

Washington DC-based non-profit watchdog organisation 'Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington' had filed a report, 'A campaign to defraud' publishing a list of eight criminal offences committed by President Donald Trump. Two of these were allegedly committed by him after his election in 2016. In another report, 'Trump's 2,000 conflicts of interest and continuing', it listed: 'one hundred eleven officials from 65 foreign governments, including 57 foreign countries, have made 137 visits to a Trump property, raising the question of how much

foreign money has been spent at Trump's properties'.

'Contribution' need not only be in money but includes "anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election." A foreign leader canvassing for a federal candidate among his ethnics in America or an American candidate requesting a foreign power to intervene which might give him an indirect advantage might be construed to be violating this law.

Thus, when Trump asked Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky on July 25, 2019, to 'look into' former vice-president Joe Biden and his son Hunter, he had violated this campaign law as he knew that Biden would most possibly be his opponent in November 2020.

According to the transcripts declassified on September 24, 2019, Trump had said: "There's a lot of talk about Biden's son that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that, so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution, so if you can look into it... it sounds horrible to me."

This was confirmed by Col Alexander Vindman, Ukrainian expert and Director of European Affairs in the US National Security Council, who had officially 'listened' to the Trump call. However, he was 're-assigned' in February 2020 after he deposed at the US House of Representatives during the Trump impeachment inquiry.

John Bolton, former National Security Adviser, had also confirmed this in his book *The Room Where It Happened* that Trump had asked him to ensure that the Ukraine President should cater to his demand. He was also asked to call President Zelensky to request him to meet with Trump's personal



UNDER A CLOUD: The US media has listed several recent acts by the Trump administration that violate election laws.

President Trump's action on September 4, invoking his friendship with PM Modi and citing their joint rallies to canvass Indian-American support for his re-election, is a breach of US Federal Election Campaign Act. Modi had supported Trump by calling out to the audience: 'Abki bar Trump Sarkar'.

lawyer Rudy Giuliani who was planning to travel to Ukraine.

Similarly, President Donald Trump's action on September 4, invoking his friendship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and citing their joint rallies to canvass Indian-American support for his re-election, is prima facie a breach of FECA. The videos shown by the Trump Campaign include their joint rallies in the US and India. On September 22, 2019, at the Howdy Modi rally at Houston, Modi had supported Trump by calling out to the audience, 'Abki bar Trump Sarkar'.

Trump, in turn, had underplayed the importance of any deals during his India visit and was expecting a huge campaign rally at Motera, near Ahmed-

abad, on February 24 this year, ostensibly to influence the Indian-Americans.

On February 11, he had made his priorities clear when told a White House audience that "He (PM Modi) said we'll have millions and millions of people." As an afterthought, he told a rally in Las Vegas on February 20: "We're going to India, and we may make a tremendous deal there, or maybe we'll slow it down. We'll do it after the election."

The US media had already listed several recent acts by the Trump administration that were clearly against FECA and the 1939 Hatch Act which prevents federal employees from election campaign-related political activity. The 1939 Act was named after Senator Carl Hatch of New Mexico.

Among the violations was the video broadcast of the 'Naturalisation ceremony' for five new US citizens from different countries, including a sari-clad woman from India, at the White House and presidential pardon to a convicted bank robber. Ordinarily, such ceremonies are conducted at a lower level by a judge or by a Citizenship and Immigration official (CIS). The White House defended its publicity at the Republican National Convention (RNC) when criticism of breach of Hatch Act was made. They said that the videos had already appeared on the official CIS website!

President Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence were alleged to have violated the Hatch Act by using the White House and Fort McHenry, both government buildings, as props for their RNC speeches. Similarly, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was alleged to have made violations by speaking to the RNC from Jerusalem where he was on an official diplomatic visit. All these were brushed aside by the Trump campaign by saying that they had paid for the use of government buildings.

The real reason why such violations had occurred was because the Federal Election Commission, the election watchdog, was effectively 'shut down' by President Trump since August 2019 by not recommending appointments to the vacancies for Senate ratification. Under its statute, the six-member commission has to have a quorum of four to take all decisions. As of now, there are only three members and 350 outstanding matters are pending decisions.

In fact, 'The Center for Public Integrity' had warned even in August last year that by not having a quorum, the FEC 'can't slap political scofflaws with fines, can't make rules, can't conduct audits and can't vote on outcome of investigations.'

Steel frame needs to retain its effectiveness



AMITABHA BHATTACHARYA

FORMER BUREAUTIC

Mission Karmayogi basically seeks to augment the skills of civil servants and aims at upgrading the post-recruitment training mechanism of officers and employees of the Central Government at all levels. Its success will depend on addressing the right questions and seeking to design systems to prepare and sensitise the civil servants to make a visible difference to public life.

THE Centre's decision to introduce Mission Karmayogi for all its officials, shorn of hyperbole that accompanied its announcement, merits attention in the context of several reforms undertaken in recent years.

These reforms include lateral entry of fresh talent at the level of joint secretary; amendment to the Prevention of Corruption Act in 2018; operationalisation of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013; and systematic weeding out of officials on grounds of inefficiency and doubtful integrity under Section 56(j) of the Fundamental Rules.

Mission Karmayogi basically seeks to augment the skills of civil servants and aims at upgrading the post-recruitment training mechanism of officers and employees of the Central Government at all levels. While details are awaited, the architecture looks well thought out. In a country where the training of middle and junior-level employees has always been ignored, a provision of over Rs 500 crore for five years, deserves appreciation.

However, many questions remain. While relevant and continuous training, especially for the cutting-edge civil servants, is important per se, much of the success would depend on the design of



INTERFACE: The government wants purposeful reforms in civil services.

such training modules. It should be based on large-scale public feedback on the inadequacies of service providers, sectorally disaggregated and on a structured analysis of such 'big data' obtained. Formulating a flagship scheme, largely on impressionistic ideas of senior or retired civil servants and academics, is bound to suffer from serious limitations, especially in a changing scenario.

In other words, has the effectiveness of our civil services in various fields been assessed or measured? Most citizens have an unflattering opinion of our governance system, on the strength of their personal experience at a government hospital, a transport office, a police station or so. Their perception about government policies made at higher levels is often moulded by media reports that are not always reliable or impartial.

However, there have been serious attempts to measure civil service effec-

tiveness. The International Civil Service Effectiveness (InCiSE, 2019) index had covered 38 countries and ranked them on the basis of a dozen indicators. It seeks to serve both as a performance improvement and an accountability tool. Would it not be worthwhile to identify our own performance parameters, in association with the best expertise globally available, to formulate a system to measure our civil service effectiveness? The proposed 'Annual state of civil service' report may well start measuring and ranking the performance of various sectors accordingly.

Secondly, in the overall context of civil service reform, training is a component that is integrally linked with the issues of recruitment of civil servants. Though the higher civil services today are more representative of our society due to democratisation of education, are we inducting some of the finest students, now that options are available to the

bright ones? Relenting to pressure from powerful lobbies, the upper age limit and number of attempts have been revised from time to time. Does the long-drawn exam, with aspirants spending their productive youth in preparation, encourage merit or sheer tenacity and rote learning? This is largely true for recruitment to Group A,B and C services.

Thirdly, trainings are normally effective in equipping civil servants with domain and functional competencies. But attitudes are equally important, and making public services more citizen-centric continues to remain a challenge. Common citizens, especially the senior ones, face multiple problems that a sensitive bureaucracy can easily solve. For example, with increasing migration within the country, updating residential address has become necessary, for example, in the electoral photo identity or Aadhaar card or even for opening a bank account. Often, this turns out to be a nightmare. Yet, this can be solved by way of a simple affidavit, or by a self-declaration that can be immediately verified or attested by any local authority.

How the indifferent and obstructionist attitude at operating levels can be changed through training is a moot question.

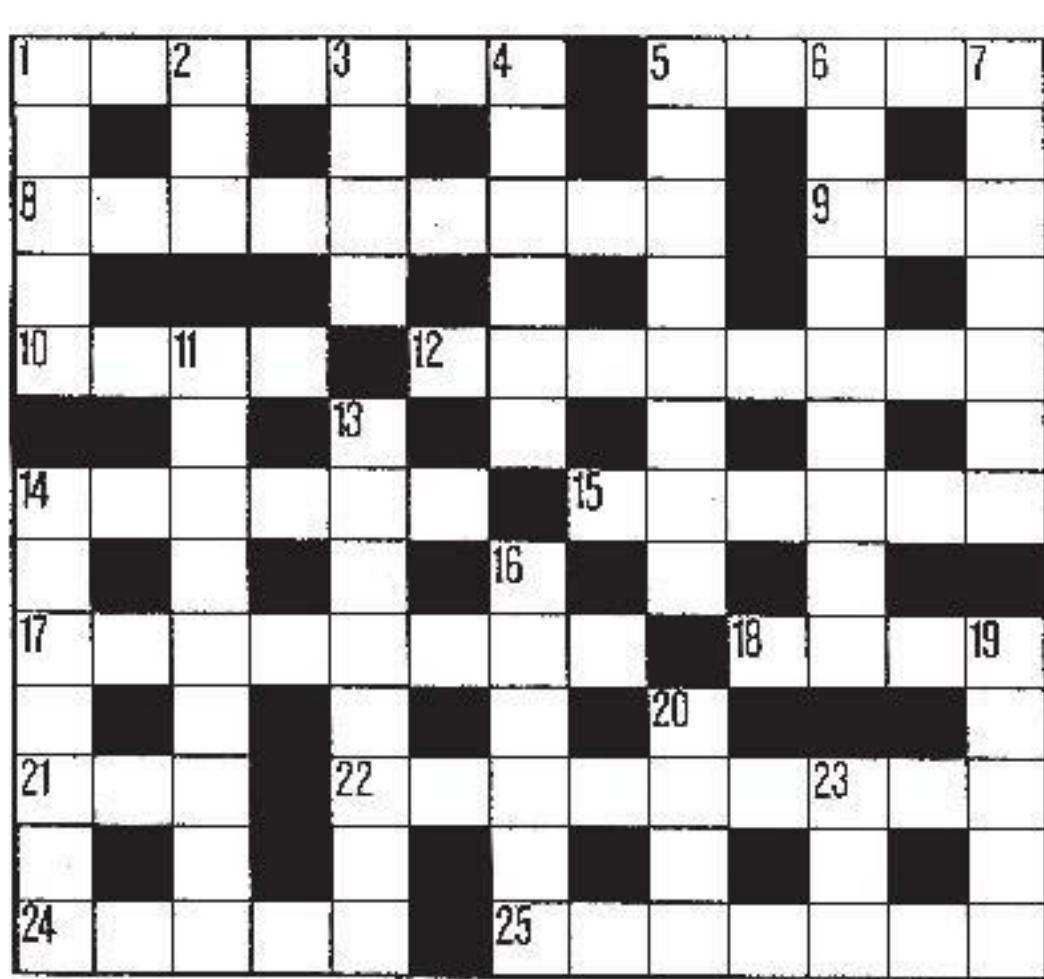
Lastly, the performance of civil servants is linked with their career progression and the level of their motivation. The idea of aligning work allocation by matching their experience with the requirements of job has largely been on paper. Evidently, political considerations impact transfers and postings at various levels. Moreover, what affects systemic morale down the line is the trend of appointing retired officials in statutory

and other important posts. This practice of choosing senior officials for post-retirement 'sinecures' has not done much good, discouraging competent and impartial officers and de-motivating others. Training may enhance the knowledge and skill-set, but is unlikely to motivate to offer the best service, in a climate where loyalty to the political superior is noticeably rewarded.

In his book *Accountability: Angst, Awareness, Action* [Pearson, 2012], Jay P Desai has shown that on indices such as the Democracy Index, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index, India ranks rather low. On Global Competitiveness Index 2010-11, it was 51st out of 139 countries and on Worldwide Governance Indicators, 2009, it ranked 112th out of 213 countries. On the UNDP's Human Development Index-2019, we are at the 129th position out of 189 countries. This is an indictment of our collective performance, even if one questions the methodology and finds that there have been improvements in certain areas. Without undermining the contribution of individual civil servants, it appears that these rankings are not totally out of sync with the public perception of our governmental machinery.

The success of Mission Karmayogi would depend on addressing the right questions and seeking to design systems accordingly, to prepare and sensitise the civil servants to make a visible difference to public life. Importantly, its success would inspire the state governments, where most of the citizen-government interface lies, to undertake civil service reforms more purposefully.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Sincere, 5 Rash, 9 Swell, 10 Vitriol, 11 Off the ground, 13 Helmet, 14 Myopia, 17 Evenhandedly, 20 Inertia, 21 Rogue, 22 Hate, 23 Inclined.

Down: 1 So-so, 2 Needful, 3 Call the shots, 4 Review, 6 Adieu, 7 Hold dear, 8 Stormy petrel, 12 Sheepish, 15 Polygon, 16 In vain, 18 Erect, 19 Feud.

ACROSS

- 1 Rushing stream (7)
- 5 Operating successfully (5)
- 8 Tolerate (3,2,4)
- 9 Excessively (3)
- 10 Cipher (4)
- 12 Variety of cabbage (8)
- 14 Extreme fear (6)
- 15 Contemptibly small (6)
- 17 Physically fit and strong (8)
- 18 To check (4)
- 21 A coniferous tree (3)
- 22 Dire consequences (4,2,3)
- 24 Make as net profit (5)
- 25 Act of contrition (7)

DOWN

- 1 Subject of discussion (5)
- 2 Turncoat (3)
- 3 Catch sight of (4)
- 4 Three-legged stand (6)
- 5 Share between two (2,6)
- 6 Passing through (2,7)
- 7 To honour (7)
- 11 Little-known contestant (4,5)
- 13 Simultaneously (8)
- 14 Illegal trade (7)
- 16 Stimulus (6)
- 19 Possibly (5)
- 20 Knock senseless (4)
- 23 Write (3)

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Bhadrabudha Shaka	18
■ Bhadrabudha Parvishtha	25
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 7, up to 2:06 am	
■ Harshana Yoga up to 6:16 pm	
■ Kritika Nakshatra up to 11.15 am	
■ Moon in Taurus sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:36 HRS

SUNRISE: THURSDAY 06:04 HRS

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**TENDER NOTICE-2020-21/7
ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS/SITES**

Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/Sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Shops/Sites	Last date for download/ing tender forms from PGI Website	Last Date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/ Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be opened on
1.	Build up Cafeteria, New OPD Block- PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	05.10.2020 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	06.10.2020 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
2.	Photostat at Main Library, PGIMER- Sector 12, Chandigarh.	05.10.2020 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	06.10.2020 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.
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4.	Open space for running STD/PCO & Photostat at New OPD Block, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	05.10.2020 (Monday) up to 04.00 P.M.	06.10.2020 (Tuesday) up to 01:00 P.M. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02.00 P.M.	Price Bid at 04.00 P.M.

Tender containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from PGI website and same can be submitted personally in the office of Administrative Officer (Estate), PGIMER, Chandigarh along with Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of Rs. 500/- payable at Chandigarh drawn in favour of Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh along with other documents. The Director, PGI, Chandigarh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever without prior notice to the tenders.

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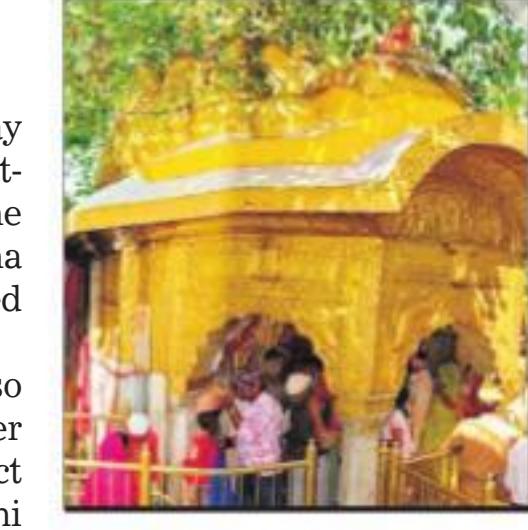
DIRECTOR

SOP for Chintpurni temple issued

No 'puja', no 'prasad' | Also applicable to all temples of Kangra district

LALIT MOHAN

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THE GUIDELINES

- Not more than 500 pilgrims to be allowed in a day
- All pilgrims will have to download the Arogya Setu app, maintain distance, sanitise their hands and wear masks
- Pilgrims from other states will require booking for a minimum two-day stay at one or multiple places in the state
- They should have Covid-negative report from ICMR-recognised labs
- Shoes should be kept in pilgrims' vehicles or at the old bus stand
- The touching of idols, bells and holy books banned

Setu application of the Central Government, maintain social distancing, sanitise their hands and wear masks.

They would gather at one place initially and then proceed through the gates of the temples following the SOP.

The pilgrims would have to keep their shoes in their vehicles or at the old bus stand and

keep a minimum distance of six feet between themselves. The touching of idols, bells and holy books has been totally prohibited and so is singing with 'dhol nagara'. The sprinkling of holy water or offering or taking prasad has also been banned. The pilgrims from other states would require booking for a minimum two-day stay at one or multiple places in the state. They would have to produce a Covid-negative report from ICMR-recognised laboratories. Any person, who has recovered from Covid and carries a Covid-negative report from a recognised laboratory, would be free to pay obeisance at the temples.

People above the age of 60 with comorbidity and children below the age of 10 have been advised to stay home.

Pujaris have been barred from offering 'molis' or perform puja for individuals or groups or perform 'Kanya pujan'. Only two pujaris would be present in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple at a time. They have also been barred from performing havans for the pilgrims.

Covid cases up by 171, five die

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STATE TRACKER

	Recovered	5,444
	Active cases	2,316
	Positive cases	7,831
	Deaths	58
	DISTRICT-WISE COUNT	
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	637	5
Solan	1,770	14
Kangra	1,196	11
Chamba	551	5
Hamirpur	680	5
Sirmaur	1,070	3
Mandi	554	8
Bilaspur	425	-
Shimla	462	7
Kullu	364	-
Kinnar	103	-
Lahaul & Spiti	19	-
Total	7,831	58

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Three persons, including three policemen, were found infected with the virus in Sirmour district. Ten cases were detected in Kolar, Malwa Cotton industrial unit and other places in Paonta Sahib.

13 cases in Una

Thirteen persons tested positive for Covid-19 in Una district. A 25-year-old woman journalist in Haroli, a 32-year-old woman health worker, two members of a Rakkar Colony family, and an employee of the Una Municipal Committee were among the infected persons.

BRO DG visits Shinku La site in Lahaul & Spiti

DIPENDER MANTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Director General of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Lt General Harpal Singh, today visited Shinku La situated at the height of 16,600 feet in tribal district of Kaithal.

On the direction of the Defence Ministry, the Border Roads Organisation is planning to construct a tunnel beneath Shinku La in Lahaul Spiti district to connect Zanskar valley with Himachal Pradesh in Lahaul.

The BRO had already constructed a road from Darcha Padum ahead up to Shinku La from

Lahaul side which has been connected to Padum the sub division headquarters of Zanskar valley of union territory of Leh.

Due to high altitude, Shinku La receives heavy snowfall, which blocks traffic movement on the Darcha-Padum highway, which is under construction. This highway would be connected at Nimmu from Padum ahead at the Kargil-Leh highway, which will provide all weather connectivity to Leh via Keylong-Darcha-Shinku La-Padum-Nimmu highway.

The construction work of the road is already under way. It would provide an alternate route for military access from Himachal side to Leh in the coming days.

Drive against drug abuse in Mandi

MANDI, SEPTEMBER 8

The district administration started a campaign against drug abuse here on Monday. The authorities tried to approach people through social media, virtual meetings and by organising awareness camps to encourage them to shun drug abuse.

Ramesh Chand Bansal, Programme Officer of Department of Social Welfare, Mandi, said, "To ensure the implementation of the campaign at the grass-roots level, we have engaged youth clubs, mahila mandals and representatives of gram panchayats".

"We are organising virtual meetings with youths and educating them about the use of social media to spread the message of drug abuse at the grass-roots level. We are organising painting, poster-making, writing and other competitions," he added. —TNS

17% deficient rain in state

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 8

The southwest monsoon has weakened in the past four days and the local MeT station has forecast dry weather over the next six days, making the conditions favourable for the early withdrawal of the monsoon.

The normal date for the withdrawal of the monsoon is September-end and it is too early to say that the monsoon is in the withdrawal phase, as the humidity level and other parameters are high, said Manmohan Singh, Director of MeT station.

During the current rainy season from June 1 to September 8, the state received 813.8 mm of average rainfall against the normal rainfall of 975.8 mm, a deficit of 17 per

Highest rain deficit (69%) in Lahaul & Spiti, followed by Chamba (50%) and Kinnar (44%)

cent. Barring Bilaspur and Kullu districts, which received 23 per cent and 20 per cent excess rain, and Una that experienced normal rainfall, the remaining nine districts received deficient rain ranging between 12 per cent and 69 per cent.

The highest rain deficit of 69 per cent was recorded in Lahaul and Spiti district, followed by Chamba (50 per cent), Kinnar (44 per cent), Sirmour (32 per cent), Shimla (19 per cent), Mandi (17 per cent) and Hamirpur and Solan (12 per cent).

Due to scanty rain, the day temperatures have started rising and Una in Shivalik foothills was the hottest in the state today with the maximum of 36°C, 4°C above normal, while Keylong and Kalpa in Lahaul and Spiti and Kinnar districts recorded a high of 23.2°C and 25.7°C, four and five degrees above normal. Shimla was cooler with the maximum temperature of 25.4°C, 4°C above normal.

The minimum temperatures also increased marginally and stayed two to three degrees above normal at most of the places. Keylong and Kalpa recorded a low of 8.1°C and 10.4°C while Nahan was the hottest during the night with a low of 23.5°C, followed by Una 22.6°C.

JU, school board office closed as staff test +ve

1,355 new cases; 14 deaths take toll to 815 in UT

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

With the highest single-day 1,355 new positive cases — 785 in the Jammu division and 570 in the Kashmir valley — the Covid count in J&K reached 45,925 in the past 24 hours.

J&K on Tuesday recorded the highest 14 deaths — eight in Jammu and six in the Kashmir division — taking the death toll to 815.

Moreover, 491 more patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals — 74 in the Jammu division and 417 in the Kashmir valley.

According to the official bulletin issued on Tuesday, out of 45,925 positive cases, 11,859 were active positive, 33,251 have recovered and 815 have died (113 in Jammu division and 702 in the Kashmir valley).

The bulletin further said out of 11,07,406 test results available, 10,61,481 samples have tested negative.

Meanwhile, Jammu University has been closed for three days after some employees tested positive. "The main campus of the

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	4,91,348
Persons completing surveillance	3,83,440
Samples tested	11,07,406
Negative results	10,61,481
Positive cases	45,925
Patients cured	33,251
Total deaths	815

University of Jammu will remain closed on September 9, 10 and 11, so all examinations of the university scheduled on these dates stand postponed. Fresh dates for holding the exams will be notified separately", a notice issued by

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	2,427	26
Srinagar	10,508	242
Anantnag	2,644	52
Baramulla	3,114	107
Shopian	1,772	29
Kupwara	2,474	55
Budgam	3,017	66
Jammu	6,278	68
Udhampur	1,089	04
Ganderbal	1,829	25
Kulgam	2,010	40
Pulwama	2,927	60
Samba	870	05
Rajouri	1,098	10
Kishtwar	390	01
Kathua	1,122	10
Ramban	710	01
Reasi	479	00
Poonch	590	06
Doda	577	08
Total	45,925	815

the university stated.

Moreover, the Jammu office of the J&K State Board of School Education, situated at Rehari, Jammu, was also closed for three days after 15 employees of the board tested positive.

Atal Setu opened to ease traffic flow

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

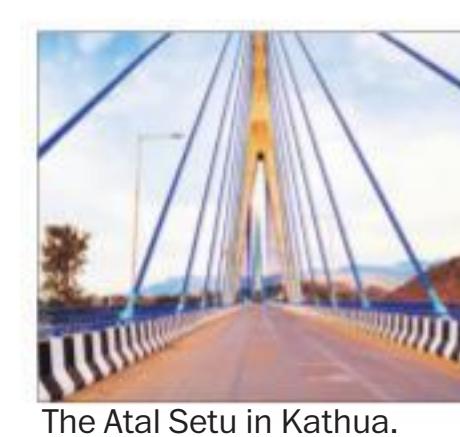
Atal Setu — the second entry corridor into the J&K UT — was opened this morning after a gap of nearly six months to ease pressure on Lakhanpur — the gateway of the UT.

Earlier, the entry of people into J&K was allowed only through Lakhanpur due to Covid restrictions, now, the movement will also be allowed through the Atal Setu with Covid protocol to check the spread of the virus.

"We have devised a mechanism to check the spread of the virus. The movement of the people on this bridge will be properly regulated as per the Covid guidelines", Tilak Raj, SDM, Basholi, said and added that this bridge had been thrown open for vehicular traffic on the pressing demand of the people who were facing hardship for the past nearly six months.

Atal Setu was closed for vehicular movement on March 25 after the outbreak of the pandemic as large numbers of people were 'sneaking' into J&K through this point after screening was started at Lakhanpur.

The decision of opening Atal Setu has been taken as per guidelines under Unlock



The Atal Setu in Kathua.

4-0. This bridge connects the Basholi subdivision of Kathua with Dunera (Pathankot) of Punjab.

"Now, the Atal Setu is open.

The same protocol of the Lakhanpur corridor will be followed. This is the second road entry to open for the UT after the lockdown", Shailendra Mishra, SSP, Kathua, tweeted.

With the opening of this bridge, inhabitants of the mountainous belt of Kathua namely Billawar, Basholi and Bani can easily travel to Punjab and other parts of the country. Furthermore, it will solve the problems of

patients of this belt who have been finding it difficult to go to Punjab and other areas for medical emergencies.

Meanwhile, the J&K Government has evacuated about 4,11,803 of its residents, stranded in other parts of the country due to the lockdown, via Lakhanpur and through special trains and buses.

KIDS' DEATHS NHRC notice to J&K Admn for relief to kin

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a show-cause notice to the J&K Administration for compensation to the families of 11 children who died due to consumption of spurious medicines in Udhampur district between December 2019 and January this year.

The notice was issued on Monday to the Chief Secretary of the Union Territory, directing him to show cause within four weeks as to why the commission should not recommend payment of a compensation of Rs 3 lakh to next of kin of each deceased whose human rights have been infringed.

Taking cognisance of the complaint made by Jammu-based social activist Sukesh C Khajuria, the National Human Rights Commission also sought an action-taken report against the delinquent officials, on account of whose negligence such an incident has occurred, which could otherwise be averted due to their strict vigilance.

OFFICE OF ZILA PARISHAD, BATHINDA

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Engagement of staff under MGNREGA in District Bathinda

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for post of Additional Programme Officer under MGNREGA scheme in Bathinda District, purely on contract basis. The information regarding the recruitment process can be downloaded from the website <http://bathinda.nic.in>. Last date for submission of applications is 14/09/2020 at office of Zila Parishad, Bathinda candidates can access future notices on <http://bathinda.nic.in>, no additional advertisement will be published.

Sd/- Addl. Deputy Commissioner (Dev.)-cum-Addl. District Programme Co-ordinator, DPR/Pb/74362 (MGNREGA), Bathinda.

Directorate of Home Guards, Civil Defence & Fire Services, Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla-2

August, 2020

Applications on the prescribed Proforma are invited for filling up 01 post of Chowkidar in Home Guards and Civil Defence, H.P. on daily wage basis from desirous candidates so as to reach in the office of Directorate of Home Guards and Civil Defence, H.P. S Club Shimla - 171001, on or before 10th October, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. from Non Tribal Areas positively, and the candidate of Tribal Areas of Himachal Pradesh shall be given an additional time of 05 days to submit their applications. The applications received late or found incomplete will be rejected straightway without assigning any reason. The department will not be responsible for delay in receipt of applications due to any reasons whatsoever.

Name of post	Chowkidar (on daily wages basis)
Number of post	UR-01 (Ward/Children of Freedom Fighter)
Essential Qualification	Should be Middle pass or its equivalent from recognized board of School Education/Institute.
Desirable Qualification	Knowledge of customs, manners and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability for appointment in the peculiar conditions prevailing in the Pradesh.
Age	The applicant should be between 18 to 45 years as on 01.01.2020. The upper age limit is relaxable by 05 years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC.
Place of posting	Anywhere in Himachal Pradesh.

Mode of selection:- Selection will be done strictly on the basis of parameters fixed by the Govt. vide notification No. Per(AP.B)B(15)/2014 dated 17.04.2017 as under:-

- Merit of minimum educational qualification i.e. Middle pass shall be calculated as under (Percentage of marks obtained in 8th standard will be calculated out of 85 marks. For example a candidate getting 50% marks in Middle standard will be given 42.5 marks)
- Evaluation of candidates to be made in the following manner:-
 - Belonging to notified Backward Area or Panchayat = 01 mark
 - Land Less family/family having land less than 1 Hectare certified by concerned Revenue Authority. = 02 mark
 - Non-employment Certificate to the effect that none of the family members is in Government/Semi Government service = 2.5 marks
 - Differently abled persons with more than 40% impairment/disability/infirmity. = 01 mark
 - NSS (atleast one year)/Certificate holders in NCC/C/Scout and Guide/Medal winner in National Level Sports competitions. = 01 mark
 - BPL family having annual income (from all sources below Rs. 40,000/- or as prescribed by the Govt. from time to time. = 2.5 marks
 - Widow/divorced/destitute/single woman = 1.5 marks
 - Single daughter/orphan = 01 mark
 - Experience up-to a maximum of 5 years in Govt./Semi-Govt. Organization relating to the post for (0.5 marks only for each completed year)

Documents to be attached with the application form:-

- Attested/self-attested copies of date of birth certificate, academic qualification certificate, Ward/children of Freedom Fighter certificate and Bonafide Himachali certificate.
- a certificate belonging to notified Backward Area or Panchayat, Landless family/family having less than 1 hac. land, non-employment etc., issued by the competent authority.
- a certificate of BPL, widow/divorced/destitute/single woman, single daughter/orphan etc. issued by the competent authority.
- A certificate of differently abled person issued by the competent authority.
- A certificate of NCC/NSS/Scouts & Guides and Medal winners of National level sports competition issued by the competent authority.
- A certificate of experience, if any, issued by competent authority.

General Instructions:-

- The candidate must apply on the prescribed form which is appended as Annexure-A with this advertisement and candidates are advised to apply on this format only on A-4 size paper. Application received in any other format except the Annexure-A will be rejected outright.
- The application form should be filled in by the candidate in his/her own handwriting with blue/black ink ball point pen.
- The candidate must fulfil all the required essential educational and other qualification on the last date fixed for the submission/receipt of application forms.
- Incomplete application forms e.g. declaration not signed, without photo and enclosures not attached and columns not filled in or applications received after due date shall be rejected summarily without assigning any reason.
- Only Himachal Bonafide candidates belonging to Ward/children of Freedom Fighter will be eligible for the posts.
- Candidates should also attach oneself addressed envelope of 9"x4" (inch) fixed along with Rs. 6 (six) postage stamp pasted on it with the application form.
- The original certificates/testimonials will be seen at the time of evaluation.
- For further details the candidates may contact on Telephone No. 0177-2658531.

ADG-cum-Commandant General, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Annexure-A

Himachal Pradesh Home Guards and Civil Defence Department, Shimla-1

Application form for the post of Chowkidar (on daily wages basis)

- Applicants' Name (in Capital Letters)
- Father's Name (in Capital Letters)
- Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____
- Permanent Home Address of the Candidate _____
- Correspondence Address of the Candidate _____
- Category of Candidate _____
- Educational Qualification _____

Note:- Attested/self-attested copies of Ward/Grand Children of Freedom Fighter, date of birth certificate, academic qualification certificate, SC/OBC/ST certificate and bonafide Himachali certificate, Backward Area/Panchayat certificate, Landless family/bfamily having less than 1 hac. land, non-employment/BPL certificate, widow/divorced/desstitute/single woman certificate, single daughter/orphan certificate, differently abled person certificate, NCC/NSS/Scouts & Guides Certificate and Certificate of experience, as the case may be, must be attached with this application.

DECLARATION

I _____ the above named candidate solemnly affirm and declare that all the details given by me in the application format are true and correct and nothing has been concealed therein. If any discrepancy found in my application format or false at any stage then I shall be liable for all consequential actions including cancellation of my candidature.

Place _____ Date _____ Signature of Candidate _____ DPR/HP/374

Tributes paid to Haryana gunner

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 8

The Army today paid tributes to Gunner Bhupender, who was killed in a ceasefire violation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara district on Saturday. Two soldiers were also injured in the Pakistani firing.

In a ceremony at the Badami Bagh Cantonment, Lt Gen BS Raju, Chinar Corps Commander, and all ranks paid homage to the braveheart on behalf of the nation, an Army statement said.

Gunner Bhupender was directing own retaliatory fire from a forward post on the LoC in the Nougam sector of Kupwara, in response to the unprovoked cease-

L-G for smooth service delivery in UT

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday observed that people-centric and good governance with smooth public service delivery was the prime focus of the UT Government.

The L-G was on his visit to Udhampur district where he reviewed progress of the development activities being carried out in the district and interacted with scores of public delegations to take stock of their issues.

The L-G also inaugurated various development projects worth Rs 23.40 cr and laid the e-foundation for projects of water supply schemes.

He was accompanied by BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary, Sanjeev Verma, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, IGP, Jammu, HoDs of various departments and other senior officers.

SINHA INAUGURATES ₹23.4-CRORE PROJECTS



- The L-G was on

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Arshdeep Kaur d/o Harpal Singh r/o Village Assa Buttar, Shri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152025, have changed my name to Arshdeep Kaur Buttar for all purposes. (CL20037906)

I, Mama w/o Chatar Singh (No. 15498203X Rank Ald) r/o Village Rouri, PO Pujewal, Tehsil Balachaur (SBS Nagar), Punjab, declare that in the service record of my husband, my name has wrongly been written as Mamta Kaur, which should be corrected as Mama. (CL20037946)

We, Shree Ram Singh S/o Bhim Singh and Nirmala Devi W/o Shree Ram Singh R/o House No. # 349, Sector-56, Chandigarh declare that our son Abhishek Kumar Singh is out of our control. We therefore disown and deba them from all our moveable / immovable property. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his/her own risk and responsibilities. We will not be responsible and liable for any of his activities. (CL20037960)

We, Baldev Singh S/o Hazara Singh and Paramjeet Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o House No. # 2645, Sector-61, Phase-7, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab declare that our son Inderjeet Singh and his wife Gagandeep Kaur are out of our control. We therefore disown and deba them from all our moveable / immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her own risk and responsibilities. We will not be responsible and liable for any of their activities. (CL20037961)

I, Gabbar Singh s/o Late Sh. Sunder Singh Rana r/o # 1416, Ground Floor, Sector 37-B Chandigarh have changed my name to Gabar Singh Rana. (CL20037972)

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I, Rajdeep Kaur w/o Jagit Singh r/o H.No. 141 Hardyal Nagar, Garha Road, Jalandhar, have changed my name to Rajdeep Kaur Dhaliwal. (CL20037986)

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I, Harish Kumar s/o Devinder Kumar r/o VPO Ladrawan, Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana have changed my name to Harsh Chhikara. (CL20038015)

Rajni Gaur w/o Rajeev Sharma r/o H. No. 141/4, Durga Colony, Paonta Sahib, HP. I have changed my name to Rajni Sharma for all future purposes. (CL20038016)

I, Tanya d/o Deepak Verma r/o House No. 146/8, near SBI, Railway Road, Kurukshetra have changed my name Tanya to Tanya Verma. (CL20038018)

In the High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla:-
R.SA No. 172 of 2020.
Darshan Singh son of Shri Ranjha son of Shri Naurang, resident of Mohal and Mauza Diana, Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra (H.P.) ...Appellants

The State of H.P. through Collector, Kangra at Dharamshala, District Kangra, H.P. & others. ...Respondents
Regular second appeal under Section 100 of the Code of Civil Procedure against the judgment dated 23.08.2019 passed by the Additional District Judge(I), Kangra at Dharamshala, (H.P.) Camp at Jivali, in Civil Appeal No. 7-2/2015 titled as Darshan Singh Versus The State of H.P. & others. Notice to: Respondent No. 4 General Public.

Takes notice that Shri Sanjay Jaswal Advocate, on behalf of the appellants has filed an appeal in the above mentioned case under Section 100 of Civil Procedure, and the appeal has been fixed for hearing on 6th October, 2020 (06.10.2020) at 10.00 a.m. in person or through their duly instructed and authorised Advocate/pleader, who may be able to answer all material questions relating to this appeal. The interested persons(s) of the General Public are summoned to appear in this Court on the said date i.e. 6th October, 2020 (06.10.2020) at 10.00 a.m. in person or through their duly instructed and authorised Advocate/pleader, who may be able to answer all material questions relating to this appeal. The interested persons(s) of the General Public are also required to produce the aforesaid date all the documents in his/her possession or power upon which he/they may base his/her defense or claim for set off etc.

Takes further notice that in default of appearance on the said date and time, the appeal will be heard and decided in his/their absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 14th day of August, 2020.
Sd/- Section Officer (Judicial),
High Court of Himachal Pradesh,
Shimla-171001

WIDEST REACH MAXIMUM RESPONSE
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Australia flies 2 journalists out of China

SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER 8

Two Australian foreign correspondents were flown out of China for their safety, helped by Australian consular officials after being questioned by China's state security ministry, the Australian Government said on Tuesday.

The correspondents for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Australian Financial Review (AFR) sought shelter in the embassy in Beijing and the consulate in Shanghai as diplomats negotiated with Chinese officials to allow them to leave the country, Foreign Minister Marise Payne said.

Negotiations over the two journalists, ABC's Bill Birtles and AFR's Michael Smith, reached the highest level of the Australian Government.

The Chinese police entered the residents of the two men, who lived in Shanghai and Beijing, after midnight last Wednesday and told them they were barred from leaving China. "We were concerned it was a coordinated move. That indicates to us it was political. We were the only two journalists left in China working for Australian media," Smith said in a

'BEIJING WILL DEAL WITH ARRESTED HK LOCALS'

Hong Kong: Twelve persons from Hong Kong arrested as they reportedly sailed to Taiwan for political asylum will "have to be dealt with" by mainland China, but the city government would try to provide assistance, Carrie Lam said on Tuesday. Chinese authorities arrested the 12 persons on August 23. REUTERS

telephonic interview.

"It felt very, very political. It very much felt like a diplomatic tussle in the broader Australia-China relationship," Birtles said on Tuesday.

The Australian Government had earlier warned the two men to leave China, as tension escalated over the detention of another Australian citizen — Chinese state television anchor Cheng Lei.

Cheng was detained on suspicion of criminal activities endangering national security,

the Chinese foreign ministry said on Tuesday. — Reuters

TAIWAN CALLS FOR ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRACIES

Taipei: Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen called on Tuesday for an alliance of democracies to defend against "aggressive actions" and protect freedom, alluding to Chinese actions in the South China Sea and Taiwan Strait as major threats to regional stability. REUTERS



Trump, Biden spar over economy

Presidential campaign enters final stretch on US Labour Day

HARRISBURG, SEPTEMBER 8

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and President Donald Trump spent Monday diminishing each other's credentials on the economy and understanding of the American worker as the presidential campaign entered its final, post-Labour Day stretch.

While workers live by an

"American code", Biden said

Trump "lives by a code of lies, greed and selfishness" as he met with labour leaders in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Trump, meanwhile, tried to put the halting economic recovery under the best light

in a White House press conference, where he said Biden and his running mate Senator Kamala Harris would "destroy this country and this economy".

Both campaigns reflected

that urgency on Monday, as

Harris and Vice President Mike Pence each campaigned in Wisconsin. — AP



TRUMP SUPPORTERS AND BLACK LIVES MATTER ACTIVISTS CLASH AT SALEM, OREGON.

'DID NOT BELITTLE SLAIN SOLDIERS'

Washington: US President Donald Trump has rejected media allegations that he belittled slain American service members by referring to them as "losers". An article published on September 3 claimed Trump made the remarks when he visited France in 2018. IANS



KAMALA MEETS BLAKES

Milwaukee (US): Kamala Harris on Monday met the family of Jacob Blake, a Wisconsin man shot by the police last month, to kick off her Labour Day visit to the state. AP

Crunch Brexit talks begin amid row over divorce pact

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 8

Crunch Brexit talks to thrash out a trade agreement between the UK and EU got under way on Tuesday amid a brewing row over the so-called divorce deal struck earlier this year, ahead of Britain's formal exit from the European Union on January 31. The current transition period after that exit concludes at the end of December before which both sides must agree to the terms of their future relationship or end up with a no-deal Brexit.

The EU's Chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, arrived here to kickstart what is expected to be a crucial round of talks to strike an agreement with Britain's negotiator, David Frost. — PTI

TESTS NOT DONE, S'pore bars 13K foreigners from resuming work

SINGAPORE, SEPTEMBER 8

Around 13,000 foreign workers in Singapore were not allowed to resume work after they missed the deadline to undergo the mandatory fortnightly Covid-19 testing, officials said on Tuesday.

The AccessCode Status for these 13,000 foreign workers will remain "red" and they cannot return to work, said the Ministry of Health. "This is to protect the health and safety of the other workers," it said.

The workers missed the September 5 deadline to undergo the fortnightly Rostered Routine Testing (RRT).

Serena fights past Sakkari, avenges recent loss

Raging hit



“Yeah, I’m always going to bring that fire and that passion.”
Serena Williams

Serena Williams celebrates after beating Maria Sakkari.
USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS PHOTOS

BOPANNA AND SHAPovalov ousted

The Indian challenge came to an end with the quarterfinal loss of Rohan Bopanna and his Canadian partner Denis Shapovalov in the men's doubles event. Bopanna and Shapovalov lost 5-7 5-7 to Jean-Julien Rojer and Horea Tecau in the last-eight match which lasted one hour and 26 minutes. It was Bopanna's best performance at a Slam since he made the quarterfinals at both the US Open and the French Open in 2018. PTI

Southern Open. “Of course I thought about (the loss), but ever so little, because it's a completely different match, completely different scenario, completely different moment,” Williams said.

In the earlier one, Williams' legs were cramping by the end, and she blamed herself for that situation, memorably declaring: “I put myself in a bad situation. It's like dating a guy that you know sucks.” Asked about that line Monday, Williams joked: “Thank

God, I got rid of that guy. Never want to see him again. He was the worst.”

Pironkova next

Williams, who turns 39 in less than three weeks, will face unseeded Tsvetana Pironkova for a semifinal berth. Playing in her first tournament in more than three years after taking time off to have a child, the 32-year-old Pironkova advanced with a 6-4 7-6(5) 6-3 victory over Alize Cornet. — AP

BRIEFLY

BRISBANE

Barty opts out of French Open title defence

Top-ranked Ash Barty will not defend her French Open title because of concerns over travelling during Covid-19. Meanwhile, spectators will be allowed at the French Open despite the growing number of coronavirus cases in the country, the organisers said. The clay-court Grand Slam will take place from September 27 after being postponed from its May start.

KARACHI

PCB announces pay hike for domestic cricketers

The Pakistan Cricket Board today unveiled a revamped pay structure for its domestic cricketers, under which the top performers stand a chance of earning Rs 3.2 million (Rs 14 lakh INR) through the season, 83 percent more than last year.

LONDON

James joins Everton to revive career in England

James Rodriguez joined English Premier League club Everton. Everton said James joined on a two-year deal. The reported fee was £20 million.

KABUL

Afghanistan bans coach on corruption charges

The Afghanistan Cricket Board has banned domestic-level coach Noor Mohammad from all forms of the game for five years after he was found guilty of approaching a national team player to spot-fix matches.

NEW YORK

Celtics demolish Raptors for 3-2 series edge in NBA

Six Celtics scored in double figures, led by Jaylen Brown with 27 points, as Boston dominated Toronto Raptors 111-89 to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series. Milwaukee Bucks, the top seeds in Eastern Conference, beat Miami Heat 118-115 to reduce the deficit to 1-3 in their semifinal. In the Western Conference semifinals, Los Angeles Clippers beat Denver Nuggets 113-107 to grab a 2-1 lead, while LA Lakers beat Houston Rockets 117-109 to even the series 1-1. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

TENNIS

US OPEN

STAR SPORTS SELECT 8:30PM

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MATCH STATS

WILLIAMS	VS	SAKKARI
12	ACES	13
2	DOUBLE FAULTS	3
54	1ST SERVE IN (%)	60
72	WIN 1ST SERVE (%)	73
59	WIN 2ND SERVE (%)	48
3/8	BREAK POINTS WON	1/6
5/12	NET POINTS WON	8/14
30	WINNERS	35
38	UNFORCED ERRORS	43
Match duration: 2hr 28min		

AZARENKA	VS	MUCHOVA
2	ACES	7
4	DOUBLE FAULTS	2
67	1ST SERVE IN (%)	71
63	WIN 1ST SERVE (%)	54
63	WIN 2ND SERVE (%)	47
6/15	BREAK POINTS WON	4/5
9/18	NET POINTS WON	17/24
21	WINNERS	32
28	UNFORCED ERRORS	45
Match duration: 2hr 29min		

Victoria Azarenka serves to Karolina Muchova.

Mertens too good for second seed Kenin

No. 16 seed Elise Mertens knocked off second-seeded Sofia Kenin 6-3 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals of the tournament for the second year in a row and deny the American a chance for back-to-back Grand Slam titles. Kenin won the Australian Open and was trying to become the first with two straight Grand Slam titles since Naomi Osaka won the 2018 US Open and the 2019 Australian Open. Mertens will next face former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka.



Elise Mertens reacts after defeating Sofia Kenin.

Smiling assassin

Azarenka had a huge smile on her face after reaching her first Grand Slam quarterfinal in more than four years by beating Czech Karolina Muchova 5-7 6-1 6-4. The 31-year-old, a two-time Australian Open champion and twice a finalist at Flushing Meadows, has struggled to reach the heights she enjoyed before she took time out to have her son. Azarenka won her first title in four years at the Western & Southern Open, however, and will head into the quarterfinals with a 9-2 record this year. “It’s been a while,” she said. AGENCIES



Daniil Medvedev celebrates after beating Frances Tiafoe.



Dominic Thiem after beating Felix Auger-Aliassime. AP/PTI

Medvedev on fire

Third seed Daniil Medvedev stormed into the quarterfinals with a dominant 6-4 6-0 win over a listless Frances Tiafoe. He will next face 10th seed Andrey Rublev. Tenth seed Rublev beat Italy’s Matteo Berrettini 4-6 6-3 6-3. Rublev fired nine aces and 34 winners while winning 85% of his first-serve points.

Thiem in a hurry

Second seed Dominic Thiem was pushed in the opening set but recovered to beat 20-year-old Canadian Felix Auger Aliassime 7-6(4) 6-1 6-1 to move into the quarterfinals. Thiem, the highest seed in the draw after top seed Novak Djokovic was disqualified, will next face another youngster in 21-year-old Australian Alex de Minaur. The 21st seed de Minaur beat Canada’s Vasek Pospisil 7-6(6) 6-3 6-2 to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal. REUTERS

DIRECTORATE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, HARYANA CONTRACTUAL RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the engagement of eligible candidates against the following posts under Cluster Facilitation Project of MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme), purely on contractual basis for one year:-

Nomination, No. of Posts, Remuneration	Place of posting	Qualification (see website for experience etc.)
State Project Officer-NRM, 01 post, Rs 100,00/-	Directorate of Rural Development, Chandigarh	B.Tech in Civil/Agriculture Engineering
State Project Officer-GIS, 01 post, Rs 100,00/-	Directorate of Rural Development, Chandigarh	M.Tech/M.E./M.Sc in Geographic Information Science/Technology/Remote Sensing & GIS/Geo Spatial Technology/Geo-Informatics/Geo Spatial Surveying and Geo Informatics.
State Project Officer-Livelihood, 01 post, Rs. 100,00/-	Directorate of Rural Development, Chandigarh	BE/B.Tech with PG Diploma in Geographic Information Science/Remote Sensing from recognized university/institute.
District Coordinator-NRM, 01 post, Rs. 75,000/-	District Mewat at Nuh	Post Graduate in Science/Agriculture Science with PG Diploma in Geographic Information Science/Remote Sensing from recognized university/institute.
District GIS Expert, 01 post, Rs. 70,000/-	District Mewat at Nuh	Masters in Agriculture Economics/Horticulture/Agroforestry/Agronomy/Forestry
Block GIS Coordinator, 2 posts (1 in each block), Rs. 35,000/-	Block Pingwan & Taoru of District Mewat	M.Tech/M.E./M.Sc in Geographic Information Science/Technology/Remote Sensing & GIS/Geo Spatial Technology/Geo-Informatics/Geo Spatial Science/ Surveying and Geo Informatics.
Block NRM Expert, 2 posts (1 in each block), Rs. 30,000/-	Block Pingwan & Taoru of District Mewat	BE/B.Tech with PG Diploma in Geographic Information Science/Remote Sensing from recognized university/institute.
Block Livelihood Expert, 2 posts (1 in each block), Rs. 30,000/-	Block Pingwan & Taoru of District Mewat	Masters in Agricultural Economics/Horticulture/Agroforestry/Agronomy/Forestry

The detail academic qualification, experience and application format are available on website <http://haryanarural.gov.in>. The website should be viewed for further information regarding this advertisement. The closure date for submission of application is 09.10.2020 (5.00 p.m.) in the office of Rural Development, Haryana, 30 Days Building, 2nd Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh by registered post/Speed post. If lost in transit, department will not be responsible. Alternatively, you may also send the application (duly filled, signed, scanned) through E-mail on drd@hry.nic.in before 09.10.2020 (5.00 p.m.), if lost in spam or junk, department will not be responsible.

Sd/- Commissioner, Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, Rural Development Deptt. Haryana.

Suggestions are invited

on

draft Haryana Home Stay Scheme

which is available on

www.haryanatourism.gov.in

Suggestions can be emailed on feedbackhrytourism@gmail.com before 05.00 P.M on 20.09.2020.

Director General,

Tourism Department Haryana,

Chandigarh

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Bid No.: 12 Dated: 07.09.2020

On behalf of the Government of Punjab Executive Engineer, construction Division Pathankot invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD & for following works for detail terms and conditions of the notice inviting bid refer to website [www.eproc.pbpwd.gov.in](http://eproc.pbpwd.gov.in) w.e.f. 08.09.2020.

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Work(s)	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/Work (Rs.)
1	Restoration damages of road due to laying Sewer line on:- 1) Police Station (Thanne Vaala Chowk) Towards Behapur Road to Anwaha, 2) Special repair of Gurdaspur Pathankot Road to Faraghan Road in Distt. Gurdaspur.	52300/-	5000/-	3 Months	26,14,716/-

*For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.pbpwd.gov.in>

*Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Br., Pathankot.

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	LUVAS	PURCHASE OF FEED INGREDIENTS (MAIZE, GNC, FISHMEAL, SOYBEAN MEAL & SHELL GRIT) + 1 OTHER WORK	28.09.2020	1.74 CRORE	www.luvias.edu.in	01622-256118
2	HAFED	INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR INVITING OFFERS FOR MOU FROM REPUTED MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS COMPANIES FOR SUP				

Cong wants Oppn to jointly contest RS Dy Chairman poll

DMK may be offered nomination; Sonia asks Azad to initiate talks

TO CORNER GOVT ON LAC STANDOFF

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has advocated an aggressive pitch in Parliament on the ongoing LAC standoff with China after Manish Tewari and Anand Sharma called for a calibrated stand. Sources said Tewari and Sharma raised the need to articulate the party position in a way that doesn't undermine the morale of the armed forces. According to sources, Ludhiana MP Ravneet Bittu said the Congress, which had sacrificed two PMs, need not worry about its nationalist credentials.



ship changes in the Congress. This was the first time since the CWC meeting where they were cornered that these leaders shared space with Sonia, who asked Azad to talk to the Opposition on RS deputy chairman's election.

Sources said the Congress, although conscious

of lack of numbers in the Upper House, will contest the elections as a matter of principle. Even in 2018, then Congress MP BK Hariprasad had filed the nomination for Rajya Sabha deputy chairman's election against the ruling NDA nominee, Harivansh.

The post fell vacant

recently after the term of Harivansh expired. He has now been re-elected to the Rajya Sabha.

Nominations for the election would be received until September 11.

At the meeting, the Congress also decided to oppose four of the 11 ordinances the government will bring in the Monsoon Session, starting September 14.

These include Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance-2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance-2020.

On the first day of the session, the Congress plans to protest the curtailment of the Question Hour.

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8 Russia is hopeful that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) can become a catalyst for its two recent members — India and Pakistan — to initiate direct talks after a long spell of estrangement.

India and Pakistan had recently joined the SCO whose original members are Russia, China and four Central Asian countries. On the margins of the last meeting of SCO Defence Ministers, Rajnath Singh discussed the border tensions with his Chinese counterpart.

The threads will be picked up by External Affairs Minister S

'SCO COMFORTABLE PLATFORM'

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Roman Babushkin, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION IN RUSSIAN EMBASSY

Jaishankar, who will meet his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the sidelines of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers.

Encouraged by this trend, Deputy Chief of Mission in the Russian Embassy Roman Babushkin on Tuesday hoped that India and Pakistan might follow suit. The Russian reasoning was that after India and Pakistan have worked

together in SCO on common issues, they could build enough trust to enter into bilateral talks on its sidelines.

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PUBG cuts ties with China's Tencent for India operations

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8 PUBG Corp, the unit of a South Korean company behind PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds (PUBG), will no longer give Tencent Games the rights to publish its popular mobile game in India, it said in a blog.

The announcement came a week after India banned 118 apps, mostly of Chinese origin, PUBG among them, to step up pressure on Beijing over a months-long border standoff between the nuclear-armed rivals.

“Moving forward, PUBG Corporation will take on all publishing responsibilities within the country,” the company said, adding that it was exploring ways to provide gaming experiences to Indian users in future.

The ban on PUBG in India has shocked and angered gamers. — Reuters



authorities to revoke their ban. Tencent, which ran the franchise in India, confirmed that PUBG Corp would take on the responsibilities of publishing the mobile game in India.

“Our existing cooperation with PUBG Corporation in global markets other than India is not affected,” Tencent said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear if the move would spur Indian

Ex-VC moves SC against separate entrance exam for law university

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8 Former Vice-Chancellor of National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, Prof R Venkat on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court against the university's decision to walk out of Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) and to go for a separate entrance test for admission to law courses.

In his petition, Prof Rao said the decision to go for a separate National Law Aptitude Test (NLAT) will make NLSIU an “island of exclusion” from an “island of excellence”.

He urged the top court to quash the September 3 decision of the NLSIU, Bengaluru, to hold NLAT on September 12.

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Unlike the general universities which admit only those having already completed a three-year BA, BSc or BCom course, admission to NLUs is open to candidates passing their Class XII examination, provided they clear CLAT which has a success rate of less than 5 per cent.

This year's CLAT was slated to be held on September 28, but after an August 28 meeting of the consortium of National Law Universities, the NLSIU on September 3 decided to hold its own entrance test — NLAT on September 12 for which applications have to be made by September 10. The NLSIU said it won't accept CLAT scores for admissions to its law courses this year.

SC reserves order on CBI probe into law student's death

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on a petition seeking a CBI probe into the mysterious death of Vikrant Nagaich, a National Law University (NLU), Jodhpur, student three years ago. A third-year law student of NLU, Jodhpur, Vikrant, who hailed from Gurugram in Haryana, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in August 2017. He had gone out with friends to a place near the campus. — TNS

Rhea arrested by NCB, sent to 14-day custody

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8 The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday arrested Rhea Chakraborty in a drugs case linked to actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death, following which she was sent to judicial custody till September 22 by a local court.

The court rejected Chakraborty's bail plea. The NCB told the court that she was an “active member” of a drugs syndicate and procured drugs for Rajput. Rhea disclosed her involvement in procurement of drugs for Rajput and related financial transactions and also instructions to co-accused Sammuel Miranda, Dipesh Savant and Showik, it claimed.

Her lawyer Satish Maneshinde said they would approach the sessions court for bail. Calling her arrest “complete travesty of justice”, he said, “Three agencies hounding a woman, just because she was in love with a drug addict and a person suffering from mental health issues.” — PTI

SOPs for school reopening



With schools ready for partial reopening from September 21, the govt on Tuesday issued standard operating procedures for students' safety

- The reopening will be permitted only for Class IX-XII students on a voluntary basis should they want to visit schools for one-on-one guidance from teachers.
- Students will require written consent from parents and the mandatory distance of six feet will be maintained by schools, the health ministry said.
- Use of face masks, sanitiser, frequent hand washing with soap, preferable outdoor
- student-teacher interaction and respiratory etiquette are among the safety measures.
- Canteens are not allowed to open. School buildings must be sanitised and operate with 50 per cent staff.
- Only those schools which are outside the containment zones will be allowed to open.
- Students, teachers and employees residing in containment zones won't be permitted to attend school. TNS

SC extends Justice Cheema's tenure as NCLAT member

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8 The Supreme Court on Monday extended by three months the tenure of judicial member of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal Justice AIS Cheema, who was scheduled to retire on September 10 after completion of his three-year term. Justice Cheema's appointment was made under the 2017 Rules on Qualification and Appointments for Tribunals which were quashed by the top court last year and the new rules framed for appointments to tribunals in 2020 have also been challenged before it.

The order came from a Bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao after senior counsel Mukul Rohatgi submitted Justice Cheema was entitled to continue as a judicial member for a period of five years or till he attained the age of 67, whichever was earlier, in conformity with the provisions of the Companies Act.

It also stayed breach of privilege proceedings against Jharkhand DGP M Vishnu Vardhan Rao initiated on a complaint made by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey and issued notice to the Lok Sabha Secretariat seeking its response to Rao's plea in four weeks.

SC extends anchor's protection

The SC also extended the protection from coercive action given to TV anchor Amish Devgan, who has sought quashing of multiple FIRs registered against him for his alleged comments against Sufi saint Moinuddin Chishti. — TNS

China misleading...

in the area south of the Pangong Tso. The statement by PLA's Western Theatre Command spokesperson Col Zhang Shuili was reported by the Chinese state-owned news outlet at 2.30 am. India has termed the Chinese statement misleading. “The statement by the Western Theatre Command (of the PLA) is an attempt to mislead their domestic and international audience,” the Indian statement said.

India has said it was committed to disengagement and de-escalation on the LAC, while China continues to undertake

provocative activities. The PLA has been blatantly violating agreements, while engagement at military, diplomatic and political levels is on. The Army was committed to maintaining peace, but was also determined to protecting national integrity and sovereignty at all costs, it said. The PLA had earlier said: “The Indian Army blatantly fired threats to the patrol personnel of the Chinese border guards who had made representations, and the Chinese border guards were forced to take countermeasures to stabilise the situation.”

Meanwhile, Russia's Deputy Chief of Mission Roman Babushkin said India did not require any advice on how to improve its ties with neighbours when asked whether Moscow would like to be the mediator. “I put a counter question to you. Would you (India) accept third-party mediation?” he told a journalist when asked this question.

Jaishankar firm on LAC status quo

also slated to attend the SCO in Moscow but the chances of a meeting with Jaishankar are bleak.

The SCO CFM will review the preparations for a summit that could be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pakistan PM Imran Khan.

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As a friend of both China

and India, Russia finds it “quite encouraging” that both countries are trying to find a mutually acceptable solution through dialogue. “So we would encourage this outcome (Sino-India talks on the sidelines of SCO or BRICS) which could provide a good impetus for de-escalation and disengagement,” he added.

In Tehran, after meeting Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif in Tehran, Jaishankar said they discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation and reviewed regional developments. Rajnath Singh had also visited Tehran on his way back from Moscow and analysts view the hectic shuttle diplomacy by the duo as an effort to turn the page after a brief spell of acrimony in India-Iran ties.

China confirms 'finding' five missing youths

Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh when they were picked up by the PLA while returning to their village.

“China's PLA has responded to the hotline message sent by Indian Army. They have confirmed the missing youths have been found by their side. Further modalities to hand them over to our authority are being worked out,” tweeted Union Minister Kiren Rijiju.

The Indian Army had contacted the PLA on September 5 regarding the five missing youths. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian had yesterday said China considered the “so-called Arunachal Pradesh” as south Tibet and that the PLA had no details about “missing Indians in the region”. — TNS

HC dismisses bail petition of Saini

before the Bench through videoconferencing, Saini's counsel had argued that he was earlier granted bail in the same case when it was registered for abduction (Section 364, Indian Penal Code).

As such, he should be granted anticipatory bail on addition of Section 302 as it was the same case. He also pressed upon the fact that FIR registered by the CBI in 2008 for the same incident was set aside by the Supreme Court.

Rebutting the arguments, senior advocate Sidharth Luthra and special public prosecutor Sartej Singh Narula argued that the investigation was at its initial stage when the accused was granted bail for offence