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States get 2 options to meet GST shortfall

Given one week to respond | Period for cess refund may be extended beyond 5 years

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27
States have sought a week to deliberate on two options offered by the Centre to make up for the shortfall in GST collections, said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at the end of a five-hour meeting of the GST Council here today.

The Centre may compensate the states by extending the period for the refund of cess beyond the five-year period that ends in 2022. "The Centre may convene another GST Council meeting once the states have decided their options and the RBI agrees to the Centre's proposal," Sitharaman said.

As a result of a tanking economy due to the "hand of God" which may lead to a contraction, the compensation gap this year was expected to be Rs 2.35 lakh crore,



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 41st GST Council meeting via video-conferencing in New Delhi. MoS for Finance Anurag Thakur is also seen. PTI

she said. But according to the Centre's calculations, Rs 1,38,000 crore is due to losses because of the pandemic.

Therefore, the Centre has estimated the shortfall in compensation due to Covid at Rs 97,000 crore under the

first option. States going for this window can borrow 0.5 per cent of their state GDP sans the conditionalities prescribed earlier.

"Under the second option, the entire gap of this year can be met by the borrowing of

states, and arrangements could be made with the RBI," said Sitharaman, but implied reforms in power tariff etc.

She complimented the participants at the GST Council for displaying statesmanship by focusing on the issue at hand.

Finance Secretary AB Pandey said they had sought the Attorney-General's views who had opined that GST compensation had to be paid for five years and the compensation gap met from the cess fund, not the Consolidated Fund of India.

DON'T THRUST SOLUTIONS

I appeal to the Centre not to thrust solutions on us. We are a sovereign state, not a banana republic.
Manpreet Badal, FINANCE MINISTER, PUNJAB

COUNCIL NOT CONSENSUAL

Sad state of affairs. GST Council is increasingly yielding to majoritarianism instead of being consensual. Bhupesh Baghel, CHHATTISGARH CM

HONOUR COMMITMENT

The Centre is not helping the revenue-starved states by honouring its commitment on compensation.
V Narayanasamy, PUDUCHERRY CM

Risk aversion won't do, RBI Guv warns banks

MUMBAI, AUGUST 27

Addressing a webinar, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das today asked banks to avoid extreme risk aversion, as it was "self-defeating". He advised them to smell vulnerabilities early to avoid frauds.

The comments come in the midst of the steadily slowing credit off-take, leading many to wonder if banks have become too "risk-averse" owing to their concerns over asset quality in a pandemic-stricken economy.

As per the RBI's annual report released earlier this week, frauds doubled to Rs 1.85 lakh crore in FY20.

Das warned banks that extreme risk aversion would deprive them of their income and create a situation where they would be unable to earn their bread.

He appreciated the government's response to the Covid-19 crisis as being fiscally "very prudent and very calibrated". He said the government was



Calls govt's Covid response fiscally very prudent'

"responsible" in announcing the measures right from the start which focused on the poor and vulnerable.

He welcomed the government's strategy of consolidating public sector banks, saying lenders with large balance sheets would be helpful.

He, however, said that while size was essential, efficiency was "more important". "There is no risk aversion but prudent banking. If we give money, we expect to get it back," said Aditya Puri, MD, HDFC Bank—PTI

Post letter row, Bittu, Gogoi elevated in LS

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

In a signal to dissenters, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi today approved a five-member strategy committee in the Rajya Sabha, elevating MPs Gaurav Gogoi and Ravneet Bittu as Deputy Leader and Whip of the Lok Sabha.

Jairam Ramesh will be the Chief Whip in the RS. The five-member strategy group will comprise Ramesh, Ahmed Patel and KC Venugopal besides Leader of the Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad and Deputy Leader Anand Sharma.

Azad and Sharma were both signatories to the dissent letter. Bittu's elevation is seen as a signal to Anandpur Sahib MP Manish Tewari, another signatory to the letter.

K Suresh from Kerala is party's Chief Whip in the LS and Manickam Tagore the other Whip. Bittu and Gogoi's elevations mark a generational shift in the party. —TNS

NZ mosque shooter gets life sentence

CHRISTCHURCH: The white supremacist who shot dead 51 worshippers at two New Zealand mosques was sentenced on Thursday to life in prison without the possibility of parole. It's the first time the maximum sentence has been imposed in such a case. **WORLD**

Pak 'insincere' on reining in terror

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

Pakistan's denial on sheltering wanted terrorists laid bare its insincerity in responding to global expectations that it would track down terrorists, the MEA said today.

"Pakistan has not only maintained its opposition to this global consensus but has also chosen not to act against the terrorists," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said, replying to questions on his Pakistani counterpart denying the presence of Dawood Ibrahim and criticising the charge sheet on Pulwama attack. —TNS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday refused permission for the Muharram procession across India. "If we allow this, there will be chaos and one particular community will be targeted for spreading Covid," the court said. —TNS

MEA indirectly rules out military option

India wants both armies to return to 'regular' LAC posts

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) indirectly ruled out a military option to resolve the border issue with China, saying that the government was working on moving back troops of both armies to their "regular posts" on their respective sides of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"It is important to bear in mind that achieving this (complete disengagement) requires agreed actions by both sides," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Sri-



CHINA STAYS ADAMANT, SAYS SEE BIG PICTURE

China's Defence Ministry on Thursday again exhorted India to "see the big picture" even as the MEA indicated slowness by the Chinese side in implementing agreements reached during discussions at the military and diplomatic levels.

vasta while answering questions on China at the weekly media briefing.

Srivastava especially referred to a recent interview of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar where he spoke of various past border incidents and noted that what was common was that "all border situations were resolved through diplomacy".

The MEA spokesperson's accent on talks to resolve border issues comes a few days after Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat said India had "military options" to deal with the Chinese aggression.

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Reduce fatality rate to 1%: Centre to 10 states

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

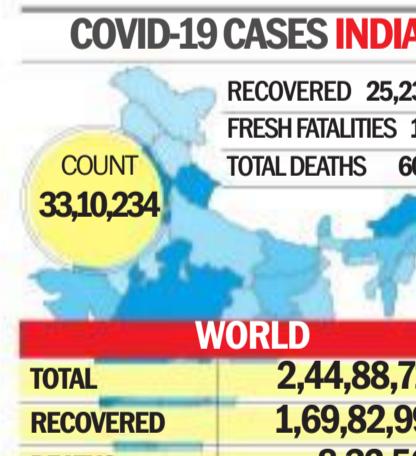
The Centre today held a review meeting with 10 states, including Punjab, that have accounted for nearly 89 per cent of all deaths in the country over the past two weeks.

Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba took the virtual review with the Chief Secretaries and Health Secretaries of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, asking each of these states/UT to focus on reducing the fatality rate.

"These states need to maintain continued and rigorous vigil, so as to contain the spread of the infection and

reduce the fatality rate to 1 per cent," the Health Ministry said. The states were advised to ensure that at least in 80 per cent of the new cases, all close contacts were traced and tested in 72 hours.

The toll has climbed to 60,472, with 1,023 fatalities in 24 hours. —TNS



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No scam, says Dushyant as Vij backs VB probe

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij today said the Vigilance Bureau would probe the alleged liquor scam during the lockdown even as Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala denied any such scam, saying the state had collected an additional Rs 263-crore revenue in the first quarter.

Dushyant, who holds Excise portfolio, said the increased revenue came in the form of permit and retail licence fee and additional excise duty. Vij and Dushyant addressed separate press conferences here. The Home Minister, who has ordered a Vigilance probe after a special enquiry team (SET) submitted its report on July 31, said, "An explanation has been sought from Excise and Taxation Commissioner Shekhar Vidyarthi while the



BOOZE SCAM

Haryana Dy CM, Home Minister differ over SET findings

Home Department has been asked to take action against former Sonipat SP Pratiksha Godara, who has since been repatriated to her parent cadre." Dushyant claimed it was for first time this year that the government had collected an additional excise duty of more than Rs 27 crore in the first quarter. "This is 2,700 times more than that in the first quarter last year," he said. —TNS

BPL subsidy: HP orders inquiry

RAVINDER SOOD

PALAMPUR, AUGUST 27

The HP Government has ordered an inquiry into alleged irregularities in the selection of BPL families for foodgrain subsidy after names of gazetted officers, doctors and professors were found on a list of 125 beneficiaries.

Sources told *The Tribune* that the government had sought details from deputy commissioners across the state and was mulling to hand over the matter to the state Vigilance. The government is in the process of issuing directions to the Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department to ensure that the criteria for selecting BPL families was strictly adhered to.

A block development officer admitted that many gram sabhas were not following the laid down criteria in such cases.

In queue for testing



Akali, AAP MLAs told to stay away, session to be low-key

Several Oppn leaders had come in contact with infected legislators

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
The Vidhan Sabha session on Friday will be rather lack-lustre as many MLAs from both Treasury benches and Opposition will not be able to attend it as they are "high-risk" contacts of lawmakers who have tested positive recently.

The government has also requested the MLAs to have a Covid-negative report for a test conducted within the past 48 hours. This was done after 30 lawmakers tested positive in recent days.

While all Shiromani Akali Dal MLAs were present in a meeting of their legislative party, along with Gurpartap Singh Wadala, who later tested positive, the AAP MLAs were contacts of MLAs Manjit Singh Bilaspur and Budh Ram, who have tested positive. Some of the Congress MLAs who have tested positive had also met their party colleagues in the past two days.

Speaker Rana KP Singh told *The Tribune* that he had asked Akali Dal MLAs not to attend the House after they wrote to him saying that they were direct contacts of Wadala. "The Leader of



Health officials collect swab samples in Nawanshahr. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Opposition, Harpal Cheema, and AAP MLA Kultar Sandhu, too, met me this evening, and I advised them to follow the protocol issued by the health authorities. MLAs should not be seen as law-breakers, rather we should lead by example and go in for self-quarantine," he said.

However, AAP MLAs decided to defy the advice of the Speaker and said except those who had tested positive, other MLAs would be attending the session. Harpal Cheema said it was decided in a meeting of all primary contacts of the MLAs who tested positive

them had any symptoms and they had maintained social distancing in the meeting where Bilaspur was present, they would attend the House proceedings.

As 30 MLAs, including four ministers (Brahm Mohindra, Sukhjinder Randhawa, Gurneet Kangar and Sunder Sham Arora) and Deputy Speaker Ajaib Singh Bhatti have tested positive, the state government went into a huddle to decide what was to be done. It was then that Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu sent a list of all primary contacts of the MLAs who tested positive

recently, along with the protocol. "The protocol is clear. Those who come in direct contact of a Covid-positive person are at high risk for two to five days and should isolate themselves. A test is conducted after five days, and if positive, they will have to isolate themselves for 14 days," said Sidhu. SAD MLA Bikram Majithia said though as law-abiding citizens, they would not attend the session, others from the ruling party, including the Speaker, who too had met infected MLAs and ministers, should also abide by the health protocol.

Photo: Sandeep Joshi

AAP: WILL IGNORE SPEAKER'S ADVICE

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Refrain from protests, CM urges Oppn

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
As the number of Covid-positive MLAs/ministers rose to 29, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today appealed to all legislators who had come in contact with them to avoid attending the one-day Vidhan Sabha session tomorrow.

Protests by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by their MLAs, were endangering the lives of people, Capt Amarinder said, pointing to the AAP dharnas in various parts of the state since August 20. The Chief Minister reiterated his appeal to all political parties to refrain from physical protests at this critical juncture, when cases in the state were rising and projected to see a major spike in the coming weeks.

The Chief Minister has also ordered Truenat and RAT machines for early results, to be installed at the Vidhan Sabha premises as well as Punjab Bhawan and MLAs' Hostel, for testing ahead of the session. Only those testing negative for Covid within 48 hours prior to the start of the session will be allowed to attend it.

The national casualty rate after total cases is 1.86 per hundred cases as the country has reported 32.49 lakh cases and over 60,000 deaths. Haryana has also done better in terms of death rate as compared to Punjab. Haryana has reported 58,000 confirmed cases and of them, 634 people lost lives to the disease. Haryana's death rate is 1.09 per hundred cases. Similarly, in Himachal Pradesh, the death rate is even lower than Haryana, with 30 deaths after 5,231 confirmed cases.

Spike in fatality rate has health officials worried

At 2.64%, it is much higher than national average

VISHAV BHARTI

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
On an average, 30 persons succumbed to Covid every day in Punjab last month. This has led to a rise in the death rate in the state which is a new worry among health officials.

In the first 27 days of

August, 870 people lost their lives due to the virus. The number was almost three times than the total deaths reported in five months between March and July.

At present, the death rate in the state is 2.64 per cent. It is much higher than the national average and the fatality rate of neighbouring states.

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COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	10,147	352	Moga	1,292	16
Jalandhar	5,817	143	Fatehgarh Sahib	975	21
Amritsar	3,612	137	Tarn Taran	725	30
Patiala	5,614	139	Kapurthala	1,092	39
Sangrur	2,058	81	Fazilka	738	8
SAS Nagar	3,246	70	SBS Nagar	664	17
Gurdaspur	2,013	47	Fardikot	936	10
Bathinda	2,058	19	Barnala	963	18
Hoshiarpur	1,323	35	Ropar	765	11
Ferozepur	1,542	23	Muktsar	723	8
Pathankot	1,052	22	Mansa	481	10
Total positive	47,836		Deaths		1,256

RISING CASUALTIES

Month	Death rate (in percentage)
May	1.98
June	2.58
July	2.39
August	2.64*

*Till August 27

With 37 more deaths, the total number of casualties has reached 1,256. At present, there are 15,608 active cases while 30,972 people have recovered so far.

Among the worst-affected districts, Ludhiana topped the list with 350 cases, followed by Gurdaspur (210), Patiala (188), Jalandhar (186), SAS Nagar (178), Bathinda (127) and Hoshiarpur (94). At present, 425 cases are on oxygen support and 49 are on ventilator support.

Centre not keeping promise on GST compensation: FM

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Finance Minister Manpreet Badal today said he was agitated as the Centre had backed out from its commitment of giving the GST compensation to the states even though it was promised in lieu of the taxes that were subsumed as the GST was rolled out.

After attending the meeting of the GST Council, he said, "A hungry stomach knows no law and I shall hate to see the day when any state feels pressurised to breach the spirit of the GST only because it failed to meet substantially all commitments and expectations."

The Centre owes Punjab Rs 6,500 crore as GST compensation for the period from April to July. With the state's own tax and non-tax revenue being severely impacted because of the Covid-induced economic crisis, the revenue receipts for the first quarter have shown a decline of 21 per cent. Punjab has not been able to clear the salary bill for July, with even frontline health workers

HUNGRY STOMACH KNOWS NO LAW

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not getting their pay.

Talking to *The Tribune*, Manpreet said the Centre had backed out from its commitment of giving the GST compensation to the states. "Former Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley went on record in several GST meetings, saying if there was a shortfall in GST collections, the Centre will borrow money and compensate the states. There is no benevolence in giving the 14 per cent hike

in the GST, as it was a commitment made by the Centre, after the latter calculated that they would plug the loopholes in tax collections after the GST rollout. Now, the states are being asked to borrow an additional amount. Being an Opposition-ruled state, we have no choice," he said.

Lamenting that the Centre had seen a surge in tax collections through the cess imposed on the sale of retail fuel, Manpreet said the Centre had collected Rs 6 lakh crore as fuel prices in the past three years. "Under a VAT regime, I

could have increased tax rates to keep the cash coming in, but under the GST regime, the states have no power of taxation," he said.

The minister said he had been making fervent appeals for activating the constitutional mechanism for dispute resolution under the GST, as laid down in Section 279 (A) (ii) of the GST Act.

"My opposition to the Centre should not be misunderstood, but as the Finance Minister, I am answerable to my Cabinet colleagues in Punjab, as well as the people of my state," he said.

Specify if violation charge against MLA probed, says HC

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

More than a month after the Punjab and Haryana High Court issued a notice of motion to MLA Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and called for action taken report in a case related to holding of a function at Gidderbaha, the state counsel has been directed to specify whether the allegations against him and another respondent were looked into by joining them in investigation.

An FIR in the matter has been registered under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act.

The state counsel is directed to file a detailed affidavit as to whether the allegations against the two respondents have been inquiry into properly by joining them with the investigation," Justice HS Madaan asserted.

The state counsel was also asked to specify whether the petitioner was asked to produce the evidence available with him during investigation.

The direction came after reply by way of an affidavit by Muktsar Deputy Commissioner MK Aravind, along with a status report by Gidderbaha Deputy

Superintendent of Police was taken on record. Justice Madaan asserted the status report filed was quite vague in certain aspects, especially with regard to Raja Warring and another respondent.

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after a petition was filed against the state of Punjab, Director-General of Police, Raja Warring and seven other respondents by Gurmeet Singh Mann through counsel AS Kler.

He was seeking directions to the DGP and other official respondents to "fairly investigate" the FIR registered on July 14 under Sections 188, 269, 270, and 271 of the IPC and Section 3 of the Epidemic Diseases Act at the Gidderbaha police station in Muktsar district.

Bajwa demands another session

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Congress Rajya Sabha MP Partap Bajwa has requested the Vidhan Sabha Speaker to allow another sitting of the House so that MLAs, who are under quarantine, are allowed to participate in debates on important issues.

Issues like "anti-farmer" ordinances and power reforms under the economic relief package announced by the Union Government needed to be discussed, he said. A truncated single-day session of the Legislative Assembly, without attendance from the Opposition parties, would be unfortunate, he said, adding that the government should not hold any substantive discussions on these issues without the Opposition. —TNS

Act against liquor vends flouting norms, DGP told

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today directed the DGP to strictly enforce the closure of liquor vends in cities and towns by 6.30 pm as per the existing guidelines issued till August 31, after which the decision will be reviewed and new guidelines will be issued accordingly. The Chief Minister's orders came amid reports of liquor shops in cities staying open way past the set closure time. He was reviewing the Covid situation with top officials

Will write to sarpanches on ensuring safety protocols, says Capt

through a video-conference. Given the spread of the pandemic in the rural areas too, the Chief Minister said he would be writing to sarpanches to ensure that safety protocols were enforced strictly.

Capt Amarinder also inquired into the allegation of mismanagement at a Faridkot medical college, which had been raised by Faridkot MLA Kikki Dhillon. The CM asked the Health Department if the college had sufficient equipment and manpower to deal with the Covid crisis. —TNS

JEE row: Centre putting lives of students at risk, says Jakhar

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar today accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of "playing with the lives" of the youth by insisting on holding the JEE and NEET amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Jakhar asked whether the lives of students "matter less" than those of MPs or MLAs for the Modi government. Citing the plans to change the seating arrangements of the MPs for the first time in the history of Parliament, he said,

"Will it be appropriate to put the health of millions of students at risk as they will have to sit together in

the examination centres?" The state Congress chief said in fact, the Modi government was "adamant" on conducting the examinations only because Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was the first to demand that these should not be held at this critical stage. Meanwhile, Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh, too, said the Centre was imposing examinations on students, ignoring the threat to their lives. "But we will not compromise on this matter and will soon file a collective review petition in the Supreme Court," he said.

nothing came our way for the damaged verandah. There are cracks all over my house and I need Rs 1.5 lakh to repair it. I sought help from various sources, but to no avail. My biggest support was my younger brother Nirmal Singh in Dubai, who was to return this year and help me, but he passed away in May this year because of Covid."

Like Tarsem, Manjot Kaur of the same village says she is badly hit after the floods damaged her crops. "I got a compensation for my 1-acre land. Last year, my 17-year-old son started helping me in

Have Centre's assurance on MSP system, claims Sukhbir

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal today released a letter from the Union Government assuring that the MSP regime will continue even as party's senior leader Prem Singh Chandumajra asked the Punjab Government to take an all-party delegation to meet the Prime Minister on the issue.

Sharing the letter by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar with the

Chandumajra asks Capt to lead all-party team to Delhi

party's core committee and later with the media today, Sukhbir said the Union Government had categorically promised the farmers that the three ordinances about the marketing of agricultural produce would have no

₹2 crore bank fraud racket busted, 1 held

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
The Punjab Police Cyber Crime Cell today busted a multi-crore bank fraud racket operating in the state with the arrest of prime accused Amit Sharma alias Nitin.

Disclosing the details, Arpit Shukla, ADGP-cum-Director, Bureau of Investigation, said the cyber crime cell had investigated the case on the complaint of Vijay Kumar, location manager of HDFC Bank, who alleged a fraud of around Rs 2 crore from a HDFC bank account. During the investigation, it was found that the fraudster has transferred the money to five different accounts opened in the name of Vikram Singh by submitting forged documents.

Three persons were nominated in this case as accused and two out of them — Rajiv Kumar and Deepak Kumar — were arrested on January 28 from Shimlapuri, Ludhiana. However, Amit managed to escape that day.

A special team, headed by Inspector Bhagwant Singh, was formed to nab Amit, a resident of Deol Enclave, Ludhiana. He was wanted in six more cases, registered at various police stations in the states of Punjab and Haryana. The accused was nabbed from Shimlapuri, Ludhiana.

Probe report questions role of minister in scholarship scam

Dharamsot denies charge, terms ACS report findings unfounded

Key accused wanted in many cases

RAJMEET SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

In the Rs 55.71-crore scholarship scam, the role of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot in shielding those involved has been questioned in a report submitted to the office of Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan.

The scam was exposed last year. It involved alleged irregular disbursal of funds under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for the Scheduled Castes and other backward classes. Of the Rs 55 crore, the Social Welfare Department disbursed Rs 39 crore to "ghost" institutions as the records of the distribution of the amount are missing. Another Rs 16.71 crore was wrongly disbursed to private educational institutions despite the Finance Department during its audit pointing out recovery of Rs 8 crore from the institutions which had been illegally given the scholarship amount.

IN FIGURES

₹55.71 cr scholarship scam

₹39 cr disbursed to "ghost" institutions

₹16.71 cr given to pvt institutions

DISMISS MINISTER: AAP

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has sought immediate dismissal and arrest of the minister and a time-bound probe into the scam, under the watch of a sitting High Court judge.

Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema alleged that the Amarinder Singh government was trying to save the minister. Congress Rajya Sabha MP Shamsher Dullo demanded a CBI probe into misutilisation of the scholarship funds.

SAMPLA SEEKS CBI PROBE

The report makes it clear that there has been a major bungling of funds issued for the scheme. Since the issue involves grant from the Centre, it should be probed by the CBI.

Vijay Sampla, BIP LEADER

A copy of the report, submitted by Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Kirpa Shankar Saroj, has also been sent to the Chief Minister's office.

After the scam was highlighted in December last year, a departmental probe was conducted. The final report, submitted to the government on August 24, states that instead of the Director of the department

sanctioning the payment, the minister had started calling the files for his approval.

Terming the findings as grossly absurd and unfounded, Dharamsot on Thursday categorically said he was willing to face any inquiry and action even if an iota of truth was found in the allegations. Terming the report as politically motivated, Dharamsot, in a statement given to a pri-

vate channel, targeted his ACS Kirpa Shankar Saroj while denying having signed any file. The ACS was not available for comments.

The report submitted to the government gives details on how a Deputy Director in the department, who had alleged patronage of the minister, spearheaded the nexus along with other officials to disburse the funds in an illegal manner.



Ex-DGP Sumedh Singh Saini

two days, and adjourned the matter for August 27 to be heard on merits in the designated court of Additional District and Sessions judge (AD) Rajnish Garg.

Saini is apprehending arrest in the alleged kidnapping and murder case of Balwant Singh Multani after the Special Investigation Team (SIT) added Section 302 of the IPC to the FIR registered against Saini when two co-accused turned approvers and deposed against Saini of being eyewitness to the alleged inhumane torture given to Multani at Sector 17 police station. — TNS

Court reserves order on ex-DGP's bail plea

MOHALI, AUGUST 27

The Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Rajnish Garg today reserved the order on the anticipatory bail application filed by former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini in the alleged kidnapping and murder of Balwant Singh Multani for August 29.

Saini's counsel APS Deol and Harneet Singh Oberoi had filed an anticipatory bail application in the court on Monday to avoid his arrest after a local court allowed the Punjab Police to add murder charge against him to the FIR on August 21.

After hearing the arguments in the case today, the judge ordered: "Now for remaining arguments, if any, and orders to come up on August 29." However, no order on interim stay on the arrest of Saini has been passed by the court.

While hearing the anticipatory bail application on August 25, Duty Magistrate had stayed the arrest of the DGP Saini for

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Revenue courts have resumed work, HC told

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
Amid a spike in Covid-19 cases, the state has resumed the working of all revenue judicial courts.

Appeals and revision petitions before the financial commissioners will, as such, now be heard.

The information about the functioning of the revenue judicial courts was given to

the Punjab and Haryana High Court during the hearing of a petition filed by Swaran Singh against the state and other respondents.

In his petition placed before Justice GS Sandhawalia's Bench, the counsel for the petitioner contended the state failed to pass an administrative order for making a provision to hear pending and fresh urgent appeals and

revision petitions filed before the financial commissioners during the unprecedented situation.

As the case came up for hearing, an affidavit by Secretary, Revenue, Manavesh Singh Sidhu, was placed before the Bench. Among other things, it said the entry to Punjab Civil Secretariat was closed for general public vide order dated July 10 due to prevailing circumstances.

Subordinate courts to remain shut on Saturdays

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Taking into consideration the steps taken by Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to impose strict lockdown during the weekend, the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ordered that subordinate courts in the two States and UT will remain closed on every working Saturday till further orders. The

orders will be applicable to the establishment of the High Court as well.

"However, officers/officials of the subordinate courts as well as of this court shall continue to work from home on the said days and shall not leave the station without the prior permission of competent authority," the order added. — TNS

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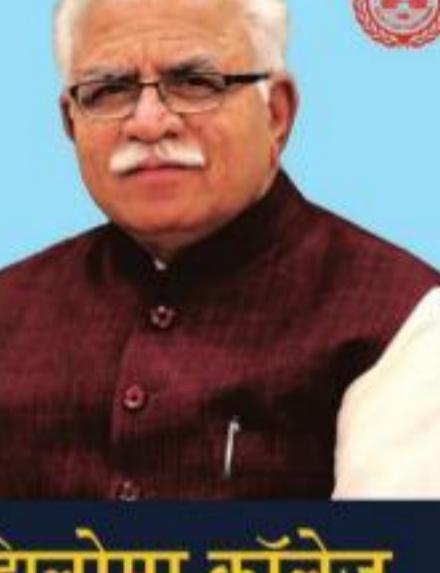
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SGPC chief secy quits, 3 sacked

MISSING 'SAROOPS' 5 others suspended, audit firm's contract terminated

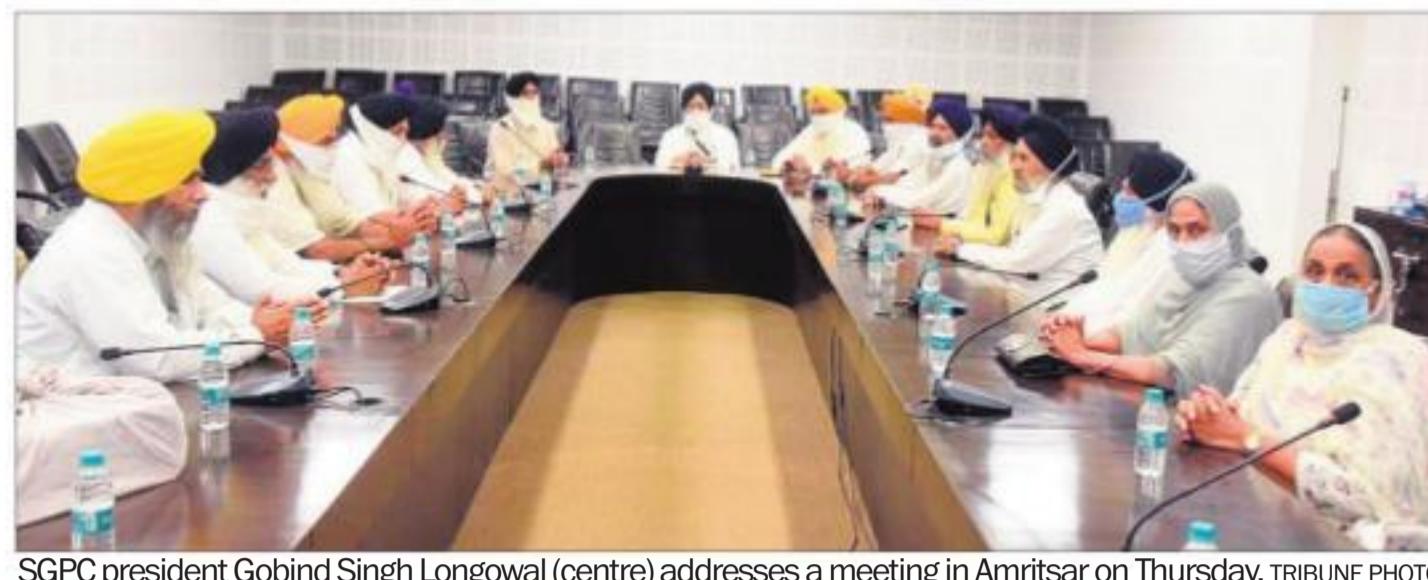
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 27 Emphasising zero tolerance for malpractices resulting in misappropriation of 'saroops' of Guru Granth Sahib, a strict action has been taken against officials during whose tenure the incident happened.

In compliance with the directions of the five High Priests, headed by Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh on August 24, SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal convened an executive body meeting at Sri Guru Ram Dass Hospital at Vallabh today.

The Akal Takht-appointed panel had held SGPC officials and employees responsible for misappropriation of records of not 267 but 328 'saroops'. The panel had found embezzlement in additional 61 'saroops' after scrutinising the ledgers of 2013-14 and 2014-15.

In a surprise development, it was revealed during the meeting that Chief Secretary Dr Roop Singh had submitted his resignation, which had been accepted by the SGPC executive body. "Since the incident happened during my tenure, I have submitted my resignation on moral and ethical grounds," Dr Roop Singh said. Longowal opened the



SGPC president Gobind Singh Longowal (centre) addresses a meeting in Amritsar on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

OWNING UP MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

“ Since the incident (misappropriation of 'saroops') happened during my tenure, I have submitted my resignation on moral and ethical grounds. Dr Roop Singh, FORMER CHIEF SECY

sealed envelope containing the panel's report during the meeting. After holding a discussion, the executive body unanimously decided the next course of action.

The retirement dues of Kamaljit Singh were revoked. He was the assistant supervisor of the publication department who retired on May 31 and had handed over the beans in the case.

Besides, deputy secretary Gurbaichan Singh, clerk Baaj Singh, assistant accountant Jujhar Singh and helper Dalbir Singh, have been dismissed from service with

immediate effect. Longowal said a police complaint would be registered against them for allegedly tampering with the records in a fraudulent way to misappropriate the 'saroops'.

Secretary, Dharam Parchar Committee, Manjot Singh, supervisor Gurmuuk Singh, incharge Paramdeep Singh (publication department), and deputy secretaries Satinder Singh (finance) and Nishan Singh, have also been put under suspension. The SGPC will take disciplinary action against them.

Former chief secretary Har-

TAKHT PANEL REPORT

The Akal Takht-appointed panel, in its investigation, had held SGPC officials and employees responsible for misappropriation of records of not 267 but 328 'saroops'

charan Singh was also held to be negligent in performing his duties. Longowal said in the probe report, it had come to the fore that he deliberately overlooked the tampering of records by lower-rank staffers. "Hence, it pointed towards his involvement. He will be liable to face legal action," he said.

The SGPC has terminated the services of SS Kohli and Associates as the audit was not being done on a regular basis. Similarly, the contract with binder Kulwant Singh and Jaspreet Singh has been annulled and they have been blacklisted.

HC imposes ₹1 lakh costs on Amritsar passport officer

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Rapping Amritsar Regional Passport Officer (RPO) for malice and complete neglect of the statutory provisions, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has imposed costs of Rs 1 lakh on it. The amount is to be paid to a woman, whose passport was impounded on the ground that she was declared a proclaimed offender even though the order had ceased to operate upon her being granted bail by the court concerned.

Justice Harnaresh Singh Gill asserted the act of respondent-RPO in impounding the passport had a clear impact on the petitioner's fundamental rights. She was granted bail upon appearing before Ludhiana Judicial Magistrate.

As such, the proclamation order ceased to be operative. The fact was well within the knowledge of the respondent-Amritsar RPO.

"The conduct of the proceedings at the end of respondent leading to the passing of the impugned orders stems from malice, giving a complete neglect to the statutory provisions and the settled law on the issue.



Bench raps officer for malice, neglect of statutory provisions

The instant case is a clear example of the administrative overreach, thereby breaching the very fundamental rights of the petitioner.

Hence, the impugned action is highly deprecated," Justice Gill asserted.

The petitioner had earlier told the court that she had shifted to her parental home at New Delhi in March 2013 following serious differences with her husband.

She was not aware of his business activities. She was shown as one of the partners in a business firm run by her husband, whereas she had virtually no role to play. To her surprise, she received a letter from a bank at her New Delhi address that she had been declared a pro-

claimed offender in a cheque bounce matter.

Her counsel added the bank had filed two complaints under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act before the Ludhiana Court mentioning her husband's Amritsar address. But the bank informed the petitioner about proclamation order/proceedings at her Delhi address.

Justice Gill asserted the RPO did not make efforts to enquire about the status of proclamation proceedings. Even otherwise the complaints were under the Negotiable Instruments Act, which was a bailable offence and condition to surrender the passport could not be imposed even by the court. As such, the principle of "audi alteram partem" stood violated as the petitioner was not granted notice or opportunity of hearing.

Describing the RPO's action as void, illegal and violative of the principles of natural justice, Justice Gill added the order stood vitiated in the absence of a prior notice. Quashing the impugned order dated April 23, 2019, Justice Gill directed the respondent to release the passport. For the purpose, he set a 15-day deadline.

BRIEFLY

BSF recovers 2-kg heroin

Fazilka: The BSF claimed to have recovered 2-kg heroin near the International border in the Border Outpost Gatti Biosoke area in Fazilka district on Thursday morning. During search operations, the BSF recovered two packets weighing 2-kg heroin worth more than Rs 10 crore in the international market. The contraband was wrapped in yellow adhesive tape lying in the fields of a farmer of PS Wala village. oc

Give regular jobs: Thermal plant staffers



■ Members of the Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Plant Employees' Federation and other unions took out a protest march in Bathinda on Thursday.
■ They were demanding regularisation of contractual workers, implementation of Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, release of outstanding DA installments etc. TNS

Pak team visits Dera Baba Nanak for bridge talks

DERA BABA NANAK, AUGUST 27

A four-member team from Pakistan on Thursday held a meeting with Indian officials over the construction of a part of a bridge under the Kartarpur corridor project in their territory. India had already constructed its 100-meter long portion of the bridge as part of the Kartarpur corridor project. Pakistan is yet to build the bridge on its side. The two bridges are an integral part of the Kartarpur corridor.

The team met officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). The 260-metre bridge, to be built by the Pakistan Government over a low-lying area on its side, was put on hold at the time of inauguration of the corridor. However, the Pakistan Government has promised that it would build it soon. — TNS

Report on relocation of Shillong Sikhs today

ma to stop the attempts to "relocate" the Sikh residents of the Harijan Colony.

Dohing-led sub-committee was set up by Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong, chief of the high-level committee, to take up the matter with the Hima Mylliem, a traditional Khasi tribal institution.

Gurjot Singh, chief of Harijan Panchayat Committee, said the land in question was granted to the ancestors of the current residents by the then tribal chief of the area more than 150 years ago. So far, the courts have always upheld the rights of the Sikhs over the area. — TNS

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Follow principles of natural justice: HC

Order cancelling petitioner's birth entry set aside

SAURABH MALIK

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
The Punjab and Haryana High Court made it clear that the principles of natural justice are required to be followed before taking administrative or quasi-judicial decisions affecting the rights of a person.

Justice Anil Kshetarpal also made it clear that the rules of natural justice were required to be read into all statutes, unless specifically or inevitably excluded, even where the right of being heard was not specifically provided.

The ruling came in a case wherein the Chief Registrar, on June 11, granted permission to cancel the petitioner's birth entry and the Registrar, on June 17, cancelled his date of birth entry in the register of births and deaths.

The petitioner had claimed that he was born on April 15, 2004, and as such, the entry in the register was correct. The respondent officials, on the other hand, had claimed that the petitioner was born on January 10, 2001, and his parents got the date entered

No person must be condemned unheard

Unless the Act or rules applicable, either specifically or by inevitable implication, exclude the application of rules of natural justice, the court will read the requirement of following the principles of natural justice in all other cases. — Justice Anil Kshetarpal, PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT

after a long delay.

The issue assumed significance as the petitioner, among other things, claimed to be a juvenile in a case under provisions of the POCSO Act.

Justice Kshetarpal pointed out that the question was whether it was mandatory to follow the principles of natural justice before passing the order affecting the rights of someone either by a quasi-judicial tribunal or an administrative authority.

Justice Kshetarpal asserted that the principles of natural justice were required to be fol-

lowed and the law on this aspect had developed steadily with the passage of time.

Justice Kshetarpal said by now, it was well settled that the rules of natural justice, which included the rule of "audi alteram partem", were required to be read into all statutes unless specifically or inevitably excluded. The principle of "audi alteram partem" makes it clear that no person should be condemned unheard.

Referring to the case in hand, Justice Kshetarpal added that the applicability of the doctrine of "audi alteram partem" had not been excluded by explicit provision, or by necessary implication, in the Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

"In the absence of a statutory provision either specifically or by inevitable implication excluding the application of principles of natural justice, it must be held that the rules of natural justice are ingrained in the Act and rules."

Setting aside the impugned order due to the technical flaw, Justice Kshetarpal directed the Registrar to take a fresh decision within a month.

The Ambience Mall in Gurugram. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

FIR lodged, probe on, CBI tells court

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27
Less than two months after an order paving the way for construction of Ambience Mall in Gurugram on area initially earmarked as residential was quashed while ordering a CBI probe, the Punjab and Haryana High Court was today told that investigation was on after registration of a formal FIR.

The assertion came a day after the Assembly passed an amendment and validation Bill, expected to come as a relief to developers of the Gurugram mall, besides several similar cases involving delicensing of land.

As the case came up for hearing before the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and

Justice Karamjit Singh, CBI counsel Sumeet Goel submitted that a formal FIR had been registered and investigation was on.

Goel stated that probe would be carried out in right earnest and the court informed of progress and compliance of directions, for which a status report would be furnished in sealed cover.

Goel pleaded that the original HUDA record, retained in safe custody of the Registrar (Judicial), be handed over to the CBI to carry on further investigation in terms of the judgment delivered on July 10.

Accepting the request, the Bench issued an order to this effect. The case would now come up in the last week of September.

Gurjar among 1,293 test +ve

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 27

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar was among the 1,293 fresh Covid cases in Haryana on Thursday, taking the tally to 59,298. With 12 more deaths, the toll reached 646.

State Congress president Kumari Selja said she had home-quarantined herself for a week after coming in contact with a person who later tested positive.

Gurugram reported a maximum of 141 cases, followed by Sonipat (123), Faridabad (96), Panchkula (94) and Yamunagar (81).

Rewari, Panchkula and Kurukshetra reported two deaths each while one death each was reported from Faridabad, Gurugram, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Karnal and Nuh.

In Faridabad, 21 officials of the district administration, including the HSV Estate Officer and 10 employees of his office, were found positive.

Entry to Seeti restricted
In view of Covid, the state government has decided

Kumari Selja in home quarantine for a week

Covid-19 Cases District-Wise Count

District	+ve	Deaths
Faridabad	12,189	167
Gurugram	11,443	132
Sonepat	4,076	41
Ambala	3,430	29
Rewari	3,277	18
Panipat	3,228	41
Rohtak	2,774	29
Karnal	2,373	25
Hisar	1,982	13
Panchkula	1,923	15
Mahendragarh	1,564	1
Kurukshetra	1,496	29
Faridabad	1,440	11
Yamunagar	1,318	17
Bhiwani	1,246	10
Sirsia	1,166	11
Jhajjar	1,142	17
Kaithal	891	9
Fatehabad	830	8
Nuh	711	14
Jind	533	8
Charkhi Dadri	266	1
Total	59,298	646

Man dumps 15-year-old pregnant wife

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

Tribune News Service

YAMUNANAGAR, AUGUST 27

A 15-year-old married girl, who is seven months' pregnant, was allegedly thrown out of the house by her husband after months of thrashing.

On August 20, she lodged a complaint of domestic violence in the court of Sandeep Kaur, Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMIC), Jagadhri, against her 20-year-old husband Salman.

As of now, the girl is admitted to the Civil Hospital.

The victim, in her complaint to the court, said she was married forcibly in August 2019. Hers was an inter-caste marriage. The girl's mother, who works as a labourer, married off her daughter as she failed to make ends meet, sources say. She has a son to feed.

"Salman tortured and beat me up several times. Now, he has dumped me," the girl said in her complaint.

On the direction of the JMIC, the court informed the Child Welfare Committee of the girl's case.

Sources say the charges of sexual abuse and provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act would be invoked against Salman.

Won't allow govt to go scot-free, says Hooda

Tribune News Service

KURUKSHETRA, AUGUST 27
Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda said today that the government could not run away without answering questions about farmers, labourers, workers, businessmen and the unemployed. He said the Opposition would not allow the government to go scot-free on these critical issues.

Assembly a formality

“The session was a formality as the govt limited it to a single day. If the govt wanted to complete

formalities, only very important legislative functions should be dealt with.” — Bhupinder Hooda, LoP

Speaking to mediapersons, Hooda said scams continued during the pandemic and persons linked to those in power continued to siphon off crores. He demanded a high-level probe and warned that the fight would shift to the streets if the government suppressed the voice of the Opposition in the House.

The Congress had demanded that if the government wanted to complete formalities, only very important legislative functions should be dealt with,” he said.

“Instead of framing welfare policies, the focus of this government is on scams and retrenchment. Despite repeated appeals, the government has no empathy for sacked physical training instructors. There is a possibility that their paper may have been leaked not only in Hissar, but also in other places,” he added.

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It is informed to all general public that the auction of condemned building of following schools of District Karnal is to be conducted on date and time which is written in front of name of the school in the campus of concerned school. Interested people have to deposit Rs 20,000/- (Rs Twenty Thousand only) as earnest money before the auction. The payment of failed bidders will be returned immediately. Successful bidders have to deposit 25% of bid amount on the spot and remaining 75% money must be deposited within three working days. In the case of failure, all money will be forfeited. Remaining terms & conditions will be announced at the time of auction.

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Problem with lockdown

Putting brakes on the economy is a flawed solution

THE merits of the argument for and against waiving the interest on the loan moratorium notwithstanding, the Supreme Court's strong disapproval of the Centre's approach strikes at the core of how the issue of life and livelihood has been handled since March-end. 'The problem was created by your lockdown... plight of the people has to be considered,' the apex court has reminded the government. The message is as much applicable to state governments and UTs. Weekend lockdowns and new restrictions on trade have been imposed across the region, but with little thought given to the impact it has on earnings. In the face of falling sales, mounting debts and negligible relief, shops have been presented with an odd-even plan. The anger is palpable.

Is there proven research on Sunday shopping carrying a much higher risk for coronavirus, but not through the week? That liquor shops remaining open till much after the deadline is not a public health scare, but all other businesses are? The pandemic's reach is widening, the need to act tough and drill sense is understandable. Ordering closure of shops cannot be the solution, especially when no help has been forthcoming for the losses accrued and the staff and owners in most cases have been very particular about following safety norms.

We pointed out in these columns in April the plight of the invisible people — the millions of 'hardworking, honest, uncared-for Indians' — in the most effective lockdown in the world. It was left to the administrator, politician or bureaucrat to decide who will sink, how much and how fast. It was argued at the very outset that a graded but positive response, and not a negative clampdown, was the answer. Four months down the line, has anything changed? Life has to go on, and must. Restrictions, penal provisions are all fine, but any strategy that rests on depriving people of their livelihood is flawed. If you can't help, at least don't make it worse.

Bridging religious divide

NZ court shows there's no place for hate, violence

THAT there can be no place for politics of hate in a democracy has been amply demonstrated by a court in New Zealand, which abolished death penalty in 1989. It has pronounced life sentence without parole — the first in the history of that country — on Brenton Tarrant, an Australian in his late twenties, who opened fire at unarmed congregations at two mosques in Christchurch in March last year. The act of violence resulted in 51 deaths. In addition, Tarrant faced the charge of attempted murder of another 40 people. Though his family said it was his travel through Asia and Europe that changed his views, turning him into a white supremacist, he might have had a reason for xenophobia closer home, for Australia itself has seen attacks against immigrants in the past.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern described it as a terrorist attack, stating that Tarrant would now have 'no notoriety, no platform, and we have no cause to think about him, to see him or to hear from him again'. For those who lost their family members, the decision is expected to bring a measure of healing and closure of a chapter of hatred. It also amounts to rebuttal of an ideology that hopes to create rift on racial, religious, cultural and political grounds. Tarrant wanted to influence ideological conflict within the United States over the ownership of firearms, the latest instance of violence in Wisconsin after the police shooting of a black man lending credence to his thinking. It's not surprising that New Zealand made its gun laws stricter after the 2019 incident.

The Christchurch shootings showed how social media can be used to disturb social cohesion, for the violence was live-streamed by the perpetrator. The court has exhibited firmness by not dithering in its pursuit of justice and in the manner of dispensing it. Ethnocentric views are out of place in an inter-dependent world and extremity a sign of alienation. An inclusive society needs to guard against it.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory. — Albert Schweitzer

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1920

The Egyptian Parallel.

THERE is one question which every thinking and patriotic India has been asking ever since the publication of the Times forecast of the agreement arrived at between the Milner Mission and the Egyptian Mission. Why did not British statesmanship follow the same course in the matter of the disorders enquiry in India that it did follow in the matter of Lord Milner's enquiry? In the one case as in the other, the enquiry followed a period of great upheaval, a period in which the Government and a section of the people had come into violent collision. We do not know if Egypt too had its Jallianwala Bagh, but otherwise there was a more than superficial resemblance between what took place in the one country and in the other; though the parallel necessarily breaks down at a certain point. In the one case as in the other, though for different reasons, the official enquiry was boycotted by the representatives of the people, who set up a commission of their own. And yet while in the case of Egypt Lord Milner's enquiry was followed by negotiations between the official mission and the popular mission, in the case of India the Government as completely boycotted the Congress Commission as the people were forced to boycott its own Committee. In the case of Egypt, the two missions have arrived at an agreement and if, as there is reason to hope, the agreement will be ratified by the two Governments and the two Parliaments, the foundation will have been laid well and truly for a mutual understanding between the two peoples entirely different from anything that has existed so long. How different would it have been if under instructions from the Government of India Lord Hunter and his colleagues had invited Mr. Gandhi and his fellow Commissioners to a Round Table conference and tried to arrive at a set of conclusions acceptable to both.

It's about data, not health

The new policy draft reads like a warrant to attack 'privacy' of citizens



DINESH C SHARMA

SCIENCE COMMENTATOR



CRITICAL: Digital health can't be a panacea for a bad public health system.

It could pose technological and logistical challenges, besides leading to minefields of ethical issues.

In his Independence Day speech, the PM announced the setting up of the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM). The announcement was made in the context of various government initiatives to address challenges posed by the novel coronavirus. On the surface of it, it appeared as a logical corollary to the Ayushman Bharat scheme that provides healthcare to the poor through government and private hospitals as well as government-run wellness centres. But the devil is in the fine print. In this case, the devil is the data management policy, draft of which was released by the government on Wednesday for 'public consultation.' The draft reads like a new warrant to attack privacy of citizens, and not a policy for better health of people. In this draft, citizens have been reduced to what it calls 'data principals', hospitals and doctors are dubbed 'health information providers' and the government and its agencies are going to be 'health information users.'

Reading through the draft makes one feel that it is a draconian framework for trading of citizen's personal health data. Hardly a week's time has been given for 'public consultation' for a policy draft which amounts to a grievous attack on the people.

Digital technologies in the health sector have been deployed for overcoming inefficiencies, ensuring better utilisation of available resources, delivering certain services and follow up, etc, for faster data collection. Their use in several disease-specific programmes such as TB control and immunisation has yielded good results. NDHM seeks to go beyond such segmented use of digital technologies by creating integrated databases containing health records of

all citizens and to provide every citizen a unique health identification card so that health records of individuals could be accessed anywhere. Electronic health records of patients will become nationally portable, instead of remaining locked in the facility where a person is treated.

On paper, it appears nice. In practice, it could pose technological and logistical challenges in implementation, besides leading to minefields of ethical and privacy issues. Creating electronic health record for every citizen will be many magnitudes higher than UID (Aadhaar) which included a static set of datapoints (demographic information, date and fingerprints). For the health ID, data would mean 'facial image, fingerprint scans, iris scans, or any other similar personal data resulting from measurements or technical processing operations carried out on physical, physiological, or behavioural characteristics of a data principal (citizen), which allow or confirm the unique identification of that natural person.'

Hospitals and governments, as per the draft, will be allowed to collect 'sensitive personal data' of patients. Such data would include financial information (bank account

and payment instrument details); physical, physiological and mental health data; sex life and sexual orientation; genetic data; caste or tribe; and 'religious or political belief or affiliation'. This makes one wonder if the draft is about our health or a new surveillance tool in the garb of digital health.

The definition of 'data fiduciaries' allowed to collect citizen's data is so wide ranging that even a neighbourhood yoga or wellness centre or pharmacy would be free to do so, not just doctors and hospitals. And the onus of getting consent of people and security of data will be with these entities. At the same time, doctors, hospitals and diagnostic centres collecting personal data of patients will have to make the data available to the government and its agencies whenever called to do so. They will also be free to 'make anonymised or de-identified data in an aggregated form available for the purpose of facilitating health and clinical research, academic research, archiving, statistical analysis, policy formulation, the development and promotion of diagnostic solutions and such other purposes.'

This provision is so wide that it will permit the use of personal

data for practically anything, though consent of individuals will be required before their data is shared.

For providing health IDs to citizens, it is proposed to establish a national digital health authority, having a similar architecture to that of the Unique Identity Authority of India (UIDAI). There is no surprise here because the expert committee that prepared the blueprint was chaired by a former president of UIDAI, and may have been driven by the same technological philosophy. Besides creating health IDs, a national register of all health providers will have to be developed to tag every record to a provider, to ensure traceability and accountability of medical records.

The medical community is still divided over the benefits of electronic medical records (EMRs) on the quality of care and clinical outcomes. India needs to generate own evidence on the usefulness of digital health records, given the fact that the state of health systems varies from state to state. Right now, there is almost nil local evidence to justify investments in developing universal digital health identity system.

It may be worth generating data through pilot studies to see the feasibility of the idea, and also draw lessons from countries like Australia which have implemented similar schemes. The 'My Health Records' of Australia has had mixed response. Responding to privacy concerns, the government had to introduce 'opt out' option. General physicians, accredited to the government health system, have found that the percentage of records accessed by them is minuscule compared to records uploaded onto the system. Questions have also been raised on letting police and other agencies to access health records even without court orders. Such situations could arise in India, as seen recently in Kerala where mobile phone data of Covid patients was accessed without their consent.

Digital technology could help improve the functioning of health systems, but digital health can't be a panacea for a bad public health system.

Kurukshetra's debt to Kairon

VIJAY SABHARWAL

READING a review of a book on the life of the late CM of Punjab, Partap Singh Kairon, flooded my mind with old memories, particularly how Kairon was instrumental in establishing a number of educational institutions, including in Kurukshetra area, then a neglected part of the state of Punjab.

In his very first year as CM, in 1956, he established a Sanskrit university at Kurukshetra. The university was later converted into an all-faculty university in 1961, which went on to develop a national reputation under Hardwari Lal, and then Lala Suraj Bhan, as Vice-Chancellors. Kairon used to visit Kurukshetra, Nihokheri and Karnal frequently for supervis-

ing the development of educational institutions in the region.

Kurukshetra University got a fillip, with Lala Suraj Bhan joining as VC. As the principal of DAV College, Jalandhar, he was close to Kairon, which helped him attract significant funding for the new university. In addition to the university, the small town of Kurukshetra, with a population of just 18,000 at the time, received another great developmental contribution from Kairon. I remember a winter evening in 1963, when Lala Suraj Bhan dropped in to discuss an urgent matter with my father. He requested support for a project that he said would transform both the university and the town. He explained that the union government had promulgated a scheme to open a

Regional Engineering College (REC) in each state, and that he had already drawn up a blueprint why it should be situated in Kurukshetra.

He was aware that the CM wanted the proposed engineering college to be built in Jalandhar, and a decision to the effect was to be taken at a high-level meeting in Delhi the next day. Hence, it was crucial to influence Kairon!

My father immediately contacted four of his close friends, including Dr Sohan Lal Dhawan, then president of the municipal committee at Thanesar, freedom fighter Giani Mehar Singh, and Dr Shanti Swaroop Sharma. They left for Chandigarh early next morning to meet Kairon and plead for the proposed college to be developed at Kurukshetra, the his-

toric venue of the Mahabharata, where Lord Krishna imparted wisdom and insight to the warrior Arjun.

Kairon, a large-hearted and truly progressive personality, a statesman in every sense of the word, was happy to receive the delegation at his official Chandigarh residence around 7 am, barely an hour before his scheduled departure for Delhi. He knew all the visitors rather well, and did not need much persuading before acceding to their request. He himself laughed out loud: 'I can understand that Lalaji (Lala Suraj Bhan) must have planned and sent this august delegation here to change my mind!'

Today, Kurukshetra is a well-known educational destination, and for this the town owes a deep gratitude to Kairon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Without ethics

Apropos of the article 'Media & psychic violence', the media is the fourth essential pillar of democracy. Thus the freedom of the Press is a must for a healthy democracy; however, the present situation of news stories and prime-time shows presents a grim picture by just getting stuck to 'Hindu-Muslim' agenda, and being partial towards the political spectrum of the country. For this, all TV anchors and news story writers should remind themselves of the real spirit of their profession and stick to its core values. Shouting on TV screens and using harsh words would land us nowhere.

GURINDER SINGH, MOGA

End of civility

Apropos of 'Media and psychic violence', instead of providing information about the happenings in a calm manner, news channels are trying to generate fear in the minds of people by creating a war-like atmosphere. The bombardment of verbal attacks depicts a live war scene, where nothing is comprehensible. Almost all discussions end up without giving any sincere solution and reasonable thoughts. The purpose doesn't seem to be the concern regarding the development of the country, rather it depicts a volley of blame game. This sensationalism is toxic, diverting

attention from the real and genuine issues that need to be focused on, for maintaining civility in society.

GURJEET KAUR, BY MAIL

Selling sensationalism

In these times, words like secularism and nationalism are being spoken in such a way that they categorise communities and provoke sentiments in a wrong manner, which sometimes results in violence. We are aware how panel discussions are run and what kind of individuals are invited by media channels. If we leave Hindu vs Muslim and BJP vs Congress aside, there would be complete silence. The media is not presenting a meaningful debate, rather it is providing a playground where they are promoting sensational journalism.

Rather than acting as the fourth pillar of democracy, it is limiting the boundaries of democracy. Media houses should not sell sensational stories just for the sake of TRP. Public expects a much bigger obligation from the media.

TAJINDER SINGH, PATIALA

Subverting truth

'Media and psychic violence' brings out the sad state of affairs in a world, once the hallmark of the truth, but now a medium of promoting and reporting anything but truth just for

TRP. The owners and anchors of prominent media channels seem to be guided by political and religious leanings that have brought their respectability to a new low.

VINAY KUMAR GUPTA, AMBALA CANTT

Vaccine capitalism

Vaccine nationalism is a menace for many developing countries and does not fulfil the objective of equitable access to public health. The global capitalist apparatus once again dominates by reserving and dispensing the vaccines in wealthy countries first rather than to populations more at risk in developing countries. The socialistic setup tends to make more sense in the current scenario that calls for both affordability and accessibility of medical goods irrespective of the geopolitics. That should be the sole principle for coordination among the superpowers and the WHO amid this outbreak.

SHRAVIL, AMRITSAR

Wait for WHO approval

With respect to news related to Russia approaching India to produce Sputnik V vaccine, it shows Russia's support for India, and also that if they both produce it together, the production number will be much larger and effective. But India should wait for WHO's proposal for fresh instalments.

ONQAR NATH, JAMMU

approval on the vaccine, and only after it is approved should India start the process.

HARDIK GUPTA, SOLAN

Keep talks going

Refer to the editorial 'Military options' (Aug 26); the Chief of Defence Staff recently told the PAC about the sizeable troop buildup by China, and the commensurate mobilisation by India. China's reluctance to disengage is pushing Indian and Chinese soldiers into a long-drawn and perilous situation. India must think twice before preferring military options because preparing for the long haul in the icy heights of the Himalayas will not be easy. Diplomatic channels must be kept open.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Electric crematoriums

The Jammu Mayor has stated that four more electric crematoriums will be installed. The one already installed — Jogi Gate — about 15 years ago — has not been functioning for years. Crores will be spent on the new crematoriums, which would be a wastage of funds. A probe should be ordered into the status of the existing crematorium. The Mayor should first motivate people to go for electric cremation and then moot the proposal for fresh instalments.

ONQAR NATH, JAMMU

The glorious victory at Hajipir in 1965



BRIG SHAMSHER SINGH (RETD)

FORMER OFFICER, CORPS OF SIGNALS

assault along the axis of Uri-Hajipir with 68 Infantry Brigade from the north and 93 Infantry Brigade from Poonch in the south. The main role in the offensive, codenamed Operation Bakshi, was allotted to 68 Infantry Brigade under Brig ZC Bakshi ('Zoru' Bakshi), a World War II veteran and highly decorated soldier of our Army.

The Hajipir Pass is dominated by Bedori (3,760 metres) in the east; and Sank, Bisali and Lediwali Gali (3,140 metres) in the south-west. It was essential to capture all these features prior to attacking the Pass. After deliberations, it was decided to advance along two separate ridges—Bedori on the left and Sank-Sar-Lediwali Gali on the right. D-Day was fixed as August 24, 1965.

It is said that "if there is a plan which goes according to plan, there is something wrong with the plan." Operation Bakshi was no different. D-Day had to be postponed to August 25 due to heavy rain in the area, making the mountain slopes almost non-negotiable.

The attacks were launched during the night of August 25-26, but in spite of the determined attack, 1 Para fell back, and 19 Punjab could not proceed beyond the Bedori base. The first light of August 26 was the defining moment for the commander of 68 Infantry Brigade as both thrust lines got stalled.

In the afternoon of August 26, the commander was informed that Bedori had been captured by a flanking formation and the news was broadcast to the nation on All India Radio. Brigadier Bakshi reluctantly believed in the news about the capture of Bedori and tasked 4 Rajput to skirt around it. While bypassing Bedori, 4 Rajput came under heavy fire from Bedori. It was realised the next day that the information was wrong and that Bedori was still with the enemy.

On the night of August 26-27, 1 Para attacked again and captured Lediwali Gali by midday on August 27. With Bedori, a formidable feature, still with the enemy, the commander of 68 Infantry Brigade planned to contain it through 4 Rajput and pull out 19 Punjab to task it to capture the Hajipir Pass by moving through 1 Para on the Lediwali axis.

It was turned down by the 'powers that be' and, instead, the commander was directed to capture Bedori on priority and Hajipir subsequently since Bedori had been announced to have been captured. However, the commander remained committed to capturing Hajipir without loss of time. Speed was the most essential factor for capturing Hajipir since any delay would give time to the enemy to reinforce defences.

Brigadier Bakshi decided upon an unorthodox plan: to send a self-contained company plus a column from 1 Para under Maj Ranjit Singh Dayal from Lediwali Gali during the night of August 27-28 (i.e. from Lediwali Gali height of 3,140 metres, descend to Hyderabad Nullah below, cross it and then ascend to Hajipir Pass at 2,637 metres—all in one night). The weather was at its worst, with rain and slush coming down the craggy slopes. Brigadier Bakshi spoke to Major Dayal in chaste Punjabi: "Agar te jit leya Hajipir te tu hero ban jayenga, nahi te mainu command ton remove kar den ge" (If you capture Hajipir, you shall be a hero, and if you don't, I'll be sacked) or words to that effect.

Major Dayal carried out the arduous mission in the treacherous terrain and weather prevailing that night. He appeared at the Pass by the first light of August 28. Pakistan had moved a company of 20 Punjab during the night to reinforce defences at Hajipir. Pakistan troops were so surprised that they retreated from the shoulders of the Pass with little fight, leaving behind weapons, radio sets, charging engines, meter maps and desi ghee!

The capture of the Pass validated the importance of the element of surprise by taking calculated risks and

making bold manoeuvres. Meanwhile, 19 Punjab remained held up near the Bedori base because the ridge was narrow and it was not feasible to capture Pt 12330 (Bedori) from the north-west. Brigadier Bakshi now decided to launch 19 Punjab from a completely different direction. The 3.7-inch Howitzer artillery gun was used to decimate the bunkers and Pt 12330 was captured on August 29.

However, a complex of high mountain features, Gitian, and Pt 8777 dominated the road from Hajipir to Poonch. 6 Dogra, with an additional company from 19 Punjab, was tasked to capture the Gitian complex. It was captured by September 21, albeit after a fierce battle. It was probably the toughest battle in the entire Hajipir operations where Pakistanis resorted to repeated counter-attacks, both during the night and day. Our three officers, one junior commissioned officer (JCO), and 32 jawans were killed in action; five officers, three

and three NCOs, and 80 jawans were wounded. The enemy had 90 dead, while an estimated 200 were wounded. For this valiant effort, 6 Dogra was bestowed with the battle honour 'Hajipir'. Hours prior to this battle, the vital communication line between the tactical headquarters at Hajipir and 6 Dogra broke down due to heavy shelling, leading to a precarious communication gap which was vital at this critical juncture. The restoration of the line by the author, then a young Captain, under intense enemy fire was recounted by Lt Gen Zoru Bakshi 20 years later in a New Year's card to the author.

In the meantime, 68 Infantry Brigade continued its advance from Hajipir Pass along the Eastern Ridge with 6 Dogra and 19 Punjab to link up with Poonch. 93 Infantry Brigade captured Raja and Rani by September 7. The Meghdoot Force (commando force under Maj Megh Singh), advancing from Poonch, linked up with 19 Punjab on September 10.

Up against superior force levels and a terrain advantageous to the enemy, 68 Infantry Brigade achieved remarkable success. It liberated 500 sq km of enemy-occupied territory. Brigadier Bakshi's presence with the forward troops and his calm demeanour in the vicissitudes of the battle acted as an inspirational tonic. His relentless offensive (15 battalion-level attacks in 28 days), the launching of unorthodox operations to capture the Hajipir Pass without looking over his shoulders and, of course, the daunting courage displayed by young officers leading their respective commands from the front were the reasons for this historic success.

The author, then a young Signal officer, accompanied Brig Zoru Bakshi through the entire Operation Bakshi as his 'Sparrow Signals'



UNORTHODOX OP: Brigadier Bakshi's calm demeanour during the battle was inspirational.

THE capture of the Hajipir Pass and establishing the Uri-Poonch link-up during the 1965 Indo-Pak war were an astounding success. It remains a classic offensive undertaken by an infantry brigade in the mountains.

Our lukewarm reaction to Pakistan crossing over into the Rann of Kutch in April 1965 emboldened the neighbour to plan more serious operations into J&K. Pakistan launched a clandestine infiltration with a large number of guerrillas into the Kashmir Valley, Kargil and Rajouri sectors in early August 1965 (codename Operation Gibraltar). However, partly due to effective counter-infiltration operations by the Indian Army and partly due to no support to infiltrators by the local population, Operation Gibraltar got stalled by mid-August.

The then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri realised that the only way to eliminate infiltration was to go on the offensive across the Line of Control (LoC) and destroy the sanctuaries inside Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

The Hajipir bulge was identified for an offensive across the LoC as it was being used by the saboteurs for infiltration into the Kashmir valley and Rajouri sector. It is located on the Pir Panjal range at a height of 2,637 metres (9,000 ft) on the road between Uri and Poonch.

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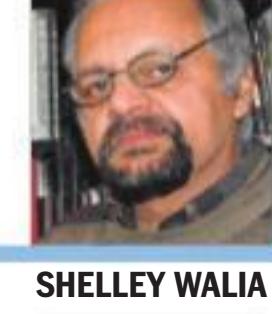
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Crackdown on free speech a threat to justice



History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

In the aftermath of the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, John Rawls' *A Theory of Justice* had a long-lasting impact on American anti-statists and British egalitarians, as well as on the larger issues of civil disobedience, international justice and commitment of the state and citizens in capitalist welfare states. Such a political philosophy aimed to legitimise political change by appealing to public intellectuals as moral agents of reform.

This development occurred in a culture of racism, bigotry and ultra-nationalism that has dominated the 'democracies' ever since. Plagued by the crackdown on dissent, the situation in many countries is exacerbated by uncertain employment, housing and healthcare. A prejudiced leadership, partial media and the demise of the Opposition has given rise to the increasing intrusion of the private sphere.

Varavara Rao, poet-activist with a singular voice of protest, languishes in jail. GN Saibaba, a disabled professor, remains incarcerated with no trial in sight. With baseless and flimsy evidence, their lock-up violates civil liberties and subverts the constitutional order. Some fine scholars and writers come under police and judicial harassment for standing up for the deprived

and the marginalised. It becomes a matter of anguish for the nation when a citizen's fundamental right to life and liberty is denied.

However, radical change is optimistically envisaged with the possibility of producing a politics of freedom and resistance, with the hope of finding solutions to the nagging issues confronting a democracy. The defence of bona fide beliefs of an individual in a democracy screams for attention in an environment of pervert rational thinking and brash exercise of Orwellian surveillance for absolute ideological control.

The last few months have been exceptionally volatile in the history of the democratic working of public institutions. Democracy and free speech are under siege. For example, Prashant Bhushan, in declining to tender an apology to the Supreme Court, has secured his dignity and his sense of responsibility to the future of India's democracy. His is a moral act defined by affirming the inviolability of free speech, public values and truth that resonate in Vaclav Havel's statement on speaking truth to power: "When I speak of living within truth, I naturally do not have in mind only products of conceptual thought, such as a protest or a letter written by a group of intellectuals. It can be any means by which a person or a group revolts against manipulation."

Such a stand against the depravity of the political moment is an earnest attempt to uphold 'the power of the powerless' and the fairness of justice. Bhushan has not shown any disre-

spect for the judicial system, but has peacefully redirected the attention of the nation to the quality of justice and the dignity of our public institutions. A civil, humanistic public action against the jeopardising of democratic institutions cannot be anything but ethical to the core and, unquestionably, not invite the over-reaction of criminal reprimand through a self-deprecating contempt order.

Recent social and political upheavals in the wake of sectarian violence or the increasing infringement of public space has raised questions about the future of liberty and dignity, freedom and justice, calling for a scrutiny of the working of the Reserve Bank, judiciary, police or civil services. With politics taking on the character of regressive and unabashedly unconstitutional right-wing intimidation through the misuse of public institutions, public oppression becomes acute and expectations of the institutional foundations of our democracy fail. At such critical moments, the critical-minded progressive thinkers rise to counter any form of unanimity or mindless obedience to the capricious assertions of the leadership, fighting for the survival of a culture that reflects on deeper ethical and social concerns.

It is a fact that radical social transformations have been brought about not by totalitarian means, but by people's participation in offering resistance or critiques of the retrogressive functioning of institutions and the arbitrary suppression of any opposition. The end of debate is apparently the outcome of the 'end of history' syndrome that has dominated the liberal democracies of the world.

The liberal recipe stands botched in ushering a new world order promised by the happy birth of a global community. History brings us face to face with the threat of despotism, provoking public intellectuals to rise up against the obsessive use of raw power. At the irreducible existential moment of economic or military crisis when the row between democracy and fascism, freedom and tyranny becomes an unrelenting political encounter, they advance an alternative vision with a global appeal of a new reinvention of participatory democracy and free thinking.

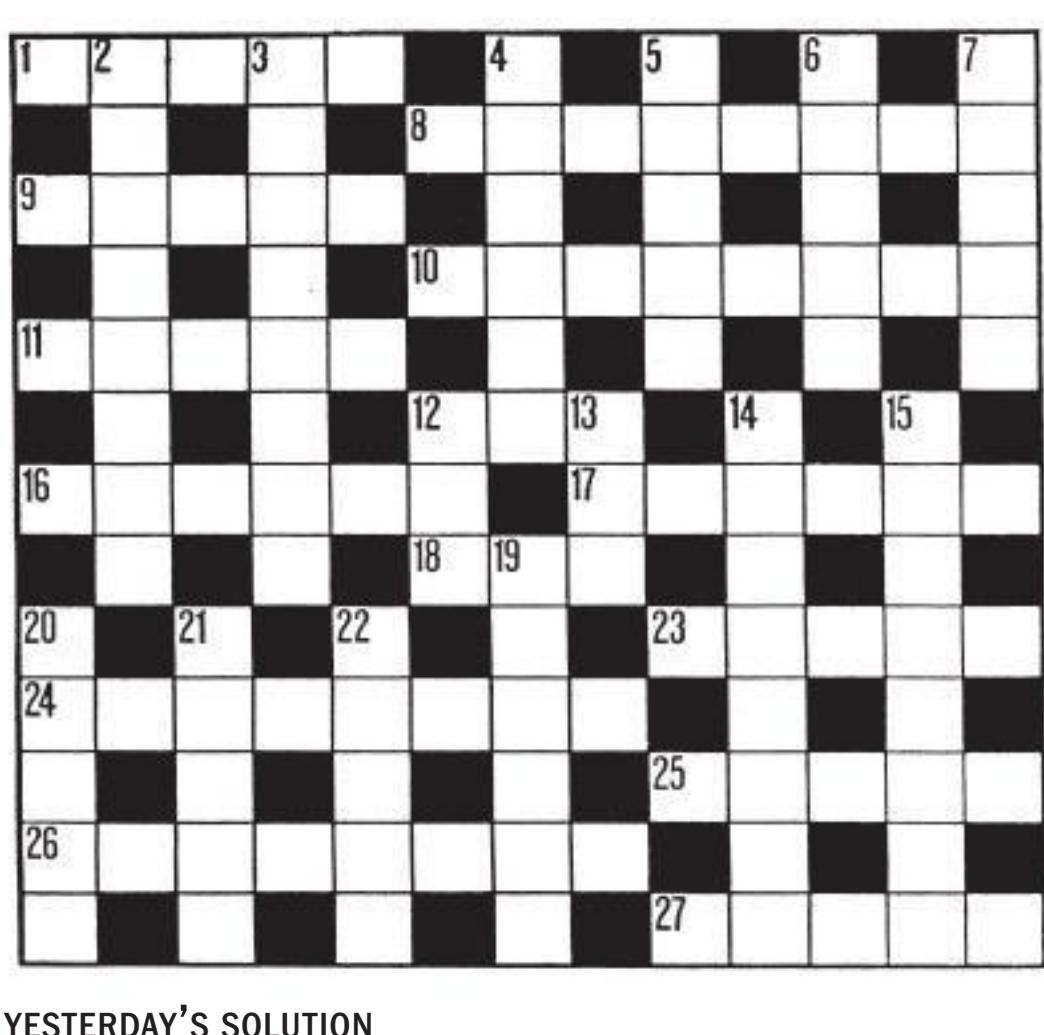
The historical necessity of the times inspires the freedom-loving people to adopt strategies of non-violent resistance and non-cooperation, thereby echoing an ethical dimension of the politics of 'living in truth' with a sense of individual responsibility.

The lesson to be learnt from Rawls, Havel or historians like Howard Zinn is to exist in the embrace of robust forms of free speech practical and responsible enough to create an environment with a commitment to challenge the state apparatus and institutions that it undemocratically uses for its authority.

Not surprisingly, intellectuals like Arundhati Roy, Ramachandra Guha, Harsh Mander or Prashant Bhushan have opened spaces for new civil and democratic politics in India, underpinned by notions of truth, accountability and civility. They bring their adverse stand into the shaping of the social and political world with a belief in their sense of belongingness to the state free from any sense of alienation or antagonism.

Why then should the state feel a sense of disquiet at resistance movements hurling ideas of emancipation and justice? It is wrong to presume that autocracies can wipe out the diversity of political thought. The spectre of Marx hangs on the contemporary world and dialectical materialism remains an antidote to ideological unilateralism, a condemnation of the systems that have usurped socialism and progressive movements. Indeed, the constitutional values of liberalism cannot be ignored for long.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Crossword: 1 More or less, 6 Amid, 10 Feign, 11 Thesaurus, 12 Deadwood, 13 Cello, 15 Abandon, 17 Recline, 19 Prelate, 21 Wildcat, 22 Rumba, 24 Cribbage, 27 Intricate, 28 Guide, 29 Odds, 30 Stupendous.

Down: 1 Muff, 2 Reiterate, 3 Owned, 4 Let-down, 5 Slender, 7 Moral, 8 Dishonesty, 9 Farcical, 14 Valparaiso, 16 Dramatic, 18 Incognito, 20 Enchant, 21 Write-up, 23 Muted, 25 Begin, 26 Mess.

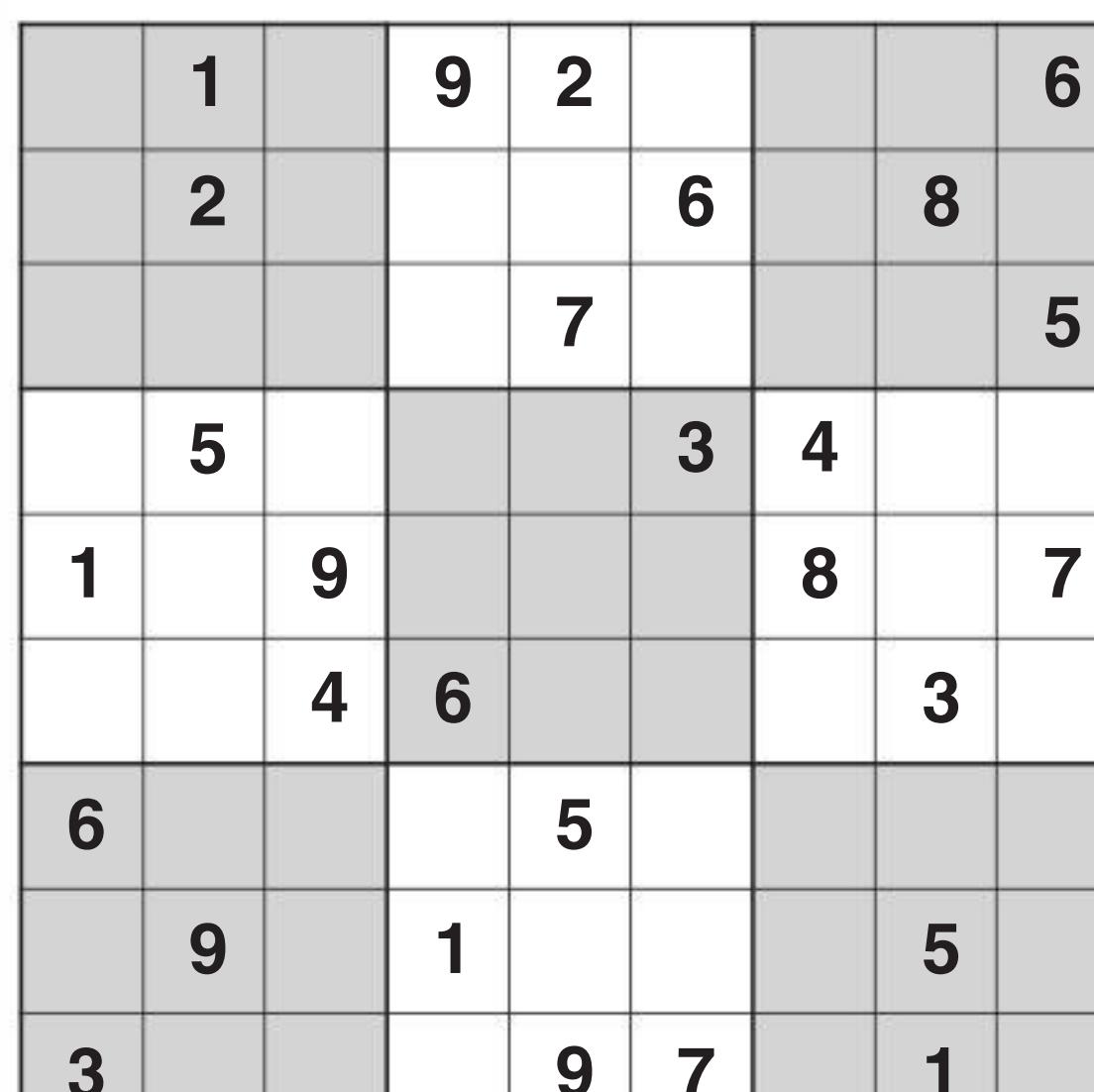
ACROSS

- 1 Encourage (5)
- 8 Trivial (8)
- 9 Hirsute (5)
- 10 Refurbishment (8)
- 11 Long narrow piece (5)
- 12 To crowd around (3)
- 16 Afflict (6)
- 17 Regarding (6)
- 18 Label (3)
- 23 Wary (5)
- 24 Promontory (8)
- 25 Female fox (5)
- 26 Warship's guns (8)
- 27 Limbless reptile (5)
- 28 Hold responsible for wrong (5)

DOWN

- 2 With sincerity (8)
- 3 Payments from work (8)
- 4 Mediterranean principality (6)
- 5 Complete (5)
- 6 Belong (3,2)
- 7 Abandoned chalcodony (5)
- 12 Encounter (3)
- 13 Implore (3)
- 14 Diplomatic mission (8)
- 15 Automatic and unthinking (4-4)
- 19 Form of canopy (6)
- 20 Dishonest trick (5)
- 21 Soothing (5)
- 22 Hold responsible for wrong (5)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

AUGUST 28, 2020, FRIDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Bhadrabudha Shak	6
■ Bhadrabudha Parvishtha	13
■ Hijari	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 10, up to 8:39 am	
■ Preeti Yoga up to 4:04 pm	
■ Moola Nakshatra up to 12:37 pm	
■ Moon in Sagittarius sign	
■ Gandmool up to 12:37 pm	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Kullu-Chd flight from Sept 7

OUR CORRESPONDENT

KULLU, AUGUST 27

Alliance Air, a wholly-owned subsidiary of national carrier Air India, will recommence flights between Chandigarh and Kullu on September 7. The airlines had resumed its operations between

Delhi and Kullu on July 16 for three days a week (Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays). The daily flights were halted on March 23 due to the Covid-induced lockdown.

Alliance Air station manager, Kullu, Akhilesh Vijayi said that direct flights between Kullu and Delhi

were being conducted regularly. He added that now the flights would have a hop over in Chandigarh, both ways during inward and outward journeys. He said that the schedule had been released for the flights till October 24 and tickets were available through the online booking portal of the airlines.

Government of India MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) 5th Floor, 15-NBCC Tower, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi — 110066

Invites applications for appointment on deputation basis to the following posts.

Sr. No.	Name of the posts with Pay Level	No. of Posts
1	Director (Project/Technical)	- Level 14
2	Joint Director (Project/Technical)	- Level 13A
3	Dy. Director (F&A/Project/Technical)	- Level-12
4	Asstt. Director (F&A/Tech/Project)	- Pay Level-11

Application for deputation through proper channel accompanied with (i) Cadre Clearance, (ii) Vigilance Clearance and (iii) Certified copies of APARs for the last five years. The last date of receipt of application in NRIDA is 05.10.2020. For details & eligibility criteria login to the website www.pmgsy.nic.in under "vacancy icon" and <https://rural.nic.in> under "Advertisement/Tenders section". dadvp 35104/11/0001/2021

PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

Plot No. 2A, Sector-28A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160002
Phone: 0172 2651561, 2657472 CIN: U51219CH1966SGC002630
www.punjabagro.co.in

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Tender bids are invited from eligible bidders for the project/works detailed in the following table:

Name of Project/Work/Works	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Max. period of contract	Approx. Rent (in Rs.)
Operation, Maintenance and Management of Primary Processing Centre, Amritsar which includes Cold Store, Ripening Chambers, Dry warehouse, weighbridge and basic infrastructure	Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand only)	Rs. 2000/-	16 years from signing of agreement and handing over the site	To be furnished by the bidder

Last date for submission of online bid is 18.9.2020 up to 02:00 p.m. Technical bids will be opened on the same day at 4:30 p.m. The date for opening of financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of technical bids. Queries shall be taken up in pre-bid meeting to be held through video conferencing (VC) on 7.9.2020 at 3:00 p.m.

The details of the tender can be downloaded from Punjab Govt.'s website i.e. <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For any clarification, please send an email at bhupinder.singh28@punjab.gov.in. The details/link for VC shall be shared with you. Otherwise, you can contact us at: 9914500655.

DPR/Pb/69104

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Tender bids are invited from eligible bidders for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of following laboratory equipment(s).

Item No.	Name of Equipments	Qty	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Approx. Value of the Equipment(s) (Rs.)
1	UV-Visible Spectrophotometer System	1	7,500.00	To be furnished by the bidder
2	Gas Chromatograph (GC-FID)	1	30,000.00	—do—
3	Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS)	1	34,500.00	—do—
4	Gas Chromatograph Triple Quadrupole Mass Spectrometer (GCMSMS)	1	1,50,00,000.00	—do—
5	Inductively Coupled Plasma - Mass Spectrometer (ICPMS)	1	1,50,00,000.00	—do—
6	High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph with RID (HPLC-RID)	1	37,500.00	—do—
7	High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph with UV & FLD (HPLC-UV-FLD)	1	45,000.00	—do—
8	High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph with DAD (HPLC-DAD)	1	37,500.00	—do—

Cost of tender document is Rs. 3,000/- and the time for completion of the work(s) is 120 days. Last date for submission of bid(s) is 10.9.2020 up to 02:00 p.m. Technical bids will be opened on the same day at 4:00 p.m.

For any clarification, bidders may write emails at testinglab.mfp.pac@punjab.gov.in or contact at 0172-2651561, 9914500655. The date for opening of financial bids will be intimated after evaluation of technical bids. The details of the tender can be downloaded from Punjab Govt.'s website i.e. <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

DPR/Pb/69106

File No. 3(1)/2020-Edu.

NATIONAL SUGAR INSTITUTE Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Department of Food & Public Distribution KANPUR-208017

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to restrictions amidst Covid-19, now the entrance examination for admission to various courses for the academic session 2020-21 at National Sugar Institute, Kanpur (except for Sugar Engineering Certificate and PG Diploma in Industrial Instrumentation & Process Automation) shall commence on 20th September 2020 through online mode where the questions shall be of short answer/multiple choice type. The number of examination centres have also been increased to facilitate the applicants. The applicants, if they desire, may revise the choice of examination centre up to 31st August 2020 by visiting institute website www.nsi.gov.in. They may also email their queries, if any at ashokgargnsi@gmail.com.

For Sugar Engineering Certificate and PG Diploma in Industrial Instrumentation & Process Automation courses, the applicants can send their documents to the institute on 31 August 2020 by, the details of which are also available on our website.

(Ashok Kumar Garg)
Education I/C

davp 08202/11/0006/2021

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BAYS NO. 1-10, BLOCK-B, SECTOR 4, PANCHKULA

RESULT (REVISED)

On the basis of Recruitment test for the Posts of District Information & Public Relations Officer, Class-II (Group-B) in Information and Public Relations Department, Haryana conducted by the Haryana Public Service Commission on 11.08.2020, the candidates, three times the number of vacancies along with bracketed candidates, if any, bearing the following Roll Nos. have been declared qualified for Viva-Voce provisionally, subject to the fulfillment of all eligibility conditions. It is also made clear that mere being declared successful in this examination, the candidates will not be entitled for any right for the said posts. All the representations filed by various candidates regarding wrong questions/answers for the aforesaid Recruitment Test have been considered and decided finally. The following Roll Numbers shown below are category-wise & in ascending order, not in order of merit:-

General	Total Posts = 06X3 Times = 18+1 Bracketed
22103 22144 22162 22165 22178 22179 22193 22197 22198 22205	
22220 22235 22261 22274 22276 22277 22279 22291 22331	

SC of Haryana Total Posts = 02X3 Times = 06

22104 22117 22287 22293 22309 22311 BCA of Haryana Total Posts = 01X3 Times = 03

22134 22187 22263 ESM of Haryana Total Posts = 01X3 Times = 03
(Only two candidates are available)

22238 22318

Note:

- While preparing the result due care has been taken. However, any inadvertent error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves its right to rectify any error at a later stage.
- The aforesaid qualified candidates will have to appear in the Viva Voce for which they will be informed separately through an announcement which will be displayed on the Commission's website and also published in various newspapers.
- The above result is subject to final outcome of the CWP No. 18154/2020, 25120/2018 & 2019/2016 before the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- Where no post for any reserved category is available, the candidate applying as a candidate of that particular category have been considered as General category candidates, subject to the fulfillment of the candidates of all eligibility conditions (Except fees, as mentioned for general category candidates).
- The result is also available on the Commission's website i.e. <http://hpssc.gov.in>.

Dated: 27.08.2020

Sd/- Deputy Secretary,
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula.

DPR/Pb/69365

Frontline warriors to undergo antigen test

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NO LET-UP IN CASES

SHIMLA, AUGUST 27

With a continuous surge in Covid cases, the state has decided to go in for the antigen and antibody tests to ascertain the prevalence of the disease. In the first phase, all frontline warriors will be tested.

The findings of the study will help boost the confidence of the population and give an exact idea about the extent of the problem and corrective measures needed to be taken.

Additional Chief Secretary RD Dhaman said it had been decided to hold the tests for at least one day in a week at all health institutions. Initially, the frontline warriors such as doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, safai karamcharis, policemen, home guards

and staff in urban local bodies will be tested.

This would give an idea about the prevalence of Covid among the population and more importantly what fraction of the population had recovered without them even getting to know about it.

"There may be some people who could have been infected and cured without any treatment due to good immunity. They would have developed anti-bodies and as such are unlikely to contract the disease again," explained a doctor. He said since antigen tests were relatively inex-

pensive and results were faster, it would help screen a huge population. If anyone tested positive, the RT-PCR test could be undertaken for confirmation.

There is no let-up in fresh cases in the state with more than 100 persons getting infected daily.

Additional Chief Secretary (Health) RD Dhaman said a woman from Kinnaur, who had been cured of coronavirus, died at the IGMC due to other ailments.

He said two deaths in Sirmaur would be counted in Chandigarh. The highest number of 51 cases were reported in Solan, followed by 37 in Sirmaur, 25 in Kangra, 23 in Hamirpur, 11 in Una, 10 in Chamba and nine in Shimla, besides other districts.

Initially, the antigen-antibody tests will be undertaken on any one fixed day in a week in all medical colleges. The OPD turnout in medical colleges in Shimla, Kangra, Hamirpur, Ner Chowk (Mandi), Nahan and Chamba is high. Gradually, the facility will be extended to all district, zonal and other health institutions.

With 180 cases, Covid count goes past 5,500

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

SHIMLA, AUGUST 27

The surge in Covid cases in the state continued with 180 persons testing positive today, taking the total tally to 5,501. With the death of a person due to Covid in Una, the total number of fatalities rose to 31.

The victim was an employee of a pharma company at Paonta Sahib, DC, Sirmaur, RK Pruthi said the woman was cremated by her family members in Chandigarh.

In another case, a 67-year old man died at Rajgarh this morning. He was suffering from liver cirrhosis and was found infected with Covid-19 while undergoing treatment at the PGI, Chandigarh. He returned to his native place at Rajgarh last evening against medical advice and died this morning.

The DC said that since his son brought him back without a Covid-negative test report, a legal action would be taken against him.

Process to buy laptops for students starts

SHIMLA, AUGUST 27

The tendering process for providing laptops to meritorious students for 2018-19 and 2019-20 has been started and about 20,000 laptops will be purchased. At least 10,000 meritorious students will be given laptops under the Srinivasa Ramanujan Student Digital Scheme for 2018-19 and the same number in 2019-20.

However, the Education Department and other departments are not allowed to purchase laptops and other goods from China.

The process was started earlier, but could not be completed due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Now, it had again been initiated, said Amarjeet Sharma, Director Higher Education. —TNS

Regularise primary asst teachers: HC

VIJAY ARORA

SHIMLA, AUGUST 27

The HP High Court today directed the state government to regularise the services of primary assistant teachers (PAT) in accordance with the Recruitment and Promotion (R&P) Rules. However, it clarified in the order that the regularisation of the services of the PATs would be subject to the final outcome of the petition.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Tarlok Singh Chauhan and Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua passed the order on a petition challenging the regularisation process of the PATs on the ground that it was in violation of the rules.

During the course of

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

Tender Notice No. 02

Dated: 26.08.2020

Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, PWD, B&R Branch, Mohali Re-invite bids from eligible bidders for below mentioned work. For detail terms and conditions of the notice inviting bid refer to www.eproc.punjab.gov.in w.e.f. 27.08.2020.

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

Work(s): Restoration of Road Cut for laying sewer line Near Jyoti Sarup Gurudwara Sahib at km No. 41.363 to 41.610 & from km 45.670 to 45.810 (Service road under ROB) on Chandigarh-Landran-Chunni-Sirhind Road (SH-12A).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Central Works Division Mohali.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

PWD B&R MALEKOTLA

NOTICE OF INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE NO. 29 DATE 26.08.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD B&R Malekotla invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Public works Department for the work of Dismantling & Re-Laying of RCC Slab on Various Bridges Falling Under the Jurisdiction of Const. Division Malekotla. The bidder may be submitted bid for any or all of the works.

Closing date & time: 07.09.2020 at 2:00 PM

For detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> w.e.f. 29.08.2020.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Const. Division PWD B&R Malekotla.

E-AUCTION NOTICE**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

Tender notice reference No.: E-Tender/MCLBA/2020-21/4/1

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Barnala invites Technical and Financial bids through E-Auction platform from Outdoor Media Agencies for allotment of sites for Advertisement through Unipoles, Gantry, Pole Kiosk and LED for a period of 5 years.	1

Closing Date & Time: 17.09.2020 & 11.00 a.m.

For details logon to : www.tenderwizard.com/DLGP

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Important Dates:

Availability of option for Start of Technical Bidding online From	Last Date and Time of online submission of Technical bid	Date and Time of opening of Technical bids	Date, Time & Venue of pre-bid Meeting	Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids	Date and Time of Final Bids through E-Auction
27.08.2020 at 11:00 a.m.	15.09.2020 up to 2:00 p.m.	15.09.2020 at 03:00 p.m.	07.09.2020 at 11 a.m. in the Office M.C., Barnala	17.09.2020 at 10:00 a.m. up to 17.09.2020 at 11:00 p.m.	17.09.2020

Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Barnala.

Sd/- Asst. Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Barnala.

DPR/Pb/69122

TENDER NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Malout on behalf of Chairman of GPWSC Raniwala Block Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib invites online bids for the following works (Under Punjab Rural Water & Sanitation Sector Improvement Project - Sub Component 2A(i))

Sr. No.	Item	App. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Old Security	Date and Time of Technically Opening
1.	PROVIDING NEW WATER CONNECTION & LAYING OF WATER SUPPLY PIPE LINES OF VILLAGE RANI WALA BLOCK MALOUT, DIST. SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB (UNDER PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SUB COMPONENT 2A(i))	9.17 Lacs	Rs. 18,500/-	28-08-2020 at 11:00 A.M.

1. Raniwala

Date and Time of Start of Bid Document : 28-08-2020 at 11:00 AM

Last Date and Time of Receipt of Bid : 07-09-2020 at 17:00 hrs

Bid Processing Fee : As per Site.

Completion Period of Work : 5 Months (including monsoon+ Period of 3 months for Q&M).

Terms and conditions:

1. The detail of work can be seen on website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in & Corrigendum if any will be uploaded on website.

2. For any enquiry, please contact the helpline No. 01637-262487.

Sd/- On behalf of Chairman DWSS
Village Raniwala Block, Malout Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Malout.

DPR/Pb-69133

HIMACHAL KALĀ SĀNSKRĀTI BHĀASHĀ AKĀDAṂI

संग्रमल भवन, किलफ-एड-एस्टेट, शिमला-171001

अकादमी शिखर सम्मान, कला सम्मान, साहित्य पुस्कार,

पुस्तक थोक खरीद, स्वैच्छिक संस्था सम्मान, पहाड़ी

लघुत्रिकला एवं चंबा रुमाल प्रतियोगिता हेतु प्रविष्टियां

1. शिखर सम्मान

कला और साहित्य के क्षेत्र में वर्ष 2019 के एक-एक शिखर सम्मान प्रदान करने के लिए प्रदेश के बोनाफाइड तथा प्रदेश से बाहर के जीवित कलाकारों और साहित्यिकों से उनकी हिस्तेवाल प्रदेश के पारंपरिक ललित एवं निष्ठावान कलाओं के लिए अप्रतिम आवश्यकता है।

2. निष्ठावान एवं ललित कला सम्मान

वर्ष 2019 के निष्ठावान कला यथा पारंपरिक, लोक एवं समाजालीन रंगमंच, संगीत एवं नृत्य तथा ललित कला यथा पारंपरिक, लोक एवं आधुनिक विकलान, मूर्खिकला, काष्ठिकला, छायांकन, हस्तशिल्प कला, कार्टन, रेखांकन के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट योगदान और विशेष उत्तराभ्यासों से संबंधित विवरण सहित प्रविष्टियां आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

3. साहित्य पुस्तकराम

वर्ष 2020 के लिए हिन्दी, पहाड़ी, संस्कृत, उर्दू और अंग्रेजी में साहित्य की विभिन्न विवाहों में वर्ष 2019 में प्रकाशित पुस्तकों की चार-चार प्रतियोगिता होना वाला विद्युत्प्रयोग पत्र सहित निःशुल्क विवाहार्थी आमंत्रित की जाती है।

4. पुस्तक थोक खरीद

पुस्तक थोक खरीद वर्ष 2020 के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश और प्रदेश से बाहर के लेखकों की हिन्दी, पहाड़ी, उर्दू, संस्कृत एवं अंग्रेजी भाषाओं में हिमाचल प्रदेश की कला, संस्कृति, भाषा एवं साहित्य के क्षेत्र में प्रदेश की पंजीयनी अंतर्गत संस्थाओं तथा प्रदेश से बाहर हिमाचल के लोगों द्वारा गारंटी एवं पंजीयनी संस्थाओं से गत तीन वर्षों में आयोजित गतिविधियों का विवरण, छायांकन, समाजार पत्रों की करतारों सहित प्रविष्टियां विवाहार्थी आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

5. स्वैच्छिक संस्था सम्मान

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Osaka pulls out of semis to protest racial injustice

NEWYORK, AUGUST 27

Naomi Osaka withdrew from the Western & Southern Open yesterday in protest against racial injustice hours after the two-time Grand Slam champion had booked her spot in the semifinals.

The 22-year-old Japanese joins similar protests by athletes in the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball following the police shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man, on Sunday in Wisconsin.

It is unclear if Osaka will reconsider her decision after organisers suspended play for today as a mark of protest. The semifinals will now be played tomorrow, which is scheduled to be the final day of the event. "Before I am an athlete, I am a Black woman," she said on Twitter. "And as a Black woman I feel as though there are much more important matters at hand that need immediate attention, rather than watching me play tennis."

Osaka defeated Anett Kontaveit 4-6 6-2 7-5 to reach the semis where she was scheduled to face Elise Mertens, who beat qualifier Jessica Pegula 6-1 6-3 to reach her first Premier 5 semifinal. Johanna Konta reached the semifinals with a 6-4 6-3 win over Maria Sakkari. Up next for Konta is a clash with Victoria Azarenka, a 7-6 6-2 winner over Ons Jabeur.



Novak Djokovic won 6-3 6-1.

USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS

Djokovic cruises into semis

Novak Djokovic cruised past Jan-Lennard Struff 6-3 6-1 to reach a record-equaling eighth semifinal at the event. With the win, Djokovic tied Jimmy Connors, Stefan Edberg, Roger Federer and Bill Talbert's semifinal totals at the ATP Masters 1000 event. He will next face Roberto Bautista Agut, who produced a stunning comeback to defeat defending champion and third seed Daniil Medvedev 1-6 6-4 6-3 and reach his maiden semifinal in the event.

In other quarterfinals, fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas advanced after Reilly Opelka, who was leading 6-5, retired due to a knee injury.

Tsitsipas will play Milos Raonic, a 4-6 7-6(2) 7-5 winner over Filip Krajinovic, for a spot in the final. — Reuters

Expect Princepal to go far: NBA G League boss

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

Teenaged Punjab basketball player Princepal Singh, who signed up for NBA's G League last month, will train with elite youth prospects like Jalen Green, Isaiah Todd, Daishen Nix, Kai Sotto and Jonathan Kuminga. The G League administration is keen to take Princepal to the next level; one motive, no doubt, would be to boost NBA's growth in India through an Indian player, but it would also work well for both Princepal and Indian basketball.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim, president of the NBA's G League, says that Princepal has the potential to reach the top in basketball. He says that the league would take a "direct interest" in the growth of the 19-year-old



PRINCEPAL SINGH. FILE

from Punjab. "In NBA, scouts are intrigued by young talent. We build the skills and fundamentals, and create a foundation that players in the long term. I think this is a great opportunity for Princepal," said Abdur-Rahim.

Abdur-Rahim said he expects Princepal, along with other highly-talented players, to be relevant in next year's NBA draft. — TNS

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

Arjuna winner Satwiksairaj tests positive for Covid-19
Set to be conferred the Arjuna Award on Saturday, Indian badminton player Satwiksairaj Rankireddy has tested positive for Covid-19. The 20-year-old men's doubles player said he is yet to develop any symptoms of the infection.

NEW DELHI
Badminton: India Open, Syed Modi cancelled

The India Open Super 500 and the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournaments were today cancelled. The India Open, originally scheduled for March, was to be held in December and Syed Modi was slated for November.

PARIS
Pogba tests positive for Covid, out of France squad

France midfielder Paul Pogba has tested positive for Covid-19 and been left out of the national team squad, coach Didier Deschamps said today.

LONDON
England's Roy ruled out of Pakistan T20 series

England's top-order batsman Jason Roy has been ruled out of the T20 series against Pakistan starting tomorrow due to a left side strain. All three T20s are in Manchester.



Lyon reached the final of the women's Champions League for the fifth straight time after Wendie Renard (in pic) scored with a 67th-minute header to secure a 1-0 win over Paris Saint-Germain. Lyon will seek their fifth consecutive title in the final against Wolfsburg, who beat Barcelona. AP/PTI

New York Tennis greats Bryan brothers retire

Bob and Mike Bryan, the most successful men's doubles team in the history of tennis, are bringing the curtain down on their 22-year professional careers. The 42-year-old twins captured a professional era record 119 titles together, including 16 Grand Slams. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

FIRST T20I

ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN

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GOLF

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

EUROSPORT 00:30AM (SATURDAY)

Aslam Sher Khan challenges Batra's position in Hockey India

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

The Delhi High Court has asked both the Sports Ministry and Hockey India to file a response on a plea filed by 1975 World Cup winner Aslam Sher Khan, who has challenged the continuation of Narinder Batra as a life member of Hockey India and

Elena Norman as its CEO. Norman also enjoys voting rights in Hockey India. A High Court Bench comprising Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan has issued a notice to the Ministry, Hockey India, Batra and Norman. He has also sought the appointment of an independent administrator or an ad-hoc body to run the day-to-day affairs of the federation until the time its Memorandum of Association

MP, has cited violations of sections of the National Sports Development Code of India (NSDCI) to seek immediate dismissal of Batra and Norman. He has also sought the appointment of an independent administrator or an ad-hoc body to run the day-to-day affairs of the federation until the time its Memorandum of Association

(MOA) is amended as per the NSDCI. There is no provision for a life member in the NSDCI, which accords voting rights to only members of associations from States or Union Territories.

Khan has also asked that both Batra and Norman

should provide details of all financial benefits that they have enjoyed since their appointments as life member and CEO, respectively, of Hockey India. Khan has made serious assertions of nepotism in team selection and even claimed that "there are serious apprehensions that the Respondent No. 3 (Batra) by exercising perpetual and direct control through Respondent No. 4 (Norman) is siphoning funds of Respon-

dent No. 4 (Hockey India)". The case is another setback for Batra, who is also the Indian Olympic Association president. There will be a question mark over Batra's position as the IOA chief if the judgement goes against him as he was allowed to fight for the post on the back of his life membership of Hockey India.

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector 4, Panchkula

RESULT

On the basis of Recruitment test for the Posts of Deputy Superintendent (Jail) in Home Department, Haryana conducted by the Haryana Public Service Commission on 02.08.2020, the candidates, three times the number of vacancies along with bracketed candidates, if any, bearing the following Roll Nos. have been declared qualified for Viva-Voce provisionally, subject to the fulfillment of all eligibility conditions. It is also made clear that mere being declared successful in this examination, the candidates will not be entitled for any right for the said posts. All the representations filed by various candidates regarding wrong questions/ answers for the aforesaid Recruitment Test have been considered and decided finally. The following Roll Numbers shown below are category-wise & in ascending order, not in order of merit:-

General Total Posts = 02 X 3 Times = 06 + 03 (Bracketed)

11107	11109	11130	11132	11137	11158	11188	11194
11200							

SC of Haryana Total Posts = 01 X 3 Times = 03

11139	11150	11186
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ESM of Haryana Total Posts = 01 X 3 Times = 03

11115	11159	11229
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Notes:

- While preparing the result due care has been taken. However, any inadvertent error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify any error at a later stage.
- The aforesaid qualified candidates will have to appear in the Viva Voce for which they will be informed separately through an announcement which will be displayed on the Commission's website and also published in various newspapers.
- The above result is subject to final outcome in the LPA No. 429/2018 pending before the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court.
- Announcement regarding submission of hard copies of Online Application Forms and any other certificates/documents will be issued later on.
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- The result is also available on the Commission's website i.e. <http://hpse.gov.in>.

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Sd/- Deputy Secretary,
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Dated: 27.08.2020

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RESULT

The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of Assistant Professor (College Cadre) in Higher Education Department in the subject of Computer Science, Psychology & Sociology **Advertisement No. 01 of 2019** published on 08.03.2019 published in various newspapers. The result is category-wise. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Category: General (No. of posts – 04)

41094	41198	41435	41798
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Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts – 02)

40194	40298
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Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts – 02)

40013	40670
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Category: ESM/DESM – BCB of Haryana (No. of post – 01)

40457

PSYCHOLOGY

Category: General (No. of posts – 17)

10026	10069	10135	10208	10213	10215	10251	10271
10377	10579	10611	10631	10655	10670	10825 (ESM)	10879
10900							

Category: SC of Haryana (No. of posts – 05)

10090 (DESM)	10639	10696	10734	10937 (PH-VH)
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Category: BCA of Haryana (No. of posts – 02)

10190	10562
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Category: BCB of Haryana (No. of post – 01)

10547

SOCIOLOGY

Category: General (No. of posts – 13)

30016	30120</td

20 suspects on NCB radar in Sushant case



Rhea's father Indrajit Chakraborty being taken for questioning. PTI

ED GRILLS RHEA'S FATHER

Mumbai: A team of the Mumbai Police reached the residence of actress Rhea Chakraborty, who is accused of abetting actor Sushant Singh's suicide, in Santacruz here on Thursday and took her father along for questioning by the Enforcement Directorate, an official said. PTI

vodaya video library in Khar, was arrested in December 2018 by the Anti Narcotics Cell of Mumbai Police with cocaine and LSD. — IANS

SC reserves verdict on review plea by Mallya

REFUSES TO TAKE UP PETITION ON CORONIL

The SC declined to entertain a petition challenging a Madras HC order staying a single judge's order that had restrained Patanjali Ayurveda from using the trademark 'Coronil'. "If we prevent the use of the word Coronil during the pandemic on the ground that there is some pesticide on its name, it will be terrible for the first product," a Bench led by JI SA Bobde said.

greater than its liabilities.

The UBHL has challenged the Karnataka High Court's order upholding the decision of a single judge to wind up the company. Vaidyanathan told a Bench headed by Justice UU Lalit that the court should not uphold winding up

Self-reliance in defence sector to boost our global standing: PM



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh (C) and Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat (L) during a webinar in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

said, was committed to emerging as an export hub.

The government has taken several reform measures like bankruptcy code, ease of business etc. "India is changing its focus from licence production to joint production," the PM added.

Meanwhile, earlier answering questions from the industry, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar made an important announcement, saying the request for proposal (RFP) would be out shortly. "It is

under legal vetting and will be released to the industry partner," he added.

Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), a shipyard under the MoD, and private company L&T have been selected as Indian partners.

The two will tie up with a foreign manufacturer under the strategic partnership model.

The Defence Secretary also spoke about the naval utility helicopter project. "It is being processed and is at the initial stage," he added.

At the event, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Rawat said, "Nothing will give the armed forces greater satisfaction than fighting and coming out victorious in war with indigenous technology and equipment."

In an address at a seminar on promoting self-reliance in defence, Gen Rawat also said India's armed forces are committed to hand-hold the domestic industry in developing next generation military platforms and equipment.

Delving into complex security scenario, he said as India grows in stature, the security challenges are bound to increase "exponentially".

He said the armed forces did not have any bias towards imported equipment. "India today is transiting through a period which is chequered with numerous challenges and threats. Our collective response to Covid-19 has firmly established our ability to overcome any such unforeseeable eventuality," he said.

(With inputs from PTI)

Sibal says Prasada being targeted in UP over letter

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

The turmoil caused by a letter bomb in the Congress seems far from over, with former Union minister Kapil Sibal on Thursday taking to Twitter to allege official victimisation of younger colleague Jitin Prasada, one of the 20 signatories to a recent missive that sought sweeping changes to the party structures, including its presidency.

The letter was shot down on Monday at a meeting of the Congress Working Committee, which unanimously asked interim Congress chief Sonia Gandhi to continue till the new president is elected at the next AICC session and warned leaders against going public with grievances.

Though the letter writers, which include Sibal and Jitin, hailed Sonia's "graciousness in letting bygones be bygones", it appears the Congress rank and file is not prepared to forget that dissenters sought full-time chief virtually questioning Sonia.

"Unfortunate that Jitin Prasada is being officially targeted in UP. The Congress needs to target the BJP with surgical strikes instead of wasting its energy on targeting its own," Sibal said today after the Lakhimpur Kheri district unit of the Uttar Pradesh Congress passed a resolution.

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Kapil Sibal,
CONG LEADER

tion seeking action against the leaders who dissented.

The letter mentioned Jitin's history of "betrayal of Gandhi's" and how his father Jitendra Prasada contested the Congress president's election against Sonia in 1999 and lost.

Jitin, the Brahmin face of the Congress in UP is also a special CWC invitee and was at the receiving end at the committee meeting on Monday, which saw leaders attack letter writers who are also CWC members (Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mukul Wasnik and Anand Sharma).

Former minister and Anandpur Sahib MP Manish Tewari cryptically tagged Sibal's post to say "prescient" as if foretelling the future of the ginger group that spoke publicly for inner party reform.

UP Congress chief Ajay Lallu, meanwhile, said the resolution by a district unit was not official but was certainly an expression of "sentiments of the people".

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

Can a company's assets, attached by authorities following legal proceedings, be considered for liquidation to settle financial liabilities? The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would examine the issue after senior advocate CS Vaidyanathan, representing liquor baron Vijay Mallya's United Breweries (Holding) Ltd (UBHL), said the company's total assets were far

Bihar shelter home case convict booked by ED

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 27

The ED today said it had filed a prosecution complaint in a special PMLA court in Patna against Brajesh Thakur, convict in the Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual assault case, and his family members in connection with charges of money laundering.

In its prosecution complaint (equivalent to a chargesheet), officials said the ED has made a prayer before a special judge

(PMLA), Patna, for awarding punishment to Thakur for committing an offence of money laundering and confiscation of the attached assets worth Rs 8.3 crore in the form of movable and immovable properties in his name and in the name of his family members and others.

Thakur is currently serving life sentence and a fine of Rs 32.2 lakh was imposed on him in the shelter home case. — TNS

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