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Flash flood, landslide in Dharamsala; 1 killed, 10 missing

LALIT MOHAN
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DHARAMSALA, JULY 12
A flash flood and landslide in the Dharamsala region have left a trail of destruction with one person dead and 10 missing even as the rescue operation is on to search for those trapped under the debris.

Modi, Shah assure help |
Don't visit Kangra, tourists told | NDRF teams rushed

The first heavy monsoon rain led to a flash flood today in Bhagsunag (near McLeodganj) and lower Dharamsala area and a massive landslide in the Boh val-

ley, about 30 km from here. As per reports reaching here, five persons were rescued while 10 went missing in the remote Boh valley, as a massive landslide brought down tonnes of debris, damaging houses. Inmates of five houses are learnt to be trapped under the debris. Kangra SP Vimukt Ranjan, who reached the spot, said one body had been recovered.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing concern over the flooding, tweeted: "The situation in Himachal Pradesh due to heavy rains is being closely monitored."



DHARAMSALA
HP

TRIBUNE PHOTO: KAMALJEET

LIGHTNING TOLL 41 IN RAJASTHAN, UP, MP

■ At least 41 persons were killed in incidents related to lightning strikes in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and MP in the past 24 hours.
■ PM Modi announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each for the next of kin of those who lost their lives.

11 RESCUED IN KATHUA

Eleven persons were rescued by the SDRF on Monday following flash floods in Kathua. INSIDE

« Cars stuck in a flash flood in Bhagsunag on Monday.

The authorities are working with the state government. All possible support is being extended. I pray for the safety of those in the affected areas." Union Home Minister Amit Shah also spoke to HP CM Jai Ram Thakur on phone and assured him of all help from the Centre.

Shah also conveyed to Thakur that teams of the NDRF were reaching the affected areas for rescue work.

Sources here said though the landslide occurred about 10.30 am, the arrival of the rescue teams was delayed as the road to the

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Cops rescue BJP leaders after midnight HC order

CHANDIGARH/PATIALA, JULY 12
The Punjab and Haryana High Court convened at midnight on Sunday to ask the DGP and Patiala SSP to personally ensure the safe exit of BJP leaders and workers, allegedly detained in a house in Rajpura by farm union activists.

Berjeshwar Jaswal and 14 other petitioners through advocate Anil Mehta pleaded for immediate directions to ensure their safety. Keeping in view the urgency of the situation, Justice Suvir Sehgal ordered telephonic service of notice to the police administration and other respondents

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India, China exchange agenda for LAC talks; dates yet to be decided

AJAY BANERJEE
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RESPECTIVE STANCE

■ China doesn't want to bring up the issue of Depsang buildup at the forthcoming dialogue
■ India wants complete disengagement and de-escalation along 823 km of the LAC in eastern Ladakh

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has posted a new commander on its side. The Indian side would be led by Lt Gen PGK Menon, Commander of the Leh-based 14 Corps. Both sides aim to complete

the unfinished agenda of disengagement and de-escalation along the LAC in eastern Ladakh. Since June last year, both sides have conducted 11 rounds of talks at the

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Third wave imminent, tourism can wait: IMA

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NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Even as the Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Monday warned of an imminent third wave and said tourism and pilgrimages could wait, the WHO said it didn't recommend vaccination as a basis for permission to travel across the world.

Ahead of the Tuesday meeting that PM Narendra Modi has called with the CMs of high-burden northeastern states, the IMA said: "We

Jab for travel? WHO to decide tomorrow

IN HRY, ACTIVE CASELOAD DIPS BELOW 1,000 INSIDE

37,154 FRESH CASES
TOTAL DEATHS 4,08,764 ACTIVE CASES 4,50,899
724 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

appeal to the state governments not to let the guard down. With the global

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3 UK players who missed penalties face racial abuse

LONDON, JULY 12

Three black players, who missed penalty kicks for England in the decisive European Championship shootout against Italy, were subjected to racial abuse online, prompting the English Football Association to condemn the language used against the players.

Marcus Rashford, 23, Jadon Sancho, 21, and Bukayo Saka, 19, were the targets of the abuse after they missed spot-kicks in a penalty shootout against Italy.—AP

J&K CONVERSION ROW:
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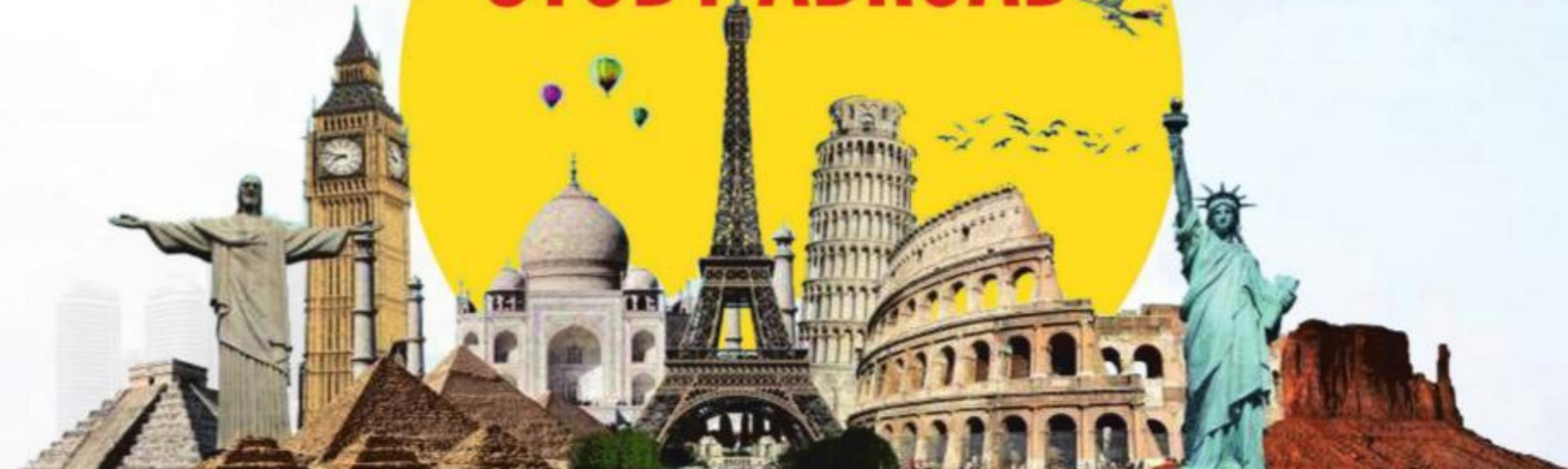
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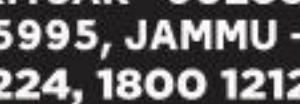
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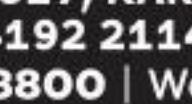
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BJP leaders meet CM, seek action

RAJPURA STANDOFF In Ropar, party stages protest, submits memo to police

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JULY 12 A day after BJP leaders and workers were allegedly assaulted and held hostage at Rajpura, Patiala, the saffron party today protested across the state, demanding immediate action against the attackers and police for "misconduct".

Led by the state party president Ashwani Sharma, BJP leaders, including Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Madan Mohan Mittal, Manoranjan Kalia, Subhash Sharma, Jeevan Gupta, Tikshan Sood, Rajesh Bagga, Harjit Singh Grewal and others, staged a dharna in front of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's residence in Chandigarh.

BJP leaders met the Chief Minister and apprised him of harassment and intimidation of party leaders and workers for the past one year by "mischief" who, they alleged, had the political patronage.

They alleged the police were playing a mute spectator repeatedly despite the fact that district SSPs had been apprised of the situation.

The state BJP chief claimed



BJP activists were joined by Abohar MLA Arun Narang during their protest in Fazilka. TRIBUNE PHOTO

In Fazilka, sit-in outside SSP's office

FAZILKA, JULY 12

A large number of BJP activists today held a dharna outside the Fazilka SSP's office against the alleged assault on party spokesperson Bhupesh Aggarwal in Rajpura yesterday.

The sit-in was attended by Abohar BJP MLA Arun

Narang, who was also attacked in Malout on March 27. Some persons allegedly tried to remove the barricades put up by the police in an attempt to reach the protest site.

"Farmers had come to stage a protest and tried to remove the barricades, but they were not allowed to

move ahead," said Ajay Raj Singh, SP (Investigation), Fazilka. Narang alleged there was a total collapse of law and order in the state and goons of the ruling party were trying to throttle democracy and gag the Opposition, which would be opposed tooth and nail. — OC

the Chief Minister assured the BJP leaders of personally looking into the matter. He said the politics of hate and blood had no place in our ideology.

In Ropar too, district BJP leaders staged a protest against yesterday's assault on party workers.

District party president

Jatinder Singh Athwal, state secretary Dr Parminder Sharma, block presidents Rajesh Chaudhary, Satvir Singh and Harminder Pal Walia, and

other party leaders reached in front of the mini-secretariat and raised slogans against the state government.

Later, they submitted a memorandum for the Director General of Police to Ropar SSP Akhil Chadhary. They said the assault on BJP workers at Rajpura was against the spirit of democracy. "Everybody has the right to organise peaceful protests. All those responsible for the incident must be brought to justice," BJP leaders demanded.

Meanwhile, farmers under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) today protested in Dhanauala, Sangrur, which is the native town of BJP leader Harjeet Singh Grewal.

They announced to intensify their agitation against Grewal in future. "Since Grewal has repeatedly been giving defamatory statements against farmers, today we protested in his native town at Dhanauala. We will intensify our agitation against Grewal in coming days," said Darshan Singh, a morcha leader.

(With inputs from Ropar & Sangrur)

Power curbs on industry go

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JULY 12

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday ordered immediate withdrawal of all power regulatory restrictions that were imposed on industries across the state to meet the crisis.

The crisis was triggered by delay in monsoon and an unprecedented surge in demand from both agricultural and domestic sectors.

Reviewing the power situation in the state after the resumption of generation at one of the three non-functional units at Talwandi Sabo Thermal plant, the Chief Minister directed



CM intervenes as Talwandi Sabo unit resumes ops

INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

SMALL 99,834

MEDIUM 30,176

LARGE 5,071

EXPORTERS SEEK DIESEL TAX WAIVER

State industry representatives, comprising mostly exporters, have met Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash and requested him to waive taxes on diesel under the ARO (advance authorisation) scheme against export orders.

border zones. The PSPCL had allowed all industries, except those using continuous power, to operate at full capacity from today.

However, after the Chief Minister's intervention, all industries across the state, including those using power round the clock (textile, chemicals and spinning mills, etc), can now operate to full capacity. The continuous process industries, which are in central and border zones, were earlier asked to operate at 50 per cent of continuous process load. Nearly 60 per cent of the total industry in the state is in central (Ludhiana, Jagraon, Mandi Gobindgarh, etc) and border zones (Amritsar and Pathankot).

Another faceoff averted in Sirhind

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, JULY 12

BJP leaders on Monday gathered in a school here for a meeting and to protest the Sunday Rajpura incident. However, farmers came to know about the meeting and they thronged the DC office, where the BJP leaders had planned to visit to submit a memorandum.

The DC acted swiftly and directed the ADC (G) to rush to Sirhind and receive the memorandum from the BJP leaders and persuade them not to take out a protest march to the DC office.

The BJP leaders, however, persisted on going to the district headquarters but cops and district officials pacified and convinced them. So, the leaders took out a symbolic march to some distance and handed over the memorandum to the administrative officers in the name of the

Saffron party calls off march to DC office

Governor, demanding the implementation of the President's rule in Punjab.

Earlier addressing the party workers at a school, BJP district president Pradeep Garg said the way the Congress goons in the guise of farmers in Rajpura mistreated our leaders, thrashed them and held them captive was highly condemnable. "Even the police failed to provide security to the party leaders and workers under a planned conspiracy."

Meanwhile, farm leaders reiterated that wherever the BJP would hold any programme they would oppose it till the three contentious laws were repealed. — OC



Protesting farmers block the entry to the district administrative complex in Bathinda on Monday. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

Farmers oppose delegation in Bathinda

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, JULY 12

A delegation of BJP workers, headed by district president Vinod Binta, on Monday faced protest from farmers while they were on their way to present a memorandum to the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) over the Rajpura incident here.

As the party leaders entered the district administration complex (DAC), farmers blocked the gates. Due to security reasons, the police locked the gates, causing inconvenience to public and officials.

Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) leader Mothu Singh Kotra said: "We have already given our charter of demands to legislators, Members of Parliament

Governor and other prominent decision-makers. Our demands should be addressed first."

The union leaders said farmers were sitting at the Delhi border seeking repeal of the three contentious agricultural laws enacted by the central government, and nearly 500 farmers had lost their lives during the agitation.

They alleged BJP leaders were trying to hold public meetings despite the fact the Samyukt Kisan Morcha had already decided to protest such meetings across the state. "Farmers were holding peaceful protests, but certain BJP leaders, including Harjeet Singh Grewal, were trying to instigate them through their statements," they added.

Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) leaders rubbished

the claim as an attempt to malign the farm protest.

The police said a case had been registered under Section 354 (intent to outrage modesty) and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. — TNS



Activists allege molestation, morcha leaders refute claim

ABOHAL/SRIGANGANAGAR, JULY 12

Two BJP women activists today alleged molestation after party leaders were prevented from attending a meeting near Sriganganagar.

Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) leaders rubbished

State fails to enhance transmission capacity

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 12

When Union Power Minister Raj Kumar Singh attacked the Punjab Government yesterday, saying the state had not enhanced its transmission capacity for many years, he was not off the mark. As the enhancement of transmission capacity takes several years, Punjab has not been able to keep pace with the rising demand in the peak season.

Though many in the power sector blame successive governments of deliberately going slow on the enhancement of transmission capacity in order to keep under control the free power given to farmers and other socio-economically vulnerable sections, the cash crunch with the state power utilities is also a major factor responsible for this "slow transmission capacity enhancement".

Punjab has a transmission capacity of 6,400 MW for quite a few years now. The state's capacity in 2011-12 was 4,700 MW, which means it has gone up by 1,700 MW in the past 10 years. On the other hand, as Punjab's peak demand went up to over 15,000 MW this year, the power availability in the state, including its own generation and through short-term and long-term agreements, could not exceed 13,300 MW, resulting in a gap of 1,700 MW.

The state government has been claiming it has increased the transmission capacity to 8,000 MW. However, the Centre yesterday said the capacity had not been enhanced but only the power drawn from the North-



From 4,700 MW in 2011-12, it has increased only by 1,700 MW in 10 years

RAIN EASES BURDEN

Scattered rain in the state led to the power demand falling by 8,000 MW on Monday. In the evening, it had fallen to 7,856 MW against 14,000 MW on Sunday. Though this meant relief for power utilities, the state couldn't use 4,000 MW purchased for the day.

INFRA WORKS ON

A 400 KV substation is being installed at Ropar and an ICT is coming up in Moga. By the next paddy season, the transmission capacity will be increased to 8,000 MW and it 10,000 MW in two years," an official said.

ern Grid had gone up as three units of the Talwandi Sabo Thermal Power Plant (TSPL) were shut. "The available transfer capability/total transfer capability is 7,900/7,300 MW with the outage of TSPL. When the plant is in generation at its optimum capacity, it is 7,400/6,800 MW," a senior official said.

Data available with The Tribune shows the state government has approved the upgrade of interconnecting transformers at six places, which will help the state increase its capacity, but paucity of funds is holding up the project.

Farmers must contest polls, form govt, reiterates Charuni

OUR CORRESPONDENT



Announces daily protest at Parliament

by traditional parties and none of the Opposition leaders had assured that they would repeal the farm laws and guarantee MSP if voted to power.

The farmers had the chance to present before the nation their own model of governance, reiterated

Mayawati asks cadre to work in tandem with SAD

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

BSP supremo Mayawati has suggested the ally SAD to keep in focus the alleged mis-handling of the Covid pandemic by the state government during a run up to the state Assembly elections.

The BSP has entered into electoral knot with the SAD for the Assembly elections in February-March, next year.

Sources said Mayawati put across her suggestion to SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal last week. Other suggestions, including joint campaigns on public issues by both the parties, have also been exchanged between the two leaders.

Mayawati has also directed the BSP cadres in Punjab as party founder Kanshi Ram was from the state. The state has an estimated Scheduled Castes population of about 35 per cent.



Focus on Covid 'mismanagement'

party's social base. The BSP leadership has made an exception with regard to Punjab for an electoral alliance for the Assembly elections.

The BSP sees good prospects in Punjab as party founder Kanshi Ram was from the state. The state has an estimated Scheduled Castes population of about 35 per cent.

To escape prolonged outages, Pathankot elite camp in hotels

RAVI DHALIWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATHANKOT, JULY 12

Prolonged power outages have forced the city's elite to spend nights in swanky hotels apparently to escape the sweltering heat.

So much so, scores of businessmen have converted hotel rooms into "camp offices". They operate from these places during the daytime and then spend the nights in these very hotels with their families.

Confirming the development, Nitin Laddi Mahajan, president, Pathankot Hotel and Restaurants Association, said: "Two waves of Covid had killed the hotel business. The occupancy rate of hotels had taken a sharp dip, but

OCCUPANCY RATE UP

“The occupancy rate of hotels had taken a sharp dip, but power cuts have come in as a big relief. People are flocking to hotels like never before. The occupancy rate has improved.

Nitin Laddi Mahajan, HOTEL BODY HEAD power for the past many days. "I know of several business families of Manwal who have shifted to nearby hotels lock, stock and barrel," she said.

"The rate for a room is anything between Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,500," Laddi said, adding he knew of so many people who have shifted to hotels.

Notwithstanding the rains which have brought in some respite, businessmen, who have shifted to hotels, said they would stay put till the power supply stabilised on a permanent basis. Subhash Gupta, a hotelier, claimed people who had checked in were not willing to leave till PSPCL gave them assurance that there would be no further outages.

Healthcare paralysed as docs take to streets

PERK ROW Meeting with Principal Secretary inconclusive | Patients forced to visit private hospitals

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, JULY 12

On the first day of government doctors' three-day strike, healthcare and animal husbandry services remained paralysed in the state today. However, members of the Joint Government Doctors' Coordination Committee (JGDCC) were called by Principal Secretary (Health) Hussan Lal for a meeting but any assurances to persuade the doctors failed as the latter said the government had failed to fulfil the promises made to them two weeks back.

Medical, veterinary, ayurvedic, rural medical officers and dental doctors have announced the shutdown of services from Monday to Wednesday. Dr Manohar Singh, general secretary of the Punjab Civil Medical Services' Association, said as per the decision, OPD services remained suspended but in public interest, emergency, Covid, postmortem and medico/vetero-legal services would continue.

The doctors are protesting



Members of the Punjab State Medical and Dental Teachers' Association protest in Patiala; and doctors stage a dharna in Bathinda on Monday. RAJESH SACHAR & Pawan Sharma

FULFIL DEMAND OR FACE MORE PROTESTS

If the state government does not address the issue of NPA immediately, the entire medical fraternity of Punjab will be forced to go on an indefinite strike. Dr Manohar Singh, GEN SECY, PUNJAB CIVIL MEDICAL SERVICES' ASSOCIATION

observed a strike in Bathinda and Mansa districts on Monday and suspended OPD services throughout the day.

Sukhchain Singh, a resident of Mau who travelled to the Civil Hospital, Bathin-

da, said, "My wife was complaining of severe tooth ache since yesterday night after getting a home remedy. We reached the Civil Hospital but after coming here, we came to know that doctors

are on strike today and OPD

In Amritsar, the day-long protest by doctors resulted in trouble for patients as there is no one to attend us. We have no option but to visit a private hospital now."

Another patient Harneet Singh from Nathana said, "Strikes at government hospitals have become a routine affair. My mother is in her eighties and has age-related complications. Travelling long distances frequently is difficult for her."

In Amritsar, the day-long protest by doctors resulted in trouble for patients as they had to return without getting consultation. In Faridkot, doctors of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital also staged a protest against the state government. During the protest, the doctors only attended emergency and indoor patients, leaving thousands of persons seeking OPD services in the lurch.

ROME ANCHAK VICTORY!



Reduce probation period: Patwaris



Patwaris protest in Mansa on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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can be initiated against them. The move is nothing but an attempt to pressure us and sabotage our stir but we will not tolerate such pressure tactics of the administration and if our demands are not met, we will intensify our stir in the coming days."

Mansa Deputy Commissioner Mohinder Pal said, "It is sheer indiscipline on part of the Revenue Department staff on probation to hold such agitations. If they are doing it now, what can be expected from them later? I have sought a list of staff on probation and necessary action will be initiated against them as per law."

Harpreet Singh, president of the union, said, "Our dharna outside the DC office entered its third day today. The DC, in a letter issued recently, had sought a list of patwaris who are on probation so that action

HC notice to state as Bains booked for rape

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA, JULY 12

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today put the state on notice on a plea filed by Lok Insaaf Party president and MLA Simarjeet Singh Bains challenging a lower court order directing the registration of a rape case against him.

A notice was also issued by Justice Manjari Nehru Kaul to the complainant in the case. It will now come up for further hearing on July 15.

This came on a day the Ludhiana police booked Bains, his personal assistant Gogi Sharma, brother Karamjit Singh, sister-in-law Jasbir Kaur and three others for alleged rape, assault, making sexual advances, criminal intimidation and conspiracy. In his petition filed through counsel Gautam Dutt, Bains sought directions to the state for quashing the order dated July 7 passed by the Ludhiana Additional Chief Justice Magistrate directing the SHO of Division No. 6 police station to register a criminal case against him. It was passed without application of judicial mind and was contrary to the settled

MLA challenges lower court order on FIR



Simarjeet Singh Bains

principles of criminal jurisprudence, he stated in the plea.

Bains claimed he always opposed wrong policies of the ruling party. He was being targeted in the present case with an objective to ruin his political career. The Bench was told that the complainant-woman had filed a complaint against him to Ludhiana Commissioner of Police on November 16, 2020. It was entrusted to Kanwardeep Kaur, JCP, Ludhiana (rural), for probe. In her complaint, the exact date and time of alleged occurrence was not mentioned by the complainant, as she alleged the offence was committed 10-12 times over a period of time. —TNS

CHANDIGARH, JULY 12

In an indication of the party high command's efforts to bring CM Capt Amarinder Singh and Navjot Singh Sidhu on the same page, the former Cabinet minister today took on the Badals on the issue of sacrilege.

Sidhu wondered why no proper inquiry was conducted by the Badal government into the theft of a 'bir' at Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village

on June 1, 2015. In a series of tweets, Sidhu said no action was taken by the Badal government in the sacrilege cases during the two years preceding the 2017 elections.

He said over the past few months, he had asked every relevant question on the issue to those who should be held accountable. "Questions must be asked to the real culprits, the Badals," Sidhu tweeted. —TNS

Building norms: Govt in final stage of drafting policy

One-time settlement for violations on cards

Cessions in floor area ration norms and other issues.

Local Bodies Minister Brahm Mohindra said the department was in the final stage of drafting the amended OTS policy.

Apart from taking inputs from different civic bodies, comments from the ministers and MLAs representing the urban areas have been taken

into account. The previous OTS policy, notified in 2019, when Navjot Singh Sidhu was the Local Government Minister, was withheld as it did not favour with the intended beneficiaries. The department had received just 1,200 applications. Based on it, the department plans to earn a revenue of Rs 1,000 crore by regularising the buildings. —TNS

Badals must be grilled in sacrilege cases: Sidhu

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Act against FM, MLA Warring urges Rahul

MUKTSAR, JULY 12

Giddarbaha MLA Amarinder Singh Raja Warring today, through a tweet, urged former AICC chief Rahul Gandhi to take disciplinary action against Finance Minister Manpreet Badal and ask him to resign.

Ludhiana MP Ravneet Bittu and Zira MLA Kulbir Singh Zira retweeted his post. In his tweet, Warring wrote: "The FM is busy distributing public money among Akalis, who destroyed Punjab. Manpreet

began and people are flocking to Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, the tourism sector here will get a boost for being on the way to these hill states. This will infuse liquidity in the tour and travel segments which was severely battered during the past one year.

Apart from NCR, a large number of people from Mumbai, Kolkata, Gujarat and southern states are visiting the town. A good number of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and international tourists, mainly from the UK, Australia, Canada and the US, who also visit here, are presently unable to come due to foreign travel restrictions.

is working on a plan to weaken the Congress and strengthen the Akali Dal for the past few months. I request Rahul Gandhi to take disciplinary action and get his resignation."

Manpreet's brother-in-law Jaijeet Singh Johal said: "The FM had given the cheque for Rs 10 lakh to a welfare association of Phase-4 in Bathinda. Those receiving the money are office-bearers of the association. The man whom Warring is labelling as an Akali actually supported us in the MC elections. Warring is making a controversy unnecessarily." —TNS

As the tourism season has

Accuses Manpreet of 'hobnobbing' with Akalis

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Curbs eased, tourists throng Asr



COVID METER		
Cases	119	
Critical	18	
Active	1,494	
Deaths	5	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	24	0
Jalandhar	15	0
Bathinda	13	0
Muktsar	12	0
Fatehgarh Sahib	9	0
Total	5,97,714	16,193

Tourists at the heritage street in Amritsar on Monday. VISHAL KUMAR

Hoteliers hopeful of business revival

travel to Amritsar."

Hospitality experts are of the view that earlier, travellers of the golden triangle tourist circuit used to spend at least two nights in the city, while due to Covid, it had now reduced to a destination of day trippers. A hotelier, Surinder Singh, said national tourist sites such as Jallianwala Bagh and the Attari-Wagah joint checkpost should be reopened at the earliest. Both sites have been closed for the past over a year.

Tejinder Singh, a tourist from Delhi, said: "My family used to visit the Golden Temple frequently. But travel restrictions were imposed following the second wave of Covid. They were waiting for the curbs to be relaxed to

begin and people are flocking to Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir, the tourism sector here will get a boost for being on the way to these hill states. This will infuse liquidity in the tour and travel segments which was severely battered during the past one year.

Apart from NCR, a large number of people from Mumbai, Kolkata, Gujarat and southern states are visiting the town. A good number of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and international tourists, mainly from the UK, Australia, Canada and the US, who also visit here, are presently unable to come due to foreign travel restrictions.

is working on a plan to weaken the Congress and strengthen the Akali Dal for the past few months. I request Rahul Gandhi to take disciplinary action and get his resignation."

Manpreet's brother-in-law Jaijeet Singh Johal said: "The FM had given the cheque for Rs 10 lakh to a welfare association of Phase-4 in Bathinda. Those receiving the money are office-bearers of the association. The man whom Warring is labelling as an Akali actually supported us in the MC elections. Warring is making a controversy unnecessarily." —TNS

As the tourism season has

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4 cousins die in mishap; SUV driver booked

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, JULY 12

Four youths died on the spot in an accident on the Amritsar-Khemkaran highway late last night near Chichhrewal village. The deceased, who were cousins, were between the age of 17 to 24.

They were riding a bike when a speedy car hit them from the front. The impact was so dreadful that one of the bodies was found on Monday morning from fields far away.



The damaged SUV involved in the Tarn Taran accident.

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Population control in UP

Creating awareness is the best bet to achieve goal

THE assurance by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh led by Yogi Adityanath that population control measures will not be aimed at any class or section is welcome, provided there is transparency in its implementation. With an estimated population of over 24 crore, UP is the most populous state of India with its accompanying developmental hazards which act as an impediment to growth. Industrial growth in the state is among the slowest in the country, resulting in high unemployment and migration of workforce. The huge population has also impacted health parameters — UP's infant mortality rate is among the highest in India. With about one-fifth of the country's child population, UP also faces the challenge of tackling absenteeism and low enrolment in schools. The return of migrant workers in large numbers has put the onus on the state government to provide them with benefits, besides making immunisation a long-drawn process.

With Uttar Pradesh headed for the Assembly polls next year, the BJP government in the state is merely trying to fulfil the promises that it had made in its 2017 election manifesto. The manifesto had promised to accelerate development and the draft Bill released to mark World Population Day is a step in that direction. Objections to the policy have been invited and the provision to incentivise couples who do not have more than two children, while good in intent, is bound to give rise to fears of discrimination among others.

Reassuringly, CM Yogi has stressed on creating awareness and not coercion to bring in population stabilisation. The use of force could well be reminiscent of the forced sterilisation campaigns carried out during the Emergency. A country like China has relaxed its two-child policy, allowing couples to have three children to address the country's long-term demographic imbalance, ageing society and reduced working age population. UP's concerns on these counts may be justified but the policy should not be directed at any particular section of society. Social cohesion is also a prerequisite for all-round progress.

Covid dip in region

But tell-tale signs of surge heighten need for staying alert

THE all-round general improvement in the region's pandemic situation has encouraged the governments to gradually ease various shutdowns imposed during the second wave's devastating period from early April to early June. Lending cheer are such statistics as the Covid positivity rate across the area being lower than the national average of over 2 per cent and the recovery rate crossing the 98.62 per cent mark. Punjab's weekly Covid test positivity rate is 0.42 per cent. It is a significant fall from the over 10 per cent rate in May. Haryana logged an impressive dip to touch 0.2 per cent. Chandigarh's positivity rate is 1 per cent and this comparatively higher figure is attributed to the higher testing in the UT. Himachal Pradesh saw the percentage drop down to 1.14 last week.

With the number of Covid patients steadily declining, workplaces, shopping centres, cinemas, and even schools and colleges have reopened or are on the verge of reopening. This easing of the restrictions is necessary to keep the economy on an even keel. But it comes with a responsibility in view of the worrisome shadow of another wave looming large: that of a strict adherence to the Covid-appropriate masking-social distancing-sanitisation routine and going for vaccination. However, scenes of reckless people lowering the guard and crowds thronging public and tourist places present ominous tidings.

In fact, tell-tale signs of concern are already manifesting. The reproductive number (number of people being infected by an infected person) has shown an upward curve. The R number which had slid to 0.78 during May 15-June 26 has gone up to 0.88 (June 20-July 7). At the peak, the R number in Maharashtra, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh had soared to over 2.5. Compounding the problem is the dip in the rate of the slowing down of Covid cases. This disturbing trend portends a potential surge in coronavirus cases and if not nipped in the bud, it may hasten the onset of the third wave. We can't afford to squander the gains made by the cumulative effect of lockdowns, vaccination and enforcement of the Covid protocol.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In the fight between you and the world,
back the world. — Franz Kafka

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1921

FORCE NO REMEDY.

NO fallacy seems to die harder with the rulers of men, especially in despotically governed countries, than that which looks upon force as a remedy for political discontent. It will soon be a hundred and fifty years since one of the greatest and wisest British statesmen and political thinkers that ever lived tried, with the note of that organ trumpet that was all his own, to impress upon his countrymen the futility of force. "What is it we have got by all our menaces which have been many and ferocious," he asked. "What advantages have we derived from the penal laws we have passed, and which for the time have been severe and numerous? What advances have we made towards our object, by the sending of a force which is no contemptible strength? Has the disorder abated? Nothing less." He told the advocates of force that if conciliation failed, force remained, and enquired on what weapon they would rely, if force itself failed, as it so often did. The warning was not heeded, with the consequences that we all know. In our own time, the battle of force versus liberty has been fought over again, and in every case it is liberty that has triumphed and force has gone to the wall. So long as force has been relied upon, nothing but a succession of disasters has followed in its train. At this very moment, the world is witnessing the same grim tragedy in Ireland. With what confidence did the British Government apply itself to the task of subduing Ireland by force, and surely if ever there was a case where it had unique advantages on its side, it was in this case. And yet months upon months have passed without any appreciable results being achieved. This is all the more remarkable, because the conflict in this case is not between unmitigated force on one side and undiluted liberty on the other, but largely between force on one side and force on the other.

How we failed Fr. Swamy

Rights activist's death is also about diminishing of our creative and critical thinking



AVIJIT PATHAK

SOCIOLOGIST

QUIET often, I feel that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's assassination was inevitable because a communally charged/violent Indian society was not ready to live with the Mahatma's conscience — his lifelong quest for spiritualised politics, and Swaraj as decentralisation of power; or his longing for a simple and ecologically sustainable mode of living. In a way, Nathuram Godse symbolised what seemed to be more 'practical' to many — the centrality of brute force, the militaristic dream of modern nationalism, and the aggression of 'development'. In a way, it was necessary to annihilate Gandhi's utopias. Gandhi was an embarrassment for the power-hungry political class, and the gang of contractors, traders and the emergent elite.

Likewise, these days yet another disturbing question is haunting me: As a society, do we deserve a man like Father Stan Swamy? His death — or the tragic end of his immensely altruistic and socially committed life-trajectory — reveals many things simultaneously: the absurdity of the mystified and complex legal system (imagine, as Hind Swaraj would indicate, Gandhi understood it so well) or the horror of Kafkaesque bureaucracy (was Stan Swamy like Joseph K in Franz Kafka's *The Trial*?), the tyranny of power manifesting itself in the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, the insensitivity or the process of dehumanisation that has corrupted the petty officials, and above all, the rising authoritarianism even amid all sorts of 'democratic rituals'. Yes, believe it, Swamy had to die. Like Gandhi, he



EMBARRASSING: Fr. Stan Swamy's death is about a systemic malaise. REUTERS

We — the middle class — have changed, the way we have allowed ourselves to be corrupted by psychic poisoning.

too was an embarrassment.

I am not sure whether political commentators would regard him as a Gandhian or an Ambedkarite. Moreover, in the eyes of the state, he was almost like a 'terrorist' with links with the banned Communist Party (Maoist). Yet, to me, he was beyond these labels or categories. Like Gandhi, he too was a noble soul. His commitment to the rights of adivasis and other marginalised groups, the critical voice he raised relating to land, forest and labour rights, or his deeply humanistic/spiritual urge to fight for the release of undertrials (our over-crowded prisons are full of them), or the spiritual strength in his simplicity and honesty — the hyper-masculine modern nation with its aggressive development agenda is incapable of appreciating the worth of this politico-spiritual treasure he carried with him. Hence, this 84-year-old Jesuit priest with severe Parkinson's disease was seen as a conspirator, a threat to the mighty Indian state. He had to die. Was it simply a Covid-related death at the Holy Family Hospital in Mumbai — yet another addition in the official statistics? Or was it that multiple actors —

NIA officials, the jail authorities, and even the judiciary — made it easier for him to die? There seems to be no escape from this question. Think of it. Swamy simply wanted a straw to drink water; the NIA took twenty days to file a reply. He filed for bail; the trial court took four months to hear the arguments and reject the bail application. Not solely that. The NIA refused to accept the severity of the Parkinson's disease that inflicted his frail body.

However, there is yet another question we need to ask. Is it that as a society, our degeneration is almost complete, our values and aspirations have changed drastically, and our moral universe has crumbled? See the way the discourse of militant nationalism has made everything upside down: a stimulant/violent man — a man of the non-reflexive crowd, intoxicated with the cacophony of *Jai Shri Ram* is seen to be a true *deshbhakt*, while the likes of father Swamy are castigated as 'anti-national' conspirators. See the way we have begun to value everything that is loud, noisy and gross — loud religion, loud nationalism, loud oratorical skill, loud politicians, and loud television anchors. Amid this loudness, how is it

Possibly, in the coming years we will continue to 'elect' our masters; we will continue to be impressed by the 'success narratives' of billionaires, Bollywood stars, cricketers, narcissistic political leaders and all sorts of *deshbhakts*. And some 'foolish' idealists will continue to experience what Stan Swamy passed through; we will become increasingly incapable of distinguishing political resistance from terrorism. Yet, our children will be taught by official educationists, celebrity *babas* and 'star' television anchors that everything is perfect with Indian democracy — its bureaucracy, its police, its legal system. Long live nationalism!

Sorry, Father Stan Swamy. We did not deserve you. You were an embarrassment for us.

Making the most of a power cut

RISHABH KOCHHAR

SUMMER brings with it some of the best fruits that nature has to offer — mangoes, juicy litchis, sweet musk melons and bright red strawberries that I love making daiquiris with.

But summers also bring along load-shedding, making the days, and often nights, hard to bear. These last few weeks have been particularly hard because of unprecedented power cuts across Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh. So when the lights went out the other day as I picked up a book, my mind drifted off to a weekend trip to New York a couple of years ago, when a power cut ruined my plans of painting the town red.

Power cuts in the US are not very frequent, so when the electricity decided to take some time off, I wasn't amused. I had plans to meet friends and family, gorge on some cheesecake, and stuff myself with some banana pudding from my favourite Magnolia Bakery.

Instead, the power cut crippled the city's public transport and I found myself spending a small fortune to travel across the city in a cab. As I sat in despair, I recalled an old idiom that my mother always quoted whenever things weren't going my way: "What cannot be cured must be endured."

I was reminded of an episode of the hit TV show *Friends* where the entire city of New York goes under a blackout. I realised that instead of

cursing my luck at encountering a blackout, this was a chance for me to relive a moment from one of my favourite shows.

I looked at Times Square in a rare new light, with twilight giving way to a Saturday night. I relished a fresh hot dog from a street vendor, amused at the panic and chaos all around me, soaking in a new-found ethos of the city that never sleeps. But the best part was the chance I got to enjoy a rare, candle-light dinner of New York's best ramen with my family and nephews, where we decided to enjoy our conversations in the absence of Wi-fi.

I read somewhere that life is not about what happens to us, but how we respond to things. Indeed, when I

look back at my trip, all I have are fond memories from the sudden blackout. On the same day, I also got a chance to photograph the Manhattanhenge — a twice-a-year occurrence when the rising sun or the setting sun is aligned with the east-west streets of the main street grid of Manhattan. The sun shines majestically, golden-orange in colour, flanked by the enormous skyscrapers, leaving tourists and locals awestruck.

Fortunately or unfortunately, I do not have tales of power cuts from other cities that I can regale myself with when there is a power cut next time closer home in Chandigarh. But I plan to make the most of it by immersing myself in books and this time, I am ready with my Kindle!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China-Taliban nexus

Apropos of 'Mayhem by the Taliban', the influence of China in Afghanistan is increasing by the day. So much so that it now claims to be the right 'guarantor of security' in the region, as per a recent article in the Global Times. Even Pakistan had demurred from being that. What gives traction to the moves of China is its clout with the Taliban. They call China a friend. The rising vulnerability of the neighbouring countries in the region gives it a further push. It is, therefore, attaching a lot of significance to the visit of the Chinese foreign minister to Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. While providing 'financial and technical help' to these countries, it is only promoting its Belt and Road Initiative to connect with Eurasia.

LT COL GS BEDI (RETD), MOHALI

Checking population

It is heartening to learn that after Assam, now the country's most populous state, Uttar Pradesh, has announced its intent to formulate a new policy to control the ever-increasing population ('No govt job or subsidy if more than 2 kids, can't fight local elections: UP draft bill'). Undoubtedly, the scary size of population has in itself become an environmental hazard as it requires

over-harnessing of the limited natural resources. Steps to control population are needed and should be welcomed. Hopefully, a rational and uniformly applicable law will be in place in UP soon that may become a reference model for other states and union territories to follow.

KRISHAN KANT SOOD, NANGAL

Not class-specific

Apropos of 'Population measures won't be class-specific', says Yogi', UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has taken a step in the right direction by introducing a legislation to control population explosion. It is a fact that illiteracy and poverty lead to population growth and create obstacles in the path of progress. This is not confined to any particular religion or section of society. It has a negative impact on the health of women too.

UPENDRA SHARMA, BY MAIL

Big three in tennis

Refer to 'Djoker rules the pack'; by winning the Wimbledon 2021, Novak Djokovic has finally caught up with his great rivals Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal with 20 Grand Slam titles. The big three are well past their 30s, but among them, they have won a staggering 60 Grand Slams, and are still a force

to reckon with. They have reached dizzying heights in men's tennis and still have utmost respect for each other, showing the world a perfect model of sportsmanship among rival stars. No doubt, they will go down in tennis history as not only the best players of their generation, but also possibly the best of all time.

RANGANATHAN SIVAKUMAR, CHENNAI

Vaccine phobia

A drastic and profound change has been brought about by the pandemic in the lives of people. The virus can be tackled with vaccination, which is proving to be a difficult task because of underlying misconceptions. India seems to be the only country where vaccination has not picked up the desired pace unlike in the US, UK and Canada where almost half of the population has been vaccinated and is prepared for a plausible third wave. Awareness needs to be created for this. The WHO and AIIMS should also assure citizens of safety.

SIMRANJEET KAUR BY MAIL

Tragic deaths

Reports of more than 50 deaths on Sunday due to lightning in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan are unfortunate. In this season of heavy rains, cloud bursts and fierce storms,

much care and caution need to be exercised. One should not stay in open, near poles and tall trees, but take shelter in good buildings. Lightning conductors must be checked for proper functioning. Tragic deaths impact families, which should be prevented.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

Kanwar yatra

This is with reference to the report, 'Dhami holds off on Kanwar Yatra decision'. It is imperative that the Uttarakhand CM comes up with a logical decision. The Kumbh Mela facilitated the second wave of the pandemic and another such large-scale congregation will certainly lay the ground for an anticipated third wave. Ideally, the government ought to do away with the yatra keeping in mind the turmoil the country has been witnessing.

ANYA SINGHAL, NOIDA

Pension too little

Pension pertaining to old age, widows, destitute and the handicapped should be increased to a minimum of Rs 1,500 at this time of soaring prices and the pandemic. The monthly meagre amount of Rs 750 is not enough. Welfare of the underprivileged is important during these times.

CP SHARMA, SOLAN

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Cabinet rejig offers no reset of governance



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ing, although none of them have owned responsibility. The departure of Health Minister Harsh Vardhan and his deputy, Ashwini Choube, is a tacit admission that the government bungled most tragically in the second wave which resulted in untold misery and deaths across the country. However, it is no secret that this is a highly centralised government driven by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), most ministers don't act without clearance from the top, and hence, the blame cannot be pinned on the Health Minister alone. Still, the exit of important ministers insulates the top leadership from the failures and controversies surrounding the government and distances it from the discontent over the health crisis and medical shortages during the pandemic and the rising levels of unemployment and poverty.

If there is one message that emerges from the ministerial reshuffle and expansion, it is this: The reset was a political exercise with focus on states going to the polls next year. Elections to the Assemblies of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and a few others are due in 2022 and to Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana in 2023. The more interesting dimension of this political exercise is the elaborate attention given to the caste configuration of the Cabinet and the manner in which it was publicised by the BJP. For the first time, the press briefing had drawn the media's attention to the caste composition of the Cabinet — 12 ministers belonging to Scheduled Castes, eight to Scheduled Tribes and 27 OBCs. No previous government has briefed the media on the caste composition of the Cabinet. This was odd for a party

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its supporters and commentators want us to believe that the major overhaul of the council of ministers was an attempt to improve governance by the induction of professionally and educationally qualified persons. The colossal failure of governance has been obvious in crucial areas of health, education, labour and employment. The removal of 12 ministers, including from these three ministries, is an admission of governmental flounder-



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STRATEGY: The exit of key ministers insulates the top leadership from the failures and controversies surrounding the government. PTI

defined by the ideology of Hindutva which seeks to unite the Hindu majority as opposed to the politics of identity, practised by its opponents, that the BJP claims exacerbates divisions in Hindu society. But for the BJP, Hindu unity is based on an external enemy outside the majority community against whom all Hindus can unite. The idea is to bring together Hindus under the banner of Hindutva, while painting Muslims as the 'other'. There's no contradiction here between caste accommodation and communal majorities, actually the two seem to go hand in hand. Hindutva

politics has been advanced lately by mobilising layers of the OBC and Dalit votes that have emerged as the biggest supporters of the ruling party.

The new Cabinet is in step with this strategy of giving greater representation to OBCs and Dalits to keep them under the Hindutva umbrella. In fact, the reshuffle reinforces this strategy which has been the key to the party's political success in north India, especially in Uttar Pradesh. With 14 ministers, the state now accounts for the largest chunk of ministers. Every sixth Indian is from Uttar Pradesh but every fifth minister in the Cabinet is from this

politically crucial state. More significantly, the majority of the new ministers are from the non-upper castes. It's clear the accommodation of OBCs in view of the Assembly elections in 2022 appeared to weigh heavily in the reshuffle. Similar considerations of social engineering have influenced inductions from other states.

Careful social engineering and the widely discussed details of the caste composition of the Cabinet revamp have effectively positioned the BJP as a champion of the OBCs, which is crucial to the maintenance of its dominance of Uttar Pradesh and other Hin-

di-speaking states, where the combination of caste and communal politics helps to unite these microscopic groupings. Equally significant in this regard is the exclusion of Muslims. The 77-member Cabinet has one Muslim, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, the old warhorse from the Vajpayee era. None among the newly inducted 43 ministers is a Muslim. The exclusion of Muslims is not surprising but that it has gone unnoticed is somewhat surprising. But whether all this will offset the resentment that has been brewing with the loss of lives and livelihoods and the disastrous management of the second wave in various states, particularly Uttar Pradesh, is not known yet. If the party fails to retain UP, its political dominance will be shaken.

For the record, the exit and expansion is intended to beef up the governance deficit and rev up the economy. However, after re-election in 2019, the BJP government has prioritised the Hindutva project and issues such as Kashmir, the Ram temple, the Citizenship Act amendments, rather than developmental ones. There's no indication that these priorities will be shelved. Neither is there any indication that the highly centralised PMO-centric governance system will change to a more decentralised one. The political model driven by caste-driven inclusion and community-driven exclusion is well entrenched. If administrative principles and political priorities do not change, significant alterations to the council of ministers can change the balance of power within the BJP, but cannot bring about the required changes necessary to fix the challenges facing India's economy and polity.

Regrouping of Tehreek-e-Taliban worries China, Pak



YOGESH GUPTA

FORMER AMBASSADOR

The reunification of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan has increased China's concerns as the latter is executing several projects in hydropower generation and infrastructure development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The TTP has kidnapped and killed Chinese nationals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan provinces. Several Uighur militants have relocated from Syria to Badakshan province of Afghanistan neighbouring Xinjiang.

PEAKING on July 7 at a virtual ceremony marking 70 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said the two countries needed to augment cooperation to "contain security risks in Afghanistan through the expansion of both international and regional terrorism" to defend regional stability. He asked Pakistan to push for trilateral cooperation by increasing Afghanistan's involvement in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), an important part of China's Belt and Road initiative.

China and Pakistan's immediate worries stem from the regrouping of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Afghanistan's Paktika province. The TTP has declared Pakistan as its sole theatre of operation and claimed that it poses no threat to other nations. The TTP aims to establish a Sharia state in the old Hind (Hindustan) region beginning with Pakistan.

The Pakistan army had dealt a serious blow to the TTP in June 2014 through its operation Zarb-e-Azb (sharp and cutting strike) in the North Waziristan region which resulted in the killing of about 3,500 militants and the loss of its 490 soldiers, with the displacement of more than a million people and the destruction of their properties and businesses.

According to the 27th report of the UN Analytical and Monitoring Team published recently, five splinter groups — Shehryar Mehsud, Jamaatul Ahrar, Hizbul Ahrar, Amjad Farooqi and Usman Saifullah (formerly known as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi) — pledged allegiance to the TTP in July-



MINORITY REPORT: The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan has repeatedly condemned the persecution faced by Uighur Muslims in China. REUTERS

August 2020 under an initiative pushed by the TTP's new chief Mufti Noor Wali Mehsud. Mufti has reportedly been successful in winning over the support of groups associated with al-Qaeda and the Punjabi Taliban.

The TTP has reaffirmed its commitment to a protracted struggle against the Pakistani state and is trying to broaden its support base by including the disaffected Pashtun and Baluch ethnic groups, including the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM). With the consolidation of numerous splinter groups such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and al-Qaeda affiliates, it is likely that the TTP will intensify its activities in Pakistan's urban centres where these groups have had strong networks in the past.

According to a recent US government report, the TTP's fighting strength in 2020 ranged from 2,500 to 6,000 members

and it was responsible for more than 100 cross-border attacks in various parts of Pakistan between July and October 2020. The main targets of the TTP's attacks in 2020 were the Pakistan army (73% cases), 110 attacks with 179 killings), the police and other security agencies.

Pakistan's security agencies sought the mediation of the Afghan Taliban and Haqqani Network with the TTP to cease its attacks in Pakistan but the latter did not comply.

Sometime back when the Afghan Taliban asked the TTP not to recruit foreign fighters and register its members, the TTP again refused.

The majority of the TTP leadership and fighters originates from the Pashtun belt of Pakistan sharing close tribal and cultural ties with their Afghan counterparts. TTP militants are currently helping the Afghan Taliban in several provinces to obtain quick occu-

pation of Afghanistan and will expect favours after its return to power.

While Pakistan pursues a political agenda in Afghanistan through its support of the Afghan Taliban, the TTP, al-Qaeda, IS and others are pursuing a politico-religious agenda of establishing a Sharia-based Islamic state which will not be to the liking of many Pakistanis. Any future military operation to oust the TTP from Pakistan's border areas will be much more difficult because of the ease with which TTP militants are able to seek refuge in Afghanistan and their mingling with the large number of Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

The TTP's reunification has increased China's concerns too as the latter is executing several projects in hydropower generation and infrastructure development in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) earlier NWFP province. The TTP has kidnapped and killed several Chinese nationals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan provinces. In April, a bomb blast rocked a hotel in Quetta, leaving five dead, five minutes before Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong was returning to the hotel after dinner with Pakistani officials.

The TTP has issued statements against China condemning the persecution faced by the Uighur Muslims in China. Several Uighur militants belonging to the ETIM (East Turkestan Islamic Movement) have relocated from Syria to Badakshan province of Afghanistan neighbouring Xinjiang, where China is carrying out a vast campaign to incarcerate them in prison camps for re-education. The Badakshan province connects with China through the narrow Wakhan corridor, a

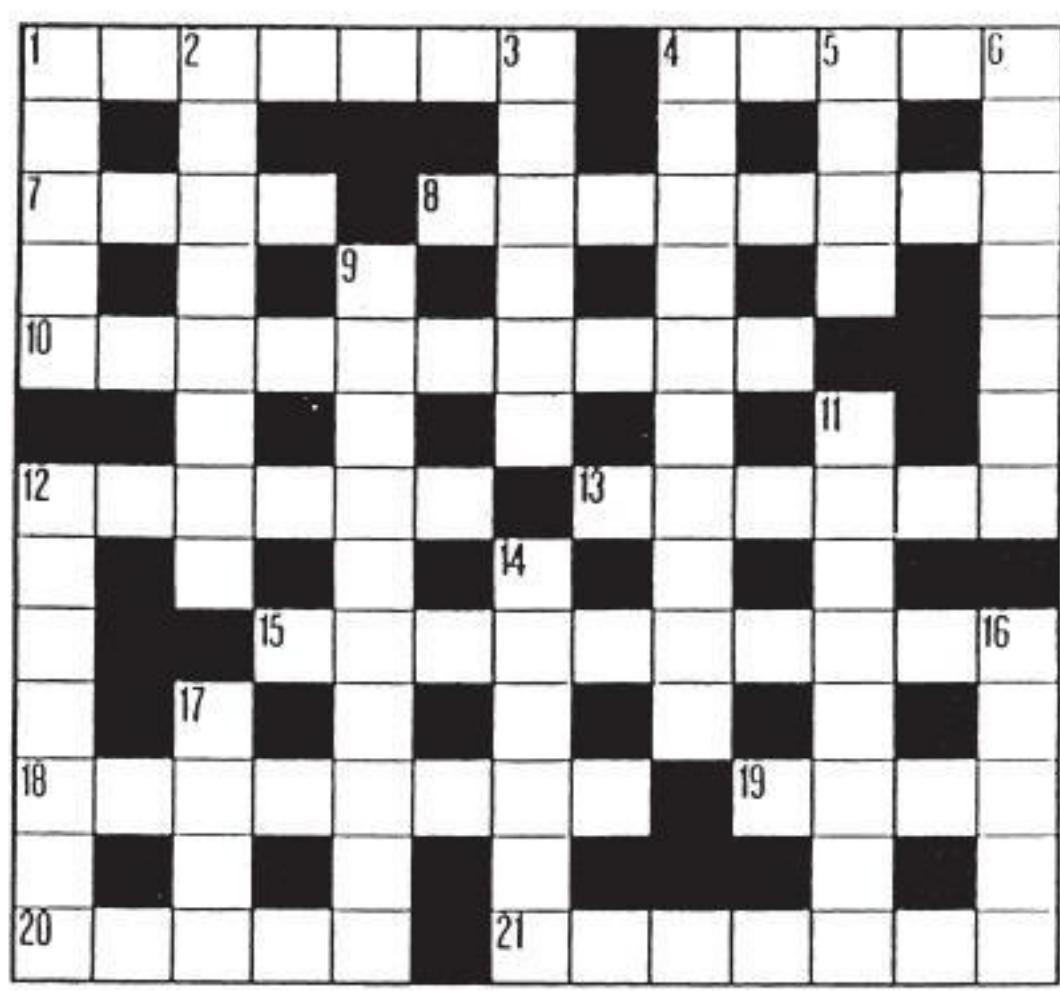
passage that the Uighur militants could use for entry into Xinjiang. The resurgence of Islamic extremism in Xinjiang province could threaten several silk road networks connecting China with Russia, Central, Southern and Western Asia, Eurasia and Mongolia.

Last week, Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen said in an interview that it would not allow Uighur militants to enter the country and Chinese investors could return to Afghanistan. Shaheen added that China was a friendly country which would be welcomed for the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan.

Many, however, do not take the Taliban's words seriously as it had made similar promises not to allow the activities of al-Qaeda on Afghan soil in the Doha peace deal — a promise which it observed only in its breach. Despite an understanding between the Taliban and China dating back to December 2000, when Mullah Omar was the Taliban chief, the Uighurs have repeatedly made use of the Afghan territory for various activities. Though China is offering a carrot of increased investments if its interests are protected by the Taliban, it will watch the emerging situation carefully before making any new commitments in Afghanistan.

Given its emphasis on more orthodox Islam, the TTP is likely to provide support to ETIM and target projects of importance to China in Pakistan. China is already concerned about the growth of TTP, ETIM, al-Qaeda and Islamic State in Afghanistan and will be hard put to devise strategies to prevent the infiltration of these elements into its restive Xinjiang province.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Thomas Hardy, 9 Obvious, 10 Charm, 11 Tang, 12 Hear hear, 14 Yearly, 16 Scotch, 18 Verbatim, 19 Sway, 22 Kudos, 23 Amnesia, 24 Henrik Ibsen.

Down: 2 Haven, 3 Moot, 4 System, 5 Accuracy, 6 Dialect, 7 Dostoyevsky, 8 Omar Khayyam, 13 Cleanser, 15 Abridge, 17 Hijack, 20 Waste, 21 Snub.

ACROSS

- 1 Intense liking (7)
- 4 Melodious sounds (5)
- 7 Augury (4)
- 8 Afflicted (8)
- 10 Make indiscreet remark (4,1,5)
- 12 Aggrieved (6)
- 13 Rush headlong (6)
- 15 Top level of society (5,5)
- 18 Directly opposite (8)
- 19 Male pig (4)
- 20 Golf course (5)
- 21 Rumour (7)

DOWN

- 1 Having due self-respect (5)
- 2 Hurry up! (4,2,2)
- 3 Disposition (6)
- 4 Best personal opportunity (4,6)
- 5 Japanese alcoholic drink (4)
- 6 Frankness (7)
- 9 Get ready to fight (4,2,4)
- 11 Vague (8)
- 12 Careful study (7)
- 14 Physical state (6)
- 16 Late (5)
- 17 To convert (4)

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

JULY 13, 2021, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Ashadha Shaka	22
■ Ashadha Parvishtha	29
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 3, up to 8.25 am	
■ Siddhi Yoga up to 2.48 pm	
■ Magha Nakshatra up to 3.41 am	
■ Moon in Leo sign	
■ Gandmool up to 3.41 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:26 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:31 HRS

CITY	MAX		MIN		
	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
Chandigarh	34	28	25	22	20
New Delhi	33	25	22	20	18
Amritsar	30	27	25	23	21
Bathinda	34	28	26	24	22
Jalandhar	30	27	25	23	21
Ludhiana	32	28	26	24	22
Bhiwani	36	25	23	21	19
Hisar	34	27	25	23	21
Sirsia	35	28	26	24	22
Dharamsala	28	18	16	14	12
Manali	25	16	14	12	10
Shimla	22	16	14	12	10
Srinagar	26	18	16	14	12
Jammu	30	21	19	17	15</td



A portion of the building at Bengali village near Dharamsala in Kangra district is washed away in a flash flood on Monday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET

Rain wreaks havoc in Kangra district

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SHIMLA, JULY 12

Heavy to extremely heavy rain wreaked havoc in Kangra district today.

As many as 54 roads are blocked in the state following the downpour. As many as 25 roads are blocked in Kullu district, 22 in Chamba district, three in Sirmour and two each in Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti districts. However, reports on roads blockade in Kangra district, which witnessed the maximum damage, and Mandi district are still awaited.

People are on tenterhooks as the local MeT office has issued an orange warning of thunderstorm, lightning and heavy rain in seven districts of Bilaspur, Chamba, Kan-

NH-5 blocked between Rampur, Jhakri | Wet spell till July 18



A JCB machine removes a car stuck in flood waters at Bhagsunag in Dharamsala on Monday. PHOTO: KAMALJEET

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Rohru, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh, JSV Department. Which shall be opened on 19.07.2021.

Sr. No.	Description Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of form
1	Annual repair, running operation and maintenance of LWSS to Village Karasa -Tandali G.P. Karasa, Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) (SH:- Replacement of Old Pumping machinery i/c Supply & erection of centrifugal pumping machinery. (One motor only stage 1st and one pump sets for Stage 2nd) Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49624_1	8,30,000/-	16600/-	3 Months	250/-
2	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to Village Tangnoo and its surrounding area in GP Tangnoo, Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla (H.P.). (SH:- C/o 1 No. Intake Chamber, C/o 2 Nos. RCC Storage Tank of 20000 Ltr cap. and 1 No. 10000 Ltr cap. Jacketing of old existing storage tanks & Prov. Laying & jointing of GMS tube of various dia and prov. 150 Nos functional household tap connection). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49633_1	4200636/-	70510/-	3 Months	800/-
3	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to Village Janglikh in GP Tangnoo, Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla (H.P.). (SH:- C/o 1 No. Intake Chamber, C/o 3 Nos. RCC Storage Tank of 50000 Lit, 12000 Ltr, 10000 Ltr cap. & Prov. Laying & jointing of GMS tube of various dia and prov. 152 Nos. functional household tap connection to various households) Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49630_1	3617591/-	61763/-	3 Months	400/-
4	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to Village Pall Chirgaon Dogri in GP Chirgaon, Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla (H.P.). (SH:- C/o 1 No. Intake Chamber, C/o Sedimentation tank, C/o Filter Bed, C/o RCC Storage Tank of 40000 Ltr cap., 12000 Lit, 10000 Ltr capacity, Jacketing of storage tank & Prov. Laying & jointing of GMS tube of various dia and prov. 185 Nos functional household tap connection) Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49625_1	5398357/-	88475/-	3 Months	800/-
5	Operation running and maintenance of Sub-Divisional Water sample testing laboratory at Sub Division Rohru, Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, HP (SH:- Outsourcing of Sub-Division Laboratory for one year). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49635_1	6,28,628/-	12500/-	3 Months	250/-
6	Construction of Rain Water Harvesting Structure at Ashanda in G.P. Dhandwari, Tehsil Dodra Kawar, Distt. Shimla (H.P.). (SH: C/o Check Dam, Providing and fixing barbed wire fencing around the structure). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49629_1	9,93,410/-	19900/-	6 Months	250/-
7	CAD work for LIS Samoli in G.P Samoli in Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: C/o 5 No. Main and 22 Nos Distribution RCC Chamber, C/o 2 Nos. Storage Tank 60000 and 35000 Ltr Capacity, Trenching laying and jointing of HDPE Pipe 180mm Dia - 577 Rmt, 140mm Dia -1720 Rmt, 90mm Dia - 1810 Rmt and 75mm Dia - 410 Rmt). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49612_1	19,52,342/-	25100/-	6 Months	400/-
8	CAD work for LIS Sandhori in G.P. Shekhal in Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: C/o 3 No. Main and 11 Nos Distribution RCC Chamber, C/o 1 No Storage Tank 100000 Ltr Capacity, Trenching laying and jointing of HDPE Pipe 140mm Dia - 2500 Rmt, 90mm Dia - 1530 Rmt and 75mm Dia - 110 Rmt). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49613_1	15,98,257/-	29965/-	6 Months	400/-
9	CAD work for LIS Anu Bassa Karalish in Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: C/o 42 Nos Distribution RCC chamber, C/o 1 No. Storage Tank 330000 Ltr Capacity, trenching laying and jointing of HDPE Pipe 140mm dia- 750 Rmt, 90mm dia-150 Rmt and 180 mm dia-3400 Rmt. Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49614_1	32,19,359/-	106046/-	6 Months	400/-
10	CAD work for LIS Dalagon in Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: C/o 21 Nos Distribution RCC chamber, Trenching laying and jointing of HDPE Pipe 160mm Dia - 8683 Rmt, 125mm Dia - 200 Rmt, 90mm Dia - 400 Rmt and 75mm Dia - 100 Rmt. Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49616_1	17,28,311/-	33500/-	6 Months	400/-
11	Providing various WSS at G.P. Dhakaon, Diswanvi & Gawaan falling under JSV Section Kaloti in Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) (SH: For Phase-A: C/o 1 Nos. Spring Intake chamber as per standard design, C/o 1 No. RCC storage tank of 15000 Ltr cap. & Trenching laying and jointing of GMS tube of various dia=2300 Rmt. For Phase-B: C/o 1 Nos. Spring Intake chamber as per standard design, C/o 1 No. RCC storage tank of 10000 Ltr. cap. & Trenching laying and jointing of GMS tube of various dia=4400 Rmt. For Phase-C: 1 Nos. Spring Intake chamber as per standard design, C/o 1 Nos. RCC storage tank of 10000 Ltr. cap. & Trenching laying and jointing of GMS tube of various dia=3000 Rmt. For Phase-D: C/o 1 Nos. Spring Intake chamber as per standard design, C/o 1 No. RCC storage tank of 10000 Ltr. cap. & Trenching laying and jointing of GMS tube of various dia=7900 Rmt. and Trenching laying and jointing of GMS tube (for FHTC) and Providing and installation of 395 Nos Household Tap Connection and providing and fixing barbed wire fencing around the all civil structures). UNDER JMM Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49637_1	68,69,270/-	137400/-	6 Months	800/-
12	Providing GWSS to Village Dhakgoan and Jhatwari and its surrounding Villages in Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: C/o 2 Nos intake Chamber, 1 No. Sedimentation Tank, 1 No. Filter Bed, storage Tank of various Capacities and P/F barbed wire fencing). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49619_1	26,38,024/-	39570/-	3 Months	400/-
13	Renovation and additional alteration of EE Office Rohru in Tehsil Rohru, Distt. Shimla, (H.P.) (SH: C/o RCC Civil Work in building, Aluminium work, Demolition in wall, half brick masonry, roof work in porch, wood work in EE Office & porch etc. Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_49622_1	49,64,162/-	82000/-	6 Months	800/-

For terms and conditions NIT on the Portal <http://htenders.gov.in> may be referred.

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Rohru

DPR/HP/2308

Una receives 80 mm rain

UNA, JULY 12

The Meteorological Department recorded 80.4 mm of rainfall in Una today. It was the heaviest rainfall during the ongoing monsoon season.

A Met official said Monday's precipitation was equal to the sum total of all rainfall recorded in the past 45 days in Una. There are reports of water entering the basements of some houses and business establishments. The rain has brought relief for farmers who were concerned over the delay in the monsoons. They have already sown maize and paddy and the continued dry spell was taking a toll on their crops. The dip in the mercury has also brought a welcome relief for the locals. — OC

Chandigarh-Manali highway blocked, tourists stranded

DIPENDER MANTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JULY 12

Tourists travelling on the Chandigarh-Manali-Leh highway were today stranded for hours at different locations due to flash floods and landslides in the region. The highway was blocked near Pandoh in Mandi because of a massive landslide. Besides, a landslide near Aut hampered traffic on the highway.

The alternative road leading to Kullu from Mandi via Kataula was also blocked because of landslides at Kanoj.

The police had stopped the traffic movement in view of public safety.

Additional District Magistrate, Mandi, Rajiv Kumar said the machinery and workforce had been deployed to restore the Chandigarh-Manali highway and the alternative Mandi-Kullu road. Heavy rain damaged 47 transformers in the

district, a cowshed, two houses in the district but no loss of life was reported. Till filing of the report, the Chandigarh-Manali highway was blocked. The SP, Lahaul and Spiti, said no vehicles were stuck on the Manali-Leh highway.

Due to a downpour since morning, the streams flowing along the Manali-Leh highway were in spate, hampering traffic. The Telling Nullah, Pagal Nullah and the Bharatpur Nullah were flooded since noon, blocking traffic for hours.

The police informed the BRO to mobilise its local units and help the stranded people. The road to Killar in Chamba district from Udaipur was also blocked.

Power supply hit in Palampur

RAVINDEER SOOD

PALAMPUR, JULY 12

The unprecedented heavy rain in the past 24 hours paralysed normal life in Palampur, Baijnath and Jaisenghpur. A number of roads were closed, dozens of houses and drinking water supply schemes suffered damage and many areas were without electricity.

There was no significant change in the minimum temperatures and Keylong was the coldest at night, registering a low of 12.4 degrees C. However, the maximum temperatures dropped by four or five degrees C and Una with 31.7 degrees C was the hottest in the day.

A report said there was a cloudburst in the upper

area of the Dhauladhar this morning, resulting in a flash flood in most of the rivers. Villagers had been advised not to go near the Neugal, the Binwa and the Baner that are in spate. A number of kucha houses in Palampur suffered damage.

SP Amit Sharma said no loss of life had been reported from the region. The police were on a high alert. Police personnel and fire-fighting machinery had been kept on the standby to evacuate people in case of a mishap. — OC

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, BATHINDA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

AIIMS, Bathinda invites sealed Tenders for setting up of Milk & Milk Products Booth at the campus of AIIMS Bathinda.

Last date of Submission of Tender documents is 28 days from the publication of this notice in newspapers. Sealed envelope addressed to the office of The Director, AIIMS, Bathinda with name of the Tender and the Tenderer on the top cover should reach before the last date. For details, visit website www.aiimsbathinda.edu.in

davp 17184/11/0007/2122 DIRECTOR, AIIMS BATHINDA

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB

E-TENDER NOTICE (CIVIL WORKS)

NIT No. 22/2021

No. S.E.(C)/167

Dated: 8.7.2021

The Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites tenders on Online Two bid system from eligible bidders for development works.

Description Last Date of Submission Openning of Technical Bid Opening of Financial Bid

Last Date of Submission of tenders for Co-Op L/C 30.07.2021 up to 11:00 a.m. at 3:00 p.m. As decided by the Administration after Evaluation of Technical Bids

- EMD: % of Estimated Amount for Firms/Agencies/General Contractors etc. and for Cooperative Societies works amounting from 6.50 Lacs to 13.00 Lacs is 25% 13.00 Lacs to onwards is 50% of EMD fixed for contractors. The EMD, Tender Fee and Processing should be submitted through E-Payment only.
- For further specification, terms & conditions, Kindly visit <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
- Any corrigendum/Addendum and Amendment shall be published in the above said website only.
- In case the valid bids required for Technical Evaluation will not receive from Coop & L/C Societies as on 30.07.2021 till 11:00 a.m. the tender for the same will be issued to firms/Agencies/General Contractors/Coop Societies up to 05.08.2021 till 11:00 a.m. and Technical Bids will be opened on 05.08.2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Civil), Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/5902

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD

(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of Built-up Properties on Lease-Hold Basis in U.T. Chandigarh

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the sale of Built-up 151 Commercial Properties and 38 Residential Properties. E-tenders shall be invited individually for each of the Built-up Properties.

1. The E-Tender process is open for all the citizens of India as well as NRIs/PIOs above 18 years of age. The persons already having any Commercial property and/or Residential Property can also participate in the e-Tender.

2. The Built-up Properties shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting above the reserve price of the Built-up Properties. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price. The GST will not be applicable on Lease Money/Ground Rent payable annually.

3. All willing participants may visit the official website www.chbonline.in to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tender and submission of earnest money (EMD), is available on the official website www.chbonline.in

4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself/herself registered at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in>.

5. The Terms & Conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/ sectors of Built-up Properties and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Chandigarh Housing Board www.chbonline.in from 'Tenders/Auction' section.

6. Stickers have been pasted at each of the unit for better identification by the prospective bidders during their visit.

7. E-tenders will be available at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in> on 14.07.2021 at 10.00 AM and the bidders may immediately start to submit their bids.

Schedule of dates for e-Tender:

- Starting date and time for bid submission From 14.07.2021 at 10.00 AM.
- Closing date and time for bid submission Till 02.08.2021 upto 6.00 PM
- Opening of e-bids 03.08.2021 at

Conversion row: Mum is the word at Sikh locality

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



The locality where the 'conversion victim' lived; and (below) her locked house in Rainawari, Srinagar. TNS

TENSION EASING

- Since the girl married a Sikh man, the tension between the two communities has eased.
- The man, who married and "forced her to accept Islam", is out of jail and says he will bring her back.
- APSCC chief Jagmohan Singh Raina says such sensitive issues should be left to local leaders



Climb up the flight of steps that lead to the girl's house and a lock greets the visitors.

That the family left in a rush is evident from the fact that two pairs of slippers, a single-seater sofa and some flower pots lie just inside the iron door.

Outside the colony, in the gurdwara behind her house, a devotee who has come to offer prayers, says, "Despite allegations of forced conversion, once the girl was handed over to the family and married to a Sikh boy, the tension between the two communities has eased. Nobody wants to disturb the brother-

hood between Sikhs and Muslims. They have lived together for decades. It is behind us now. We need to move forward."

All Party Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) president Jagmohan Singh Raina maintains that such sensitive issues should be left to the local leaders. "We don't want any outside interference in our internal matters. We can resolve our issues through dialogue with the community leaders of the other faith. Those coming from outside don't know about the Valley's sensitive situation," he asserts.

After 4 mths, J&K sees no Covid death

SRINAGAR, JULY 12

J&K saw no Covid-related death after four months on Monday. As many as 155 fresh cases surfaced, including 228 from Jammu and 220 from the Kashmir division, and 448 patients were discharged from hospitals.

So far, 3,18,848 people have been infected of which 311,782 have recovered and 4,357 have succumbed.

Ladakh reported nine fresh Covid cases, taking the case-load to 20,195. So far, 206 people have died of the virus in the UT. — IANS/PTI

Trapped in flash flood, 11 rescued

JAMMU, JULY 12

Eleven people were rescued on Monday following flash floods in Kathua district where heavy rains disrupted normal life and inundated several areas. Those rescued are from a nomadic community. They were stuck in flash flood in Ujh river in Rajbagh and were rescued by the police and the SDRF officials said. Several farm animals were washed away.

The district administration in Kathua and Samba sounded a flood alert. Traffic movement was disrupted on the Pathankot-Jammu highway due to heavy flooding. The Ujh, Basantar and the Elk nullahs were in spate in



A bridge damaged after heavy rain in Jammu on Monday. PTI

Kathua and Samba, triggering fear among locals. Areas around the check dam, Dhalote, in Samba are inundated, officials said, adding that locals have appealed to

the authorities to open the floodgates of the dam.

The Jammu-Srinagar highway was closed due to several landslides in Ramban district. — PTI

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Flash flood, landslide...

area was blocked by the landslide. About six JCB machines were deployed to clear the road.

Earlier in the morning, the gushing waters from an overflowing nullah in Bhagunag damaged tourist vehicles parked on the streets though there was no loss to property. Locals blamed the flooding on the encroachments by some hoteliers. They alleged that the nullah which was more than 20 feet wide had been narrowed to less than 10 feet at certain places by the hoteliers.

The Manji river which was in full spate due to the heavy rain throughout the night caused damage to property in Bagli village, about 7 km from here. The river washed away four houses and two shops on its banks.

The district administration got the houses and commercial establishments on the banks of the Manji

Third wave...

evidence available and the history of pandemics, the third wave is inevitable. It is the responsibility of every citizen to strictly follow Covid-appropriate behaviour for at least three more months and get vaccinated," IMA president JA Jayalal said.

People in the Dharamsala region have been encroaching on riverbeds while the authorities have remained a mute spectator. Deputy Commissioner, Kangra, Nipun Jindal said the exact damage could only be gauged after a survey. Ashwani Bamba, president of the local hotel association, meanwhile, said all bookings in the Bhagsunag area had been cancelled.

The WHO said it did not recommend vaccination as a basis for permission to travel across the world, adding that its International Health Regulations Committee would meet on Wednesday to take a policy call on this matter.

"In 10 days, we are coming out with guidelines on digital certificates which can be interoperable between nations," WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said.

NIA arrests 3 ISIS militants

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

The NIA today said it had arrested three ISIS militants from Anantnag district in connection with the ISIS Voice of Hind case. The accused, Umar Nisar, Tanveer Ahmad Bhat and Rameez Ahmad, hail from Anantnag. The NIA had registered the case on June 29 in connection with the conspiracy of the terrorist organisation to radicalise and recruit youth to wage violent attacks against India.

The agency recovered incriminating documents, digital devices and T-shirts with ISIS logo after it searched their premises on Sunday. "An India-Centric online propaganda magazine — the Voice of Hind — is published on monthly basis with an aim to incite and radicalise impressionable youth," a senior NIA official said. The accused had been using cyberspace to propagate the inciting material, he added. — TNS

India, China exchange...

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Lieutenant General-level, the last being on April 9 this year.

The Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China Border Affairs met on June 25. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) coordinates this meeting on the Indian side. It was discussed to hold talks on "disengagement and de-escalation" of troops, weapons and equipment from Gogra and Hot Springs.

Sources said as an immediate measure, achieving a breakthrough at these two spots was possible.

Cops rescue...

through the Advocate-General and Additional Solicitor-General of India. The case was again taken up on Monday afternoon with a DSP submitting a status report, saying all BJP leaders and workers had been rescued.

Meanwhile, the Rajpura police have registered an FIR against unidentified protesters for attacking cops as they escorted the BJP leaders to safety. Scores of farmers had

on Sunday laid siege to a BJP worker's house in Guru Arjan Dev Colony, Rajpura, where party leaders, including Punjab unit general secretary Subhash Sharma and Patiala in-charge Bhupesh Aggarwal, were present. "Despite senior officers at the spot, the protesters hurled bricks at us when we were being escorted out of the house," Aggarwal said.

The farmers claimed the BJP workers used offensive language and Aggarwal's gunman brandished a pistol at them. — TNS

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT e-Procurement Notice NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD, Dhami on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in two Cover System for the under mentioned works from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Time
1	Construction of proposed office building of HP State Legal Services Authority at Majha Sankat, Chakkar Shimla Tehsil & Distt. Shimla H.P (Sh:- Construction of building portion, Providing internal W.S & S.I. C/o Rain water harvesting tank and site development etc.).	Rs. 2,10,00,00/-	Rs. 2,42,500/-	Rs. 5,000/-	Class- B	Eighteen Months

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:- The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://htptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://htptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

1. Date of Online Publication	26-07-2021 18:00 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	26-07-2021 18:30 HRS up to 05-08-2021 18:00 HRS
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	26-07-2021 18:30 HRS up to 05-08-2021 18:00 HRS
4. Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	06-08-2021 10:30 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	06-08-2021 11:00 HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS: The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in two cover:

(i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility Information".

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) online payment receipt (Tender Fee) (b) online payment receipt (EMD) (c) Form 7-8 and (d) Affidavits to the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami H.P as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 06-08-2021 at 11:00 HRS by the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhami H.P. In their interest the tinkerers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 75 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. Eligibility Criteria:- The bidders must have successfully completed similar nature of work not less than 40 % of estimated cost during the last five financial years (without Liquidated damages or compensation).

Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, H.P.P.W.D., Dhami.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPAK

CORRIGENDUM-1

RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF SUB-INSPектор IN CADRES OF DISTRICT POLICE, ARMED POLICE, INVESTIGATION AND TO THE POST OF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (IN THE RANK OF SUB-INSPектор) IN INTELLIGENCE CADRE IN PUNJAB POLICE -2021

(in continuation of Advertisement No.1 dated 06.07.2021)

Para Existing Clause Revised Clause

13 (vii), (bullet point No. 4) Any two ID proofs (Passport, Voter I-Card, Driving License, PAN Card) Any one ID proof (Passport, Voter I-Card, Driving License, PAN Card)

Sd/- DGP, Punjab

DPR/Pb/5926

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD GOVT OF PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 20 OF 2021/PWSSD, ABH Date: 08.07.2021

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

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

Sr. No.	Description of work	Earnest Money	Cost of Document/Tender Processing Fees Rs.	Period of Completion	Approx Value of the work
1.	Providing & Installing of LT Panel, Cables and other works for Commissioning of Pump Set at new Pump House (Balance Work) at Abohar Town (District Fazilka) (Under AMRUT)	Rs. 38000/-	Rs. 1000/-	04 Months	L.S.

Important Dates are as under:-

i) Period of availability of tender online shall be : 12.07.2021 at 09:00 a.m.

ii) Last date and time for online submission : 26.07.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

iii) Closing Date & Time for Tender : 26.07.2021 at 03:00 p.m.

iv) Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid : 27.07.2021 at 12:00 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any conundrum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn, Abohar.

DPR/Pb/5904

STATION HEADQUARTERS CHANDIMANDIR / CHANDIGARH MILITARY STATION

ALLOTMENT OF REGIMENTAL SHOPS IN CHAKRA SUVIDHA COMPLEX TO BE RUN AS PER GUIDELINES OF MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (ONLY FOR WAR WIDOWS/ WIDOWS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL KILLED WHILE ON DUTY/ DISABLED SOLDIER/ EX-SERVICEMEN AND SPOUSES/ WIDOWS OF EX-SERVICEMEN)

The Regimental Shops as given below are available at Chakra Suvidha Complex Chandimandir Military Station to be run as per Ministry of Defence guidelines -

• Grocery shop - 01	• Dry cleaners (Laundry) shop - 01
• Vegetable shop - 01	• Motor Cycle repairing shop - 01

Applications be forwarded to :-

Station Commander

Station Headquarters, Chandimandir

District - Panchkula (Haryana)

Government of Punjab
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)
NIT No. 66/SE(TIC), dated 09.07.2021

The department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 5 Nos. works as per schedule given below:-

Last date & Time for online submission of Bids	Opening of bidding Documents
Technical Bid	Financial Bid
22.07.2021 up to 05:00 pm	23.07.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone A, MCL

For details log on to:- eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

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

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Hospital Engineer (Const.), PGIMER Chandigarh re-invites on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors of appropriate class in CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S./Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/UDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Civil works in two bid system (Eligibility Bid & Financial Bid) for the following work:-

NIT No.: PG/Engg./Const./2021/030, Name of Work: Annual Repair and Maintenance Contract, Location: Chandigarh &期限 for 12 months at Advanced Training Centre PGI, Chandigarh. Estimated Cost: Rs. 9.00 Lakh. Earnest Money: Nil. (As per Norms shall be mandatory). Period of Completion: 12 Months. Last date and time of submission of bid: 22.07.2021 upto 3:00 P.M. Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 23.07.2021 at 3:30 P.M.

The Original EMD as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E.C. (Construction) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. The Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk No. for registration-9988447883). For any technical information Contact (0172-2755861).

HOSPITAL ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION)

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Pragpur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No. Name of Work Estimated Cost Earnest Money Cost of Tender Form Time Limit

1. Improvement and extension of LWSS Lower Bhawal in Tehsil Dadasiba District Kangra (HP) (SH-Construction of pump house 2 No., Construction of Main Collection tanks 40000 litres, Construction of 4 Nos. Over Head Storage Tank 165000, 40000, 27000 and 25000 Litres cap. 15 mtr Staging Height.)	9319226/-	125700/-	800/-	One Year
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1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed.

2. Online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested bidders/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.

3. Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility information and criteria and Financial bid should be put in separate envelop and all two separate envelops should be put together in a single envelop. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.

4. Bid evaluation of criteria-Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) will be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal will rest with the JSV Department who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.

5. As the bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

6. KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:-

a) Date of Online Publication 09.07.2021 at 05:00 p.m.

b) Downloading of e-tender Documents From 09.07.2021 at 05:00 p.m. to 16.07.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

c) Date of Submission of e-tender From 09.07.2021 at 05:00 p.m. to 16.07.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

d) Physical submission of eligibility criteria, pre-qualification documents, earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents (In original) Up to 11:00 a.m. on 16.07.2021

e) Date of opening bids:

i) Cover-1 Eligibility Information and Criteria On 16.07.2021 at 11:30 a.m.

ii) Cover-2 Financial Bid Shall be intimated separately

7. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

(1) The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two) covers:-

1. Cover-1 shall contain Scanned copies of "Eligibility Information and Criteria".

2. Cover-2 shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed format.

(2) Cover-1 shall contain Scanned copies of following "eligibility information and criteria" (Scanned copies to be uploaded):

In case of Exemption of EMD the tenderer shall have to submit an affidavit and list of works (mandatory) where he has used the exemption, in order to ascertain the amount exempted.

(i) The Earnest Money (unless Exempted) should be deposited (through online (e-payment) & offline mode) duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur in the shape of National Saving Certificate in any Post Office in H.P. or Time Deposit Receipt/FDR of any Scheduled/ Nationalized Bank, having its branch at Dehra or Pragpur and should reach the Office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag Division Pragpur on or before the date and time of opening of the technical bid (mandatory).

(ii) The cost of tender form through online (e-payment) as shown above in shape of Demand Draft, only drawn in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur payable at Pragpur.

(iii) Copy of Certificate of registration with I&PH Department (Now JSV) in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.

(iv) Income Tax, PAN No., GST registration, EPF registration and latest clearance certificate thereof, are to be submitted with the eligibility criteria.

(v) Copy of similar Work done/Experience Certificates.

(vi) The authorization letter regarding digital signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered tenderer to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.

(vii) A scanned copy of undertaking that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions Stipulated in the contract document before quoting the rates.

(viii) Similar nature of work i.e. Construction of overhead storage reservoir & building work must be appended failing which the tender will be summarily rejected.

(ix) The tenderer shall have to submit an affidavit of being not blacklisted by Govt. Department.

4. Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" which will be opened at a later date to be notified separately & shall be opened only of those contractors/Firms whose documents as per Eligibility Information "Cover-1" are found in order. The Financial Bids shall contain only Financial Bid/Offer on departmental schedule of quantity/BOQ where contractor/firms will quote his /their offer for each item.

7. Earnest money of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained for a period of 120 days.

8. No subletting of work by the contractor is permissible.

9. In case, opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day.

10. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.

11. Ambiguous/telegraphic/ Conditional tenders or tenders by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/considered in any case.

12. Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.

13. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s).

14. Any enquiry/clarification regarding tender can be obtained on E-mail of the divisional office under e-mail address i.e. xeniphpragpur@gmail.com and office telephone No. 01970-245045.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur.

Dated: 09.07.2021
NIT/JAL SHAKTI Vibhag Tender/NIT/2021- 4971-5070
DPR/HP/2294

Biden backs Trump rejection of Beijing's South China Sea claim



GLOBE TROT

UK exports apple to India for 1st time in 50 years

LONDON: UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss has hailed the export of apples from England to India, for the first time in 50 years, as a sign of the UK-India Enhanced Trade Partnership in action.

Truss took to Twitter to point out that the export of apples from a farm in south-east England marks a first for the UK-India trade relationship in 50 years, in her response to a tweet by UK Trade Minister Ranil Jayawardena sharing details of his visit to the AC Goatham and Son apple farm in Kent. PTI

Dilip was an institution, says his Senator nephew

PESHAWAR: Legendary Indian thespian Dilip Kumar was not just an actor but an institution and people like him are born once in a century, Pakistan's Senator and 98-year-old Bollywood icon's nephew Mohsin Aziz said on Monday. "He was a thorough gentleman and down-to-earth person who won hearts of millions of people through his hard work," the Tehreek-e-Insaf leader said at the meet organised at his house here. PTI

Protests in Cuba over food shortage, inflation

HAVANA: Thousands of Cubans marched on Havana's Malecon promenade and elsewhere on the island on Sunday to protest food shortage and high prices amid the Covid crisis. Many young people took part in the afternoon protest in the capital, which disrupted the traffic until the police moved in after several hours and broke up the march when a few protesters threw rocks. AP

WASHINGTON, JULY 12

The Biden administration on Sunday upheld a Trump-era rejection of nearly all of China's significant maritime claims in the South China Sea. The administration also warned China that any attack on the Philippines in the flashpoint region would draw a US response under a mutual defense treaty.

The stern message from Secretary of State Antony Blinken came in a statement released ahead of this week's fifth anniversary of an international tribunal's ruling in favour of the Philippines, against China's maritime claims around the Spratly Islands and neighbouring reefs and shoals. China rejects the ruling.

Ahead of the fourth anniversary of the ruling last year, the Trump administration came out in its favour, but also said it regarded as illegitimate virtually all Chinese maritime claims in the South China Sea outside China's internationally recognised waters.

Sunday's statement reaffirms that position, which had been laid out by Trump's secretary of state Mike Pompeo.



Activists protest outside the Chinese consulate at Makati City in the Philippines on Monday. REUTERS

CHINESE SHIP LITTER 'ENDANGERING REEFS'

Swarms of Chinese vessels have dumped human waste and wastewater for years in a disputed area of the South China Sea, causing algae blooms that have damaged coral reefs and threatened fish in an unfolding catastrophe, said Liz Derr, who heads Simularity Inc. AP

na's internationally recognised waters.

Sunday's statement reaffirms that position, which had been laid out by Trump's secretary of state Mike Pompeo. "Nowhere is the rules-based maritime order under greater threat than in the South China Sea," Blinken said, using language similar to Pompeo's. He accused

CHINA REJECTS VERDICT AS 'WASTE PAPER'

A defiant China on Monday dismissed the 2016 verdict of the international tribunal on the South China Sea, rejecting its claims over the area as a piece of "waste paper".

It brushed aside US' fresh backing for the judgment as a "political farce" to smear Beijing

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman's remarks came as the PLA claimed to have "expelled" US Navy destroyer USS Benfold which sailed through the South China Sea

Without authorisation from the Chinese government, the US guided-missile destroyer trespassed into China's territorial waters

Army deployed to quell unrest in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, JULY 12

South Africa deployed soldiers on the streets on Monday to quell violence that erupted in the wake of former president Jacob Zuma's jailing, after days of riots left at least six people dead.

The police said disturbances were intensifying and 219 people had been arrested as the controversial ex-leader challenged his 15-month prison term in the country's top court.

Smoke from burning buildings swirled in the air as items from burgled shops lay strewn by the side of the road in Pietermaritzburg in Zuma's home province of KwaZulu-Natal.

Opportunistic criminals appear to be taking advantage of the anger some feel over Zuma's incarceration to steal and cause destruction, the police said.

A statement from the military said "pre-deployment processes had started" following a request for assistance from a government intelligence body. — Reuters

Nepal receives J&J doses from US

KATHMANDU, JULY 12

Nepal on Monday received more than 1.5 million doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine from the US at the time when the country is facing a severe shortage of the jabs.

This is the first consignment of the single-shot vaccine Nepal has received. The US provided 1,534,850 doses to Nepal through the COVAX scheme, the global Covid vaccine equity plan.

US Ambassador Randy Berry handed over the vaccines to Health Minister Krishna Gopal Shrestha on Monday. "Today we're giving Nepal

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS DEATHS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	6,22,850
BRAZIL	5,33,546
INDIA	4,08,764
MEXICO	2,34,969
UK	1,28,431

WORLDOMETER TILL JULY 12, 10 PM

enough #JNJ COVID19 vaccines via #COVAX to fully vaccinate 1.5 million people," Berry wrote on Twitter after handing over the

consignment to Nepal.

It's coming to Rome

Italy are the kings of Europe, after 53 years, as shootout haunts England again



Italy's players celebrate their win over England. The Azzurri won 3-2 in the shootout after the game was locked 1-1 after extra-time. REUTERS

LONDON, JULY 12

Italy claimed the European Championship for the first time since 1968 as penalties came back to haunt England at Wembley on Sunday. Gianluigi Donnarumma saving twice as the Azzurri won a shootout 3-2 after the game finished 1-1 following extra-time.

The giant goalkeeper saved from Jadon Sancho and, decisively, Bukayo Saka after Marcus Rashford hit the post, as Federico Bernardeschi, Leonardo Bonucci and Domenico Berardi all scored for the Italians in the shootout.

Luke Shaw had given England a dream start with a superb goal after two minutes but Italy, who offered almost nothing in response in the first half, gradually took command and deservedly levelled through Bonucci after 67 minutes.

For England coach Gareth Southgate, who missed from the spot when they lost in the Euro '96' semifinal to Germany, it was another shootout horror show.

The two players he sent on late in extra-time with

“It was impossible even to think about this, but the guys were extraordinary. I don't have words for them this is a magnificent group” Roberto Mancini, ITALY COACH



Italy's Gianluigi Donnarumma was named the best player of the tournament. In seven matches, he let in only four goals. REUTERS

1 FINAL It was the first final decided on penalties since Czechoslovakia beat West Germany in 1976

2 TITLES Italy take the European title for the second time

2 MINUTES England's Luke Shaw scored the fastest goal in a European Championship final

5 SHOOTOUT WINS Italy have now won five and lost six of their 11

major tournament shootouts, including one win and one loss in World Cup finals

7 LOSSES It was the latest heartache in shootouts at major tournaments for England, after defeats in 1990, 1996, 1998, 2004, 2006 and 2012

34 MATCHES The Italians are on a national-record 34-match unbeaten run

penalties in mind missed their penalties, as did 19-year-old Saka, who crumpled under the pressure of taking the final kick.

Italy, however, have now won five and lost six of their 10 major tournament shootouts, including one win and one loss in World Cup finals, while England's dismal record now reads seven losses from nine. But England fans dreaming of a second title to add to the 1966 World Cup can hardly complain they were robbed this time, after their team followed a strong start by surrendering the initiative despite the support from most of the 67,000 crowd.

The match statistics told the story as Italy had 66 per cent possession and 19 shots to England's six and, until the shootout, Donnarumma barely touched the ball.

“It was impossible even to think about this, but the guys were extraordinary,” Italy coach Roberto Mancini said. “I don't have words for them, this is a magnificent group. We were great, we conceded an early goal and had some problems but then we dominated.” — Reuters

Manika's personal coach on Tokyo flight

Fencer Bhavani Devi's mother also in delegation for Olympics

TOKYO OLYMPICS
10 DAYS TO GO

VINAYAK PADMADEO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

The last-minute changes in the final list of the Indian delegation for the Tokyo Olympics has raised several eyebrows.

Fencer CA Bhavani Devi's mother CA Ramani is travelling to the Games as team manager of the fencing contingent. Sammay Paranjpe, who is the personal coach of table tennis star Manika Batra, is also going as team manager.

Madhukant Pathak, who was incarcerated for his alleged role in the embezzlement of funds in the 2011 National Games held in

Jharkhand, is going as the team manager of the athletics team. Pathak was the treasurer of the National Games Organising Committee, and it is alleged a sum of Rs 28 crore was embezzled during the conduct of the event. Pathak's inclusion has irked IOA vice-president Sudhanshu Mittal, who called it an embarrassing situation for the sports body.

“This man went to jail on corruption charges. This is shameful. How can you send someone like him as part of the official delegation,” Mittal told *The Tribune*.

“I will write to the Prime Minister about this embarrassing situation. We are all ashamed by this,” he added.

Ramani's inclusion was equally surprising considering both Bhavani's coach

Nicola Zanotti and psychologist Angelo Carnemolla will be by her side in Tokyo. IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta clarified that Ramani's inclusion was requested by the athlete and since IOA is not bearing her expenses her name was cleared. “Bhavani requested her mother's inclusion to both IOA and the ministry. We have included her, as IOA is not bearing her expenses. She will be staying outside the Games Village,” Mehta said.

TTFI surprised

Meanwhile, the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) has decided to welcome Paranjpe's inclusion after initial surprise after they were asked to furnish passport details of Mani-

ka's coach. MP Singh, who is also travelling as part of the delegation as team manager of the TT contingent, said that though they were not against Paranjpe's inclusion they had sought a few basic details about the coach's stay in Tokyo. However, sources have told this correspondent that the officials were not happy about this development.

“We are not against his inclusion. In fact we are happy that he is there. We have just asked for basic details as the information was sought from us regarding his passport details,” Singh said.

“We have just asked them where he will stay and things about his travel, that's all. We are not against any athlete travelling with their personal coaches,” he added.

DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, YAMUNA NAGAR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Requirement of Building for Urban PHCs

Building is required for Urban PHC under the National Urban Health Mission in Yamuna Nagar in the below mentioned area:

1. Azad Nagar, Yamuna Nagar

The building should have a covered area of approx. 1000sq.ft. The interested persons can procure the tender document from the O/o C.S. Yamuna Nagar from **14.07.2021 to 20.07.2021** during the office hours i.e. 09:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. by depositing a fee of Rs. 500/- The last date of submitting the tender in the O/o C.S. Yamuna Nagar is **20.07.2021 by 05:00 p.m.** The tender/offers will be opened on **22.07.2021 at 03:00 p.m.** in the O/o C.S. Yamuna Nagar.

For details regarding the building specification please refer to the tender document.

PRDH/1058/11/77/2022/3694/31/4

Sd/- Civil Surgeon

कार्यालय : महाप्रबंधक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, फरीदाबाद

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TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

Online tenders on prescribed form are hereby invited from eligible consultants/institutions/agencies for Engagement as Project Management Consultant for evolving design for the below mentioned work.

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
Detailed Engineering and Project Management Consultancy (PMC) services from planning stage to tendering and construction till handing over for EWS Housing Scheme in various Sectors of SAS Nagar, Punjab	To be quoted by the bidder	Rs. 10.00 Lac

Tender Processing Fee		Period of Completion
Rs. 5900/- (Appx.)		Two months (+) as per bid document
Online availability of tender for bidding	Last date & time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tender in O/o Superintendent Engineer (C-1), GMADA, Room No. 445, 4th Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar
From	To	Technical Bid Financial Bid

14.07.2021 03:00 PM 02.08.2021 03:00 PM 03.08.2021 03:00 PM Shall be intimated after evaluation of technical bid

1. For detailed terms and conditions refer to our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
2. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact 0172-2970263, 2970284.

Divisional Engineer (C-3)

GREATER MOHALI AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar (Punjab)

BRIEFLY

LONDON

Playing for Surrey, Ashwin returns with figures of 1/99

Premier India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin could take only one wicket in the 43 overs he bowled on the second day of the County Championship match between Surrey and Somerset here today. Ashwin, who is one of the three Indian spinners to take over 400 Test wickets, gave away 99 runs. The Indian cricketers, who are on a three-week break, will assemble on July 15 at Durham for a camp ahead of the series against England.

NEW DELHI

Para-shuttler Palak to play in three events in Tokyo

Para-badminton player Palak Kohli will compete in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles events in the upcoming Tokyo Paralympics. Kohli received her BWF invitation to participate in the women's singles (S5) category as well as in the SL3-SU5 mixed doubles at the Tokyo Paralympics, which open on August 24. Having already qualified for the women's doubles earlier, Kohli becomes the first para-shuttler to qualify for the Paralympic Games in all three events.

LONDON

Djokovic becomes first player to qualify for ATP Finals

Novak Djokovic became the first player to qualify for this year's ATP Finals after the world No. 1 tied Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal's record with his 20th Major at Wimbledon.

HOVE

Indian Women cricketers fined for slow over rate

The Indian women's cricket team was today fined 20 per cent of its match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate against England in the second T20I. AGENCIES

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, HISAR	IMPROVEMENT OF BARWALA DAULPURE UKLANA BY WAY OF WDG STG. IN KM 2.00 TO 15.60 AND 4 LANDED IN CITY PORTION OF BARWALA IN KM 0.00 TO 2.00 AND KM 15.60 TO 17.60 IN UKLANA TOWN IN HISAR DISTT. (ROAD ID-5130) (BARWALA/UKLANA CONSTITUENCY) (SHIFTING OF HT LINE ONLY). 1 OTHER WORK	13.07.2021 27.07.2021	40.17 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896697784 pwd-eed-hissar@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH	RENOVATION OLF DIRECTORATE OFFICE OF HARYANA INDUSTRIES DEPTT. IN 30-BAYS BUILDING, SECTOR-17, CHANDIGARH	12.07.2021 30.07.2021	70.05 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	017202618279 pwd-eed-chandigarh@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, HANSI	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADDITIONAL PWD REST HOUSE AT HANSI IN HANSI DISTRICT	08.07.2021 28.07.2021	266.48 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416136946 pwd-eed-hansi@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, FARIDABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR BY PROVIDING FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE SYSTEM ARRANGEMENT IN BADSHAH KHAN CIVIL HOSPITAL AT FARIDABAD	09.07.2021 29.07.2021	36.46 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9911722787 pwd-eed-faridabad@hry.nic.in
5	PWD B&R, PANCHKULA	TENDER FOR THE WORK OF WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD JALLAH TO MANDHNA UP TO KHERA BAGRA IN PANCHKULA DISTT.	12.07.2021 05.08.2021	1388.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2920477 pwd-eed-panchuka@hry.nic.in
6	PWD B&R, PANCHKULA	TENDER FOR THE WORK OF WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD TIKKAR TAL TO RAIPUR RANI VIA KAIBMWALA - MURADNAGAR IN PANCHKULA DISTT.	12.07.2021 05.08.2021	1793 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2920477 pwd-eed-pan

Parl strategy
meet tomorrow,
Adhir to attend

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Congress chief Sonia Gandhi has called a meeting of the party's parliamentary strategy group on Wednesday to discuss the agenda for the monsoon session of Parliament starting July 19. The meeting will be held in a virtual mode.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Jairam Ramesh, and Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will attend the meeting.

New MoS briefly loses Twitter 'verification badge'

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the new MoS for Electronics and Information Technology, on Monday lost the blue coloured "verified badge" for a few hours.

The badge was restored, within hours of being removed and is being attributed to the change of the username on Twitter. —TNS

Rath Yatra amid curbs



Devotees perform rituals during the annual Rath Yatra in Puri. PTI

■ Lord Jagannath and his celestial siblings' annual Rath Yatra began in Odisha's Puri on Monday. The entire town was placed under curfew in view of the pandemic

■ Greeting people, PM Narendra Modi tweeted, "We bow to Lord Jagannath and pray that his blessings bring good health and prosperity in everyone's life." PTI

Birla: Safety norms in place for monsoon session from July 19

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said preparations were in place for a safe conduct of the monsoon session of Parliament commencing July 19 in view of the Covid pandemic. He said 311 of the 540 sitting members had been fully vaccinated.

The Speaker will convened a meeting of Lok Sabha floor leaders on July 18 to discuss agendas for the 19-sitting session, which will conclude on August 13. The Speaker said fully vaccinated MPs would not have to undergo a RTPCR test to attend the proceedings,

Says 311 MPs fully jabbed, will launch Lok Sabha app

but those who haven't been inoculated would have to take the mandatory test.

At a press conference, Birla appealed to parties to support disruption-free proceedings, crediting MPs for a record passage of 107 legislations in the five sessions of the 17th Lok Sabha held so far.

It will be the sixth session of the 17th Lok Sabha and is expected to see two private

members' Bills on population control—one by Rajya Sabha MP and another by Lok Sabha MP Ravi Kishan.

The Speaker today said the approval of 107 laws in five sessions of the 17th Lok Sabha was the best-ever legislative performance since 1952.

He announced plans to launch a Lok Sabha mobile application to benefit MPs, besides a project to link the libraries of state legislatures and Parliament. A committee chaired by the presiding officer of the Assam Assembly has prepared a report in this regard. —TNS

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will also be in the region, first visiting Turkmenistan, which also shares a border with Afghanistan, before joining Jaishankar in Tajikistan and, possibly, Uzbekistan. Other foreign ministers will be Shah Mahmood Qureshi (Pakistan), Haneef Atmar (Afghanistan), Javad Zarif (Iran), Sergei Lavrov (Russia) and their counterparts from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Though China had maintained ties with the Taliban during the 90s, sources point to its Foreign Ministry's statement on the eve of Wang's departure that speaks of the "fight against three evil forces, namely, terrorist, separatist and extremist forces".

FIR against newspapers for ₹62-lakh advt fraud

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
The CBI has registered an FIR against unnamed public servants and three private individuals for fraudulently empanelling their newspapers for government advertisement on the basis of forged documents.

Officials today said the case was registered after the CBI conducted a "surprise check" at the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP), now known as Bureau of Outreach and Communication (BOC).

"In one of the cases, it was found that six newspapers—two editions each of the Arjun Times, Health of Bharat and Delhi Health—were empanelled with the DAVP for getting government advertisement," said a CBI official. It was found that no such newspaper was being published from the address of the printing press mentioned in the newspaper, nor the chartered accountant had issued any certificate. The said publications received ads worth Rs 62.24 lakh between 2016 and 2019. —TNS

Parl digitises 4.2mn pages of history

ADITI TANDON

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Parliament has digitised 4.2 million pages of historical records dating back to 1854 in a move that will expand the understanding of legislative and parliamentary evolution.

The archives not only contain proceedings after the first Lok Sabha was constituted in 1952, it also feature debates between 1854 and 1952 to show how legislative reforms developed.

The 99-year period is captured in a range of documented proceedings, including the Indian Legislative Council Debates which feature proceedings of the Legislative Council from 1854 to 1920.

There are complete records leading to the passage of the Government of India Act of 1919, which gave effect to the Montague Chelmsford Reforms and established a

treasure trove that explain the evolution of Parliament and of many legislations.

bicameral legislature at the Centre. "The Indian legislature consisted of the Governor-General and the two Houses at that time—the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly. The debates of various sessions of the Council of State held from 1921 to 1946 and six Legislative Assemblies from 1921 to 1947 are included in the digital library. All documents have been digitised, including from the period before the first War of Independence in 1857 when the East India Company ran the affairs of the country based on charters from the Queen and also post 1857," LS secretary general Utpal Kumar Singh said.

Days after his ouster from the post of the city police chief, Singh had alleged that Deshmukh had asked former cop Sachin Waze to collect Rs 100 crore per month from bars and restaurants in Mumbai. —TNS

Mumbai ex-top cop seeks more time to appear before ED

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

Former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh has sought more time to respond to Enforcement Directorate (ED) summons in a money laundering case, citing ill health and surgery.

The ED is likely to consider Singh's request and a fresh summon would be served on him, officials said.

Singh has been summoned in connection with his letter to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhab Thackeray earlier this year in which he had accused former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh of extorting money to the tune of Rs 100 crore.

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Oli out, Nepal apex court asks President to appoint Deuba

Reinstates dissolved Lower House for second time in five months

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 12
Kathmandu witnessed a day of dramatic developments when the Nepal Supreme Court gave an "inviolable" order for the installation of Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali Congress as the next Prime Minister by Tuesday. It overthrew Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's decision to dissolve the House, second time in five months.

But the basis for the Supreme Court's calculation was undercut by conciliation between Oli and his party rival Madhav Kumar Nepal, who had walked away with 25 parliamentarians to support Deuba.

Nepal has now made amends with Oli, which means Deuba of the Nepali Congress has the support of Nepali Maoists and a faction of the Madhesis which may now be inadequate.

On a parallel track, the Oli

PREVIOUS STINTS

- Sher Bahadur Deuba is slated to be the new Nepal PM
- His previous stint as PM began in June 2017 and ended in February 2018
- Before that, Deuba was appointed PM in 1995, 2001 and 2004

government conceded India's demand and awarded it the Lower Arun hydel project despite competition from Chinese companies. India had put its foot down and actively pushed for the project since it is at the tail race of the 900-MW Arun-3 hydel project, which has already been bagged by an Indian company.

India had argued that a

OLI HAD DEFENDED HOUSE DISSOLUTION

- Nepal President Bhandari dissolved the House on December 20 last year and announced fresh elections on April 30 and May 10 on the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli
- Oli has repeatedly defended his move to dissolve the House of Representatives, saying some leaders of his party were attempting to form a "parallel government"

INDIA BAGS HYDEL CONTRACT

- The Oli government on Monday conceded to India's demand and awarded it the Lower Arun hydel project despite competition from Chinese companies
- India had put its foot down and actively pushed for the project since it is at the tail race of the 900-MW Arun-3 hydel project, which has already been bagged by an Indian company



Drop one-child norm from draft population policy: VHP

VIBHA SHARMA

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JULY 12

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has taken exception to the one-child norm proposed in the draft population control Bill of the Uttar Pradesh government.

It has asked the UP Law Commission to "delete the one-child norm" and warned UP that it may lead to "imbalance among communities because they are known to respond differently to incentives and disincentives related to family planning and contraception."

The right-wing organisation pointed to an "alarming growing imbalance" in states such as Assam and Kerala, "where the overall growth of population has declined". "In both states, the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of Hindus has declined far below the replacement rate of 2.1, but that of Muslims is 3.16 in Assam and 2.33 in Kerala," it said.

In a letter to the UP Law Commission, Alok Kumar, 2021, of stabilising the popula-

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working president of the VHP, said: "In these states (Assam and Kerala), one of the communities has thus entered the contraction phase, while the other is still expanding. UP should avoid getting into that situation. The policy needs to be tailored to redress the imbalance otherwise one-child policy may end up doing the opposite."

The letter also stated that the one-child norm went beyond the stated objectives of the UP Population (Control, Stabilisation and Welfare) Bill, 2021, of stabilising the popula-

tion and promoting a two-child norm. "The preamble of the Bill states that this is a Bill (i) inter alia to stabilise the population and (ii) promotion of two-child norm and the VHP agrees with both objects."

The VHP, however, raised objection to Sections 5, 6(2) and 7 of the Bill, which "incentivise public servants and others to have only one child in the family go well beyond the said objects". "We also notice that the Population Policy of Uttar Pradesh has an object to bring the TFR to 1.7 within a certain time limit. We suggest that Sections 5, 6(2) and 7 of the Bill as also the object of bringing the TFR to 1.7 needs reconsideration," the VHP stated in the letter.

A two-child policy is considered desirable for achieving population stability. A policy aiming at an average of less than two children per woman leads to a contraction of the population over time. Such contraction has several negative social and economic consequences," the VHP said.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 2nd July, 2021

S.O. 2684(E)-

Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of Section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (46 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction of Toll Plaza Maintenance, management and operation of NH703A on the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 18.2 (SDM office, Zira) in the district of FIROZPUR in the state of PUNJAB;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The Tribune" and "Jagban" both dated 08.04.2021; under sub-section (3) of Section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of Section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH703A in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 18.2 (SDM office, Zira) in the District of FIROZPUR in the State of PUNJAB

State: PUNJAB	District: FIROZPUR	Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectare)	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.
		1	6/15/1	Private	Agriculture	0.0025293	Balbir Singh Jagir Singh s/o Udham Singh s/o Gujar Singh and others

Taluk: Zira

Village: Jham Ke (32)

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