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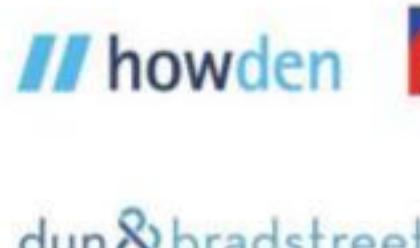
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Modi to hold review
meet with Guvs, L-Gs

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will review the alarming Covid surge with Governors and Lieutenant-Governors tomorrow. This will be close on the heels of the PM's review meeting with the CMs.

**ALLOW EMERGENCY USE
OF MORE VAX: SONIA TO PM**

Sources said the PM would hold a virtual meeting with the Governors and Lieutenant-Governors of all states and UTs on April 14 to discuss the rising cases in the country. April 14 is also the last day of the ongoing 'Tika Utsav' called by the PM to expand the vaccination drive. — TNS

**No onboard meals
on under 2-hr flights**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12
The government today issued fresh guidelines stipulating that air passengers would not be served any meal inside flights having duration of less than two hours.



The Ministry of Civil Aviation said the step had been taken keeping in view the surge in cases. It said the ban would come into effect from Thursday. Airlines are permitted to serve only pre-packed snacks, meals and pre-packed beverages on flights that have duration of more than two hours. — TNS

Surge triggers migrant exodus 2.0 in G'gram

SUMEDHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, APRIL 12
The rising Covid cases, imposition of curbs, night curfew and fear of another lockdown has prompted the exodus of thousands of migrants from Gurugram. Fearful of being stranded without food and money, the migrants — primarily employed in Gurugram industries — are making a dash for their villages. Nearly 20 per cent of the 1.5 lakh-strong workforce reportedly left this weekend, leaving

Fearing lockdown, 20% of 1.5 lakh-strong workforce leaves city over the weekend

NO GOVT ASSURANCE TO WORKERS

No official announcement or assurance has reached these workers from the administration or their representatives like councillors or sarpanches

Animesh Saxena, UDYOG VIHAR INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

ing the industry in a panic.

"It's shocking that 20 per cent of the workforce here has not reported to work today in the Udyog Vihar industrial zone. We have learnt that they have all left for their villages. To allay their fears, we have spent the day making announcements

that they would be looked after and there was no order for lockdown," said Animesh Saxena, president of Udyog Vihar Industrial Association. Udyog Vihar has around 75,000 workers while the rest are mainly from the Manesar auto industry zone.

Labour colonies in Manesar are wearing a deserted look as workers began leaving their "chawls" since Friday, said sources. Since the cases began to rise, migrants have been on tenterhooks

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would eventually cause a huge strain on the country's healthcare system. He sought stricter enforcement of curbs. "Around February, when cases started to dip, people became lax as they thought the virus had become ineffective. They are taking the disease lightly now. Marketplaces, restaurants and shopping malls are super-spreader places," he said. — PTI



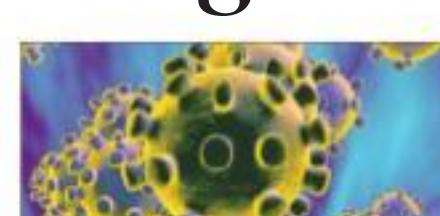
Migrants leave Gurugram for their native places in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and other states. S CHANDAN

Haryana imposes night curfew across state

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government on Monday imposed night curfew in the state from 9 pm to 5 am with immediate effect amid a surge in Covid cases. It will remain in force till further orders. INSIDE

No mask, no service policy in Himachal

SHIMLA: Himachal will follow a "no mask, no service" policy, denying entry into government/private establishments and in buses to those not wearing a face mask. INSIDE



At 40 lakh, India leads in daily inoculations

Punjab is working with central teams to contain the surge, with sources saying gaps in test-and-track strategy were being plugged. Of the 904 deaths reported in the last 24 hours, Punjab saw 59, Maharashtra 349 and Chhattisgarh 122. — TNS

CBI to quiz Deshmukh tomorrow in graft case

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

The CBI today summoned former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh for questioning on April 14 at its Mumbai office in connection with the corruption allegations levelled against him by ex-Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh and suspended officer Sachin Waze.

Waze, an Assistant Police Inspector, is under investigation by the NIA in the case of an explosive-laden SUV found outside India's top businessman Mukesh Ambani's residence in south Mumbai.

Officials in the CBI said the

WAZE ASSOCIATE KAZI SUSPENDED

Assistant Police Inspector Riyaz Kazi, a colleague of police officer Sachin Waze, was suspended from service on Monday, a day after he was arrested by the NIA in the Ambani security scare case.

action against Deshmukh was necessitated after his two aides Sanjeev Palande and Kundan recorded their statements before the agency on Sunday.

The CBI is carrying out a preliminary inquiry into the corruption charges. — TNS

Babri judge appointed Up-Lokayukta of UP

LUCKNOW, APRIL 12

Retired judge Surendra Kumar Yadav, who gave verdict in the high-profile Babri mosque demolition case last year, took oath as an "Up-Lokayukta" in Uttar Pradesh on Monday.

As a judge of a special CBI court, Yadav had, on September 30, 2020, acquitted all 32 accused, including BJP veterans LK Advani, MM Joshi, Uma Bharti and Kalyan Singh, in the case of demolition of Babri mosque in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992.

"Yadav was appointed as third 'Up-Lokayukta' by the Governor on April 6. He was administered oath by Lokayukta Sanjay Mishra on Monday," an official statement said. The anti-corruption watchdog comprises the Lokayukta and three "Up-Lokayuktas".

The Lokayukta is from a non-political background and functions as a statutory authority probing cases primarily related to graft, government mismanagement or abuse of power by public servants or ministers. — PTI

Waqf board former chief fined ₹50K for frivolous plea

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

Terming it an "absolutely frivolous" petition, the Supreme Court on Monday dismissed former UP Shia Waqf Board chairman Waseem Rizvi's PIL seeking the removal of 26 verses of the Quran that allegedly spread hatred, extremism and terrorism.

A Bench, led by Justice Rohinton F Nariman, imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 on Rizvi for wasting its judicial time by filing an "absolutely frivolous" petition. Rizvi contended the verses were being used as "justifications" by Islamist terrorist groups for attacks on non-believers and civilians. — TNS

Manali-Leh highway blocked, stranded run out of food, money

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, APRIL 12
The Manali-Leh highway between Darcha in Lahaul and Sarchu in Leh has remained blocked for the past one week, causing much hardship to those stranded. Heavy snowfall at Baralacha La and nearby areas has brought highway traffic to a halt.

Sources say a large number of vehicles, including trucks carrying vegetables, are stuck at Darcha. The drivers fear the vegetables may be damaged in case the traffic is not resumed by the Border Roads Organisation in a couple of days. A worried Chamel Singh, a truck driver, said, "We are running out of food and money. The vegetables have begun to rot. The losses incurred will be substantial."

Achey, a student from Leh, who is stuck in Manali, said he too had run out of money. Kaka, a native of Leh, camping at Manali with his wife and child for the past four days, said: "It is the responsibility of the local administration to ensure that the traffic is fun-



400 COMMUTERS STUCK

About 400 persons are stuck in the Lahaul valley due to the blockade. The district administration is providing them free stay and ration. The traffic is expected to be restored in a day or two.

Pankaj Rai, LAHUL & SPITI DC

Covid effect: 33K pupils move from private to govt schools

SANJEEV SINGH BARIANA
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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

The Covid-19 pandemic has pushed several private schools into a fiscal crisis in Punjab. As many as 33,132 students shifted from private to government schools in the state during the first week of the new academic session (2021-2022). In fact, a number of private schools have closed down the past

few months. Owner of a private school said, "Without any financial support from government, we were finding it difficult to pay our staff."

When some of our staff have been laid off, we don't have teachers to teach students. The government, in fact, should think seriously of coming to the help of private schools, financially." Private schools cannot compete with

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Clampdown on imported wheat hits processing units

Grain meant for flour mills held up at state border for verification

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

The Punjab Government's attempts to stop the flooding of cheaper wheat from outside the state for the illegal sale to government procurement agencies at MSP has hit hard the state's wheat processing industry.

Ever since vigilance teams of the Food and Supply Department seized trucks carrying wheat from Rajasthan, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and unearthed the scam last week, the vigil on all trucks that are coming to the state has been stepped up. The departmental probe has revealed how the trucks are being brought from outside, in the name of the flour mills as well as feed mills, and sold in the mandis, by showing these as Punjab farmers' harvest.

"We found that all trucks seized so far in Bathinda, Ferozepur and Patiala districts were shown to be carrying



Trucks with wheat brought from other states in Bathinda. FILE

CAN'T STAY COMPETITIVE IF WE BUY AT MSP

“The cost of refined flour is ₹2,150-₹2,200 per quintal... If we buy wheat at MSP of ₹1,975 per quintal, how can we remain competitive in pricing? The government should immediately allow the free flow of wheat from other states meant for flour mills here.

Naresh Ghai, PRESIDENT, PUNJAB ROLLER FLOUR MILLS ASSOCIATION

wheat for flour mills or feed mills. These mills are allowed to get the wheat from outside the state for processing as either flour, refined flour or for use in animal feed. It was then decided that each truck coming to Punjab from outside will be examined carefully and released only after all verifications. Orders to this effect were issued on Saturday," a senior officer in the Food and Supplies department said.

Wheat from outside the state is purchased at Rs

1,200-Rs 1,300 per quintal, and after including the freight cost, traders have to pay a landing cost of Rs 1,500-Rs 1,600 per quintal. By selling it at the MSP of Rs 1975 per quintal, unscrupulous traders make a profit of Rs 375-Rs 475 per quintal.

Mohinder Krishan Chand Arora, an arthiya in Rajpura, said the wheat processing industry should be given incentives if they purchased wheat from the mandis here.

Dharminder Gill, a flour mill owner in Ludhiana, whose trucks carrying wheat have been held up at the state border for verification, said the industry worked on price competitiveness, and if this was resolved, they would buy wheat from Punjab. "Already, the market for refined flour (*maida*) has been captured by the industry from Gorakhpur in UP," he rued. There are 70 wheat-processing units in Punjab and their combined annual processing capacity is 12 lakh metric tonnes.

Don't sell other states' wheat: BKU to agents

LUDHIANA, APRIL 12

Expressing concern over the large quantity of wheat purchased from other states at lower prices being brought to Punjab for sale at MSP with the connivance of certain arthiyas, Bhartiya Kisan Union (Lakhawal) has warned unscrupulous elements against the practice.

BKU general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhawal said the imported produce

Urge them not to hurt farmers' interest

purchased by government agencies through dubious dealings by corrupt traders and arthiyas have started facing the shortage of gunny bags and farm labourers here.

In Faridkot, Markfed, which has a major share (about 25 per cent) of the total procurement, on Monday faced a problem in procurement due to the shortage of gunny bags.

Sources in the Markfed revealed that the agency was provided only 7 per cent of its total requirement of gunny bags in the district and the stock finished in the first two days. "We are now waiting for



Labourers winnow wheat at the grain market in Jalandhar on Monday. PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

Gunny bags' shortage worries farmers, arthiyas in Faridkot

FARIDKOT, APRIL 12

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ARRANGED PLASTIC BAG STOCK

“The shortage is being faced across the country, but the state government has made sufficient arrangements. The state has also arranged a stock of plastic bags, which can be utilised in the future.

Bharat Bhushan Ashu, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES MINISTER

the arrival of the gunny bags to start the procurement," said a Markfed officer. It is only FCI which has adequate stock of gunny bags, but farmers and arthiyas don't want to sell their produce to the FCI. Meanwhile, Jaspreet Kaur, District Food and Supply Con-

troller, denied shortage of gunny bags. She said the bags were being supplied to the agencies in proportion to the arthiya-kisan passes that were mandi and date specific. Passes were being distributed for staggered arrival of wheat in the mandis, she said. —TNS

Crop wet, harvest yet to gather steam in Malwa

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, APRIL 12

Though the procurement of wheat officially started on April 10, harvest in the south Malwa region is yet to pick up pace as the crop is wet due to recent rain.

The delay in harvest has dampened the festive spirit of Baisakhi for farmers this year. Farmers generally start coming to markets to sell their harvest by the time of the festival, but this season, harvest is yet to pick up momentum.

Singara Singh Mann, state secretary, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan), said: "We were expecting a bumper crop this time but the vagaries of



weather have affected the crop in various areas. The delay in harvest has dampened Baisakhi celebrations."

Gurdev Singh, a farmer of Naruana village in Bathinda,

said his crop was ripe but had high moisture content and it would take one more week to harvest it. Even the procurement in the initial days has started at a snail's pace. The farmers who have brought their produce to the grain

market are feeling harassed.

Jagdev Singh of Katar Singh wala village said "I came at the grain market in Bathinda with my crop on April 9 evening, but still it has not been procured". Even commission

agents are confused over the direct benefit transfer (DBT) issue. A commission agent said they didn't know how the payment regarding produce would be made this season.

Bathinda Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan said so far about 11,545 metric tonnes of wheat had arrived in the grain markets and various procurement centres in the district. This year over 10 LMT of wheat was expected to arrive at the mandis of the district.

Chief Agriculture Officer, Bathinda, Dr Bahadur Singh said the harvest had been delayed due to the prolonged cold weather in the region. It will pick up pace by next week, he hoped.

Back from Tikri, Moga farmer dies of illness

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MOGA, APRIL 12

A 70-year-old farmer of Kokri Phoola Singh village in Moga, who had been agitating against the contentious central farm laws at the Tikri border and had recently returned from the protest site, has died, district administration officials confirmed here, today.

Swaran Singh was an active member of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan). He had to return from Tikri as he had fallen ill. He died due to illness at his home, the family members said.

Kisan conference at Talwandi Sabo today

BATHINDA, APRIL 12

The Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) is all set to organise a district-level farmers' conference at Talwandi Sabo against the central farm laws on Tuesday.

A big stage has been erected under a pandal spread over 3.5 acres, where BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan will address the rally.

Union state secretary Shinagar Singh Mann today held a meeting with union leaders to review the preparations for the event. Mann said thousands of farmers, labourers, women, youth, employees would attend the conference.

He said various stages would be dedicated to martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh at many



places. "Important announcements pertaining to the ongoing protest will be made in the rally. Besides, farmer leaders will expose the Centre over the farm laws," he said.

Mann today held a meeting with employees of the district administrative complex. In which, Punjab State Minister

ial Service Union president Megh Singh Sidhu assured that government employees would participate in the rally tomorrow. —TNS

'Anomalies' in bus permits irk youth

RAJMEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

Days after Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh virtually launched the distribution of 3,000 minibus permits for rural youths under the 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar ke Karobar' mission, an anomaly in the grant of permits has surfaced.

It has been pointed out that on a number of routes formulated by the regional transport authorities (RTAs) under the small-scale bus permits in the open-ended policy, minibuses were already running under permits previously granted by the state Transport Department. This has disappointed the youth who have been granted the new permits.

One of the minibus permit holders from Doaba said, "The department, while granting new permits, should have seen if minibuses are already running on those routes."

Earlier, the department had found that the route surveys by RTAs in Malwa, Doaba and Majha regions were not done as per the specified guidelines but the anomaly was corrected by the office of the state Transport Commissioner. The

open-ended minibus permit policy specifies public notice of the routes formulated but it was not followed.

JS Grewal, general secretary of the Small Scale District Bus Operators' Association, said government officials, with the connivance of transport mafia, were not following the guidelines to ensure that genuine bus operators entered the business and gave employment to rural youth. This was promoting illegal bus operations in the state, causing loss to the state exchequer. The permits of minibuses already operating were cancelled by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, but these were being renewed.

If said if the government was keen to help the unemployed, the rural routes should have a maximum length of 30 km, with 75 per cent rural route. This would avoid overlapping with buses being run under other schemes in the state.

Meanwhile, Convener, Punjab Minibus Bachao Action Committee, Surjit Singh Soita said new minibus permits were given at the cost of the existing minibus permit holders.

Muktsar farmers ward off stray cattle at mandi

ARCHIT WATTS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, APRIL 12

Even as the wheat procurement season officially started across the state on Saturday, the grain market here is yet to make necessary arrangements.

A visit to the grain market today exposed the functioning of the authorities concerned with garbage strewn across the sheds and a large number of stray animals wandering on the premises.

Bhupinder Singh, a farmer from Kankandi village, who had brought his produce to the grain market, said: "I could not sleep for even a minute last night as stray cattle were present in large numbers. It seems like a cattle pound. Barring lighting, no other arrangement has been made here."

Lakhwinder Singh, another farmer from Maur village, said: "The fresh crop has started arriving in the

mandi, but the administration has not even made arrangements for drinking water. The authorities need to step up and make necessary arrangements as crop arrival will pick up over the next few days."

However, Gaurav Garg, District Mandi Officer, said: "We have got the entire grain market cleaned up. Still, I will ask the market committee secretary to make better arrangements.

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Son of farmer, DC wields sickle, harvests wheat

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, APRIL 12

A group of farmers went to meet Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ramvir at his local residence on Sunday, when his gunman told them, "He is busy in wheat harvesting, and will meet you after three hours."

Initially, farmers took it as a lie, but when insisted, the gunman allowed them to enter the residence of the DC and see him harvesting the wheat sown on two acres.

For the farmers of the area, it is unprecedented to see the Deputy Commissioner working as a labourer in the field with a sickle in his hand, instead of a pen, but for Ramvir, being the son of a farmer, agriculture is an integral part of his



life. "I have been involved in farming since my childhood days. As I belong to a family of farmers, I always try to stay connected with my roots. At almost all places of my posting, I have kept cows and done farming if I have enough land at

my residence," said Ramvir while asking his daughter and her two cousins to be cautious while using farming equipments. Hailing from Haryana's Jhajjar district, Ramvir did graduation and MA in political science from JNU, Del-

hi. He did MPhil in security relations. He is a 2009-batch IAS officer and has worked as an IRS officer, before clearing the IAS exam.

"I appeal to the youth that instead of running away from your social responsibilities, you should help

your families in the daily household tasks without any hesitation. Punjab is an agricultural state and a lot can be explored in this field and allied business. This will also help boost economy of the state. Ramvir, SANGRUR DC

« Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir manually harvests wheat at his residence. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BOOST TO ECONOMY

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« Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir manually harvests wheat at his residence. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CM to blame for Delhi cops' action: AAP

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has criticised the Delhi Police and the central agencies for raiding various places in Punjab without informing the Punjab Police and rounding up and torturing the youth. AAP termed it a robbery on the constitutional rights of Punjab for which CM Capt Amarinder Singh was responsible.

State AAP president and Lok Sabha MP Bhagwant Mann today said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Capt Amarinder Singh wanted to intimidate the youth of Punjab who were raising their voice for the rights of farmers.

Mann asked the CM how the Delhi Police had arrested the youths without the Punjab Government's nod. —TNS



NEET-PG on schedule, test centres increased

To be held on Apr 18 | Fresh guidelines as cases surge

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FARIDKOT, APRIL 12

Amid confusion over safe conduct of the NEET-PG on April 18, the National Board of Examinations (NBE) has announced not to defer the examination as the peak of Covid cases remains unpredictable.

In a notice, the NBE has announced to increase the number of test centres and testing seats across the country. Now, candidates who have chosen the "others" option have been allotted test centres within the state of their correspondence address, thus avoiding any inter-state travel.

Admit cards being issued to the candidates will bear a Covid e-pass for perusal of police and administrative authorities to facilitate their movement in case of any travel-related restrictions. To avoid crowding at the test venue entry, there will be staggered time slots for candid-



EXTRA CAUTION FOR CANDIDATES' SAFETY

- Admit cards to bear a Covid e-pass to facilitate candidates' movement
- If candidate shows any symptoms, he/she will take exam in an isolation lab
- Everyone will get a protective gear safety kit comprising a face shield, face mask, five hand sanitiser sachets
- It's mandatory to wear face shield at all times

dates to report. Temperature of all candidates will be checked at the entry. Those detected with above-normal temperature or any Covid symptoms will take the exam in an isolation lab.

Upon completion of the exam, candidates will be direct-

ed to leave the venue in a staggered manner to avoid crowding at the exit. As per the NBE's notice, all candidates will get a protective gear safety kit comprising a face shield, a face mask and five hand sanitiser sachets.

Will regularise staff, says Ashu

HOSHIARPUR, APRIL 12

Punjab Food & Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu today said the government was committed to regularising the services of contractual employees in all departments as the decision of the high-powered Committee of Cabinet for chalking out a plan in this regard would be out soon.

Accompanied by Industries and Commerce Minister Sunder Sham Arora, Ashu said the decision in this regard would be taken within a month or two. — OC

Three run over by CTU bus in Anandpur Sahib

ANANDPUR SAHIB, APRIL 12

Three persons were crushed to death and another seriously injured by a Chandigarh Transport Undertaking bus here today.

The deceased have been identified as Veena Devi and Rama Devi, both from Rurki village near Bahadurgarh in Patiala, and Mohammad Yashan (55), a migrant labourer belonging to West Bengal. Subash Rai, also from West Bengal, who was injured, was taken to the local Civil Hospital, from where he was referred to the

PGI, Chandigarh. While the deceased women were returning home after visiting their relatives at nearby Tapparian (Nangli) village, the other victims were on their way to work.

SHO Harkirat Singh said the bus was on its way from Nangal to Chandigarh when it hit four pedestrians near Bhanupali village at 7.30 am. Veena and Mohammad Yashan died on the spot, while Rama succumbed to injuries on way to hospital. The bus staff fled the spot after the accident, he said. — TNS

3,245 slum-dwellers in 3 dists get land rights

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12
CM Capt Amarinder Singh today ordered proprietary rights for 3,245 slum households in three districts under the Basera

scheme, with directives to complete the process to 40,000 households by September.

Chairing the second meeting of the empowered committee

under the slum development programme, Capt Amarinder told the department concerned to expedite the process to benefit maximum slum-dwellers.

The 3,245 households approved for proprietary rights today are located at 12 slum sites in the districts of Faridkot, Sangrur and Fazilka. To date, 186 slums with 21,431 households have been identified in 20 districts, wherein the verification process is being carried out in full swing. — TNS

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I, No. 4193389-W Sep. Hari Singh s/o Shri Keshar Singh r/o Vill. Bijorijhal, Post Rawaikhali, Distt. Bagshawar (UK)-263641 declare that the name of my son Jatin Aithani has wrongly mentioned as Jatean Dhiman. Whereas his correct name is Sakhman Dhiman. Concerned note. (CL21005074)

I, Rani Devi w/o Satbir Singh r/o VPO, Lalu S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name to Rani. (CL21005075)

I, Mala Singh alias Mala Rani w/o Late Shiv Bahadur Singh r/o # 2011/32, Sector 32-C, Chandigarh henceforth be known as Mala Rani for all intents and purposes. (CL21005078)

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Ravtesh Inderjeet Singh
Civil Judge,
(Junior Division),
SAS Nagar.
CNR No.:
PBSA-0000-2020
Next Date: 27.04.2021

Paramjeet Kaur d/o Mangat Singh & w/o Om Parkash r/o # 11, Near Eicher School, NHPC Colony, Sector-46, Faridabad, Haryana.

Versus

Inderpal Singh
Case No.:
CS/39/2020
(Suit for Declaration)

Notice to:
Inderpal Singh s/o Amarjeet Singh s/o Mangat Singh r/o House No. B-7/1, Krishna Enclave, Coco Martin, Ghaziabad (UP).

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Additional Principal Judge
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Jalandhar.

Balwinder Kaur w/o Sanjeev Kumar r/o 10 Park Avenue Deep Nagar, Jalandhar Cantt.

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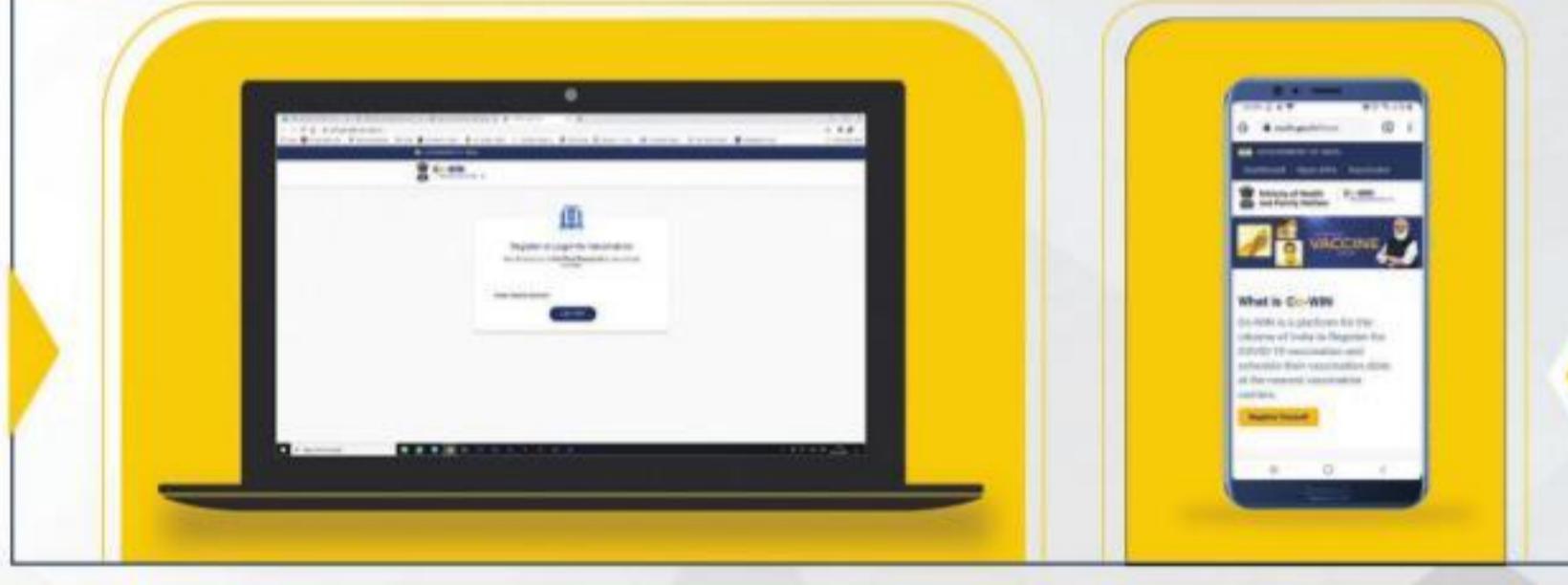


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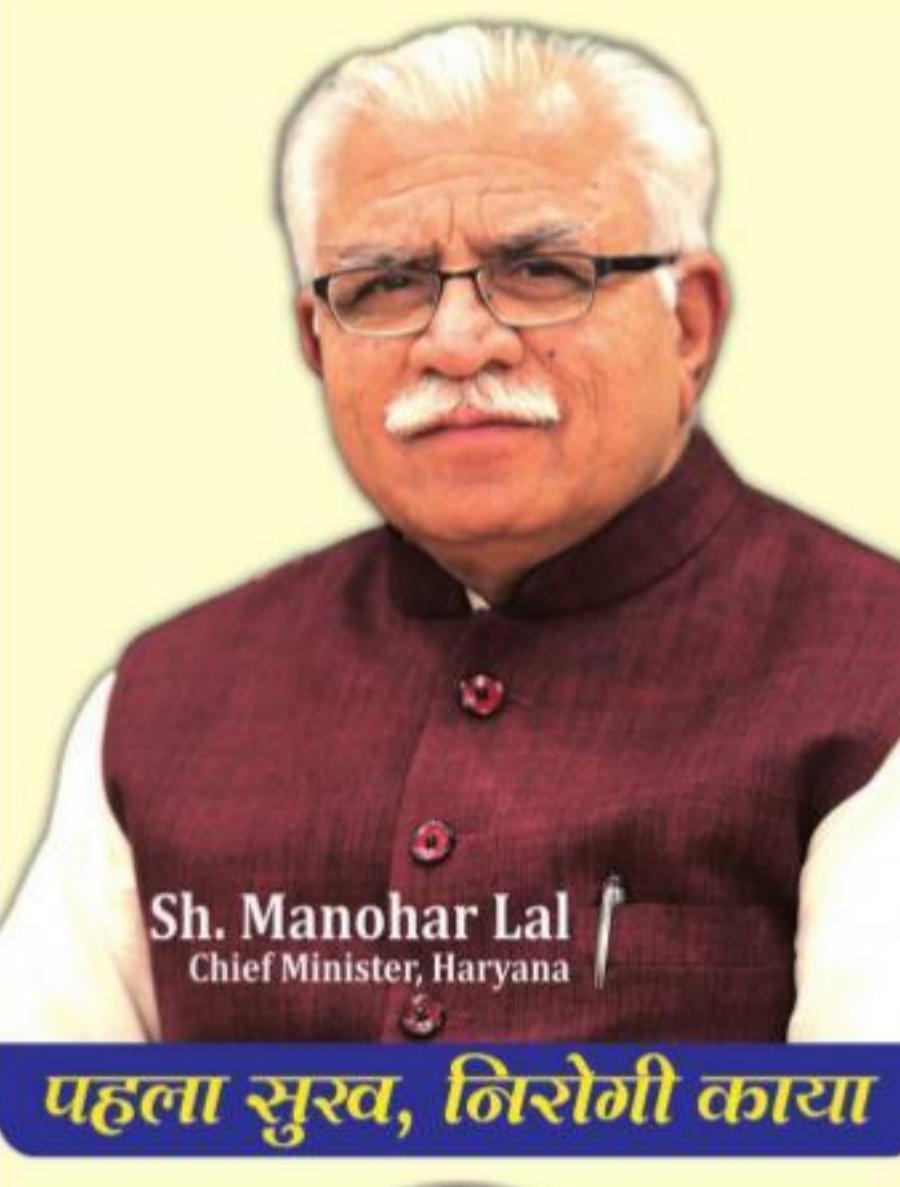
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Cases up, 9 pm-5 am curfew in state

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12
The Haryana Government today imposed night curfew from 9 pm to 5 am in view of the rising Covid numbers in the state.

In an order issued today, ACS Revenue and Disaster Management Sanjeev Kaushal pointed out that this was imperative "as a lot of non-essential movement of people and vehicles during night has been reported".

However, those with curfew passes and those tasked with law and order or emergency

Gujar ready for talks with pvt schools

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12
Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujar on Monday said the government was ready for a dialogue with school managements over the issue of the closure of classes I to VIII amid the Covid surge.

Gujar said, "The Covid cases are rising across the nation. Other states have also closed down the schools. There has been a surge in Haryana too. Parents are scared. That is why we have taken the decision to close down the schools for the time being. If school operators across the state want to have a dialogue, it is always welcome."

Meanwhile, Federation of Private Schools' Association president Kulbhushan Sharma said, "The state has been functioning normally. Rallies are being held and polls are taking place. Even the temples are open. Why not make everything online? Also, parents are sending their wards to schools as per their own will. No one is forcing them." "However, we will meet the Education Minister as we trust him," he added. —TNS

"This time the pace at which

the infections are rising is much higher than the first wave and is quite frightening too," said a healthcare worker dealing with Covid-19 cases.

From 1,737 cases in the first week of March (March 1 to 7), the cases have multiplied more than 10 times in almost a month.

During the same period, the daily positivity rate has also jumped from nearly 1 per cent to 9.4 per cent.

The R Naught value has also gone up from 1.01 to 1.11.

Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Haryana, said the numbers had increased across the country and not in the state alone.

Hoteliers alarmed, send request to CM, Modi

WEDDING BUSINESS TO BE HIT

“The marriage season is going to start on Tuesday and we have already taken bookings. We want the government to relax the timing. Col Manbeer Choudhary, HOTELIER

duties, including executive magistrates, police personnel, military, health, power, fire and media persons with accreditation, are exempted.

There will be no curbs on inter-state and intra-state movement of essential and non-essential goods.

Also, vehicles or persons in bonafide transit will be allowed to pass, but only after verification of the point of origin and destination.

The decision of the state government to impose night curfew from 9 pm to 5 am due to the surge in the Covid-

19 cases has not gone down well with hoteliers. They have asked the government to impose the curfew from midnight to 5 am.

"The marriage season is going to start from Tuesday due to Navratras and we have already taken bookings for the marriages and have also given advance for the services in the marriages. We want the government to relax the timing at least for three hours so that the marriages could be held easily," said Col Manbeer Choudhary (retd), president, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Haryana (HRAH).

He said they had already sent a memorandum to the Chief Minister and the Prime Minister in this regard, requesting them not to take harsh decision as these nine days (Navratras) are very crucial for the hotel industry as most of the celebrations are held at night.

"The economic growth trajectory of the MSME in Haryana is trying to get back on its feet, especially the hospitality industry. With the onset of Navratras, the hotel sector is looking up to some business in the coming days. We request the government to relax the timing," he added.



Heaps of wheat bags lying in the Karnal mandi on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SAYEED AHMED

Space crunch, procurement stopped in 18 grain markets

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

The Haryana Government on Monday stopped the purchase of wheat in 18 mandis of the state for 24 hours due to the excess arrival of wheat in the mandis.

The state has urged the farmers to bring their crops to their respective procurement centres only after receiving the SMS for bringing their crops in the mandis. Besides, farmers, after registering themselves

mandis namely, Radaur in Yamunanagar district, Thanewar, Pehowa, Ladwa, Babain and Ismailabad in Kurukshetra district, Taraori, Nikokheri, Indri, Assand and Nissing in Karnal district, Ambala City and Saha in Ambala district, Kaithal, Kalayat and Cheeka in Kaithal district, Gohana in Sonipat district and Samalkha in Panipat district for the next 24 hours. —TNS

At 18,748, highest-ever weekly infections

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12
Haryana witnessed 18,748 new cases of coronavirus in the past seven days, registering a grim record of the highest-ever weekly count ever since the pandemic began in March last year.

The Health Department in the state is, meanwhile, unsure when the cases will plateau.

The state witnessed 18,748 new cases last week (April 5 to 11), an unprecedented increase of 80 per cent over 10,414 cases in the preceding week (March 29 to April 4).

Seventy seven persons succumbed to the virus in the last seven days against 50 deaths in the preceding week.

The previous highest numbers of weekly infections in Haryana were seen in September last year when 17,616 new cases surfaced from September 14 to 20.

The state Home and Health Minister Anil Vij has told administrative secretaries of Home, Health and Urban Local Bodies Department to implement mask wearing in the state strictly.

"This time the pace at which



A man gets the Covid jab in Rohtak on Monday.

1,79,570 INOCULATED

Haryana provided Covid vaccine jabs to 1,79,570 persons on the second day of the "Teeka Utsav" on Monday. Of these, 1,58,367 people were given the first dose of their vaccine, while 21,203 were provided their second dose. A total of 1,13,917 persons were inoculated in the state on the first day of "Teeka Utsav" on Sunday. With 17,257 first doses and 2,803 second doses, Gurugram leads all districts. TNS

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MC chief loses post after no-trust motion

KAITHAL, APRIL 12

The Kalayat Municipal Council (MC) chairperson and BJP leader Rajni Rani lost her post as a no-confidence motion was passed against her at a council meeting held here today. Out of the total 13 votes, she got only four, while nine supported the no-confidence motion.

Rana blamed the Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda for "hatching a conspiracy against me," the outgoing chairperson said. —TNS

post". However, Dhanda denied the allegations.

She was elected chairman two and a half years ago. Her husband Salinder Partap Rana was also in ticket race for the MLA seat from Kalayat in the 2019 elections, but Dhanda was given the ticket.

"I worked hard for the party and the development of the town, but the minister has hatched a conspiracy against me," the outgoing chairperson said. —TNS

Taraori police station is 'best'

KARNAL, APRIL 12

The Taraori police station has been adjudged the best police station of the state in the annual ranking of police stations for 2020. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued a certificate of best police station 2020 to the Taraori police station.

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Dr. Balraj Gupta, M.D.
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Bengal bloodshed

Onus on EC, political parties to curb poll violence

THE death of five persons, including four in firing by Central security personnel, during the fourth phase of polling in West Bengal on Saturday underlines the fact that the high-stakes battle between the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the BJP has violently turned into a free-for-all. Even as the level of the electoral discourse has been abysmally low all along, the loss of lives has heightened concerns about the safety of the voters, the polling staff and also the troops.

With four phases of the elections still left, it will be an uphill task for the Election Commission (EC) to ensure that peace prevails in the state over the next three weeks or so. The EC's decision to debar politicians from entering trouble-torn Cooch Behar district for 72 hours is expected to help in defusing the tense situation. More such stern steps are needed to send the message that the EC is firmly in charge on the ground. A high-level, time-bound inquiry is a must to fix responsibility for the firing incident.

Mud-slinging is par for the course on the campaign trail, but things quickly spin out of control when political leaders incite their supporters to indulge in wrongful acts. The BJP has accused Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of instigating TMC workers to gherao Central forces and prevent them from doing their duty, while she claims that security personnel opened fire without any provocation at voters standing in a queue. State BJP chief Dilip Ghosh has warned that more Cooch Behar-like killings may happen in the next phase of the Assembly elections on April 17 if 'naughty boys like the ones who died' try to take the law into their hands. Such irresponsible statements that add fuel to the fire must neither be condoned nor ignored by the party top brass as well as the EC. Leaders of both the TMC and the BJP should exercise restraint in their words and deeds so that the electoral process can be conducted in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

Managing Covid surge

Centre must address needs of Punjab

THE unrelenting resurgence of Covid-19 in the worst-affected states, including Punjab, is proving to be a multi-pronged challenge for both the authorities and the public. The coronavirus has struck again with renewed force, crumpling the healthcare sector in its wake. At the same time, as Covid-appropriate norms go for a toss and issues of vaccine hesitancy/availability remain, people are at greater risk of contracting the disease. The emerging scenario is worrisome. Gaps in the optimal number of testing labs and Covid care centres in certain areas, as also workforce and logistic requirement, necessitate plugging.

While the Central team has done well to point out these loopholes in the Covid management strategy of Punjab, it needs to address the concerns of the state that is struggling to meet the demand arising from the surge. As the positivity rate rises steeply, taking both the old and young down, the burden entailed on health infrastructure is overwhelming. Already, the occupancy of ICU beds in hospitals earmarked for Covid patients in Amritsar, Ludhiana and Mohali is nearly full. Notably, the hospitalised patients comprise just about 25 per cent of the total caseload. The remaining are under home isolation, but equally in need of constant monitoring by doctors. Not surprisingly, this crippling load has taken a toll on the staff strength, compounding the patients' woes as they encounter shortage of medical staff for providing aid with oxygen cylinders, ventilators and medicines.

While ramping up corrective efforts, the CM must weigh the advice proffered on hiring additional medical and paramedical workers. Plus, the focus on vaccinating the masses and motivating them to take the jabs must not waver. In this context, the Centre must ensure that Punjab does not run dry — as it fears — of the immunity-boosting shots. Like banning the export of Remdesivir medicine for the time being, the Centre should revise its vaccination policy and okay the inoculation of all categories of people so that the desired herd immunity level is achieved faster and the chain of infections controlled.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If we could unfold the future, the present would be our greatest care. — Edward Counsel

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1921

IS A VOTERS' MEETING SEDITIOUS?

WE have said that the order contained in the Deputy Commissioner's letter to Lala Raghunath Sahai appears to us to be of doubtful legality. Under the Seditious Meetings Act (section 4, sub section 1) which is an emergency and not a part of the ordinary law, "no public meeting for the furtherance or discussion of any subject likely to cause disturbance or public excitement shall be held in any proclaimed area, unless written notice of the intention to hold such meetings and of the time and place of such meetings has been given to the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be, at least three days previously, or unless permission to hold such meetings has been obtained in writing from the District Magistrate or the Commissioner of Police as the case may be." It follows that in cases like the present where there is no likelihood of the subject for the furtherance or discussion of which a public meeting is proposed to be held causing disturbance or public excitement, it is not even obligatory upon the promoters of the meeting to give notice to the District Magistrate or obtain his permission in writing, and if Lala Raghunath Sahai did give notice to the Magistrate in this case it must have been only to avoid the possibility of misunderstanding. Again under subsection 2 of the same section, "The District Magistrate or any Magistrate of the first class, authorised by the District Magistrate on his behalf, may by order in writing depute one or more police officers not being below the rank of head constables or other persons to attend any such meeting for the purpose of causing a report to be taken of the proceedings". Obviously, there is no question here of prohibiting a public meeting, far less a whole class of public meetings, of one or more of which notice has been given.

The world in 20 years

Global Trends report puts forth likely scenarios, some alarming



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WARNING: India can ill afford to be complacent. The World Bank has estimated that 75 million Indians have slipped back into extreme poverty because of the pandemic. PTI

THE US National Intelligence Council's 20-year forecast, released last month, makes for disquieting reading. Issued once in four years, the seventh edition of the Global Trends Report is coming out at a time when the world, and especially, the US is reeling from the consequences of the Covid pandemic, as well as deep social and political divisions in its society, something not very different from what we are experiencing back home in India.

Global Trends 2040 talks of scenarios that will shape the global environment in the next two decades and their implications for US national security. The NIC supports the Director of US National Intelligence and its focus is on longer-term strategic analysis. It relies on expert opinion in the US and abroad and is aimed at alerting policy makers and the broad policy community of the emerging developments. The report is not a simple prediction of what will happen in 20 years, but an examination of past and future trends, working out of scenarios of evolving developments, their dynamics and the key uncertainties ahead.

The experience of 2020 tells us that even the best forecasts can be upended by the black swans and grey rhinos on the path ahead. The former refers to highly improbable and unexpected events like the Covid pandemic, which impact on the unfolding of social and political trends. The latter are obvious and foreseeable events which we sometimes willfully ignore till they hit us, such as the global financial crisis of 2008 or climate change.

The report has identified four struc-

tural forces that are likely to shape the world — demographics, environment, economics and technology. Demographic trends are the easiest to predict and we know that the populations of well-off countries will age and even shrink in size. But areas like Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia will continue to show younger population profiles and their numbers will continue to grow.

There is an obvious challenge for countries like India which need to ensure that these young are provided adequate nutrition, healthcare and education. A failure to do so would result in large-scale social breakdowns. As it is, the World Bank has estimated that as many as 75 million people have slipped back into extreme poverty in India because of the pandemic.

An equally easy prediction is the impact of climate change whose burdens will be unevenly distributed around the world and result in social and political unrest. This is a classic grey rhino standing on the middle of the road ahead of us, and yet, we don't seem to care as we drive on. Just three months ago, we had a President in the US who did not believe that there was any such thing as climate change.

India's population, likely to overtake that of China by 2027, its geography, nuclear weapons and economic prospects make it a potential global power, but, says the report, 'it remains to be seen whether New Delhi will achieve domestic development goals to allow it to project influence beyond South Asia.' It says that India faces 'serious governance, societal, environmental and defense challenges' that will constrain how much it can invest in developing military and diplomatic capabilities for playing a larger global role.

Incidentally, whatever the high-flying rhetoric about India and the US being

the world's largest democracies, as far as the report is concerned, there are no 'liberal democracies' in South Asia as of 2020. India is presumably one of four 'electoral autocracies' in the region which hold free and fair multiparty elections, and guarantee freedom of

incidence and deterrence more difficult.

Looking at the future, the report rolls out five alternative scenarios — a renaissance of democracies with the US in the lead, a world which is adrift where China is a leading, but not the dominant state, competitive coexistence where China and the US compete for leadership, separate silos where globalisation and countries are divided into 'aatmanirbhar' security and economic blocs. And finally, the possibility of 'tragedy and mobilisation' where a devastating global environmental crises and collapse leads to a bottom-up change.

An architect for the house

SIMRAN SIDHU

MOM was 10 when she heard her father discuss with her mother, 'We can't afford an architect.' She wondered what an architect was, and realised what he does when her lawyer father took her small notebook and started drawing with a pencil, the design of their new house. Soon, the notebook was filled up. And one of those pencilled rough designs was passed on to the construction labourers to be used to construct their house. The house was built without an architect.

Mom grew up in that house. Years later, her parents betrothed her. 'What does he do?' she asked shyly. When she was told that he was an architect, she was surprised. 'Can we

afford one?' she asked them. They understood what she meant. They replied, 'He doesn't need any dowry.' She smiled. Ironically, she got married to an architect in the garden of that same house, which was built without an architect. After the wedding, she went with her husband to live with her in-laws, who made her realise everyday that she still couldn't afford their architect son.

Years later, her mother was transferred to another city. Wanting to save their dear house from utter neglect, the parents asked their daughter and son-in-law, who were living in a rented accommodation, to shift to their house for a few years, while they would be away to another city.

The architect set up his office in the house. The girl, who once didn't know

the meaning of an architect, suggested half the name of her husband's firm. The wall that was built without an architect, now proudly displayed the architect's board. The house that was built with a pencilled drawing was now strewn with endless inked blue-stencilled plans, signed by the architect with his stamp. While the architect continued attending to the endless clients in his office, the house still quietly waited for an architect.

The house had grown old waiting for an architect. Seeing the dilapidated state of the house, finally one day the architect decided to renovate it. He started making detailed drawings of the house. He marvelled at the common sense of his father-in-law who had built it, without consulting an architect.

After all the requisite drawings were completed, the architect took up the renovation. The parapets of the house were constructed by giving the construction labourers stencilled drawings, all the facets of the house that were left incomplete during its construction decades ago were finally completed, the old bungalow was given a modern touch while retaining its old essence, the walls were painted afresh with subtle colours of the architect's choice, and even the design of the garden was supervised by the architect.

After a few years, when mom's parents were back and were handed over their house, they could see the invisible stamp of an architect on it. After decades of wait, their house had finally got an architect.

Job crisis

Apropos of 'Unprecedented job crisis', there is no calendar available for the conduct of recruitment exams in Punjab. The unemployment rate is very high, leading to youth migrating to developed countries in search of livelihood. And yet, there is no consistent and sustainable recruitment policy in the government sector. The Punjab Public Service Commission is charging the highest amount of fee in the country. Different advertisements are being issued to fill similar posts in various departments, just to fill coffers from the already exploited youth. The state government is not regularly conducting the eligibility test which is mandatory to become a schoolteacher. Low salary, inconsistent recruitment policy, lack of professionalism and political interference are the prime reasons for the exodus of Punjabi youth. No one wants to leave his/her motherland, but circumstances are such that it's better to settle abroad instead of searching for a job here.

AMRINDER SINGH MANN, SANGRUR

Choice of religion

The SC verdict on granting adults the freedom to choose a religion is a welcome step. However, forceful conversions during marriages need to be stopped. One should not change his/her religion to marry. Two per-

sons can live together and practice their own religion. Let's hope this verdict brings about a change in the mindset of people.

VIKRAMJIT SINGH, AMRITSAR

Keeping faith

Apropos of 'Matter of faith', the right to freedom of religion is inviolable. However, this right to follow, practise and promote any religion by an adult should also include the right to have no religion and reject any hereditary religious branding forced upon him.

BALVINDER, BY MAIL

Vaccine shortage

Refer to '5 states flag vax shortage'; the issue needs to be addressed soon because without inclusiveness in the vaccination drive, we can't expect to curb the spread of infection. Vaccination developed by other countries with high efficacy must be allowed and approved in India along with indigenous vaccines, so that the demand and supply issue can be addressed at the earliest.

ROHIT KUMAR GUPTA, SHIMLA

God belongs to all

Refer to 'The Pontiff & the Ayatollah' (*The Sunday Tribune*); the meeting between Pope Francis and the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is of immense significance to spread the message of

peace among all religions. Religious leaders should profess harmonious life for all humans and not merely for their own followers. After all, each religion is supposed to impart spiritual guidance on the way to realise the truth of the Supreme. There should be no hate towards other faiths. God is responsible for the entire universe and not for any one particular community on earth.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

Violence in Bengal

Refer to 'Five dead, political storm over Cooch Behar violence'; violence is not abating even during polling days. Bengal has a history of political violence which peaks around election time, and speaks of the abject failure of law and order institutions. The core reason is the use of muscle power as a standard political instrument. By allowing violence, parties limit institutional functioning and keep intact their unofficial channels of patronage. The Election Commission must find a way out. After the poll dates are announced, the state concerned should be put under Governor's rule. During parliamentary elections, an independent commission under the President can be given control of the administration.

PS KAUR, AMRITSAR

Ban all gatherings

To control the raging pandemic, the Punjab CM has banned all political gatherings till April 30. The step is in the right direction. But why political gatherings only? Any gathering — political, social or religious — may cause a rise in Covid cases. The chief ministers of Uttarakhand, UP and Delhi should ban all large gatherings, especially Mahakumbh at Hardwar and the farmers' stir at Delhi borders, which have the potential to become virus super-spreaders.

AK AGARWAL, CHANDIGARH

Strict enforcement

Preventive measures to control the spread of the pandemic suggested by the writer ('Covid-apt practices, not lockdown, the way ahead') are already known to the public. The problem is enforcement. Look at how election rallies with lakhs of people are being organised by political parties and participated even by the PM and CMs. Mercifully, the infection has not reached the villages. Awareness programmes are a must to request people to visit cities and towns only when absolutely necessary. Strict measures need to be enforced in urban areas. Half-baked measures like partial lockdowns will not do. The deficiency of vaccines must be overcome.

RN MALIK, GURUGRAM

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India, Russia to build on time-tested ties



YOGESH GUPTA

FORMER AMBASSADOR

THE visit of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to India soon after his remark that "India is currently an object of the western countries' persistent, aggressive and devious policy to engage it in anti-China games" was of considerable interest as it alluded to an assessment on Moscow's part that despite some differences, its relationship with New Delhi was too important and needed further nurturing.

India, on its part, sent signals through the visits of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who attended the 75th World War II Victory Day parade on June 24, 2020, in Moscow; External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar, who attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and Russia-India-China (RIC) Grouping meetings in September 2020; and Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla in February 2021, conveying that it was keen to continue its "time-tested relationship" with Russia despite the warming of its ties with the US.

India made an exception for Russia by accepting Lavrov's visit to New Delhi (April 5-6) along with a trip to Pakistan (April 6-7), which it had declined in the case of other major countries (refusing

equivalence). The EAM said that the discussions between them were "very warm and comprehensive" and they had "updated their shared interests" cognisant of the "multipolar and rebalanced" international relations.

Key takeaways of the visit include augmenting "long-standing partnership in nuclear, space and defence sectors, joint manufacturing of new weapons, exploring prospects of economic cooperation in the Russian Far East, International North-South and Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridors, Aatmanirbhar Bharat programme and a free trade agreement".

Lavrov said Russia remained India's leading defence partner, the only country which is giving India cutting-edge military technology and the two countries would collaborate further in manned flight programmes, rocket engine production and satellite navigation. He appreciated India's "responsible approach" in world affairs (not succumbing to US pressures) and coordination of positions (with Russia) on issues important to both countries in various forums such as the UN, G20, SCO, BRICS and others.

Differences, however, remained on the Indo-Pacific (IP) issue as Moscow views it through the prism of its differences with the US and its courtship of China to oppose the US hegemony. What the Russians fail to appreciate is that Beijing's support to Moscow currently is at best tactical and before long, it will oppose Russia too, as it is on course to seek global supremacy and can't forget the Chinese territories annexed by Moscow in earlier periods



and has already started expanding its reach in Russia's sphere of influence (Central Asia, Iran etc.)

India is hoping that with greater interaction at the highest level, Russia would show greater understanding of India's security concerns arising from China's aggression in its territories. EAM Jaishankar conveyed India's interest in holding the annual summit with President Putin later this year (cancelled last year).

Lavrov's visit to Pakistan was part of Russia's efforts to improve ties with her since Pakistan's relations with the US have cooled off (note President Biden is yet to call the PM of Pakistan or invite him to the Climate Summit on April 22). Now that the US has decided to leave

Afghanistan, Russia has hosted several rounds of talks to establish itself as a key player in a future Afghan settlement. Russia is hoping that it would be able to use its influence with Pakistan and Taliban to contain the infiltration of the Islamic State (IS) into Central Asia and its own territories-hopes which may be belied as Taliban's main interest is in consolidating its occupation of Afghanistan rather than fighting the IS.

Russia has sold some MI-35 helicopters to Pakistan and has held some joint military exercises with her. Economic cooperation including the setting up of a Lahore-Karachi gas pipeline has not made much headway due to the US sanctions on companies working with

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ENDURING BOND: Despite some differences, India and Russia are keen to augment their relationship. REUTERS

sensitive US installations. America's National Security Strategy (December 2017) describes Russia (and China) as 'revisionist' powers which want to realign the global order in their favour and which the US must oppose (to retain its global supremacy).

The rapid progress made by China in economic, technological and military fields, its aggressive policy towards its neighbours and its determination to seek global primacy is resetting the relationships among the major powers. India has no choice but to seek closer ties with the US, EU, UK, Japan and other countries to address its asymmetry and security challenges with China. Russia, even with its best intentions, can't persuade Beijing to give up its aggressive stance towards India.

President Putin, in an article on "Russia and the changing world" published in *Moscow News* in February 2012 recognised India as one of the rapidly growing Asian giants with whom Russia has traditionally enjoyed a privileged strategic partnership. Lavrov's discussions with Jaishankar have made it clear that notwithstanding some temporary blips, both India and Russia are interested to augment this relationship in innovative and beneficial ways.

Russia has been India's traditional defence partner, a global power with extensive outreach, a permanent member of the UN Security Council, and the two countries don't have any adverse interests. It is New Delhi's assessment that a closer relationship with Russia will help us in balancing negative edges in our relationship with the US and expanding our strategic choices.

Quantify violence against women to check it



SANJAY KUNDU

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, HIMACHAL PRADESH

NO nation or society can progress unless violence against women is addressed and they feel free to live their lives as they choose. Peter Drucker, the famous management thinker, once said, "If you can't measure it, you can't improve it," meaning you can't possibly get better at something that you can't measure. To be able to move ahead and abate all forms of violence against women, we need to be able to measure it with clearly established metrics and then address it by robust strategies, with success that can be defined and tracked, or else, we would be running blind plans.

The life cycle of violence against a woman starts in the family she is born in or the family she gets married into and then there are some external factors. The spectrum of this violence begins at its low end from coercion and arbitrary deprivation of liberty and moves on to serious crimes. With the entire gamut of this violence extending well beyond the physical, sexual or psychological harm, there is more to it than meets the eye. Though some violence is captured as crime under various criminal statutes, there are forms of violence for which hitherto there are no measurable metrics.

The criminal laws enacted during recent times have penalised some forms of violence against women, but the Punjab Police Rules, which govern day-to-day working of the police in the northern states, were framed circa 1930 to establish a system of policing to serve British imperial interests. Thus, the purpose of the police stations, police work and the system of crime records put in place through 25 police station registers was to control rather than serve.



SHOCKING: Crime against women is etched in social mores. FILE PHOTO

empire in the bud. Thus, the purpose of the police stations, police work and the system of crime records put in place through 25 police station registers was to control rather than serve. Mindful that these registers did not adequately catch violence against women, we took new initiative to start a few registers to capture all forms of violence against women and bring them on our radar.

As the station commander of a UN police station during the UN mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country emerging out of post-conflict trauma, I was fortunate to work with police officers from over 50 countries and learn from their experience. One such discourse with a Miami police officer who was a career sex crime investigator is deeply etched in my mind. We got into a discussion about the two theories of sex crimes, namely, 'sex drive and drive to possess and control'. He commented that sex crimes

were about 'sick mind' or else, how would you explain the rape of a six-year-old girl or a 75-year-old woman and what sexual pleasure or powers were to be derived from such acts. He added that people who have 'sick mind' are likely to perpetrate such crimes again and again unless their medical sickness is dealt with.

Leading US police departments maintained a profile of all sexual offenders in their jurisdiction. I put this learning to practice and we introduced register number 26 for "offenders of crimes against women and children" in Himachal Pradesh. We accrued three distinct benefits of introducing this register. First, it has provided the much-needed data on the quantum and profile of sexual offenders. Secondly, it is much easier to police these sexual offenders numbering in thousands than to secure 35 lakh women in the state. Thirdly, and most importantly, it has

brought down violent crimes against women and children.

For every suspicious death of a woman, there are doubts, whether it is a homicide or suicide. Delving deeper into our data revealed that suicides, though high in numbers, never rang bells on our radar. Suicides can be classified largely into two categories. The first being pushed to commit suicide or 'abettment to suicide', covered under Section 306 of the IPC. The second is committing suicide of one's own volition, dealt by the police as inquest procedure under Section 174 of the CrPC. While women constituted only 30% of the victims under Section 174 of the CrPC, they were 60% of the victims under Section 306 of the IPC, indicating that a large number of married women or young girls were pushed to commit suicide.

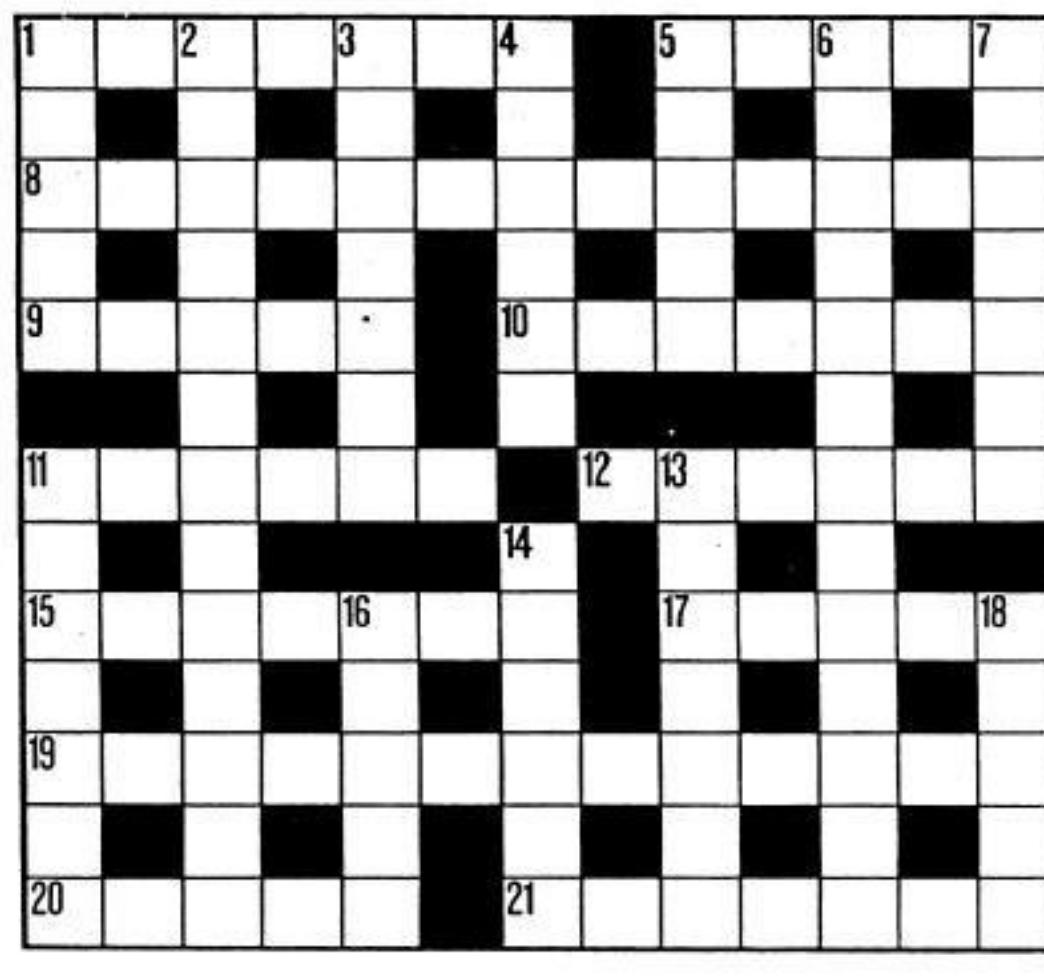
To capture such suspicious deaths, we introduced register number 27 for 'suicides' in the police stations in two parts, capturing both (a) abettment to suicide under Section 306 IPC and (b) suicides under Section 174 of the CrPC. This register has helped us to maintain a reliable record of suspicious deaths, analyse their causes and intervene where they can be prevented.

Every year, we recovered several unidentified dead bodies (UIDBs), many of whom were of women. Apparently, some of these were subjected to violence before their death, but there was not much that we could do unless the bodies were identified. Determining their identity was essential, first to be able to investigate their cause of death and bring the perpetrators to justice. Secondly, we were obligated to

give them an honourable funeral or leave their last rites to be performed by the municipal bodies or panchayats. We wrote to the UIDAI authorities to allow us limited biometric access of the UIDs to enable us to determine their identity, but since the matter was sub judice in the Supreme Court, they could not offer us help. Then, there is the issue of missing women and children, who need to be traced post-haste, or else, are likely to be abused and exploited on account of their vulnerability. To meet both these objectives, we started register number 28, in two parts: (a) register of unidentified dead bodies; (b) register of missing women and children. This register has facilitated in keeping track and managing the hitherto unreported and unmeasured aggravated forms of violence against women.

We have moved the wheels of time past where the British left them in 1930s and tried to capture and measure all possible forms of violence against women. However, it is still work in progress, with the rise of offensive sexual content across the cyber-space posing a new challenge. It will take a while to reliably measure this emerging crime till both the technology and the profile of crime stabilise. As Ban Ki-moon, the former Secretary General of the UN, said, "There is one universal truth, applicable to all countries, cultures and communities: violence against women is never acceptable, never excusable, never tolerable." Let us work to make that happen and as a first step in this direction, reliably measure the violence and then deal with the problem.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Style of cooking (7)
- 5 Conclude (5)
- 8 Respond to provocation (4,2,3,4)
- 9 A citrus fruit (5)
- 10 Indispensible (7)
- 11 Weigh mentally (6)
- 12 Shrivel (6)
- 15 A kind of leather (7)
- 17 Fundamental ingredient (5)
- 19 Permanently (3,4,3,3)
- 20 Easy and comfortable (5)
- 21 Women's convent (7)

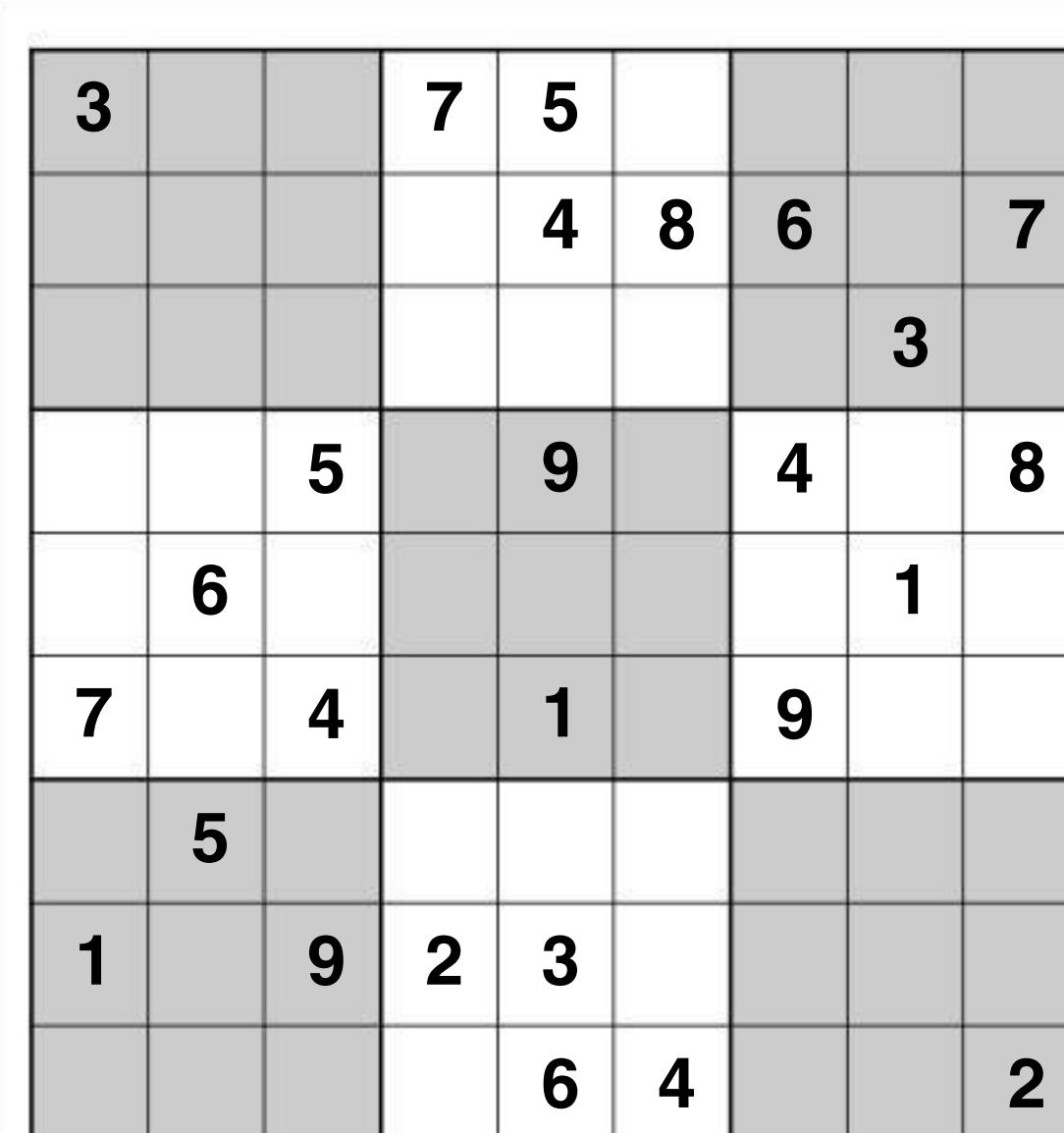
DOWN

- 1 Christmas hymn (5)
- 2 Bluntly (2,2,4,5)
- 3 Deeply felt (7)
- 4 To lure (6)
- 5 Transparent (5)
- 6 Extensively (2,1,5,5)
- 7 No longer liable to erupt (7)
- 11 Peaceable (7)
- 13 Middle East country (7)
- 14 Deprise of feeling (6)
- 16 Elephant tusks (5)
- 18 Sortie (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Doubt, 8 White lie, 9 Heady, 10 Last word, 11 Ideal, 12 Set, 16 Portia, 17 Offset, 18 Way, 23 Heron, 24 As one man, 25 Major, 26 Sit tight, 27 Blurb.
Down: 2 Open door, 3 Bad faith, 4 Phrase, 5 State, 6 Alloy, 7 Kendo, 12 Saw, 13 Toy, 14 After all, 15 Zero hour, 19 Apathy, 20 March, 21 Dotty, 22 Peril.

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CALENDAR

APRIL 13, 2021, TUESDAY

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| ■ Shaka Samvat | 1943 |
| ■ Chaitra Shaka | 23 |
| ■ Vaisakhi Parvishtha | 1 |
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| ■ Vishkumbha Yoga up to 3:15 pm | |
| ■ Ashwin Nakshatra up to 2:19 pm | |
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| ■ Vaisakhi | |
| ■ Navratri start | |

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FORECAST

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SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:57 HRS

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| Ludhiana | 38 | 20 | | |
| Bhiwani | 39 | 19 | | |
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| Sirsia | 40 | 21 | | |
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3 die as vehicle falls into gorge

CHAMBA, APRIL 12 Three women were killed on the spot and the driver seriously injured when a pickup vehicle veered off the road and fell into a gorge in the tribal Pangli valley of Chamba district today.

Residential Commissioner of Pangli Sukhdev Singh confirmed that the vehicle number HP-45-9704 crashed near Kumar nullah bridge in the morning.

He said that Mahatma Dei, Shanti and Man Dei, residents of Sach village, died in this accident while vehicle driver Nek Chand was injured who was rushed to a nearby civil hospital for medical treatment.

After carrying out post-mortem, the dead bodies were handed over to the next of kin of the deceased; he said, adding that the police had registered a case. — OC

Secret ballot to elect D'sala Mayor, his deputy today

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 12

The newly elected councilors of the Dharamsala Municipal Corporation will take oath tomorrow. Sources say that the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor will also be elected tomorrow through a secret ballot.

The BJP has eight councilors, only one short of the majority to elect its own Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The party claims the support of an Independent councilor, but leaders are still keeping their fingers crossed.

For the election, at least 13 councilors are required to be present in the House to complete the quorum. There are five Congress council-

One short, BJP leaders keep fingers crossed

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lors and two Independents, who are party rebels. The two Independents owe allegiance to former Congress Mayor Davinder Jaggi. For the election to the posts, all Congress and Independent councillors are required to be present in the House.

The sources say that parleys are going on to ensure that all councillors remain present in the House tomorrow for the mayoral election. There is speculation that some Congress councillors may cross vote in the

election to the post of Mayor to embarrass the ruling party. Since the ballot will be secret, it will be difficult to know who cross-voted and thus invoke the anti-defection law against him or her.

However, the secret ballot is also giving jitters to the BJP that has not declared its candidate for Mayor's post so far. The sources say that the BJP may have to concede the post of Deputy Mayor to an Independent. There are many aspirants to the post of Mayor in the BJP.

including former Deputy Mayor Onkar Nehria. Some old councillors have influence across the party lines and may align with others to secure the posts.

Meanwhile, CLP leader Mukesh Agnihotri and former HPCC president Sukhwinder Sukhu were in Dharamsala today to device a strategy for the elections. They held meeting with the Congress councillors. The sources say that Jaggi's group has informed the Congress leaders that they fancy their chances in the election.

Suresh Sharma, Project Director, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), says that the Udaipur-based Coral Associates has been given the tender to collect the toll for the first three months, after which it will be re-allocated.

A toll of Rs 55 has been fixed for cars, jeeps, vans or light motor vehicles for a one-way journey and Rs 85 for both sides. For light commercial vehicles and mini-buses, Rs 90 will be the one-way charge while it will be Rs 190 for a bus or a truck. Three axles commercial vehicles will have to pay Rs 210 for a one-way journey while a heavy construction machinery will have to shell out Rs 300. A month-

Another Parwanoo-Solan NH toll plaza set to be functional

AMBika SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, APRIL 12

Commuters travelling on the Parwanoo-Solan section of the National Highway No. 5 will have to pay more as a toll plaza on the newly widened highway at Sanwara will soon start functioning. This will be the second toll that a person entering the state from Parwanoo will have to pay.

Already, the State Excise and Taxation Department collects toll at an inter-state plaza at Parwanoo.



The newly set up toll plaza at Sanwara on the Parwanoo-Solan highway which will be functional this month. TRIBUNE PHOTO

ly pass for locals residing within 20 km of the toll plaza will be available for Rs 285 for non-commercial mechanical vehicles.

Vehicles without fastags will have to pay double the toll to pass through the eight-lane plaza — four each for the uphill and downhill traffic.

Private company GR Infraprojects has completed nearly 95 per cent of the work to widen the 39-km stretch from Parwanoo to Solan to four lanes. "We have received the completion certification from the NHAI, as 95 per cent work has been completed. This will pave the way for the toll plaza at Sanwara to start functioning," says Balwinder Singh,

Project Manager, GRI.

An ambulance, a patrolling vehicle and a recovery van will remain stationed near the toll plaza where a control room has also been set up. Seventeen emergency call boxes with solar panels, batteries and solar chargers have also been set up on the entire 39-km stretch and a person in emergency can make a call and expect help within minutes.

Assigned for 30 months, the road widening work on the 39-km stretch had begun in September 2015. However, several problems delayed the completion of the project. Around 95 per cent work has been completed.

1,089 cases, Virbhadra tests +ve

SHIMLA, APRIL 12

The Covid situation in the state became more grim today as 1,089 fresh cases were reported, taking the tally to 70,775. Besides, nine persons died of the virus. Three deaths were reported in Una, two in Mandi and one each in Kangra, Shimla, Kullu and Shimla.

Former Chief Minister

Nine die in past 24 hrs;
249 cases in Kangra

Virbhadra Singh (86) and his son Vikramaditya Singh, MLA from Shimla (Rural), have tested positive for Covid.

Virbhadra's samples were taken following Vikramaditya testing Covid positive

late last night. The health authorities confirmed that the octogenarian leader was infected with the virus. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur wished Virbhadra and his family members a speedy recovery.

Lahaul and Spiti today reported 114 cases, including a large number of workers engaged by the BRO. — TNS

4 Solan schools made containment zones

SOLAN, APRIL 12

Four schools in the district were made containment zones today after their staff and students tested Covid positive.

KC Chaman, DC said Pinegrove School, Dharampur; MRA DAV School, Solan; Chail Military School and Gurukul International School, Solan,

had been declared containment zones. "Fifteen teachers and four cooks of Pinegrove School tested positive," he said. Two infected students at the school are CM's relatives.

Fifteen staffers of Gurukul school, three of Shoolini University and one of JP University also tested positive. — TNS

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA NEW DELHI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi invites online bids from registered Agencies for hiring of Manpower services for its office as per the details given in the Bid Document through GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in>.

The last date of receipt of online bids is 01.05.2021. For further details, please refer the GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in> or this office website <http://saindia.gov.in>.

Sd/- Sr. Administrative Officer (GS)

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Item rate tenders on form PWD 6 & 8 for the below noted works are invited by Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Shillai on behalf of the Governor of H.P. from the Govt. experienced contractors of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Department. The applications for tender documents will be received up to 19.04.2021 up to 03:00 p.m. and the tender documents will be issued on same day. The tender will be received up to 11:00 a.m. on 20.04.2021 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 p.m. in the presence of the contractors or their authorized representatives, who may like to be present at the time of opening of the tenders. The tender information is also available on Departmental Website www.hipiph.org.

| Sr. No. | Name of work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time limit |
|---------|--|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | R/M of LWSS Kaffota under Sub-division Kaffota Phase-1 in Tehsil Kamrau Distt. Sirmour (HP) (SH: Replacement of existing Pump Set (50HP) without allied accessories) (H=425.40 Rmt. Q = 3.83 LPS). | 3,50,000/- | 7,000/- | Three Months |
| 2 | R/M of LWSS Kaffota under Sub-division Kaffota Phase-2 in Tehsil Kamrau Distt. Sirmour (HP) (SH: Replacement of existing Pump Set (40HP) without allied accessories) (H=420.12 Rmt. Q = 2.12 LPS). | 2,75,000/- | 5,500/- | Three Months |
| 3 | R/M of LWSS Sharli Manpur in Tehsil Kamrau Distt. Sirmour (HP) (Replacement existing Pump Set (H=377 Rmt. Q = 4.96 LPS). | 3,10,000/- | 6,200/- | One Month |

Cost of form:- 250/- each

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. The cost of form is non refundable and no claim of refund shall be entertained.
2. The Tender received without Earnest Money, Copy of Registration/ G.S.T/E.P.F/PAN will not be acceptable.
3. The tenders of the Contractor/Firms who fails to fulfil the eligibility information will be summarily rejected.

Note: *In Case of providing & fixing of Pumping Machinery Bidder Should contain the all tender documents alongwith authorization of dealership & Curve Chart of Pumping Machinery.*

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Shillai (H.P.).

DPR/HP/196

Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, housekeeping etc. Government of Punjab

Tender/RFP Reference No. 12 of 2021 Dt. 09.04.2021

The Department of PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD re-invites online bids for:-

| Sr. No. | Name of the Work |
|---------|--|
| 1. | DNIT for Construction of Chlorine contact tank and all other works contingent thereto at 2.60 MLD STP (based on CIFA technology) at Phialoor Town, Distt. Jalandhar. |
| 2. | DNIT for Construction of Chlorine contact tank and all other works contingent thereto at 4.00 MLD STP (based on WSP technology) at Bholath Town, Distt. Kapurthala. |

Closing Date & Time : 24.04.2021 up to 4.30 P.M.

For details logon to : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Div. No. 2, Jalandhar.

DPR/HP/3627

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Dalhousie on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the below 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 | Time Limit | Cost of form |
|---------|--|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. | Providing Sewerage Scheme to Dalhousie Town, Tehsil 61397191/-, Dalhousie, Distt. Chamba, H.P. | Rs. 61397191/- | Rs. 613972/- | One Year | Rs. 2500/- |

The date of start for downloading the above bid is 10-04-2021 and deadline for submission of bid is 27-04-2021.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the departmental website <https://hpentenders.gov.in>. The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the bids without assigning any reason(s).

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Dalhousie
Distt. Chamba (HP)-176304

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| 4. | Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Mansa | PROV. IMPR. ACCESS TO WATER THROUGH HH CONNECTION IN EXISTING WSS WITH BIROKE KHURD, BLOCK BUDHLADA, DISTT. MANSA. CIVIL WORK. Time Lmt: 04 Months Period. DNIT Amnt: Rs. 12.88 Lac. Invite by Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 2, Mansa. | 16.04.2021 30.04.2021 | 0.26 LACS | 9779041163 eewss.div2mansapb@yahoo.com |
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Ultras misusing mosques to launch attacks: Police

TRENDING NEWS SERVICE



Civil society urged to condemn such actions

The police have appealed to Masjid Intizamia, the civil society and the media to condemn the militants' act of using mosques for launching attacks.

Such instances were noted during attacks in Pampore on June 19, 2020, Sopore on July 1, 2020, and Shopian on April 9 this year.

mosques for terror attacks in Pampore on June 19,

2020, Sopore on July 1, 2020, and Shopian on April 9, 2021. Public, Masjid Intizamia, civil societies and media should condemn such acts," the police officer said.

On April 9, a total of five terrorists were killed in an encounter with security in Shopian, where terrorists were holed up inside a mosque. In the Pampore encounter on June 19, 2020, three terrorists were killed, who had entered the Jamia mosque to take refuge.

On July 1, 2020, a jawan and a civilian died while three personnel sustained injuries after terrorists fired on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) party from a Masjid in Sopore.

Eight killed in mishap

JAMMU, APRIL 12

At least eight passengers were killed and four seriously injured in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Monday.

Police sources said a mini bus travelling on the Thathri-Gandola road went out of the driver's control and plunged into Kalnai river, 42 km from Doda town. "Eight passengers were killed and four seriously injured in this accident. A rescue operation has already started," the police said. The

mini bus plunges into Kalnai river in Doda

mini bus was on its way from Doda to Chilli village.

An Air Force helicopter from Jammu city was pressed into service for the rescue of critically injured passengers, a defence ministry spokesman said. The authorities are ascertaining the exact number of travellers of the mini bus. — IANS

Will keep fighting for restoration of special status, says Mehbooba

SRINAGAR, APRIL 12

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday said her party would continue to struggle for the restoration of J&K's special status and asserted that India and Pakistan would have to sit across the dialogue table to resolve all outstanding issues, including Kashmir.

At a party function here, the former J&K CM said the spe-



cial status to the erstwhile state was given by the Constitution of India.

"This position was not given by China or Pakistan. Why

is the BJP government pained when we seek its restoration? We had acceded to India on certain conditions and one of them was to protect our identity," she said.

Mehbooba asserted the Centre would have to restore the special status. "If you care about the people of J&K, you will have to return what you have snatched from us," she said. — PTI

Policy to attract filmmakers soon

SRINAGAR, APRIL 12

Jammu and Kashmir will soon roll out a new policy to attract filmmakers and bring back the golden era of filmmaking in the union territory, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Monday.

Virtually addressing a two-day conference 'Tapping the tourism potential of Kashmir - another day in paradise', organised by the Union Ministry of Tourism at SKICC on the banks of Dal Lake here, Sinha said various tourist spots of Kashmir were favourite among many in the Mumbai-based film industry in the 1960s and 1970s.

In the next 10 days, the UT administration will come up with a new film policy to bring back Kashmir's golden era on the silver screen," Sinha said, maintaining issues being discussed during the conference would act as a roadmap to achieve the goal.

The L-G said there were hundreds of unexplored destinations in J&K. — PTI

33K pupils move...

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the government arrangement of holding online classes and providing education through television channels. Very few private schools have been able to manage the situation well. Parents are, thus, opting for government schools," a teacher said.

Government authorities, meanwhile, have shown a lot of innovation and teacher participation in making the student contact programme successful. Education Secretary Krishan Kumar himself made use of the public address system of gurdwaras and visited homes "door-to-door" in various villages.

The data compiled by the Education Department indicated that the overall increase this year would outdo the increase of around 15 per cent recorded during the last academic session. The number of students in 2019-2020 was 24,054 and it rose to 27,20,616 in 2020-2021.

As per information, 3,450 students have shifted to gov-

Better results attract people to govt schools

Better results of pre-school education are believed to be another main reason behind the increased rush for government schools. The government has spent considerably on making specially designed classrooms, besides recruiting 8,393 teachers.

ernment schools in Ludhiana, 3,145 in Hoshiarpur, 2,548 in Patiala, 2,178 in Gurdaspur, 2,080 in Bathinda, 2,041 in Jalandhar, 1,790 in Amritsar, 1,527 in Sangrur, 1,227 in Fategarh Sahib, 1,209 in Pathankot, 1,200 in Fazilka, 1,180 in Nawanshahr, 1,151 in Tarn Taran, 1,093 in Mohali, 1,089 in Ferozepur, 1,074 in Moga, 1,035 in Barnala, 1,005 in Ropar, 983 in Muktsar, 919 in Kapurthala, 635 in Faridkot and 573 in Mansa.

Better results of government pre-school education are believed to be another main reason behind the rush. — PTI

Surge triggers migrant exodus 2.0 in G'gram

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over speculation about a second lockdown. Every day hundreds of migrant families from UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and Bengal board buses to leave the city. "During the lockdown last year, my wife and I had to literally walk to Aligarh with our ailing four-year-old son. We are taking no chances this time. Last time the lockdown was announced

suddenly, we expect the same this time... so we are leaving. Along with 10 other families, we have hired a special bus to take us to UP," said Afzal, a factory worker in Manesar who left the city this morning.

"We got messages on WhatsApp about the lockdown possibility in Delhi and Gurgaon. We will be left without jobs and will have to beg for food again. We will have no

money to pay rent, therefore we are leaving. I will come back once the situation improves," said Raghuveer Yadav from Bihar.

The industry blames the administration for not allaying the apprehensions of the migrants and spelling out the strategy to tackle the pandemic.

"No official announcement or assurance has reached

these workers from the administration or their representatives like councillors or sarpanches. Thus, they are not ready to trust us. During the last lockdown, we made a database of all workers and are now getting the HR department to assure them that in case of any curbs, we will give them dry ration, food and salaries," added Saxena.

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GLOBE TROT

**IN PRINCE'S MEMORY:** Children lay flowers outside Windsor Castle to pay tributes to Prince Philip, near London. REUTERS**Harry arrives in UK for grandfather Prince Philip's funeral**

LONDON: Prince Harry flew in from his California home to London to attend the funeral of grandfather Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, on Saturday, a report stated on Monday. The 36-year-old went to Kensington Palace, his former London home, The Sun newspaper said. Buckingham Palace had confirmed that Harry would be attending the funeral, but pregnant Meghan Markle was advised by her doctors against travel. PTI

Cyclone damages Australian towns, snaps power supply

PERTH: A destructive cyclone has damaged several towns on Australia's western coast, shattering windows, snapping trees and knocking out power. There have been no reports of serious injuries. Tropical Cyclone Serjoja, with winds gusting up to 170 kph shortly after dark on Sunday, damaged 70% of buildings in Kalbarri, a town of 1,400 people, Department of Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Darren Klemm said. AGENCIES

Blaming Israel for N-plant outage, Iran vows revenge

Enrichment still going on, claims chief of Tehran nuclear energy

DUBAI, APRIL 12

Iran on Monday accused archfoe Israel of sabotaging its key Natanz nuclear site and vowed revenge for an attack that appeared to be latest episode in a long-running covert war.

Iran's semi-official Nournews website said the person who caused an electricity outage in one of the production halls at the underground uranium enrichment plant had been identified. "Necessary measures are being taken to arrest this person," the website reported.

The incident occurred amid diplomatic efforts by Iran and the US to revive Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with major powers, an accord Israel fiercely opposed, after former US President Donald Trump abandoned it three years ago. Last week, Iran and the global powers held talks to salvage the deal, which has unravelled as Iran has breached its limits on sensitive uranium enrichment since US reimposed sanctions on Tehran.

**'BID TO FOIL TALKS'**

- Al Khamenei-led Iran says Israel aims to foil talks to revive nuclear deal
- US ex-President Donald Trump had abandoned the deal three years ago



US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and Israeli PM Netanyahu arrive to address media after their meeting in Jerusalem. REUTERS

Won't allow them to have nukes, says Netanyahu

made no comment about Iran's accusation that Israel sabotaged its key Natanz nuclear site. "I will never allow Iran to obtain the nuclear capability to carry out its goal of eliminating Israel," he said. Iran says its programme is for peaceful purposes. — Reuters

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰ. 7, ਮਿਤੀ: 12.04.2021

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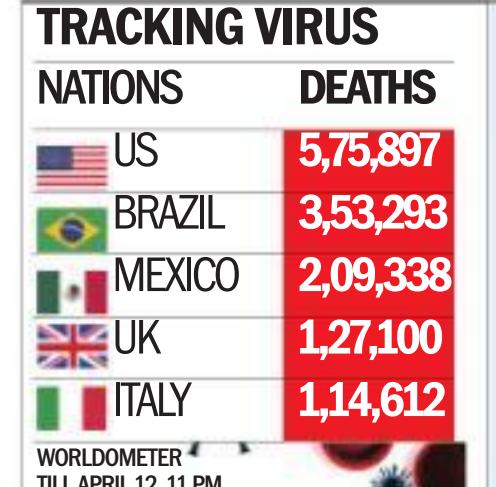
Sainj Hydro Electric Project, HPPCL, Sambha.

Bhutan vaccinates 93% of adults

THIMPU, APRIL 12

When plotted on a graph, the curve of Bhutan's Covid vaccination drive shoots upwards from the very first day, crossing Israel, US, Bahrain and other countries known for vaccinating people rapidly. Those countries took months to reach where they are, but Bhutan's vax campaign is nearly finished, just 16 days after it began.

The tiny Himalayan kingdom has vaccinated nearly 93% of its adult population



since March 27. Overall, the country has vaccinated 62% of its 8,00,000 people. It puts

CHINA ADMITS TO LOW VAX EFFECTIVENESS

Beijing: A China official has said the effectiveness of Beijing vaccines is low and the government is considering mixing them to get a boost. Chinese vaccines "don't have very high protection rates," said Gao Fu, director, China Centres for Disease Control. AGENCIES

Bhutan just behind Seychelles, which vaccinated 66% people. — Agencies

India-born Pak human rights activist Rehman passes away

LAHORE, APRIL 12

Eminent Pakistani human rights activist and Magsaysay award winner I A Rehman, a strong voice for the country's minorities including Christians and Hindus and an advocate of peace between India and Pakistan, died here on Monday at the age of 90, according to his family. Rehman, who was born in 1930 in Haryana in the pre-

The Magsaysay award winner was an eminent journalist

partitioned India, worked as an editor for various newspapers in his journalistic career spanning more than 65 years and was a founding member of the Pakistan-India People's Forum for Peace and

Democracy, the Dawn newspaper reported.

According to his family, he was diabetic and suffered from high blood pressure. Pakistan Peoples Party's Senator and his friend Sherry Rehman said that the activist died due to Covid. "He will be deeply missed" said ex-chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan Zohra Yusuf. — PTI

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Covid surge, lockdown fear spook markets

Sensex sinks 1,708 pts, Nifty down 524

MUMBAI, APRIL 12

The Sensex plummeted 1,708 points while the Nifty crashed below the 14,350-level on Monday as investors pressed the panic button amid the massive second wave of Covid infections across the country.

The second wave is turning out to be much worse than expected, and participants are now reassessing their recovery forecasts amid increasing localised lockdowns, traders said. An unabated fall in the rupee sapped confidence further, they added.

Posting its biggest fall since February 26, the BSE Sensex sank 1,707.94 points or 3.44% to end at 47,883.38.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty plunged 524.05 points or 3.53% to finish at 14,310.80. Barring Dr Reddy's, which

INVESTORS LOSE ₹8.77 LAKH CR

■ Investors lost ₹8.77 lakh crore in the session, with the m-cap of BSE-listed stocks declining to ₹200.85 lakh crore

■ Barring Dr Reddy's, which climbed 4.83%, all Sensex stocks closed in the red.

IndusInd Bank was the top loser, tanking 8.60%, followed by Bajaj Finance, SBI, ONGC, Titan, M&M, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Bajaj Finserv. — PTI

TCS profit rises 15% to ₹9,246 cr

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

TCS on Monday reported a 14.9% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹9,246 crore for the March 2021 quarter. This is against a net profit of ₹8,049 crore in the year-ago period. The manufacturing sector declined by 3.7% in February, as per data released by National Statistical Office. — PTI

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India crush Argentina 3-0

Rise to 4th in Pro League; Harman, Lalit, Mandeep score, Pathak stars in defence

BUENOS AIRES, APRIL 12

The Indian hockey team, putting up another superb performance, crushed Argentina 3-0 in their second match of the FIH Pro League to come away with five points from two games against the Olympic champions.

With this, India rose from fifth to fourth spot in the Pro League points table. India have 15 points from eight games and are one point ahead of Australia, who too have played eight matches.

Harmanpreet Singh, who scored twice in regulation time in the drawn first match, gave India the lead in the 11th minute, and goals from Lalit Upadhyay (25th minute) and Mandeep Singh (58th) ensured India earned three points from the match.

Super Pathak

Argentina started brightly and would have surged ahead had it not been for some excellent saves from India goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak. Pathak, who was playing his 50th international match, made three brilliant saves in the first quarter to thwart the hosts. Argentina forwards Macio Casella and Martin Ferrero attacked from close range but were adroitly



Captain Manpreet Singh was the linchpin in India's midfield. HI

PRO LEAGUE STANDINGS

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | B | PTS |
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| BELGIUM | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 32 |
| GERMANY | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 19 |
| NETHERLANDS | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| INDIA | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| AUSTRALIA | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 |

*Read under Team, Played, Won, Drawn, Lost, Bonus, Points

Still need to improve: Pathak

"I think we defended well," said goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak, who was named the Player of the Match. "They are good in defence but we created a lot of chances. We scored the goals, so that is good for us. We have to work on a lot of things, in defence, in midfield also. We have to learn from this match. Today we did a lot of good things, but we still have to work (to do)."

ly pushed away by Pathak. Harmanpreet then con-

verted India's first penalty-corner of the game in the

11th minute. Upadhyay doubled the

score in the 25th minute.

Upadhyay doubled the

29-year-old becomes first Japanese player to win Masters

AUGUSTA, APRIL 12

The pressure was even more than Hideki Matsuyama could have imagined when he stood on the first tee at Augusta National. So was the emotion when he walked off the 18th green as the first Masters champion from golf-mad Japan.

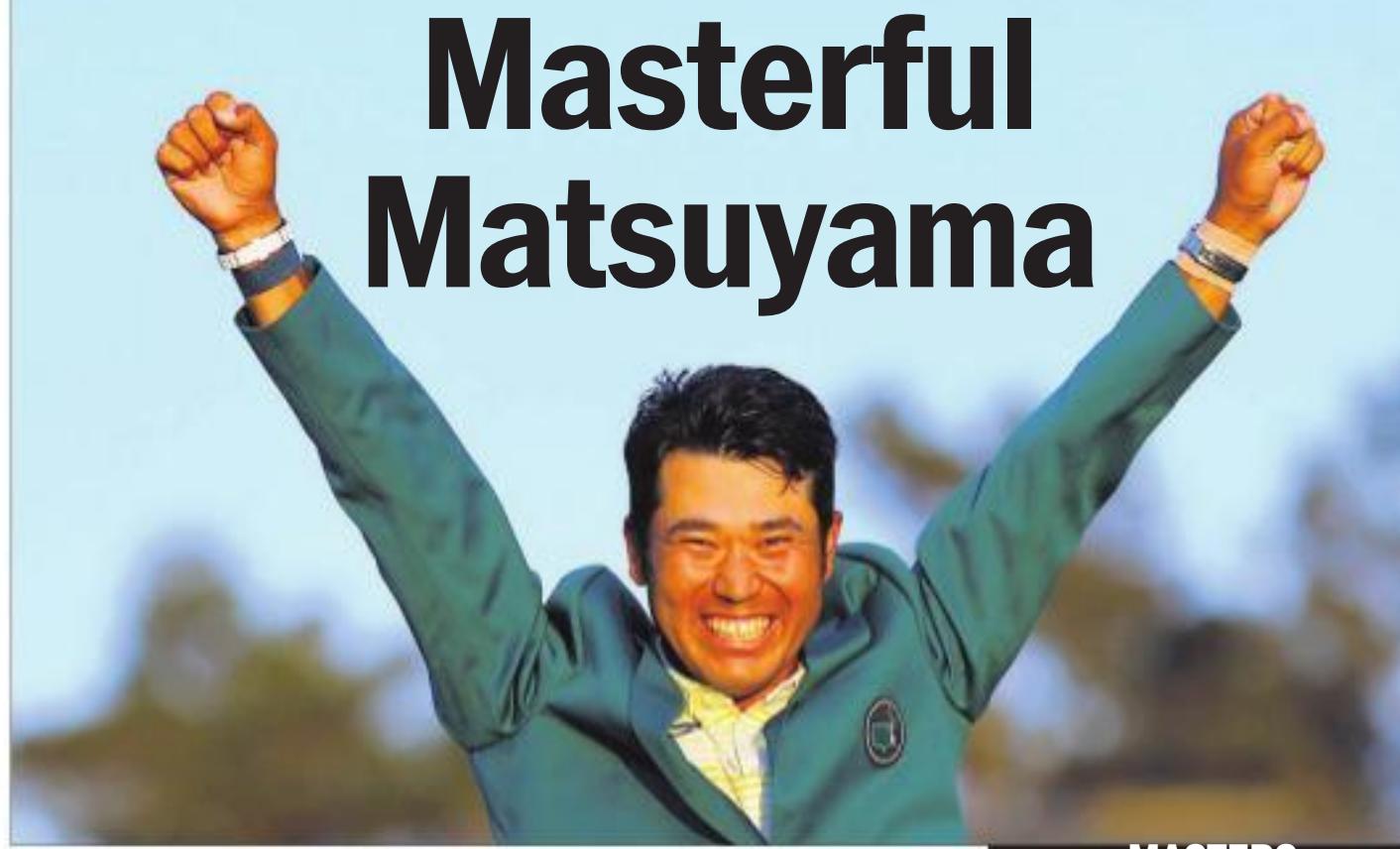
His arms securely inside the sleeves of the green jacket, he thrust them in the air.

Ten years after he made a sterling debut as the best amateur at the Masters, the 29-year-old Matsuyama claimed the ultimate prize and took his place in history.

Whether he's Japan's greatest player is not his concern. "However, I'm the first to win a Major," he said. "And if that's the bar, then I've set it."

Staked to a four-shot lead, the nerves stayed with Matsuyama from the time he hit his opening tee shot into the trees to back-to-back birdies that led to a six-shot lead to a few nervous moments at the end when Xander Schauffele made a late run at him.

Only when he belted his drive down the 18th fairway and twirled the club in his hands could he feel this victo-



Hideki Matsuyama celebrates with his green jacket. REUTERS

Masterful Matsuyama

Matsuyama was in hand. He played so well for so long that three bogeys over the last four holes made this Masters look closer than it was. He closed with a 1-over 73 for a one-shot victory over Masters rookie Will Zalatoris (70).

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tripple-bogey and a double-bogey on his card and tied for third with Jordan Spieth (70).

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Jalandhar's Jai wins 6 medals at Delhi Horse Show

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12

Jalandhar lad Jai Sud was declared the best rider in the young riders' category at the prestigious Delhi Horse Show. The 19-year-old won six medals in the event — four gold, one silver and one bronze — in various events including Dressage and Puissance (individual), Dressage and Show Jumping (team). He won the silver in Fault-and-Out and bronze in Dressage.

Sud, an alumnus of Ajmer's Mayo College, has ambitions of winning medals at events such as the Asian Games and even the Olympics. "Winning medals in top championships such as the Delhi Horse Show provides a platform to qualify for the Asian Games and Olympics trials," said Sud. "I am still a teenager and have much to learn."

Sud, who has been riding



Jalandhar lad Jai Sud was declared the best rider in the young riders' category.

since 2012, trains under coach Gulab Singh in Delhi and possesses three horses, which his father got him from the Netherlands and Germany. Last year, Sud had won a gold medal in the Junior National Equestrian Championship. Sud has represented his school in national and international events, and his younger brother is following in his footsteps. —Reuters

Barcelona world's most valuable club

MADRID, APRIL 12

Barcelona have leapfrogged Spanish rivals Real Madrid to become the world's most valuable soccer club with a valuation of \$4.76 billion, according to a list published by business magazine Forbes on Monday.

Real Madrid, who have topped the list five times in the past, edged Barcelona 2-1 in 'El Clasico' on Saturday but find themselves second best off the pitch with a valuation of \$4.75 billion.

Forbes said the average worth of the top 20 clubs has increased by 30% from two years ago to \$2.28 billion despite the Covid-19 pandemic impacting matchday revenue, which fell to \$441 million last season — down 9.6% from 2017-18. European champions Bayern Munich (\$4.215 billion) are third on the list while the Premier League's 'Big Six' — Manchester United, Liverpool, Manchester City, Chelsea, Arsenal and Tottenham — are in the top 10. —Reuters

lead when he showed lightning-quick reactions in the second quarter, pouncing on a save from Argentina custodian Juan Vivaldi to slot the ball into the goal. The strike gave the visitors a deserved reward after a lengthy period of probing possession.

In the third quarter, India's high-intensity pressing continued to force Argentina into making mistakes. India dominated possession and swarmed all the over the Argentinean defence by regularly finding space. India bagged their third goal two minutes before full time after Shamsher Singh found Mandeep, who tucked the ball into the net despite losing his balance.

"We were a lit bit asleep in the first quarter. We woke up in the second quarter. Controlling possession made the difference," India chief coach Graham Reid said.

India's next Pro League engagements are against Great Britain on May 8 and 9.

It may be recalled that India, Argentina and Australia will play against each other at the forthcoming Olympic Games, where they have been drawn in Pool A alongside Spain, New Zealand and Japan. —TNS, agencies



Punjab Kings skipper KL Rahul hit 5 sixes and 7 fours in his 50-ball 91. PHOTO: IPL

Kings post 221/6 against Royals

MUMBAI: Punjab Kings made 221 for six against Rajasthan Royals in their Indian Premier League match here on Monday. KL Rahul top-scored with 91 off 40 balls while Deepak Hooda smashed 64 off 28. IPL

debutant Chetan Sakariya was the pick of the Rajasthan bowlers with three wickets for 31 runs in four overs.

Brief scores: Punjab Kings: 221/6 in 20 overs (KL Rahul 91, Deepak Hooda 64; Chetan Sakariya 3/31). PTI

Hardik had shoulder concern but will bowl soon: Zaheer

CHENNAI, APRIL 12

Hardik Pandya did not bowl in Mumbai Indians' opener on Friday due to a shoulder concern but the India all-rounder will soon contribute in team's cause with ball in his hand, team's Director of Cricket Operations Zaheer Khan said today.

Mumbai Indians lost their

opening game to Royal Challengers

Bangalore by two wickets. Hardik, as a whole package is always of great value, everyone knows that. It was a workload related thing in the previous game," Zaheer said at the pre-match conference ahead of their

game against Kolkata Knight Riders. "He bowled in the whole England series. In the last ODI he bowled about nine overs. There was a little bit of a shoulder concern but I don't think it is worrisome." —PTI

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NORTHERN RAILWAY**Notice Inviting Tender**

Sr. DEE/TRSL/DH acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. 2021-22-01. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date 13.05.2021 at 15:00 Hrs. only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Bidders are allowed to make payments against this tender towards cost of tender document and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDRs etc. are not allowed.

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Refer to our advertisement published in this newspaper on 4-3-2021 regarding requirement of land for developing a residential colony. This is to inform that in view of prevailing Covid situation, the last date for receipt of applications has been extended upto 30-04-2021.

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