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## IN BRIEF

Cremated as Covid +ve, but not on list of dead

LUDHIANA: The names of two Covid patients whose bodies were ferried on a cart and an auto-rickshaw for cremation have been found missing from the hospital list of Covid fatalities. **INSIDE**

Mayor's spouse held for violating norms

BATHINDA: The police have arrested Bathinda Mayor Raman Goyal's husband Sandeep Goyal along with 11 others for attending a councillors' party here in violation of Covid norms. **INSIDE**

Acute shortage of ambulances in HP

SHIMLA: With 10-fold increase in calls for ambulance by Covid patients compared to last year, 90 dedicated vehicles are proving inadequate in Himachal Pradesh. **INSIDE**

## National crisis, can't be mute spectator: SC

Clarify rationale behind vax pricing, Centre told

SATYA PRAKASH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27 Maintaining that it can't be a mute spectator during a national crisis, the Supreme Court today asked the Centre to clarify the basis and rationale behind the pricing of Covid-19 vaccines.

Covaxin, produced by Bharat Biotech, would be available at Rs 600 per dose for state governments and at Rs 1,200 per dose for private hospitals, while Covishield, produced by the Serum Institute of India, would be priced at Rs 400 per dose for state governments and Rs 600 per dose for private hospitals from May 1. However, the Centre is procuring and will continue

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### 2,00,000 DEATHS

The total Covid cases stood at 1,76,36,307 on Tuesday morning and toll at 1,97,894 with addition of 2,771 deaths over the past 24 hours. The toll had crossed 2 lakh by the end of the day.

### NO VAX SHORTAGE, STATES HAVE 1 CR DOSES: CENTRE

The government on Tuesday said states and UTs had one crore doses available and 80 lakh more would be sent over the next three days. TNS

### MARGINAL DIP IN CASES

India's daily cases fell marginally from 3,52,991 to 3,23,144 on Tuesday after hitting a new high for six days in a row.

### PM CHAIRS OXYGEN STATUS MEET AS SUPPLIES IMPROVE

Makeshift spaces for last rites as Covid toll spirals

ADITI TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

The pandemic continued to ravage the nation with deaths nearing 2-lakh mark and crematoriums failing to cope with the rush for last rites of victims.

In Delhi, makeshift crematoriums came up at some places, forcing experts to question the Covid data. They sought transparency in reporting lest future pandemic response gets compromised.

Leading virologist Shahid Jameel alleged: "We are not counting the Covid deaths properly. India sees roughly 28,000 deaths a day. The reported number of pandemic deaths is between 2,300-2,800 per day, barely 10 per cent of

### UNDER-REPORTING?

"Under-reporting of deaths is not a case of fudging data, but a technical issue. Delayed test results are to be blamed for it" — Shahid Jameel, virologist

### 10 TO 20-HR WAITING AT CREMATORIUMS

Kin of Covid victims across the Capital claim they have had to wait for 10-20 hours to perform last rites of loved ones. Sarai Kale Khan crematorium manager said he had never seen anything like this. The normal. If that is the case, burial and cremation grounds can't get overwhelmed." The top virologist, actively involved in the genome

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BAN ON VICTORY RALLIES P12

NEW DELHI: Facing flak over its alleged failure to enforce Covid curbs during poll campaigns, the Election Commission on Tuesday said implementing norms was the responsibility of state disaster management bodies. The EC said it had continuously directed state authorities to enforce instructions of the National Disaster Management Authority to prevent Covid spread.

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## Asr Remdesivir exporter seeks nod for local sale

GS PAUL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, APRIL 27 To overcome the shortage and bring down the price of Remdesivir, Amritsar-based Kwality Pharmaceuticals has approached the Union Government, seeking nod for the sale of this anti-viral drug in the domestic market.

Only seven Indian companies have the rights to produce and sell Remdesivir injection locally under agreement with US-based Gilead Sciences. Kwality Pharmaceuticals is among other firms that can only manufacture and export the drug.

### Turns to Centre, wants patent binding to go

It has a capacity to produce 50,000 doses a day. The firm has sought temporary exemption from patent laws from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.

Ramesh Arora, MD, Kwality Pharmaceuticals, said,

"Though the Centre has put norms on Remdesivir export, we must be relaxed so that we can sell the drug locally to overcome its shortage. The injection can be made available for just Rs 1,500."

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## NCR, Pb patients flood Hisar hospitals

DEEPENDER DESWAL  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, APRIL 27 Hisar hospitals are flooded with queries for admission, ICU beds and ventilators from Covid patients in Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, UP and the National Capital Region, including Gurugram and Noi-

'Outsiders' occupy 35% of beds at dist facilities

da. Sources said of around 1,000 patients admitted to 31 hospitals in Hisar, around 350 (35 per cent) are from outside Haryana. Hisar hospitals are also getting patients from

adjoining Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa and Bhiwani districts. One of the hospitals here has 20 patients from Delhi.

Sources say some of the hospitals are admitting patients beyond their capacity. "The death of five patients at a private hospital yesterday is a

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# NIA charge-sheets 8 KLF ultras

**BALWINDER MURDER** Says Pak-based outfit gave arms to accused

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

Anti-terror probe agency NIA today said it has filed a charge-sheet against eight terrorists belonging to the Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) for their involvement in the killing of Balwinder Singh Sandhu, a Shaurya Chakra awardee, in Tarn Taran on October 16 last year.

Officials in the agency said the charge-sheet had been filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, Arms Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the NIA Special Court at Mohali.

Those named in the charge-sheet include Sukhraj Singh, alias Sukha, of Gurdaspur; Ravinder Singh of Hussainpur, Ludhiana; Akashdeep Arora, alias Dhaliwal, of Salem Tabri, Ludhiana; Jagroop Singh of Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana; Sukhdeep Singh, alias Bhura, of Khara, Gurdaspur; Gurjeet Singh, alias Bhaa, of Lakhanpal, Gurdaspur; Inderjit Singh of Rishiana,

## AIMED AT STRIKING TERROR IN PEOPLE'S MINDS



■ **Balwinder Singh Sandhu** was killed to strike terror in the minds of people, especially those opposed to the Khalistan ideology, says NIA charge-sheet  
 ■ Drugs and weapons were smuggled from across IB through well-oiled 'terror-narco-criminal nexus' to generate funds for terror acts  
 ■ Foreign-based KLF leadership recruited, financed and armed local gangster Sukh Bikhariwal to execute killings, it says

Tarn Taran; and Sukhmeet Pal Singh, alias Sukh, of Bikhariwal, Gurdaspur.

According to officials, the investigations in the case suggested the killing was executed with the intent to strike terror in the minds of people, especially those opposed to the Khalistan ideology.

"The transnational conspiracy in the instant crime was hatched by Pakistan-based self-styled KLF chief Lakhvir Singh Rode and top foreign-based KLF terrorists, who provided arms and ammunitions and funds to the accused per-

sons," the NIA has alleged in the charge-sheet.

It further said it had also been unearthed that a well-oiled "terrorist-narcotics-criminal nexus" existed wherein narcotic drugs along with weapons were smuggled by Pakistan-based entities from across the International Border in Punjab for generation of funds for executing terrorist acts.

The NIA had earlier investigated eight similar incidents of targeted killings/attempts/attempted killings by the KLF between January 2016 and October 2017, wherein seven

persons belonging to specific communities were killed, the agency said in the charge-sheet. "Investigation has established that foreign-based KLF leadership had recruited, financed and armed local gangster Sukh Bikhariwal and tasked him to execute the killings through his associates."

"After the reported killing of Harmeet Singh, alias Happy, alias PHD, Pak-based operational chief of the KLF in Pakistan in January 2020, Sukh was directed by Rode and other KLF operatives through encrypted communication platforms to kill Sandhu," it said.

"The reconnaissance of the target was carried out by charge-sheeted accused Inderjeet Singh and sharp shooters Gurjeet Singh and Sukhdeep Singh, who were recruited for killing Sandhu. The other accused are associates of Sukh Bikhariwal, who were instrumental in organising logistics and shelter to the shooters," the NIA alleged.

## Sikh bodies to burn copies of HC verdict

MOHALI, APRIL 27

Sikh bodies led by former Akal Takht Jathedar Bhai Ranjit Singh today announced to burn the copies of the Punjab and Haryana High Court's verdict in the Kotkapura firing incident, alleging it was "political, biased and flawed".

The decision was taken during a meeting held today by prominent Sikh personalities led by Bhai Ranjit Singh.

**Allege the order was political and flawed**

Sukhraj Singh, son of victim of the Behbal Kalan firing incident, was also present.

Bhai Ranjit Singh appealed to the community to register their protest and anger against the "flawed" judgment by burning its copies on April 30. Claiming that the organisations would burn the copies of the verdict at all district headquarters, the ex-jathedar said the main event would be held at Kotkapura Chowk. — TNS

# Capt breaks silence, dares Sidhu to contest from Patiala

## KOTKAPURA VERDICT

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

Sending a clear signal to his detractors within the party and literally closing the door on his former Cabinet colleague, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday dared him to contest against him from Patiala, his home turf, and lose his security deposit like Gen JJ Singh (retd).

The challenge came after Sidhu over the last few days launched an offensive targeting the CM over the quashing of the SIT into the Kotkapura police firing case by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Losing no time, Sidhu again took to Twitter stating "Efforts to derail Punjab's conscience will fail... our fight is for justice and punishing the guilty, an Assembly seat is not even worth discussion in the same breath!" In another tweet, he without naming the Chief Minister raised questions on his intent and leadership and

## STOP DOUBTING MY ABILITY TO LEAD

● If Sidhu has any doubt about my capability to lead the government, he should test the ground by contesting the election against me from Patiala. If he has any issue, he should talk to me. Capt Amarinder Singh, CM



## FIGHT IS FOR JUSTICE, PUNISH THE GUILTY

● My soul is Punjab and Punjab's soul is Guru Granth Sahib Ji ... our fight is for justice and punishing the guilty. An Assembly seat is not even worth discussion in the same breath. Navjot Singh Sidhu, CONG LEADER

adding, "But neither BJP nor Akalis will take Sidhu. He has limited choice, either stay in the Congress or join AAP".

The Chief Minister's clear line on Sidhu seems to bring to an end not only the efforts by party's Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat to rope him back, it also signals the start of a cold war between the two leaders. — TNS

## Shooter held for killing Bishnoi aide

MOGA, APRIL 27

The district police today arrested the main shooter behind the killing of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's aide and state SOPU president Gurjal Brar outside the night club in Chandigarh last year.

State SOPU chief Brar was shot in Chd

## Gangster held in Jharkhand

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

The Punjab Police have arrested Gavi Singh, alias Vijay, an aide of gangster Jaipal, who had fled the state. He was involved in funding the gang by running a drug cartel, a police spokesperson said.

**Gavi linked to Pak, J&K drug smugglers**

Gavi, a resident of Ferozepur, was arrested from Jharkhand. The police said Gavi, who had close links to Pakistan and J&K drug smugglers, was receiving drugs and weapons from Pakistan. — TNS

## FCI 'lags' in procurement

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) seems to be lagging in purchasing its allotted share of wheat during the ongoing procurement season. As against 20 per cent of the total wheat that the central food agency has been allotted to procure, it has so far bought just eight per cent.

Figures available with *The Tribune* show that of the 95.37 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of wheat procured till Tuesday evening, the FCI has bought just 8.03 LMT, against an allotted target of 26 LMT. The state procurement agencies — PUNGRAIN, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation, Markfed and PUNSUP — have together procured 87.34 LMT of wheat.

In the past many years now, the purchase by the FCI is less than the target set for it. Last year, against the target of 20.25 LMT, the FCI actually directly purchased 14.19 LMT in Punjab.

The reason behind the FCI's rather slow wheat procurement this year is not just the



### NOT SHYING AWAY FROM PURCHASE

● The FCI is not shying away from wheat purchase. We are buying foodgrain in all 400 mandis allocated to us. Our purchase is corresponding to the wheat arrival in mandis allotted to US. AS Thind, GM, FCI, PUNJAB

adherence to quality checks set by the agency for buying wheat, but also that many of the mandis allotted to the FCI are the ones where wheat arrivals are traditionally less.

FCI's General Manager, Punjab Region, AS Thind said the quality norms followed by them were the same as the state government agencies.

Officials in the state government said being an election year, the mandis that tradi-

tionally had lesser wheat arrivals were allotted to the central agency, mainly because it pays only 70 per cent of the MSP upfront and releases the remaining dues later, after deducting packing and labour charges.

Though FCI officials said they had no knowledge about this aspect, they said the reason for the less purchase so far was because of the government decision to reduce their target.

Instead of calling a Congress legislative party meeting, the MLAs were called in batches. On Tuesday, nearly 15 legislators met the CM to give their views on the issue, besides listing failure to control the sand and transport mafia.

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## MLAs air concern over people's anger

### FIRING CASES

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

Congress legislators today met Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and expressed concern over growing anger among people on government's failure in giving justice to the families of Kotkapura police firing case and urgent steps required to arrest the distrust.

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Capt meets Cong legislators in batches

there was no failure on part of the government in not defending the case.

The legislators were also briefed about constituting a fresh SIT as per the court directions. Among the MLAs who met the CM were Kiki Dhillon, Kuljeet Nagra, Raja Warring, Parminder Pinki, Harvinder Laddi, Gurkirat Kotli and Darshan Brar. More MLAs are expected to meet the CM over the next two days.

Sources said after fireworks at yesterday's Cabinet meet that saw PCC chief Sunil Jakhar and Sukhjinder Randhawa offering resignations over government's failure to address the issue, the exercise was more about keeping the MLAs in the loop in the wake of disquiet on the sacrilege and police firing cases. Jakhar, Advocate General Atul Nanda and DGP Dinkar Gupta were present at the meeting. — TNS

## AAP: New SIT to save Badals

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

AAP senior leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Assembly, Harpal Singh Cheema today said new SIT to probe the Kotkapura case was to protect the Badals. "Capt Amarinder does not want the culprits and the perpetrators of desecration and firing cases to be punished and the victims get justice," he said, adding Congress leaders should ensure justice in the desecration case. — TNS

## Capt, Jakhar must quit: BJP

JALANDHAR, APRIL 27

Former state BJP president Manoranjan Kalia today said CM Capt Amarinder Singh had violated the oath of office and secrecy by allowing PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar to attend the Cabinet meeting on Monday. "Only Cabinet ministers can sit in such meetings thus the CM should resign," said Kalia. "Jakhar has lowered the stature of the PPCC chief and he too should quit," he said. — TNS

## Fissures in farm unions over Parliament march

SUKHMEET BHASIN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, APRIL 27

Differences among farmer unions are out in open over the Parliament march after Punjab's largest association, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) president accused some organisations of doublespeak and acting as middleman.

Addressing from the stage at the Tikkri border on April 24, BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan said: "In a meeting of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, few members of Lakh Sidhana, Surjeet Singh Phool and student union SFS demanded that date for the Parliament march should be given today, after which the meeting was cancelled. We took a stand that we would not hold any march. If anyone wants to deviate, they can announce their separate programme".

Making serious allegations, Ugrahan said there were 32 farmer unions of Punjab and some of them indulge in doublespeak and act as middleman. This is unacceptable.

"They claim to have the support of 35 lakh youth. Khalistani money and power is supporting them. They should go to Parliament and get the farm laws repealed. If they are able to do it, we will follow them else they fall in line," said Ugrahan.

Talking to *The Tribune*

## SOME INDULGING IN DOUBLESPEAK

● Some unions indulge in doublespeak and act as middleman. We will not hold any march. If anyone wants to deviate, they can announce their separate programme. Joginder Singh Ugrahan, BKU CHIEF



## SKM WON'T FLOAT A PARTY: CHARUNI

The SKM is not going to float a political party. This was stated by SKM leader Guram Singh Charan at Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib on Tuesday. He was presented a siropa by the head granthi of the gurdwara. — TNS

over phone, BKU (Sidhpur) president Jagjeet Singh Dallewal said: "Only Joginder Singh Ugrahan can answer to whom he is referring, but if you see his entire speech, it is clear it is based on his ideology, which he follows, whereas we are fighting against only farm laws."

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# Cremated as Covid positive, two victims not on list of dead

Kin verbally told about infection, probe ordered by Ldh Civil Surgeon

MANAV MANDER

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, APRIL 27

A day after the bodies of two Covid patients were ferried on a cart and an auto-rickshaw for cremation without following the safety protocol, negligence on part of the Health Department in maintaining record of patients who died due to Covid has come to the fore. An inquiry has been marked into the matter by the Civil Surgeon.

Two patients — Bhagwan Shah (67) of Focal Point and Kanta Rani (60) of Amarpara — were admitted to the Civil Hospital, where they died on Sunday after testing positive.

After postmortem on Monday, the bodies were handed over to the families for cremation in sealed bags (with Covid positive marking), but as ambulances at the hospitals were busy, the families made own arrangements and ferried the bodies to the crematorium. Shah's body was taken in an



A victim's body was brought to crematorium in an auto-rickshaw. FILE

## SWEeper SACKed FOR GIVING BODIES

“An inquiry has been marked. Also, a sweeper outsourced by the department has been expelled as he handed over bodies to families without informing the authorities.” — Dr Sukhjeevan Kakkar, CIVIL SURGEON

## LAPSE UNACCEPTABLE: MINISTER

“Many patients have co-morbidities, but have to be counted as Covid deaths since they were +ve. Lapse in this regard can't be accepted.” — Balbir Sidhu, HEALTH MINISTER

auto-rickshaw, while Rani's body arrived at the crematorium on a hand-pulled cart.

Strangely, the details of both victims were missing from the daily deaths' list of Covid

patients shared by the administration every evening.

On Sunday, nine persons lost their lives in the district and only two were reported from the Civil Hospital. Both males belonged to Janakpuri and Jodhan. On Monday, 10 persons lost their lives and four were admitted to the Civil Hospital, which included two males and two females and they belonged to Jawaddi, Basti Jodhewal, Kailash Nagar and Arya Mohalla.

Dr Sukhjeevan Kakkar, Civil Surgeon, has marked an inquiry into the matter. “Statements were taken and the report is likely to be submitted tomorrow,” he said.

Sunny, nephew of Rani, said they had admitted their aunt to the hospital on Saturday. The authorities told them verbally she had Covid-19 but they had no written report.

Ranjodh Singh, president of Ramgarhia Shamshan Ghat, said both bodies came in a sealed bag as positive cases.

# High active caseload cause for concern

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

In the last one week (April 19 to 26), the number of new infections have grown by an average of 1.8% every day in the state. However, the bigger worry is high load of active cases. State's active case ratio is 14.4 per cent and the number of active cases has already crossed 50,000-mark. The trend indicates that the

## 37 DIE AT PATIALA HOSPITAL IN 24 HRS

■ Around 37 patients, including four suspects, died at the isolation wing of Rajindra hospital, Patiala, over the past 24 hours

■ Of 37, only 10 were from Patiala, while 24 were from other districts. Three Covid victims were from other states

## COVID METER

Cases	5,932
Critical	83
Active	51,936
Deaths	100

## WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Ludhiana	1136	13
SAS Nagar	828	11
Bathinda	636	7

current wave will continue for a few more weeks and may get even worse in the days to come.

The situation is such that in the first 26 days of the month, the state reported 1.05 lakh cases and there are over 1,662 deaths. The state recorded between 6,000 and 7,000 cases and around 70 deaths everyday in the past one week. —TNS

# State to get 60 MT oxygen from Bokaro

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27

Following a shortfall of oxygen in Punjab, the state will get 60 metric tonnes of the life-saving gas from Bokaro.

To save the transit time, empty tankers will be airlifted by the Indian Air Force from the Chandigarh airport today and transported to Bokaro. The refilled containers from Bokaro will travel by road and take three to four days to reach the state.

“We have been allocated 60 MT oxygen from Bokaro, which is likely to reach the state by April 30. We are going to airdrop empty tankers in Bokaro so that we can get the consignment early. The tankers will be refilled and sent to the state by road,” said Sibin C, Director, Industries and Commerce. The oxygen would be used for the treatment of critical Covid-19 patients.

Bokaro has already send an “Oxygen Express” train to Uttar Pradesh and is preparing to dispatch more liquid medical oxygen to the northern states, including Haryana, ravaged by Covid-



## BBMB DIRECTED TO RESTART O2 PLANT

■ Ropar DC Sonali Giri has asked the BBMB to restart its oxygen generation plant at Nangal, which stopped operations in 2010

■ Giri said as the country was facing oxygen shortage, it was prudent that these resources be tapped and used judiciously

19, according to insiders.

Presently, the daily requirement of oxygen for Covid patients in Punjab is around 200 MT. Of this, it will get 165 MT from outside, such as Dehradun, Baddi, Panipat, Roorkee, while the remaining is being catered to by state-based plants.

# F'kot, Amritsar colleges wrangle over O2 supply

BALWANT GARG

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, APRIL 27

Medical oxygen crisis in the state today lead the authorities of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital here locking horns with the police and the authorities of Government Medical College and Hospital at Amritsar.

The stand-off between two medical colleges started when there was an attempt to shift a tank containing about 10 metric tonnes of liquid medical oxygen from Faridkot to Amritsar college.

After hours of ‘tussle’, the Faridkot medical college allowed the shifting of about half of the tank, 5 metric tonnes of liquid oxygen, to Amritsar.

Kuldeep Singh Sohi, SP, said the police had nothing to do with the shifting of oxygen from Faridkot to Amritsar. It was only to escort the transporting vehicles.

Faridkot, a police team reached the spot, asking the medical college authorities to shift this tank to Amritsar.

The Faridkot medical college authorities strongly opposed shifting of this oxygen tank to Amritsar as it was meant for Faridkot college where more than 265 Covid patients were under treatment. Even the Panipat-based firm also refused to transport the tank to Amritsar.

This oxygen was supplied to Faridkot college by a Panipat-based firm. This medical college has long-time oxygen-supply contract with the firm.

However, before this oxygen tank was unloaded at

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## APPENDIX-II – A and IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 6 (2) and Rule 8 (6)]

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE AND MOBILE PROPERTIES OF WINSOME YARNS LIMITED (“BORROWER”)

Public Notice for E-Auction Sale of Immovable and Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) and Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) in particular, that the below described movable and immovable properties hypothesized/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Punjab National Bank on behalf of all the Lenders. The debts alongwith all the rights, security, title and interests of Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, State Bank of Patiala, UCO Bank, Dena Bank and United Bank of India (“Assignors”) were assigned to Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC Trust SC-168, 139, 150, 172, 176 & 178 respectively (“EARC”). The Secured Assets will be sold by way of E-auction on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” basis on May 31, 2021, for recovery of a sum of Rs. 5,58,59,00,000/- (Rupees Five Hundred Fifty Eight Crores Fifty Nine Lakhs only) due along with further interest, cost and expenses being due to EARC viz. Secured Creditor from Winsome Yarns Limited (“Borrower”), Mr. Manish Bagrodia, M/s. Shell Business Private Limited and M/s. Satyam Combines Private Limited, Mr. Manish Bagrodia (Legal Heir of Late Mr. Satish Bagrodia) (“Guarantors”). The outstanding dues of EARC are provided below:

EARC Trust	Outstanding dues as on	Total Dues (Rs. in Cr)	Lot V	All Plant, Machineries and Movable Assets lying & being at Lot IV as mentioned above.
EARC SC Trust 168	09.11.2015	176.38	Lot VI	Lot IV and Lot V, together
EARC SC Trust 172	20.11.2015	159.17	Lot VII	Leasehold Land & Civil Structure thereon at Khasra No. 80 of Village Mansian Vazar, Tehsil Jagraon, Ludhiana, admeasuring 5,500 sq. mtrs (comprised Khewat No. 470, Khatani No. 508, Khasra No. 80) and bounded as: North: Khasra No. 80/8 South: Khasra No. 80 East: Khasra No. 27/16, 25/28/19/2, 20, 21, 17, 18/1, 2, 19/1 West: Khasra No. 80 Industrial Land & Civil Structure thereon admeasuring 3 Kanal 18 Marla (78/466th share) of land admeasuring 23 Karnal 6 Marla, comprising in 304/327, Rectangle No. 30 in Killa No. 25(5-16), Rectangle No. 31 in Killa No. 1(7-12), 10(8-0), situated in Village Mansian-Bajan, Sub Tehsil Sidhwan Bet, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana.
EARC SC Trust 150	31.08.2015	116.10	Lot VIII	All Plant, Machineries & Movable Assets lying & being at Lot VII as mentioned above.
EARC SC Trust 139	30.06.2015	45.81	Lot IX	Lot VII and VIII, together
EARC SC Trust 176	12.12.2015	45.05	Lot X	Civil Structure on Leasehold Land at Khasra No. 243-97 of Village Barowal Kalan, Tehsil Jagraon, Ludhiana, admeasuring 6,500 sq. mtrs (comprised Khewat No. 363-607, Khatani No. 409-684, Khasra No. 243-97) and bounded as: North: Khasra No. 243-97 South: Khasra No. 243-97 East: Khasra No. 10/11, 12, 11/15, 16/1, 9/14, 9 12/2, 13, 12/1 West: Khasra No. 243-97
EARC SC Trust 178	05.12.2015	16.08	Lot XI	All Plant, Machineries & Movable Assets lying and being at Lot X as mentioned above.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>558.59</b>	Lot XII	Civil Structure on Leasehold Land at Khasra No. 1206-1646 of Village Dakha & Isewal, Tehsil Mullapur, Ludhiana, admeasuring 6,500 sq. mtrs (comprised Khewat No. 541, Khatani No. 694, Khasra No. 1206-1646 and bounded as: North: Khasra No. 243-97 South: Khasra No. 1206-1646
			Lot XIII	East: Khasra No. 10/11, 12/7, 9/6/2, 15/2, 16/1, 16/3, 17, 18/1, 24/1 East: 1206-1646 West: Khasra No. 1206-1646
			Lot XIV	All Plant, Machineries and Movable Assets lying & being at Lot XIII as mentioned above.
			Lot XV	Lot XIII and XIV, together
			Lot XVI	Industrial Land admeasuring 1 Kanal 1 Maria (21/158th share) of land admeasuring 7 Karnal 18 Marla, comprising in 23/31, Rectangle No. 74 in Killa No. 22(0-9), Rectangle No. 83 in Killa No. 2(7-9), situated at Abbupura, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana
			Lot XVII	All Lots from Lot I to Lot XVI, together
			Lot XVIII	Industrial Land & Civil Structure thereon on Leasehold Land at Khasra No. 49-50 of Village Fatehpur Awana, Tehsil, Ludhiana admeasuring 7,500 sq. mtrs (comprised Khewat No. 134, Khatani No. 181, Khasra No. 49-50) and bounded as: North: Khasra No. 49-50 South: Khasra No. 76-78 East: Khasra No. 49-50 West: Khasra No. 49-50
			Lot XIX	All Plant, Machineries & Movable Assets lying & being at Lot XVIII as mentioned above.
			Lot XX	Lot XVIII and Lot XIX, together
			Lot XXI	Lot XVII and XX, together

For detailed terms and conditions of the E-auction sale, please refer to the link provided in the Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.edelweissarc.in/](http://www.edelweissarc.in/) Propertysale.

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I, Rekha spouse of No. 4579487Y Rank NK name Rajesh Kumar R/o VPO Alewa, Tehsil Alewa, Distt. Jind, have changed my name from Rekha to Rekha Rani vide affidavit dated 23.04.2021 executed before Executive Magistrate, Alewa, Distt. Jind. (CL21009965)

I, Sarbjit Kaur w/o Jita Singh r/o VPO Bilga Jalandhar presently living at 4464 Destiny Drive Turlock CA 95382 have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur Clair. Subject to the approval of Indian Embassy at USA. (CL21010012)

I, Nb Sub Gurnail Singh (JCT75626L) of unit 7014, EME BN C/o 56 APO, Declares in my service record my wife name wrongly recorded as Anita Saini instead of Anita Devi. Concerned note. (CL21010032)

I, S.M. Atwal s/o Sadhu Ram Atwal, H.No. N.A. 256, Kishanpura, Jalandhar declare that my son Chander Shekhar and his wife Archana are out of my control. Therefore, I disinherit them from all my movable/immovable property. I have no relation with him. (CL21010038)

I, Ayush s/o Tejender Singh r/o H.No. 3294, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ayush Jaglan. (CL21010039)

I, Arun Kumar Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Khushal Singh R/o 3117/ Sector 46-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Arun Kumar. (CL21010041)

I, Meenakshi Bhardwaj d/o Sh. Bishambher Dass R/o House No. 3117 Sector 46-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Minakshi. (CL21010054)

I, Jasleen Isha Sandhu d/o Sh. Surinder Pal Singh r/o # 228, Sector 36A, Chandigarh 16036, have changed my name "Jasleen Isha Sandhu" to "Isha Jasleen Kaur". (CL21010068)

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**COURT NOTICES**

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
(Under Guardian and Ward Act)

In the Court of

Sh. Prem Kumar

Principal Judge,

Family Court,

Gurdaspur,

Sukhjot Singh

Vs.

General Public

CNR No.:

PBGD01-000450-2021

Next Date: 12.05.2021

Notice to:

General Public

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.05.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to:  
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Dated, this day of 10.03.2021.

Sd/-

Principal Judge,

Family Court,

CL210100774 Gurdaspur.

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**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**  
In the Court of

Kishore Kumar

District and Sessions Judge,

Kapurthala.

Simranpreet Kaur

Vs.

Satnam Singh

CNR No.:

PKP01-001251-2020

Next Date: 12.05.2021

Petition under Section 11, 12 of HMA

Publication issued to:

Satnam Singh

Father:- Amarjit Singh

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Dated, this day of 23.02.2021.

Sd/-

District and Sessions Judge,

CL210100940 Kapurthala.

**(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)**  
In the Court of

Manjinder Kaur

Additional Principal Judge

Family Court-II,

Jalandhar.

Sandeep Kaur d/o Joginder Pal r/o H.No. 41, Dilbagh Nagar, Jalandhar.

Versus

Sukhwinder Singh s/o Balbir Singh

r/o VPO Jandiala, Teh. Phillaur,

Distt. Jalandhar at present 27

Coppice Lane Off Licence Willenhall U.K.

Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce.

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## IN BRIEF

**State nod to ₹9.4 cr for Covid measures**

**CHANDIGARH:** The government has approved an advance amount of Rs 9.40 crore for the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for Covid containment measures. According to a circular by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Rs 7 crore has been sanctioned for Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonepat, Hisar, Ambala, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari, Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, Sirsa, and Jind districts. —TNS

**2 Thanesar sectors containment zones**

**KURUKSHETRA:** The administration has declared Sectors 7 and 13 in Thanesar as macro-containment zones due to high positivity rate. The assembly and movement of people in these areas are strictly prohibited. All markets, shops and religious places will remain closed. —TNS

**Farmer leaders pay tributes to deceased**

**SONEPAT:** The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Tuesday paid tributes to those who died due to Covid. "In collaboration with the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Youth Brigade, we distributed food outside Raja Harish Chandra Hospital. On Wednesday, 20 stretchers will be donated to the hospital," Dr Darshan Pal, an SKM leader said. —TNS

**Int'l shooter Bhaker gets vaccinated**

**JHAJJAR:** International shooter Manu Bhaker and her father Ram Kisan Bhaker on Tuesday received the first jab of Covid vaccine at the Community Health Centre in the district's Dhakla village. —TNS

## Karnal rolls out 'oxygen on wheels'

Tribune News Service

**KARNAL, APRIL 27** The death of 13 Covid patients due to lack of oxygen in private hospitals of Gurugram, Rewari and Hisar has pushed the district administration to start an oxygen bank, which it calls "oxygen on wheels". It is a truck that can carry 100 cylinders. The initiative was rolled out today.

"The purpose is to ensure smooth supply of medical oxygen to hospitals treating Covid patients," said DC Nishant Kumar Yadav.

At present, 17 city hospitals, including Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College, are treating Covid patients and these require 13 MT of oxygen every day.

The DC said, "Hospitals receive supply from Roorkee and Panipat. Besides, two agencies have been roped in. One has started the operation, while the other is yet to begin functioning. To ensure smooth



'Oxygen on wheels' can carry 100 cylinders. SAYEED AHMED

**FOR SMOOTH SUPPLY**

**“**The purpose of 'oxygen on wheels' is to ensure smooth supply of medical oxygen to hospitals treating Covid patients. Nishant Kumar Yadav, KARNAL DC

supply, 'oxygen on wheels' has been launched."

Hospitals will have to submit a demand for oxygen and it will be delivered. In case of emergency, 15 cylinders will be provided.

In a repeat of Sunday, sev-

eral city hospitals ran short of oxygen today.

"In the morning, there was a shortage of oxygen. After a few hours, oxygen was supplied and the situation was brought under control," the DC added.

## Impose Sec 144, Viji directs DCs

Tribune News Service

**CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27** Health and Home Minister Anil Viji today directed the DCs to provide a blueprint for oxygen beds, oxygen storage capacity and other requirements, including ventilators, in all private and government hospitals of their districts by 10 am on Thursday.

In view of the seriousness of the Covid situation, orders have also been given to enforce Section 144.

Viji directed the DCs to ensure arrangements for funeral to be conducted on the same day for those who unfortunately lose their lives during Covid while observing the protocol. For this, additional cremation ground should be selected as per the requirements. He said apart from this, 20 Dial-112 vehicles were also being sent to every district, which should be used as per the requirements. —TNS

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**

- The allotment of flats in multi-storied building shall be made to those applicants who are found eligible after proper verification by way of draw of lots on free hold basis.
- The flat is not transferable for a period of 20 years. The GPA is also not valid for transfer of flat. The allottee cannot transfer/sublet/lease out the flat for a period of 20 years.
- The allotment can be cancelled on violation of any term & condition of the allotment.
- The allotment shall be governed by rules and regulations of the HSPV Act, 1977.
- The applicant will apply on the prescribed application form along with the Earnest Money in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of Estate Officer, HSVP Karnal.
- The application form and the details of other rules and regulations can be taken from the office of Estate Officer, HSVP Sector-12, Karnal. Application without Earnest Money shall not be considered.

**Opening Date of Application:** 27.04.2021

**Closing Date of Application:** 26.05.2021

**Administrator,** HSVP, Panchkula.

**Sd/- Estate Officer, HSVP, Karnal.**

PRDH/1083/11/16/2022/2756/31/4

## Need to appoint more docs to save people: HC

**SAURABH MALIK**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27** As the Covid cases continue to surge unabated, the Punjab and Haryana has asserted that the need of the hour is to get more doctors to discharge the duties to save the citizens of the country from the grave situation.

**IT IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR**  
**“**The situation in the country is such where the doctors are needed the most. Keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the need of the hour to get more doctors to discharge the duties to save the citizens of the country from the grave situation.

Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi, PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

The assertion came as the High Court directed the state of Haryana to consider an MBBS doctor eligible against one of the 12 posts of medical officer still lying vacant in the general category.

"The situation in the country is such where the doctors are needed the most. Keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the need of the hour to get more doctors to discharge the duties to save the citizens of the country from the grave situation."

Referring to the facts of the case, Justice Sethi added it was for this very reason that the government initially advertised 447 posts of medical officer, but later on decided to fill 642 posts out of the same selection.

The matter was brought to

the HC's notice after Dr Rashi Agrawal filed a petition through counsel Manoj Kumar Sood challenging the action of the state of Haryana and other respondents in not considering her claim for appointment against one of the 642 posts of medical officer.

Taking up the matter, Justice Sethi asserted the question before the Bench was whether the petitioner, allowed to compete and undergo the full selection process for appointment to the post, could be declared ineligible on the ground that the registration certificate given to her was submitted after the last date of filing application form.

Elaborating, Justice Sethi added the court was to con-

sider whether delay on the Delhi Medical Council's part in awarding the registration certificate could defeat her right to seek appointment against the post, despite being fully eligible and candidates with lesser merit being appointed already.

Justice Sethi added once the petitioner was not ousting any candidate, who fulfilled the requisite qualifications envisaged in the advertisement, she was entitled to be considered eligible for appointment against one of the 12 posts keeping in view the peculiar facts of the case.

"In case the candidates having lesser merit than the petitioner have already been appointed, the petitioner be also appointed," Justice Sethi concluded.

## 11,931 cases, 84 more die

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, APRIL 27**

With 11,931 fresh Covid cases and 84 deaths in the last 24 hours, the state's tally today reached 4.48 lakh.

The maximum deaths (10) took place in Gurugram and Hisar, followed by nine in Ambala, eight each in Rohtak and Jind, seven in Fatehabad, six in Bhiwani, four in Karnal, three each in Faridabad, Sonepat, Panchkula and Sirsa, and two each in Rewari, Kurukshetra, Palwal, Nuh and Kaithal.

Gurugram alone today contributed 3,684 fresh cases, followed by 1,330 in Faridabad, 940 in Sonepat, 725 in Karnal and 642 in Hisar.

A total of 7,184 people recovered in the last 24 hours, while the active cases swelled to 84,129.

**COVID METER**

Cases	11,931
Critical	806
Active cases	84,129
Deaths	84
<b>WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS</b>	
Gurugram, Faridabad, Hisar, Sonepat and Karnal	

patients are dying due to shortage of oxygen.

"Prima facie, ...it appears that the deaths of the patients suffering from Covid are taking place due to shortage of medical oxygen supply. If there is no shortage..., how the deaths are taking place in various districts, including Hisar, Gurugram and Rewari? If the

The next date in the matter is May 17. —TNS

## Directorate of Town & Country Planning, Haryana

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### Notice for walk in interview for contractual appointment in the IT CELL

Eligible candidates are invited to attend Walk-in-Interview on 05.05.2021 for the following post in IT Cell of Town & Country Planning Department on contractual basis for one year:-

Sl. No.	POSTS (IT Cell)	No. of Posts
1	Software Developer	5
2	GIS Developer	1

Advertisement in detail with eligibility criteria and application format can be downloaded from tcpphyaryana.gov.in

Candidate has to report at 10:30 a.m. on 05.05.2021 in the office of Directorate of Town & Country Planning, Haryana Nagar Yojana Bhawan, Plot No. 3, Block-A, Sector-18A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh. Candidate arriving late may not be permitted to participate.

In the absence of filled up application form or certificates, the application will be rejected and the applicant will not be permitted to attend the interview.

You are advised to go through the requirements of educational qualification, experience and age etc. carefully and satisfy yourself that you are eligible before appearing for the interview.

The interview committee reserves the right to cancel any or all the applications without assigning any reason thereof.

(N.S. Chauhan),  
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## Authorities claim ample O<sub>2</sub>, pvt hospitals say otherwise

RAVINDER SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**ROHTAK, APRIL 27**

Notwithstanding the district authorities' claims of having adequate oxygen, several private hospitals in Rohtak and Jhajjar have not only stopped admitting new patients but have also advised the ones undergoing treatment to shift elsewhere, citing supply crunch.

A private hospital in Bahadurgarh town, Jhajjar, has pasted a notice requesting attendants to make arrangements for shifting their patients somewhere else as it is running short of medical oxygen supply.

"Even after

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## ECI in the dock

Constitutional body is being held responsible for Covid surge

**T**HE Madras High Court has pulled no punches in holding the Election Commission of India (ECI) 'singularly' responsible for the spread of the second wave of Covid-19 in the country. The court has even said that ECI officials may be booked on murder charges. This is a scathing indictment of the poll panel's conduct of the elections in four states and a UT over the past month amid the devastating pandemic. Sadly, the strictures have shown the ECI in a poor light because of its decisions, though the polling staff had accomplished the Herculean task of holding elections during a health emergency.

There is no doubt that polls are a constitutional obligation that the ECI has to fulfil, come what may, but the sheer chaos they unleashed could have been avoided with foresight and planning. The poll schedule for West Bengal — eight phases spread over 34 days — had come under fire from the outset. Such a long-drawn-out exercise was a recipe for disaster as the virus was getting uncontrollable by the day. Even as Covid cases kept rising in recent weeks, the ECI refused to club the remaining phases, citing logistic challenges and legal constraints. Though the spectre of large gatherings becoming superspreaders of infection loomed large, the commission allowed crowded roadshows and rallies. It was as late as April 22, with only two phases of polling left, that the ECI imposed a ban on roadshows and vehicle rallies in the state.

The poll panel has now prohibited all victory processions and celebrations after the counting of votes on May 2. The move is welcome, but it will all boil down to enforcement. It remains to be seen what action, if any, would be taken against the offenders. There is a growing perception that the ECI is reluctant to act against certain big fish. The credibility of this constitutional body has repeatedly come under a cloud as doubts have been raised about its neutrality. The ECI needs to go the extra mile to dispel such notions and reaffirm its commitment to remain Indian democracy's watchdog.

## Suffocating delay

A dairy cooperative has done what Centre and states couldn't

**A**DEQUATE supply of oxygen for critically ill Covid patients, whose numbers continue to rise in this massive second surge, has emerged at the heart of saving lives. But alas! Both the Central and state governments — indulging in ugly political bickering during this national calamity — have abjectly failed the country in fast-tracking the harnessing of the money sanctioned for setting up oxygen plants in hospitals in the past one year. While patients gasp for oxygen, they indulge in such excuses as vendors backing out, hospital site-unpreparedness or non-allocation of funds.

The precious time squandered after the Centre's declaration of installing plants in 162 government hospitals across the country, for which around Rs 202 crore was allocated last year, has, sadly, come at a dear cost. The authorities concerned have blood on their hands as victims rapidly succumb to the virus at heartbreaking rates for want of the life-saving gas. Punjab, reeling under one of the highest fatality rates, has been able to set up only one of the three plants sanctioned for the three government medical colleges. Even in that lone consolation spot — Faridkot — it is more of a better-late-than-never scene as it became functional just last month. Utter apathy is to the fore in Haryana as none of its six plants planned have seen the light of day. Nationwide, only 33 of the 162 hospitals promised to be equipped with the inhouse oxygen generation were successful in the attempt to be ready to deal with the imminent second wave. While Assam boasts of preparing eight plants, Delhi's tally is just one out of the eight sanctioned.

That a lackadaisical attitude and red tape should have besieged a plant that requires just around a month to be established and costs merely Rs 1.25 crore, is criminal. In fact, if there is a will, it can be made running in as little as 72 hours. This is exemplarily shown by a dairy cooperative at Banaskantha in Gujarat. Not only did Banas Dairy quickly marshal resources to set up a plant, but also it is working on two more for the district to be fully self-reliant.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Not the cry, but the flight of a wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow. — Chinese proverb

### ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1921

### RACE PREJUDICE.

ONE of the most potent causes that militate against a rapprochement between the European and the Indian communities in India is the existence of racial prejudice. The European arrogates to himself certain rights and privileges as a member of the ruling caste. He assumes an air of superiority as a "white" man and regards the domination of the coloured races as the most natural thing in the world. Claims based on racial arrogance have been made from time to time by Europeans in this country and abroad. Even the profession of a common religion is not regarded as sufficient to overcome this race prejudice for we find that discrimination is made between Europeans and Indian Christians even in Christian churches. Not only that. Race prejudice follows a person even beyond the grave for are there not separate cemeteries for Europeans and "Native" Christians? Of course there have been honourable exceptions and although it would not be just to attribute this spirit of racial exclusiveness to all Europeans in India, the fact remains that no concerted action of any nature has been taken either by representative Europeans in India or by their members individually to counteract the growth of this tendency. As a matter of fact, so far as the European Associations are concerned, they have been instrumental to a considerable extent in making the relations between the two communities weak. These bodies have for their avowed object the protection of communal interests and it would be idle to expect any encouragement or support from them on behalf of a movement that seeks to establish racial equality. The Indian, on his part in the beginning, accepted his lower status as a necessary condition of alien rule. As political consciousness grew, the Indian naturally became more sensitive. Race-consciousness in him began to assert itself in an increasing degree.

# When govt fails its people

The onus of protecting lives in the middle of death & destruction is on the citizen



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**D**EEP anguish, deeper desolation, and immeasurable sadness defeat us as we witness death after death. Death is no longer a stranger; it has become familiar: a neighbour, a visitor, even family. We have looked death in the face, and found it merciless. We do not personally know the people who died, we only know how many died. But we do know they left a part of themselves with us, and took away a part of us. 'No man is an island', wrote English poet John Donne, '...any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.'

This is a moment of unending grief. It is also a moment for asking hard questions. There is nothing more tragic than avoidable death. Who is responsible? We asked for statesmen, wrote Wole Soyinka, we were sent executioners. Indians asked for statesmen, we got politicians for whom democracy is reducible to elections; a route to grab power and privilege.

Democracy has disappointed democrats across the world. We had hoped for democracy because this is the form of rule that recognises the political competence of ordinary people to participate in decision making. Democracy is of value not because of its outcomes, whether peace, increased GDP, or world-class infrastructure, but because of its presumption that every citizen is equal.

Democrats realised early enough that no one can be equal if she is poor, non-literate, malnourished, unemployed amidst opulent affluence. Political equality has meaning only when the holders of power recognise that



AT A COST: We are paying heavily for commercialisation of healthcare. PTI

Sadly, our civil society has been pulverised, courts abdicate their responsibility, and the rule of law is missing.

people should not be poor/ non-literate/malnourished/ unemployed because that compromises the fundamentals of democracy. A well-conceived educational system, a functioning health infrastructure, jobs, housing and a regular income represent the core of redistributive justice.

This notion is not new to India. The Constitution draft, authored by a nine-member committee, with Motilal Nehru as the chairman, conceptualised an integrated system of rights from universal adult suffrage to the right to liberty. Prominence was given to social rights. Motilal Nehru observed that political power could be justified only when it was used to ameliorate poverty, ill health and education through the grant and implementation of social and economic rights. The report obliged a future Parliament of independent India to make suitable laws for the maintenance of health and fitness for work for all citizens, for securing a living wage for all workers, and for the protection of motherhood, welfare of children, and to counter economic consequences of old age, infirmity, and unemployment.

In the Constituent Assembly, the integrated list of rights was split between the Fundamental Rights Chapter and the Directive Principles of State Policy. Many decades thereafter, social rights were given attention only in 2004-2009 by the UPA government headed by PM Manmohan Singh. Aided by a Supreme Court anxious to reclaim its image after its sorry record during the Emergency, and by civil society groups, the UPA-I legislated several social rights. The RTE was made a part of the right to life, and granted the status of a fundamental right. However, the right to health was left out. Article 21, which guarantees the right to life, has been interpreted to cover the right to health. The right is thus derived rather than couched in terms of a specific good that all have a right to.

In 1946, the committee on public health chaired by Sir Joseph Bhore had recommended that a web of primary health centres be established to focus on preventive and curative measures. Our public health system has functioned poorly. Since 1991, the private sector, promoting health tourism, has stepped into the field in a major way. Dominated

by a few corporates, private hospitals are driven by profit. The private sector is uninterested in the concept of delivering health to all through preventive measures, and is unconcerned about equity. The present government has devolved responsibility for health to the private sector. Consider the pricing policy of vaccination for the 18-44 age group. The onus of protecting lives in the middle of death and destruction has been placed on the citizen.

That the focus on curative health has resulted in inadequate health services, is made painfully evident today. Preventive healthcare is related to the establishment of supportive infrastructure: networks of free or reasonably priced services, high literacy rates, exposure to information, social movements, and, above all, political will, as is the case of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Social activists and scholars have suggested a move away from a policy-oriented approach to health, towards a human rights approach which might manage to secure universal access to health.

Today, we are paying heavily for privatisation and commercialisation of a basic precondition to life. The leadership is content with demoting democracy to elections, and to mandates secured by elections. The ruling class might do something about the lives, liberties, education and health of citizens. It might not do anything. The presumption of democracy can be belied by the outcome. Important as elections are, they are not sufficient for ensuring democracy and well-being. Democracy has to be protected by citizen activism in the space of civil society, by the judiciary and by the rule of law. In India, civil society has been pulverised, courts abdicate their responsibility, and the rule of law has gone missing.

So when the pandemic massacres, the only agent that can hold a mirror to overweening power is the foreign media, a few newspapers and some online news portals. Leaders continue to lust for power, as those who voted for them gasp for breath. This is not the democracy our forebears fought for and conceived of.

### OBITUARY

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan (Jan 1, 1925–Apr 21, 2021)

## He lived in faith and forgiveness

### SUDHAMAHI REGUNATHAN

**T**HE ideal and the amazing lend themselves to beautiful words and phrases but when it comes to describing in reality, someone who stood way above the rest, words falter and get into a hagiographical tussle. That is the problem of writing about Maulana Wahiduddin Khan. The sparkle of love in his eyes and the softness of his voice were unmatched. He exuded peace and compassion, his tall majestic form finding description in idyllic phrases, like 'font of compassion', 'embodiment of peace' and a 'repository of wisdom'. His mother perceptively called him, 'Allah wala walid' (my God-oriented son).

Born on January 1, 1925, in Badaria village of Azamgarh district, UP,

Maulana lost his father at a very young age. 'My most significant deprivation was the death of my father, and subsequently, my most significant discovery was the discovery of God, my only discovery...' were among his last words.

When he came to Delhi as a young man, he started a magazine called *Al-Risala*. He was writing and discovering the meaning of spiritual texts at all times. Among the 11 books he has written, helping every ordinary person find meaning in the Quran, one that is most well read is *Tazkirul Quran*.

Honoured by the Padma Vibhushan early this year and the Padma Bhushan in 2000, Maulana saw compassion as central to life. 'My most fulfilling experience has been to instill in innumerable youths, a feeling of "well wishingness" towards fellow beings,

irrespective of which religion or caste one belongs. This is possible only when we lead a life of gratefulness towards others. It is a fact that one who is grateful to his fellow beings is also the one who is grateful to his Creator.'

The Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award was conferred upon him in 2009. He felt the presence of the divine not just in fellow beings but in all of nature. 'The sun where atomic reaction converts into light... The very trees are nature's laboratories, taking in water, minerals and gases and converting them into flowers and fruits. I call this practice as art of conversion. It helps a person see God's stamp in every experience.'

A recipient also of the Demiurgus Peace International Award, Maulana believed that only an attitude of forgive-

ness could foster peace. 'Forgive other people's mistakes and forget negative experiences. Revengeful behaviour or keeping negativity alive is the biggest killer of one's spirituality.'

In the February of 1982, he was walking back home from a meeting in pouring rain when he slipped and fell. He reached out to a pole nearby but held instead an open electric junction box hanging on it. He found himself jolted by electric shocks. At that moment of physical agony, he realised the body was impermanent, not the soul or the mind. On April 21, a week into the month of Ramadan, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan left his body. He was 97. His soul and mind continue to live in his writings and the spirit of camaraderie and love he stood for.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Irresponsible leaders

The thought, 'Leadership is about taking responsibility, not making excuses', is apt in the prevailing chaos in the country. No political or administrative leader is ready to accept the failure and responsibility for the inadequate medical provisions, when the second corona wave was imminent. We lacked a focused approach. People are suffering and dying due to the lack of vision of our leaders. They do not hesitate to accuse the critics of the collapse of the system as anti-Bharat forces 'creating an atmosphere of negativity'. They need to rise above petty politics and help the nation wholeheartedly to cope with the pandemic and own responsibility for the scarcity of medical facilities. Both the Centre and the state governments should work as a team to mitigate the suffering of the citizens rather than blame each other.

GS MANN, NANGAL

#### Over to voters now

Politicians get elected not to serve the country but their vested interests ('Death by apathy'). Why should a candidate incur whopping expenditure during electioneering? After becoming lawmakers, they get busy recouping the expenses. To expect that they shall discharge their duties

scrupulously, let alone any act of altruism, is foolhardy. The recent extortion racket in Maharashtra is a case in point. Hopefully the ravaging pandemic might bring a paradigm shift in voters' psyche to punish politicians for criminal negligence of duties. Voters shall be taken for a ride if they do not hold them accountable.

DEEPAK SINGHAL, NOIDA

#### EC in the wrong

Reference to 'EC singularly to blame for 2nd Covid surge: Madras HC'; it's shocking to observe the way the Election Commission acted in a partisan manner and faltered in its duties by allowing rallies of lakhs of people without any adherence to Covid norms. The day Modi called off his personal rallies, the EC banned political gatherings of more than 500 people. This is enough to reveal the harsh reality that even this institution is a 'caged parrot' of the ruling party. However, it's too late even for the court to lash out at the EC as the damage has already been done. Timely intervention might have saved the situation from going bad to worse.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, UK

#### Farmers must suspend stir

The head of the Juna Akhada curtailed the Kumbh Mela after PM

Modi requested him to keep it symbolic. Also, all political parties have scaled back their campaigns for the ongoing West Bengal elections. Farmers should also realise that their massive agitation has the potential to fuel the virus. As responsible citizens, they must protect themselves and others by ending, or at least suspending their agitation until the virus is brought under control. This is not the time for any agitation which leads to large gatherings.

AK AGARWAL, CHANDIGARH

#### Vote for health

Refer to 'No one cares for healthcare' (*The Sunday Tribune*); it should be called 'prepaid' healthcare because all of us have paid for it through our taxes. It is the duty of the government to provide basic healthcare against the tax collected. But we forget that when we go to the polling booth. If a family member falls victim to a serious ailment, it is enough to deplete all family savings. The worst hit are the poor and the lower middle class families who can't afford quality private healthcare. Pathology labs are also out to fleece patients and pay heavy commissions to doctors for recommending unnecessary tests. Even as the pandemic was raging, our leaders' focus was on the Bengal elec-

tions. Voters should vote for those who promise free and quality healthcare as priority in their manifesto.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

#### Vaccine not luxury item

The government has fixed three different rates for Covid vaccine as if it is a luxury item. High prices shall be a deterrent. How will we achieve 100% inoculation? It should be provided free to everyone from taxpayers' money, whether at government or private hospitals. Private hospitals should work to help government programmes, and not to earn profits. Israel, the UK and the US lowered Covid infections through massive inoculation.

SS BHATHAL, LUDHIANA

#### Another SIT

The Punjab Government has decided to have a new SIT to probe the Kotkapura police firing case. What has happened leaves a clear message. The desecrators of the Guru's scriptures cannot be brought to book. When justice is denied, or wilfully delayed, and when it can be miscarried in full public view, it should be left to the people to punish them at the hustings. And people do not need SIT reports to know who are behind this act.

JERNAIL S ANAND, ZIRAKPUR

# Covid shadow over Centre-state equations



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SENIOR JOURNALIST

**B**Y a perverse logic, the Covid pandemic has upturned the Centre-state equations and inverted the principle of cooperative federalism, at a time when the two arms of the political executive require one another the most. Barring Odisha and Tamil Nadu, the other states that were not ruled by the BJP endured the impact of an order which should have favoured the provinces because public health is a state subject under the Constitution's Seventh Schedule. Although the catastrophe triggered an old debate over placing public health on the concurrent list, in practice, the fiscal and institutional constraints the states were subject to made the Centre an active player in shaping policies in this crucial sector all along.

The Seventh Schedule defines the mandate under public health to cover sanitation, hospitals and dispensaries, while the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases — relevant in the present context — from one state to another comes under the concurrent list. Bolstered by the archaic Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and the National Disaster Management Act (NDMA), 2005, the Centre had the constitutional and political carte blanche to give directions to the states during the pandemic. The top-down approach resulted in tensions as some Opposi-

tion-governed states acted contrary to the Centre's 'advisories' while the Centre despatched inspection squads without the concurrence of the states to identify the Covid hotspots.

The Centre also seemed reluctant to accede to the states' demands for augmented funds, personal protective equipment kits and testing kits. The ongoing clash over oxygen supplies between the Centre and the O<sub>2</sub>-starved states is a fallout of the skewed relationship that emanated from the imbalance of powers in the public health sphere. Although medical oxygen is not a controlled commodity, amid the pandemic it is allocated centrally and its distribution is monitored by an Empowered Group 2 constituted by the Prime Minister's Office with representatives from the states and the major oxygen producers. At the core of the Centre-state discord lie vexatious issues: the limited finances of the states, the lack of technical expertise with the states that was evident in the inability of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to handle Japanese encephalitis and Karnataka to deal with monkey fever, and insufficient institutional back-up to make and implement policies. These circumstances caused states to rely excessively on the Centre for aid and advice during a pandemic as well as local public health issues.

While the first phase of the pandemic was marked by pinpricks and clashes between the Centre and the states, especially during the first lockdown when the migrants returned to their home states, a near breaking point came on March 22, 2021, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred with the chief ministers of the virus-ravaged states at a video conference. The backdrop was fraught with anxi-



ties over the deaths caused by O<sub>2</sub> scarcity in Delhi hospitals. There was a remote chance of getting the supplies replenished. Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi Chief Minister, live-streamed his speech in which he implored the PM to increase the oxygen quantum until the government cut short the stream, citing 'tradition and protocol'. Relations between the Centre and Kejriwal were never even keeled although in his present tenure, the CM was mindful of not nettling Modi without provocation as he did in his previous stints and letting on his national ambitions.

Uddhav Thackeray, the Maharashtra CM, whose state has been hit the longest and hardest by Covid, heard Modi out without interrupting him. Thackeray, who put up with the Cen-

tre's calculated apathy towards the Shiv Sena, the BJP's former ally, realised there was no point in antagonising Modi all the time. The BJP has been on the job of destabilising the disparate Maharashtra coalition and lately found a weak spot in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and its leader, Sharad Pawar. Just how focused the BJP was on the Maharashtra project was apparent when last week, the CBI raided the properties of NCP leader and former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh, who quit after the Bombay High Court ordered a probe into corruption allegations against him. Following the raid, the CBI booked Deshmukh under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the IPC.

The Centre's attitude towards the Opposition-ruled states, heightened

The Centre's attitude towards the Opposition-ruled states, heightened during the pandemic, raises a question: what happens when the BJP next sets out on a quest for 'friendly' allies? The party will need hand-holding in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to take baby steps. There's the North-east, barring Assam. Can the BJP's cavalier, indeed hostile, conduct with the regional forces inspire confidence in its present and prospective partners?

**BATTLEGROUND BENGAL:** Since 2019, determination has marked the BJP's objective to dislodge CM Mamata Banerjee and the Trinamool Congress. PTI

the Lok Sabha polls.

Therefore, the BJD can never be an ally except in the very remote possibility (at least as of now) of the BJP requiring outside support after the next parliamentary polls. Patnaik is one of the most successful regional chieftains. He has been CM five times, a record held by Pawan Chamling and Jyoti Basu, and has never even disclosed or even feigned to have national aspirations.

The BJP has a long way to go in the south. It will need hand-holding in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to take baby steps. There's the North-east, barring Assam. Can the BJP's cavalier, indeed hostile, conduct with the regional forces inspire confidence in its present and prospective partners? Something to ponder over.

## Learn lessons to make system pandemic-ready



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More and more hospitals are needed to undertake studies simultaneously and perform analyses of the data well in time so that policies can be made quickly and altered in real time, wherever and whenever required. The clinical studies undertaken at the hospitals will help tackle the pandemic better in the current phase and also guide our preparation in future.

**H**ISTORY tells us that pandemics come in the form of waves. The Spanish flu of the 20th century killed more people in the second wave than in the first one. If we had learnt lessons from the first wave of Covid-19, we would have been well prepared and responded quickly to make the second one much less devastating. We did not ramp up our health infrastructure by creating more hospitals and facilities to fight the second wave. Our population, especially the younger lot, became complacent and negligent, oblivious of the imminent danger.

The resumption of economic activity and reduced number of infections by December 2020 started giving a false sense of normalcy. This feeling was reaffirmed by a series of political, religious and social activities. A wrong message reached the younger people that everything was under control and the coronavirus had left the country for good, even as disconcerting news kept coming from Europe and other parts of the world that the virus had mutated and gained infectivity manifold and was also affecting the younger lot.

In India, the hospitals which were designated as Covid hospitals last year returned to their normal operations as soon as the first wave subsided and the cases dropped to three-digit figures at many places. This was done despite the fact that many countries in Europe were witnessing the second and third waves in early 2021 and virus variants were being reported in some countries. Initially, some cases were also reported



**ALARMING TREND:** A greater number of younger patients are needing hospitalisation, oxygen support and ICU admission. PTI

in India in January and February, including the UK variant (B.1.1.7). By the end of March, 736 cases of the UK variant were reported from all across India, in addition to 34 of the South African variant and at least one case of the Brazilian variant. These variants were said to be highly contagious and therefore needed quick action to isolate, trace and treat in order to contain the wider spread. At this stage, swift measures were needed to contain the spread of the infection. But the system failed to recognise the looming danger. The cases started rising by leaps and bounds and the number crossed one lakh on April 4, two lakh on April 14, and three lakh on April 21. This sudden surge within a couple of weeks led to all-round panic, as the existing hospital

facilities, which were functioning at a reduced strength, could not catch up with the number of patients that suddenly reached hospitals in many cities, especially in Mumbai and Delhi.

In the second wave, the patients include more people in the age group of 30-50 years. The probable reasons for this new trend, unlike the first wave, are the following: firstly, the younger people kept going to their workplace without adopting preventive measures; a majority of them avoided wearing a mask, and those who wore it slipped below the nose. Social distancing was not practised and washing or sanitising the hands was no longer a priority, unlike during the lockdown months of 2020. Secondly, the virus had got mutated, including a lately identified Indian strain (B.1.617) which had accu-

mulated three mutations and become more contagious. Thirdly, the young population is still not vaccinated on account of priority given to the elderly and comorbid population after the frontline workers. As a result, the mutant and highly contagious strains of the coronavirus found an unarmed and unvaccinated young population aged 25 or above, which accounts for more than 50 per cent of the nation's population, as a favourable host to multiply.

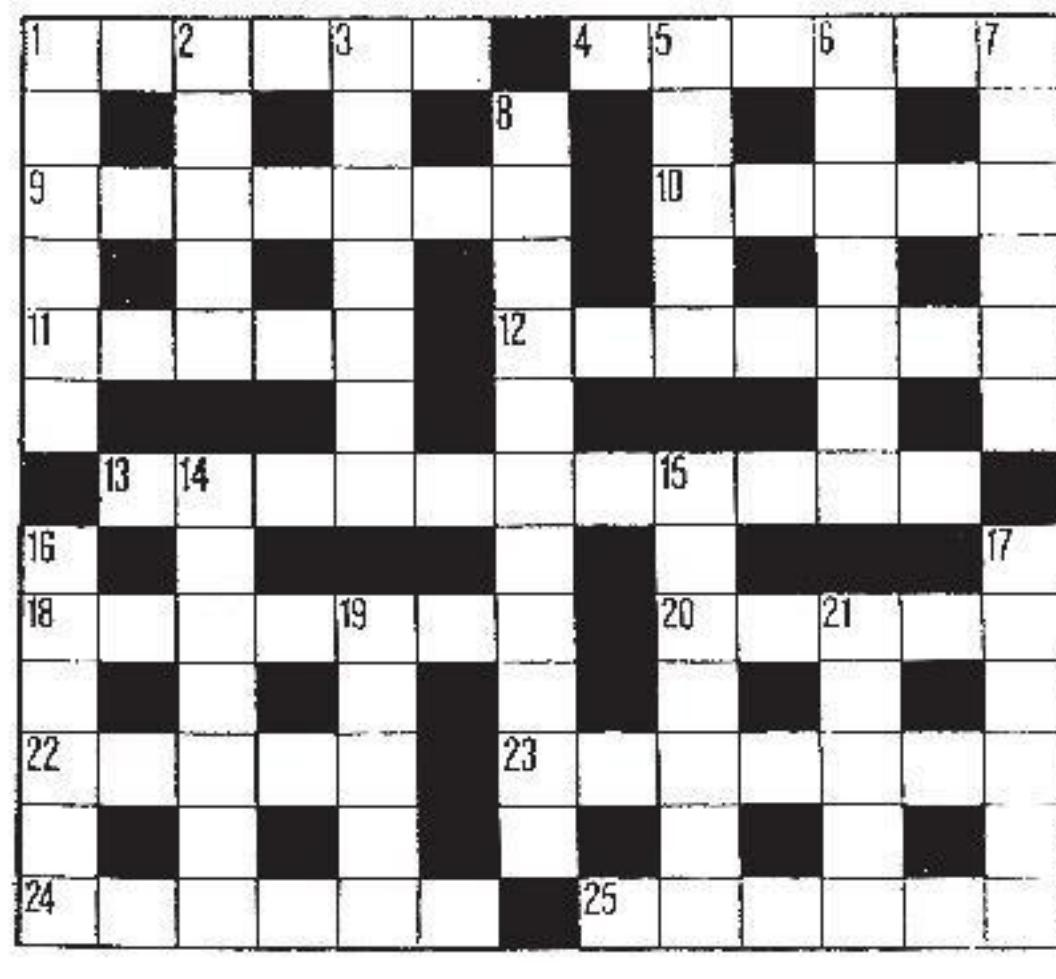
In addition to the increasing incidence, a greater number of younger patients are needing hospitalisation, oxygen support and ICU admission, and are also succumbing to the disease. The reason behind this trend appears to be the negligence at the initial stage of the infection. People kept working and socialising despite having symptoms; as a result, their body became weak fighting the virus. As the virus grows in the lungs, it compromises the lungs' function, and if the infected person keeps working and getting exhausted, the oxygen demand on the lungs increases. This double whammy leads to decreased oxygen level in the body, causing hypoxia and further damage to vital organs. By the time the patient becomes visibly weak and decides to go for testing, it is too late. The patients who show mild to moderate symptoms get scared upon learning that they are Covid-positive. In an HRCT (high-resolution computed tomography) scan the lungs show glassy patches in many cases; the severity score is more than 15/25 and oxygen saturation falls below normal. This leads to panic and

the patients rush to hospitals.

The decline in cases being reported from a few places will be helpful in better management of patients and in bringing down the casualty rate, if not the severity. But it is likely that new hotspots may emerge due to the mistakes made at other places at the beginning of the second wave. Therefore, it is urgently needed that the pandemic is managed well by allocating and diverting resources wherever these are required on priority. For this, swift communication and transportation of resources without the restrictions of state boundaries are required. Further, an enhanced awareness drive is required to make people follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and help reduce the incidence.

More and more hospitals are needed to undertake studies simultaneously and perform analyses of the data well in time so that policies can be made quickly and altered in real time, wherever and whenever required. The clinical studies undertaken at the hospitals will help tackle the pandemic better in the current phase and also guide the preparation in future. We have a lot to learn from the pandemic's second wave and apply those learnings in building a pandemic-ready health infrastructure and be prepared to handle the millions of cases without any hitch. This is extremely important looking at the demography of India and its projection for the coming decades as well as the likelihood of more disease outbreaks in future.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Rat race, 5 Catch, 8 Panic-stricken, 9 Louse, 10 Express, 11 Chintz, 12 Stocky, 15 Locally, 17 Ripen, 19 Eventualities, 20 Token, 21 Springy.

**Down:** 1 Repel, 2 Tongue-in-cheek, 3 Ancient, 4 Entree, 5 Crisp, 6 Take exception, 7 Honesty, 11 Collect, 13 Terrier, 14 Bypass, 16 Let on, 18 Nasty.

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### CALENDAR

APRIL 28, 2021, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Vaisakha Shaka	8
■ Vaisakha Parvishtha	16
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishan Paksha Tithi 2, up to 1.35 am	
■ Vyatapata Yoga up to 3.50 pm	
■ Vishakha Nakshatra up to 5.13 pm	
■ Moon enters Scorpio sign 11.56 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:58 HRS

SUNRISE: THURSDAY 05:42 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	41	21
New Delhi	42	19
Amritsar	40	21
Bathinda	42	22
Jalandhar	41	21
Ludhiana	40	22
Bhiwani	41	20
Hisar	42	20
Sirsra	42	24
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नगर कॉम्सल, बरेटा वाले मित्रियाल छंडां/गुरु अपीन 25.14 लैंग गुणी दे दर्दर  
किन्हन दर्द सारिए अनुसार गुणाएं जारी होना। इद्धु-टैक्टर की अधिक मिति 12.05.2021  
उं 19.05.2021 तो इद्धु-टैक्टर की जारी होना। अनुलायी वेबसाईट <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Chamba invites tenders on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender form	Last Date for uploading the tender through e-tendering
1.	Name of Work:- CAD work of FIS Sila Khad Sarol Kuh in GP Baror and Jadera Tehsil & Distt. Chamba (HP) SH- C/o Out-Let 74 Nos, Excavation, laying, jointing & testing of HDPE pipe in Distribution system and Laying jointing of GI Pipe at road crossing)	Rs. 3310930/-	Rs. 57164/-	6 Months	800/-	29.04.2021
2.	Providing Sewerage Scheme to Obri, Mai-Ka Bag and Sultanpur Mohallah of Chamba Town in Tehsil and Distt. Chamba H.P. (Sh- Construction of Sewage Pumping Station of 0.300 MLD Capacity, providing and fixing rising main S/E of pumping machinery for Zone 1 and O&M for two years)	Rs. 5154659/-	Rs. 84047/-	6 Months	800/-	29.04.2021

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hphip.org](http://www.hphip.org).

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Chamba.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
SHORT TERMS NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed item rate tender on form 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the approved and eligible contractor of appropriate class who are enlisted in HP Jal Shakti Department and they should be registered under General Sale Tax so as to reach in this office **30.04.2021 up to 3.00 p.m.** and will be opened on the same day at **3.30 p.m.** in presence of intending contractors or their authorized representative. The tender form can be had from this office on any working day during office hours on cash payment (Non-refundable) on **30.04.2021 up to (12.00 Noon)**. The Earnest Money in the shape of National Saving Certificate FDR's on any Post Office/Banks "HP" duly pledged in the name of the undersigned must accompany with each application for tender form. The conditional tenders received without Earnest Money shall summarily be rejected. The offer of the tender shall have kept open for **90 days**. The undersigned reserves the rights to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time allowed	Cost of form
1.	A/R & M/O various WSS under Jal Shakti Sub-Division, Akpa in Tehsil Mooran, Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: Deployment of 1 No. belder for WSS Ribba for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022 and deployment of one No belder for WSS Rarang for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022 and deployment of one No belder for WSS Rispa for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022	466320/-	9326/-	11 months	250/-
2.	A/R & M/O various WSS under Jal Shakti Sub-Division, Akpa in Tehsil Mooran, Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: Deployment of 1 No. belder for WSS Thangi for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022 and deployment of one No belder for WSS Lippa for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022 and deployment of one No belder for WSS Toko for the period of 11 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022	466320/-	9326/-	11 months	250/-
3.	A/R & M/O FIS Panasaring and Tokto under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Akpa Tehsil Mooran Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: deployment of 2 Nos belder for FIS Panasaring and One No. belder for Tokto, for the period of 6 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.10.2021	256128/-	5123/-	6 months	250/-
4.	A/R & M/O FIS Jangi Phase-II under Sub-Division, Akpa in Tehsil Mooran, Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: Deployment of 4 Nos of belder for FIS Jangi Phase-II for the period of 6 months w.e.f. 01.05.2021 to 31.10.2021	201300/-	4026/-	8 Months	250/-
5.	R/R damages to FIS Rispa in GP. Rispa Tehsil Mooran, Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: Patra cutting RD 120 to RD 180) Job. No. I	491451/-	9829/-	2 months	250/-
6.	R/R damages to FIS Rispa in GP. Rispa Tehsil Mooran, Distt. Kinnaur, (HP) (SH: Patra cutting RD 120 to RD 180) Job. No. II	451025/-	9021/-	2 months	250/-

**Terms and Conditions:-**

1. Tender form will be issued to those contractors whose performance is satisfactory and they will have to produce certificate to this office.
2. The contractor has to produce the valid/renewal copy of enlistment, Income Tax clearance certificate, Pan Card, GST, EPF, Adhar Card issued from the appropriate authorities with his application for obtaining the tender documents.
3. If on prescribed date of opening of the tender happens to be gazetted holidays, the tender shall be opened on next working day.
4. The work shall be completed within stipulated period.
5. No tender forms shall be issued to the contractors who have already assigned two works in this Division.

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division Pooh,  
Distt. Kinnaur (HP)

Endst. No. PD-Jal Shakti-E-Tender-31/2021-745-844

Dated: 23.04.2021

DPR/HP/487

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE					
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH.	NAME OF WORKNOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/TEND (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.
1	HARYANA YIKAS PARDHIKARAN	CONSTRUCTION OF 93 MILE STEP SECTOR "T-5 TO T-9 NEAR VILLAGE- ATTRAH U.E. SONIPAT- CONSTRUCTION OF 24MTR WIDE APPROACH ROAD FROM EXISTING 45 MTR WIDE OUTER ROAD SECTOR - 64 & 60, U.E. SONIPAT TO STEP ATTRAH, U.E. SONIPAT - SUPPLY & LAYING OF EARTH, GSB, 150MM THICK VMM & 100MM THICK INTERLOCKING TILE INCLUDING KERS & CHANNELS ETC. AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREON AS PER THE DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS AND BILL OF QUANTITIES (BOQ).	CLOSING DATE: 10.05.2021	208.80 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>
2	INDIRA GANDHI UNIVERSITY MEERPUR	PROVIDING & FIXING OF ALUMINIUM PARTITIONS IN VARIOUS OFFICES AT ADM/ACADEMIC & SWAMI VIVEKANAND BLOCK AT IGU MEERPUR	22.04.2021 26.05.2021	14.46 LACS	<a href="http://www.igu.ac.in">www.igu.ac.in</a>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

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HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
NOTICE FOR e-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan invites e-tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors/firms for the following work through e-tendering process:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	Tender ID	Cost of form	Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering up to
1.	Providing WSS to PC Habitation Rajpuri and Shamral in G.P. Jabil Tehsil Kasauli Distt. Solan H.P. (SH- C/o RCC Distribution tank, Sump well, Laying and jointing of Rising Main, Distribution, Pumping Machinery) (under Drought CFR).	6,42,356/-	13,000/-	One Month	2021_HPIPH_46917_1	250/-	04.05.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.
2.	Linkage of Source for DROUGHT MANAGEMENT at village Shilli Kalan, Shilli Khurd and Tipra in G.P. Jangashu from LWSS Sheet Chandigarh, Tehsil Kasauli Distt. Solan H.P. (SH- Providing, Laying and Jointing of G.P. pipe) (under Drought CFR).	6,13,300/-	12,270/-	Two Months	2021_HPIPH_46918_1	250/-	-do-
3.	Improvement & up gradation of DWSS to Solan from Giri River (SH- Supply of chlorine gas for a period of one year at gaseous chlorination plant (10 ML) installed at 3.7 ML balancing reservoir at Dharon Ki Dhar & all other works contingent thereto).	6,75,000/-	13,500/-	One Year	2021_HPIPH_46921_1	250/-	-do-
4.	CD work of FIS Sheet Deothi in G.P. Deothi Tehsil and Distt. Solan H.P. (SH- C/o HDPE & G.I. pipes of various diameter).	16,74,264/-	32,700/-	Four Months	2021_HPIPH_46923_1	400/-	-do-

The tenders forms and other detailed can be obtained from website <http://hp-tenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan.

DPR/HP/484

# Kangra hospitals told to keep 50% beds for Covid patients

No bed available in Tanda medical college, Dharamsala zonal hospital

LALIT MOHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## Govt to pay for patients referred by dist authorities

- Health Department to pay ₹8,000 per day to private hospitals for patients requiring ventilator support and oxygen
- For patients requiring oxygen support, the department to pay ₹3,000 per day and for patients not requiring ventilator or oxygen support ₹800 per day
- The government to pay for patients being referred by district health authorities
- Patients, who go to private hospitals directly, to bear the bills themselves
- CMO directed to provide 50 PPE kits and 100 N-95 masks to every private hospital

stration is trying to make a 100-bed facility in the Baijnath Civil Hospital operational for Covid patients.

The hospitals that have been directed to reserve 50 per cent beds include Surya Hospital at Raja Ka Talab in Nurpur having 50 beds, Shri Balaji Hospital in Kangra (105 beds), Fortis Hospital in Kangra (95 beds), Maple Leaf Hospital (90 beds), City Hospital (50 beds), Vivekanand Medical Institute (100 beds), Nav Jeevan Hospital at Jawalamukhi (50 beds) and Dalek Hospital (50 beds).

As per the orders issued by the Deputy Commissioner, the Health Department shall pay Rs 8,000 per day to private hospitals for patients requiring ventilator support and oxygen

support as well as oxygen. For patients requiring oxygen support, the department shall pay ₹3,000 per day and for patients not requiring ventilator or oxygen support ₹800 per day. The state government will pay for the patients being referred by the district health authorities. Patients, who go directly to private hospitals, shall

pay from their own pockets.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Kangra, has been directed to provide 50 PPE kits and 100 N-95 masks to every private hospital. It has also been stated that in the order that hospitals will be paid as per the actual occupancy but they will have to reserve 50 per cent beds for Covid patients.

The private hospitals directed to keep 50 per cent beds have been named as secondary-level dedicated isolation facilities and the Kangra SP has been directed to provide security personnel there. The SP has also been directed to ensure the compliance of the orders to reserve 50 per cent beds.

The private hospitals have been warned that if they do not comply with the orders, they shall be liable for legal action under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act. The CMO has been directed to appoint a nodal officer for coordination with the private hospitals.

# 2 units to get licence to produce oxygen

AMBika SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, APRIL 27

Keeping in view the rising requirement of medical oxygen, the state Health Department will soon grant licences to two more manufacturers — Mata Balasundari Gases at Kala Amb and Shiwalik at Barotiwala.

Secretary Health, Amitabh Awasthy, today convened a meeting with the oxygen manufacturers, State Drugs Controller Navneet Marwaha, SDM Nalagarh Mahinder Pal, CMO and deputy director Industries at Baddi.

The issue of lack of empty cylinders availability vis-à-vis demand was raised by the manufacturers as it was hampering availability of oxygen to various states. The officials assured them of taking up the issue at the appropriate level.

In a bid to facilitate the industry, the Secretary, Health, also gave a patient hearing to other issues raised by the manufacturers and assured their speedy redress.

## Bed capacity for patients to be raised to 5,000: CM

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, APRIL 27

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today visited the newly inaugurated Mother Child Hospital, Sundernagar, in Mandi district to get first hand information regarding facilities there; the hospital would be dedicated to Covid-19 patients.

The hospital had been dedicated to Covid care and an additional 100-bed makeshift facility was coming up in the adjoining complex, which would be completed in four to five days. He said the government was upgrading and enhancing its capacity to meet any eventuality. An about 1000-

bed facility would be

# Army Chief reviews readiness of troops

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, APRIL 27**  
Army Chief General MM Naravane on Tuesday visited Siachen and eastern Ladakh to review the operational preparedness.

General Naravane interacted with troops and complimented them for their steadfastness and high morale while being deployed in some of the harshest terrain, altitude and weather conditions.

The Army Chief was accompanied by Lt Gen YK Joshi, Commander of the Northern Command. At Leh, he was later briefed by Lt General PGK Menon, the 14 Corps Commander, on the prevailing security situation and operational preparedness in the region.

Gen Naravane is scheduled to return to the national capital on Wednesday.

It has been almost a year



Gen MM Naravane at a border post on Tuesday. PTI

## GEN NARAVANE INTERACTS WITH JAWANS

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since India and China are locked in a military standoff at multiple friction points in eastern Ladakh. The two sides completed withdrawal of troops and weapons from the north and south banks of

Pangong lake in February following a series of military and diplomatic talks.

The two sides are now engaged in talks to extend the disengagement process to the remaining friction points. — PTI

## US firm Gilead Sciences to donate 4.5 lakh vials to India

injection for domestic supply." The drug controller did not immediately respond to the queries.

Meanwhile, US drug firm Gilead Sciences, which patented Remdesivir today, said it was working to expand the availability of the injection in India and would donate at least 4.5 lakh vials to the government amid Covid surge.

to procure these vaccines directly from the manufacturers at Rs 150 per dose for providing these free of cost at all government facilities to health workers, frontline workers and people above 45 years. At private hospitals, these vaccines cost Rs 250 per dose.

Different manufacturers are quoting different prices. There are powers under the Patents Act. This is a pandemic and a national crisis," a three-judge Bench comprising Justice DY Chandrachud, Justice LN Rao and Justice S

## Cong panels to monitor Covid situation

**JAMMU, APRIL 27**  
The Congress' J&K unit on Tuesday announced setting up of two separate committees to monitor the Covid situation in the UT and report directly to the party high command on a daily basis.

The committees were constituted at an emergency meeting chaired by the state Congress committee president GA Mir here to review the prevailing situation amid a spike in Covid cases across the country, including the UT, a party spokesperson said.

Former minister Raman Bhalla will head the four-member committee constituted for the Jammu region, while former minister Taj Mohiuddin has been appointed as the chairman of the four-member committee constituted for the Kashmir division.

The meeting expressed grave concern over the worsening situation and blamed the Centre for its "mishandling and failure" to take timely steps. — PTI

# 3,164 cases, 25 deaths in 24 hrs

SRINAGAR, APRIL 27

The UT on Tuesday recorded its highest single-day spike of 3,164 Covid cases, which took the tally to 1,66,054, while 25 fatalities over the last 24 hours took the toll to 2,197, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 1,030 were from the Jammu division and 2,134 from the Kashmir division. Srinagar district recorded the highest of 1,144 cases, followed by 489 in Jammu and 197 in Baramulla district.

The active cases in the Union Territory have reached 22,283 and 1,41,574 patients have recovered so far. The death toll has risen to 2,197 with 25 new deaths.

Ladakh's Covid caseload has increased to 13,502 as 145 more people tested positive for the disease in the Union Territory, officials said.

Of the fresh cases reported the previous day, 138 were from Leh and seven from Kargil, they said. According to the officials, the number of active cases in Ladakh stands at 1,857 — 1,758 in Leh and 99 in Kargil.



Workers during preparations to convert an indoor stadium into a Covid centre in the wake of spike in cases, in Srinagar. PTI

## NC VICE-PRESIDENT TESTS NEGATIVE

**Srinagar:** National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah tested negative for Covid on Tuesday, 18 days after testing positive for the virus. Taking to Twitter, the ex-CM said he was lucky that he had no symptoms except for a blocked nose. His father and NC president Farooq Abdullah had tested positive last month. PTI

So far, 138 people — 94 from Leh and 44 from Kargil — have died due to the virus.

As many as 313 Covid patients — 306 in Leh and seven in Kargil — were discharged after success-

ful treatment the previous day. With this, the number of cured persons stands at 11,505, which accounts for over 84 per cent of the total cases, officials added. — PTI

## NCR, Pb...

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case in point. Among the deceased patients, one was from Mansa (Punjab) and another from Delhi. The hospital did not have adequate oxygen cylinders to deal with the emergency situation, leading to the tragedy," said a hospital official.

A Civil Hospital official said, "We are receiving calls for beds with oxygen from Delhi and NCR. Most of such patients contact us through their Hisar-based relatives and we cannot deny in case vacant beds are available."

"The portal meant to show bed availability mentions that Hisar has 1,137 beds and 239 of these are vacant. Patients from Delhi and NCR rush to Hisar," said a relative of a Covid-19 patient.

Hisar DC Priyanka Soni admitted that patients from Delhi, NCR and other states were coming to Hisar. Keeping in view the patients' number, the district has been allotted around 8 MT oxygen daily. "Hospitals admitting patients beyond their capacity have been warned. They have been told to follow the norms strictly," she added.

## Remdesivir exporter...

# National crisis, can't be mute spectator...

Punjab Pharmaceutical Association head Surinder Duggal said, "Remdesivir is the much sought-after drug for its use in treatment of critical Covid patients. Just around 80 doses are being supplied in the city daily."

A ministry source said Kwality Pharmaceuticals had been importing Remdesivir raw material for manufacturing the drug for its further export. "Its export has been banned. The firm is now asking to import raw material for domestic use and seeking permission to manufacture the

drugs, steps taken to augment supplies to affected states and the monitoring mechanism.

It also asked the Centre to inform it about the steps taken to form a panel of specialists that will be replicated at the state level.

In view of senior advocate Harish Salve's decision to recuse himself as an Amicus Curiae, the Bench appointed senior advocates Jaideep Gupta and Meenakshi Arora to replace him.

The top court sought to know the projected demand of oxygen in future, supply of

## Makeshift spaces for last rites as Covid toll spirals

### ACTUAL DATA NEEDED

6 Countries honest with data reporting do better in disease control. Ramanan Laxminarayanan, HEALTH ECONOMIST

Laxminarayanan, who found himself at the centre of a social media storm last year after he made massive Covid disease projections for India, said that countries honest with data reporting do better in disease control.



SC has sought information on projected demand of oxygen

Ravindra Bhat told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

The top court sought to know how the Centre planned to meet the increased demand for vaccines once vaccination began for all above 18 from May 1,

even as it clarified that it didn't intend to enter the domain of the Executive.

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It also asked the Centre to apprise it about the modalities for seamless communication between district collectors with the Ministry of Health. In an affidavit filed in the court, the Centre said the PM was directly involved in the process of ensuring oxygen supply. Directing the states to file their replies by Thursday 6 pm, the court posted the matter for further hearing on Friday.

Health economist Ramanan

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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

Tender/ RFP Reference No. 16 of 2021 Dt. 19.04.2021

The Department of Punjab Water Supply &amp; Sewerage Board invites online Bids for:-

Sr. No. Name of Work

1. Const of PC, Prov. &amp; Fix Dozing Pump at different T/Wells &amp; all other works contingent at HSP. (Balance Work)

Closing Date &amp; Time: 11.05.2021 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.

DPR/Pb/4029

Sd/- E.E. PWSSD, HSP.

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT  
(HOUSING-1, BRANCH)****NOTIFICATION OF  
THE SOCIAL IMPACT  
ASSESSMENT**Notification  
No:06/04/2021-6HG1/407  
Dated: 02.03.2021

Greater Mohali Area Development Authority, (GMADA), an Urban Development Authority constituted by the Government of Punjab, has been entrusted with the planned development of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali). In this connection, GMADA has proposed to acquire land for connecting Water Treatment Plant at Sinhpur from the existing 200 feet wide P.R.-7 Master Plan road in Village Jandpur, Sinhpur and Daun in accordance with the approved Master Plan of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar drawing No. DTP(S) 1991/2008, dated 19-11-2008 in the area of Tehsil Kharar and Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.

It is hereby notified that the Social Impact Assessment shall be carried out in consultation with the concerned Gram Panchayat in the affected area. The proposed acquisition of aforesaid Master Plan road would entail about 12.0625 Acres of land. These lands shall be acquired from Village Jandpur Tehsil Kharar, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Sinhpur and Daun, Tehsil Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar. Thus the affected area shall be Village Jandpur Tehsil Kharar, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Sinhpur and Daun, Tehsil Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar. The main objectives of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is to:-

(i) Assess whether the proposed acquisition serves public purpose.

(ii) Estimated number of affected families and number of families likely to be displaced

(iii) Understand extent of land, public and private, houses, settlement and other common properties likely to be affected by the proposed acquisition

(iv) Understand extent of land, which is bare minimum needed for the project

(v) Analyse alternate place (if any)

(vi) Study of the Social impacts, nature and cost of addressing them and impact of these costs on the overall cost of the project vis-a-vis the benefit of the project.

This notification is made under the provisions of Section-4 (i) of THE RIGHT TO FAIR COMPENSATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT ACT 2013 (ACT NO. 30 OF 2013).

It is hereby notified that the acquisition of land under the proposed project falls under the provision of section 2(l)-(e) project for planned development. Thus, provision of section 2 (2) i.e. consent of Gram Sabha/Land owners is not required for this project. It is to be noted that entire SIA shall be carried out in consultation with Panchayat and land owners.

The SIA shall commence from the date of issue of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) notification, which shall be completed within 6 months. The important output of the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) shall include Social Impact Assessment (SIA) report and Social Impact Management Plan (SIMP) along with the disclosure as prescribed under section 6 of the said act. Furthermore special

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Corporation Identification Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813**PUBLIC NOTICE****Mandatory Online registration of application of New/ Extension for demand above 50 KVA for all categories (except AP/Tubewell connection) of Punjab**All the applicant/consumers (except AP) are informed that an online registration of new/extension of application for demand above 100kVA is already mandatory. Now PSPCL has decided to make online registration of application of new/extension of demand above 50 KVA up to 100 KVA mandatory from 30.04.2021. Its link is available on PSPCL site [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) A helpline is already available to resolve various queries of consumers and field offices regarding online single window system. For detail information download CC No. 14/2021 dated 26.04.2021 from website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) or contact helpdesk No. 9646118339 and 9646118345.

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provisions to safeguard food security under section 10 of the said act are not triggered as it is a linear project.

Any person interested in the manner Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is being carried out may contact at the following address:-

The Collector, Urban Development, Ground Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Punjab.

Estimated Cost:- 7624078/-

Earnest Money:- 1,08,740/-

Cost of bid document:- Rs. 800/-

Time of completion: Six Months

Schedule of tendering:-

1 Bid Submission start date 23.04.2021 at 9:00 a.m.

2 Bid Submission end date 06.05.2021 at 5:00 p.m.

3 Physical Submission of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of Tender form if not submitted online.

4 Opening of Eligibility criteria &amp; Technical bid (Cover-I)

5 Opening of Financial bid (Cover-II) Date to be notified separately

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 06.05.2021 up to 5:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hppih.org](http://www.hppih.org).Executive Engineer,  
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NOTIFICATION

As empowered by the Government of Himachal Pradesh under Section 164 of Indian Electricity Act, 2003 vide notification bearing MPP-A (3) 2003-II dated 26.11.2009 published in Himachal Gazette on 02.03.2013, it is hereby notified that HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (here-in after called the HPPTCL) as State Transmission Utility (STU) proposes to undertake the following scheme for the evacuation of Power and the improvement of System Voltage in the area within the State of Himachal Pradesh.

**DETAIL OF TRANSMISSION LINE**

Sr. No. Name of Work Name of Villages in which the line is passing Tehsil and District HPPTCL Division and Contact No.

1. Construction of 132kV Transmission Line by LILO of 132kV Bassi-Dehan Transmission Line from Tower No. 88 to 132/220kV Sub-Station, HPPTCL, Dehan (Patti)

Mohali Palahu, Badehar and Chandrapur Tehsil Palampur, Distt Kangra (H.P.) and nearby Sr. Manager (Projects) HPPTCL, Chambi, Rait, Kangra (H.P.) smchambi@hptcl.in Ph. 623002011

It is hereby further notified that the HPPTCL shall be executing the above work and shall have all the powers for the placing of any Wires/Conductor, Poles/Towers, Stays, Apparatus, and appliances for the construction of Transmission Line in the areas indicated above as duly empowered and authorized by the Government of H.P vide notification dated 26.11.2009.

Necessary plans showing the tentative route of the transmission line and location of the proposed EH-Line Towers may be seen on any working day in the office of Sr. Manager (Projects), HPPTCL, Chambi, and objection, if any, shall be submitted within Two (2) months of the notification.

Sd/- General Manager (Projects), HPPTCL, Shimla-05

**MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT-CUM-MEMBER SECRETARY, RKS, DR. R.P. GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, KANGRA AT TANDA**E-mail: [medical.supdt.tanda@gmail.com](mailto:medical.supdt.tanda@gmail.com)Website: <http://www.hptenders.gov.in>

Tender Ref. No. HFW-H(DRPGMC)MS/RKS/Purchases: 2822-24

Dated: 27.04.2021

E-mail: [medical.supdt.tanda@gmail.com](mailto:medical.supdt.tanda@gmail.com)**Short term E-Tender Notice**E-tenders are hereby invited in two bid system for providing consumable hospital items i.e. Medical Oxygen gases material for use in Dr. RPGMC Kangra at Tanda. The detail of tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from website: [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in) as per schedule given below:-

Date &amp; Time of Publication: 28.04.2021

Date of download of tender document: 29.04.2021 to 06.05.2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Last date and time for submission alongwith cost of tender document and Earnest Money deposit:

Date &amp; Time and Venue for opening of Technical Bid:

Cost of the Tender Document:

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):

Rs. 50,00/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands only) Fixed Deposit Receipt duly pledged in favour of Sr. MS cum Member Secretary (RKS- Dr. RPGMC, Kangra at Tanda). The FDR must be issued from the bank account of the bidder and should be valid for one year.

Note:- If the scheduled date of fall opening of tender on holiday or declared holiday, the tender shall be opened on the next working day on the same time at the same venue as fixed for the original date for this purpose.

Sd/- Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary RKS, Dr. RPGMC Kangra at Tanda.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER**Sealed item rate tenders on form 6 & 8 for the following works are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of H.P. from the contractors/firms of appropriate class registered with HP I&PH Department, so as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Rohru on 05.05.2021 up to 11.00 a.m. and tender shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 a.m. in the presence of the intending contractors/firms or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. The tender forms can be obtained from this office against cash payment (non-refundable) during working hours up to 4.05.2021 up to 2.00 p.m. No tender form shall be issued by post. The form can also be downloaded from Departmental website [www.hppih.org.in](http://www.hppih.org.in).

The Ernest Money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit Account and Post Office Saving Account in any Post Office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, I&amp;PH Division, Rohru must accompany each tender. The contractor who has obtained exemption for depositing Ernest Money must attach a copy of exemption documents with their offer. The conditional tender and tenders received without Ernest Money will be summarily rejected. If holiday declared by the Government on the above date due to some reason, the tender shall be received and opened on the next working day. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tenders without assigning any reason. The tender form will only be issued on the production of registration certificate in the prescribed manner. The tender documents sent should be in two sealed cover in prescribed manner. The contractors are advised to see work site and read the conditions carefully before tendering. The offer of the tender shall be kept open from the date of opening of tender is 120 days. The rates are quoted both in words and figures.

Sr. No.	Description of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of Work
1	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to Village Chilala in GP Bhamphad, Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: Providing laying and jointing GI pipes light class 32mm dia=700 Rmt, 25mm dia=1500 Rmt & 20mm dia=1500 Rmt) Job-4	4,55,473/-	9109/-	3 Months	250/-
2	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to Village Chilala in GP Bhamphad, Tehsil Chirgaon, Distt. Shimla, H.P. (SH: Providing 128 No functional household connection)	4,19,734/-	8395/-	3 Months	250/-

**Terms and conditions:**

- The work will be done as per PWD specification.
- The Contractor/Firm are required to be registered with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.
- The Earnest Money, Renewal of Enlistment, PAN No. and clearance of Income Tax is required.
- The tenders received without above documents/formalities will be rejected at the time of opening of tenders without assigning any reason.
- Being prestigious and time bound work, no tender form will be issued to such contractors having two or more JMM work in hands.

Executive Engineer, JSV Division, Rohru

**Airstrikes by Myanmar junta as guerrillas capture govt base**

BANGKOK, APRIL 27

Ethnic Karen guerrillas said they captured a Myanmar army base on Tuesday near the border with Thailand, representing a morale-boosting action for those opposing the military's takeover of the country's civilian government in February.

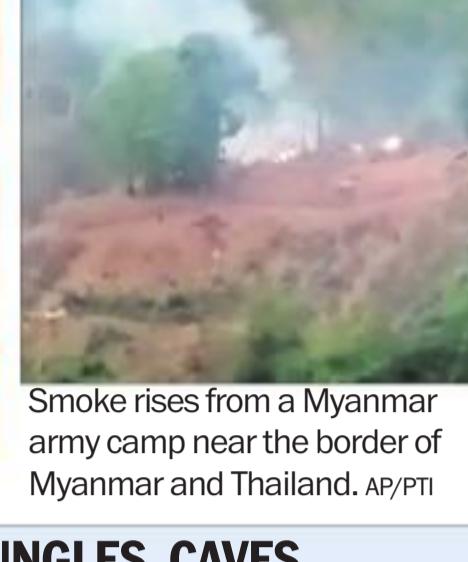
Myanmar's military launched airstrikes several hours later on villages in territory controlled by the Karen forces, said a guerrilla spokesman, a senior Thai official and a relief worker.

A spokesman for the Karen National Union, the minority's main political group seeking greater autonomy from Myanmar's central government, said its armed wing attacked the base at 5 am and burnt it down just after dawn.

Casualty figures were not yet known, the KNU's head of foreign affairs, Padoh Saw Taw Nee, said in a text message. There was no immedi-



Villagers take refuge at a school in Mae Sam Laep. REUTERS



Smoke rises from a Myanmar army camp near the border of Myanmar and Thailand. AP/PTI

**25,000 VILLAGERS FLEE HOMES, HIDE IN JUNGLES, CAVES**

■ Myanmar jets have bombed and strafed Karen villages, and its army has deployed fresh battalions in the area, in a possible preparation for a large-scale offensive.

■ Up to 25,000 villagers have fled their homes and are hiding in jungles and caves. In response, the KNLA has kept up guerrilla attacks on Myanmar patrols and bases.

■ The Karen National Union has also given shelter to activists against military rule who have fled the government's crackdown on the resistance movement in the cities.

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## 'Shooter Dadi' Chandro is Covid-positive



## We'd get you home: BCCI assures foreign players

Australia suspends flights from India

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) has attempted to calm the frayed nerves of foreign cricketers — especially from Australia — who are playing for various teams in the IPL and are worried about being locked out of their countries due to the alarming Covid-19 crisis in India.

The Australian government today suspended air flights from India to their country, with prime minister Scott Morrison asking the players to make their "own

arrangements" for return.

The fear of being locked out of Australia made Andrew Tye take a flight back home yesterday. Two other Australians, Kane Richardson and Adam Zampa, exited their team Royal Challengers Bangalore's bio-bubble in preparation for leaving for their country.

### BCCI assurance

"We understand that many of you are apprehensive about how you will get back home once the tournament concludes... We want to apprise you that you have nothing to worry about," BCCI chief operating officer Hemang Amin said in a letter to the players.

### Clear no by Aussie PM

Chris Lynn of Mumbai Indians has expressed faint hope that Cricket Australia might arrange a chartered flight for Aussie cricketers who are staying on to play in the IPL. "I texted back that as Cricket Australia make 10 per cent of every IPL contract was there a chance we could spend that money this year on a charter flight once the tournament is over?" Lynn said to Australian media. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison ruled out any government assistance, however. "They have travelled there privately. This wasn't part of an Australian tour. They're under their own resources and they'll be using those resources too,

"The BCCI will do everything to ensure that you reach your respective destinations seamlessly. The BCCI is monitoring the situation very closely and is

I'm sure, to see them return to Australia in accordance with their own arrangements," Morrison said.

### 14 Aussies still in IPL

After the pullout of three players, the IPL currently has 14 Australian players, including big names like Steve Smith (Delhi Capitals), David Warner (Sunrisers Hyderabad) and Pat Cummins (Kolkata Knight Riders). Ricky Ponting (Delhi Capitals) and Simon Katich (Royal Challengers Bangalore) are among the high-profile Australian coaches still at the IPL. Former players such as Matthew Hayden, Brett Lee and Lisa Sthalekar are part of the commentary team.

working with the government authorities to make arrangements to get you home once the tournament concludes," he added. "Be rest assured that the tourna-

ment is not over for BCCI till each one of you has reached your home, safe and sound."

### Joy amid gloom

The devastation brought by

## Shooter Manu receives first dose of Covid vaccine

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

Pistol shooter Manu Bhaker today received her first dose of Covid-19 vaccine at a government hospital in Jhajjar, Haryana, three months before the Tokyo Olympics.

"Along with my mother and father, today I have come to CHC Dhakla to get my first Covid-19 vaccine jab," Bhaker said in a video on Twitter.

All Olympics-bound athletes are being given priority for vaccines and age is not a factor. Bhaker has been selected for three events in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics. — PTI

## De Villiers trumps Pant-Hetmyer

RCB win by 1 run, rise to solo No. 1



AB de Villiers scored 75 off 42 deliveries, hitting three fours and five sixes. PTI

AHMEDABAD, APRIL 27 AB de Villiers struck a breathtaking unbeaten 75 to power Royal Challengers Bangalore to a thrilling one-run victory over Delhi Capitals in the 22nd match of IPL-14 here tonight.

De Villiers ploughed the Delhi attack for 55 runs off the final 23 balls he faced, including 23 runs in the last over bowled by Marcus Stoinis, to take his team to 171/5.

In the chase, Delhi seemed out of the game at 116/4 in 16 overs, requiring another 56 from only 24 balls. However, Shimron Hetmyer nearly did the job in the company of captain Rishabh Pant (58\* off 48 balls) with an unbeaten partnership of 78 runs off only 7.2 overs. Hetmyer, who

finished with 53\* off 25 balls, signalled the final onslaught with three sixers off Kyle Jamieson in the 18th over.

Delhi got 11 off the next over, bowled by Harshal Patel, and Delhi needed 14 off the last over, from Mohammed Siraj.

Siraj managed to keep Pant and Hetmyer to only four runs off the first four balls, and Pant needed to make 10 runs off the final two balls. Pant, however, could manage only two fours and the chase ended in disappointment.

Their fifth win in six matches takes RCB to solo first position with 10 points.

### De Villiers on fire

South African star de Villiers's unbeaten 75 came off 42 deliveries and comprised

three fours and five sixes as he took 23 runs (including one wide) in the last over of the innings from Stoinis.

De Villiers had done well to pick two early wickets, removing both Devdutt Padikkal (17) and skipper Virat Kohli (12) inside the powerplay. Glenn Maxwell (25) fell soon after, leaving RCB at 60/3. However, de Villiers shared a 54-run partnership with No. 3 Rajat Patidar (31 off 22 balls) and took the fight to the opposition. RCB were looking like they would struggle to get past 160 at 124/4 in 16 overs. However, the last four overs produced 47 runs.

**Brief scores:** RCB: 171/5 (de Villiers 75\*); DC: 170/4 (Pant 58\*, Hetmyer 53\*; Harshal 2/37). — TNS, agencies

## We're on right track for Tokyo: Mandeep

BENGALURU, APRIL 27

National hockey team's star Mandeep Singh has said that after recent successes on foreign tours, the team is on track to do well in the Tokyo Olympic Games, which are less than three months away.

The star forward from Jalandhar said the recent performance against reigning Olympics champion Argentina on their own turf is a "huge confidence booster".

India won both their matches against Argentina in the FIH Pro League and two out of four practice games on the tour, which was held from April 6 to 14. India lost one practice game while one was drawn. "Putting up a

great performance against the Olympic gold medallists is certainly a huge confidence booster for us," said Mandeep, who had scored a goal in India's 3-0 win in the second FIH Pro League match.

"We played very well against Germany and Great Britain and it was great to back that up with a brilliant tour of Argentina," he added. "We have attained a great rhythm in our last two tours, and we are currently working on a few aspects that we could have done better in our recent matches. The team is shaping up really well at the moment.

We just have to keep focussing on the basics," said the 26-year-old. — TNS



Mandeep Singh says putting up a fine show in Argentina has boosted the confidence of the team.

### सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 22.04.2021 को एक बच्ची उम्र लगभग 1 वर्ष, रंग सामाला, कद लगभग 66 cm, तलवंडी राणा नहर, के पास मिली। बच्ची की DRD No. 003, Dated 23.04.2021, सदर थाना हिसार में दर्ज है। वर्तमान समय में बच्ची बाल कल्याण समिति हिसार के आदेशानुसार, स्पेशलाइज्ड एडोप्शन एजेंसी हिसार में रह रही है। बच्ची के माता-पिता या अधिभावक यह सूचना पढ़े तो जिला बाल संरक्षण इकाई हिसार कमरा नं. 16 से 18 प्रशासनिक भवन रैक्ट्रिक्स हिसार हैरियाणा में 30 दिन के अंदर मिलें, अन्यथा बच्चे को गोद देने संबंधी कार्यवाही कर दी जाएगी।

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कृते : जिला बाल कल्याण अधिकारी, जिला बाल कल्याण परिषद, बाल भवन, फेटहाबाद।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE					
For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Ry. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work :					
1. Name of work Repair / Replacement work of underframe items for BCN, BCNA, BOXN & BOXRN wagons in WR shop at N. Railway, Jagadhri Workshop.					
2. Location Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-130002					
3. Cost of work/Tender Value Rs. 93,80,042/-					
4. Quantity As per Schedule of rates					
5. Completion period of the work 12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance.					
6. Date & Time for submission of tender form 24.05.2021 till 15:30 hrs.					
7. Opening of tender 24.05.2021 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.					
8. Website particulars <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a>					
Tender No. 6-S/06/Tender/2020-21/Plt II Dt. 22.04.2021					
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# World rushes to India's help

Australia sends 500 ventilators, others offer med equipment, masks

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

The world, from nations to concerned citizens to MNCs, has rushed to help India combat a devastating second wave of Covid sweeping the nation.

3rd lot of O<sub>2</sub> containers arrives from Thailand

While the government is negotiating larger packages with the US, Russia and China, supplies of the badly needed oxygen, ventilators and therapeutic equipment have begun landing at the airports here.

The UK is sending a large number of oxygen concentrators and ventilators of which 100 ventilators and 95 oxygen concentrators arrived on Tuesday. Australia PM Scott Morrison announced the dispatch of 500 ventilators and over 15 lakh masks and face shields.

Bhutan too will supply liquid oxygen from a joint venture with an Assam-based Indian firm. France would send relief material in two phases. Eight large oxygen generating plants will arrive this week while more liquid oxygen containers will be dispatched next week.



Medical supplies from the United Kingdom reach the Delhi airport on Tuesday. PTI

## 'AVOID TRAVELLING TO NEPAL FOR ONWARD JOURNEY'

**Kathmandu:** The Indian Embassy here on Tuesday advised its citizens to avoid travelling to Nepal for the purposes of onward journeys to third countries after Kathmandu banned all foreign nationals from using the Himalayan nation as a transit point as part of its effort to combat the surge in the Covid cases. PTI

## 'CREW MEMBER +VE, AI FLIGHT RETURNS FROM OZ'

**New Delhi:** The Air India on Tuesday said one of its flights from Sydney had to return with just cargo as the Australian authorities refused to let it take passengers after one of its crew members tested positive for Covid-19. Meanwhile, Australia on Tuesday banned all flights to and from India till May 15. TNS

Ireland will send 700 oxygen concentrators this week. Germany will lend for three months

mobile oxygen production plants for field hospitals. Gilead has offered free supply of three lakh vials of Remdesivir and Procter & Gamble will contribute Rs 50 cr for vax costs.

## 40 US FIRMS TO SEND 20K OXYGEN CONCENTRATORS

In a show of solidarity, the CEOs of some 40 top US firms have come together to create a task force to mobilise resources to help India fight the battle against Covid-19. The task force during its meeting on Monday decided to send 20,000 oxygen concentrators to India in the next few weeks, said Deloitte CEO Punit Renjen, who hails from Rohtak. PTI

tankers from Thailand and 21 ready-to-use oxygen plants from France.

# Centre raps Kejriwal govt over logistical issues to procure oxygen

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

In a hard-hitting letter to Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla has rapped the Arvind Kejriwal government for its alleged failure in resolving logistical issues relating to transportation of oxygen to city hospitals.

Noting that pro-active actions by the Delhi Government could have "avoided tragic incidents", sources in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), quoting the letter, said, the Union Home Secretary also claimed that the city administration's efforts to resolve "logistical issues for procuring oxygen have not been up to the mark" at a time when other states and union territories have been making earnest and professional efforts in this regard.

Incidentally, as the Union Home Secretary wrote the letter on April 25, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today said his government would import 18 cryogenic

MoD allows hiring of additional staff at 51 clinics

## GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER: HC REBUKES DELHI GOVT

The Delhi High Court came down heavily on the AAP government on Tuesday over its "failure" to check the selling of oxygen cylinders and medicines on the black market and said if the state cannot handle the situation, it will ask the central government to take over gas refiller units as it can't let people die. PTI

## 'TIME FOR FORCES TO RISE TO OCCASION'

It is the time for the armed forces to rise to the occasion and support the civil administration in creating Covid mitigation facilities in a time-bound manner.

Gen Bipin Rawat, CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



A Covid patient being shifted to another hospital. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

## EC bans victory processions after poll results

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

A day after the Madras High Court came down heavily on the poll panel for failing to implement Covid guidelines during campaigning, the Election Commission today issued an order banning all kinds of victory celebrations and processions on and after May 2, the day the counting of votes will take place for the Assembly elections in the four states and Union Territory (UT) of Puducherry.

The commission in its order said, "In view of the surge in Covid-19 cases throughout the country, it has decided to make more stringent provision to be followed during the process of counting, in addition to existing broad guidelines issued earlier in August 2020."

The poll panel in its direction to all Chief Electoral Officers said, "Not more than two persons will be allowed to accompany the winning candidate or his/her authorised representative receive the certificate of election from the Returning Officer (RO) concerned." — TNS

## Bullets fired in Guj fight over oxygen

BHUJ (GUJARAT), APRIL 27  
A man fired three bullets from his revolver during a clash between two groups that had assembled for refilling oxygen cylinders at a plant in Gujarat's Kutch district, the police said on Tuesday.

Some persons got agitated over a vehicle blocking the way to an oxygen refilling plant in Mota Chirai village near Bhachau town and clashed with another group of people waiting at the outlet, they said.

A man, identified as Rajendra Jadeja, took out a revolver and fired three rounds in the ground to intimidate people of the other group, a police official said. An FIR has been lodged against seven persons. — PTI

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# Delhi HC: No request made for Covid facilities in hotel for judges

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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday said it had not made any request for creating Covid-19 facilities for its judges, staff and their families in a five-star hotel.

Taking suo motu cognisance of the news reports which said 100 rooms of Ashoka Hotel in national capital have been converted into a Covid health facility for judges of the Delhi High Court on its request, a Bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and



Rekha Palli said, "No communication has been made to anyone in this regard." "We have not made any such request for taking over facilities of a five-star hotel," the Bench said and directed the Delhi Government to "take corrective steps immediately". Later in the day, Dy CM Manish Sisodia issued directions to withdraw the order to set up the facility at Ashoka Hotel.

**'Millions of Remdesivir vials may have been exported'**  
The Delhi HC on Tuesday said millions of vials of Remdesivir may have been exported by India, but its own citizenry was "suffering due to acute shortage of the drug". — PTI

## SC allows Vedanta to run TN plant to produce oxygen

NEW DELHI, APRIL 27

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed Vedanta to operate its oxygen production unit on standalone basis at its copper plant at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu in view of a national need for oxygen to save Covid-19 patients.

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