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BJP LOSES GROUND IN UP RURAL POLLS BACK PAGE

Explain or face contempt, HC tells Centre on Delhi O_2 crisis

Wants it to supply 700 MT oxygen daily, as directed by apex court

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NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Piqued over shortage of oxygen in the Capital, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to explain why contempt proceedings shouldn't be initiated against it for failing to comply with the order to supply 700 MT oxygen daily to hospitals for treating Covid-19 patients.

> "You can put your head in sand like an ostrich, we will not." — Bench

Coming down heavily on the Centre over the inadequate oxygen supply to Delhi, a Bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Rekha Palli said: "You (Centre) can put your head in sand like an ostrich, we will not.... Are you living in ivory towers?"

It ordered two senior Central government officers to remain present before it on Wednesday to respond to the contempt notice.

Relatives mourn the death of a Covid victim in New Delhi. PTI

ARMY BASE HOSPITAL SHORT OF O_2 SUPPLY?

Even as the O_2 quota of the Army Base Hospital in Delhi has been reduced, the Western Command said there was "adequate supply". Sources, however, said the hospital was short of 2.4 MT O_2 daily.

3.57 LAKH FRESH CASES

3,449 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

TOTAL DEATHS	ACTIVE CASES
2,22,408	34,47,133

MAY EDITION OF JEE-MAINS POSTPONED

The Bench rejected Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma's submission that the top court had

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EDIT: WAITING TO BREATHE

IPL halted after players infected

NEW DELHI: A barrage of Covid-19 cases forced the IPL's indefinite suspension on Tuesday, a move that was welcomed by the franchises. The decision was announced after SunRisers Hyderabad batsman Wriddhiman Saha and Delhi Capitals spinner Amit Mishra joined the infected players' list, which already had KKR's Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier. SPORT

'Health state subject': HC on Hry O_2 plea

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government on Tuesday pleaded before the Punjab and Haryana High Court that patients were gasping for breath as some proposals on oxygen supply were pending with the Centre, compelling the Bench to issue a reminder that health was a state subject. Read the Constitution, it suggested. INSIDE

Pb pay panel for 2-fold increase in staff salaries

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Punjab's 6th Pay Commission has recommended over two-fold increase in salaries of nearly 3.5 lakh state government employees, with an increase in the minimum pay from Rs 6,900 to Rs 18,000 per month retrospectively from January 1, 2016.

The report, submitted to CM Capt Amarinder Singh on April 30, is being examined by the Finance Department. The latter will present it to the Cabinet later this month, seeking its approval for implementation. "The commission has suggested major hike in salary and other benefits and allowances. The average increment in salaries and pensions is expected to be in the range of 20 per cent with salaries in for a 2.59 times

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- Over two-fold hike in salaries, with increase in minimum pay from ₹6,950 to ₹18,000 per month with effect from January 1, 2016
- Hike in pensions and DA, fixed medical allowance doubled to ₹1,000 per month for staff and pensioners
- Maximum limit of death-cum-retirement gratuity enhanced from ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh

On weekdays, Pb allows sale of grocery, liquor

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The Punjab Government today allowed the opening of shops selling non-essential items, including agriculture-related products, grocery, hardware items and liquor, till 5 pm on weekdays.

These shops will, however, remain closed during weekend curfew (6 pm on Friday to 5 am on Monday). The instructions were issued by the Home Department following protests by shopkeepers. The amended instructions would remain in force till May 15.

On May 1, the government had ordered that shops selling non-essential items would remain closed till May 15. It also announced that not more than two persons could travel in a car, government offices would work with 50

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50 MT ADDL O_2 SOUGHT

Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday sought immediate intervention of the PM and the Union Home Minister to ensure uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen to the state, along with additional allocation of 50 MT from a nearby source. INSIDE

IN 18+ DRIVE, JUST 908 GET VAX IN PB, OVER 99K IN HRY P12

IN BRIEF

Ex-Guv Jagmohan passes away

NEW DELHI: Former J&K Governor Jagmohan passed away on Tuesday following a brief spell of illness. He was 93. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Ram Nath Kovind paid tribute to him. BACK PAGE

Kangana's Twitter account suspended

MUMBAI: Twitter has permanently suspended actor Kangana Ranaut's account for repeated violations of rules, specifically its "Hateful Conduct and Abusive Behaviour policy", the microblogging site said in a statement on Tuesday. — PTI

WB violence toll rises to 12, PM dials Guv

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MAY 4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today called up West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and expressed anguish over the law and order situation in the state following reports of post-poll violence from several districts.

Describing the law and order situation in the state as "alarmingly worrisome", Dhankhar tweeted: "I share grave concerns given that violence vandalism, arson, loot and killings continue unabated. Concerned must act in overdrive to restore order."

The violence claimed three more lives in the state today, taking the toll since the announcement of the election results on May 2 to 12.

BJP chief JP Nadda flew to West Bengal to meet the families of slain party workers

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PIL SEEKS DEPLOYMENT OF CENTRAL FORCES

A PIL in the Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a direction to the Centre to deploy central forces for restoration of law and order in West Bengal. BACK PAGE

SECURITY GIVEN TO NANDIGRAM RETURNING OFFICER P9

After 27-yr marriage, Bill, Melinda to split

NEW YORK: Billionaire philanthropists Bill and Melinda French Gates have announced they are divorcing after 27 years of marriage, saying they no longer believe "we can grow together as a couple", but will continue to work together at their $50 billion foundation.— PTI

Sikh man attacked with hammer in US

NEW YORK: A Sikh, Sumit Ahluwalia, 32, was attacked with a hammer by a Black assailant at a hotel in Brooklyn here. Ahluwalia of Astoria has said his assailant was fuelled by racial hatred, according to a report. INSIDE

HP institute's antiserum trials show +ve results

AMBIKA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 4

Kasauli-based Central Research Institute (CRI) has manufactured an antiserum which has been found effective in neutralising the Covid virus, including its mutant strains. The test was conducted by the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.

The CRI had begun working on the antiserum in April last year in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Institute director Dr Ajay Tahlan said, "The test result is heartening. It will pave the way for further trial. A lot of work was involved in manufacturing the antiserum. Horses were inoculated with dead virus provided by the NIV and antibodies were developed. The antiserum was then sent to Pune for testing."

The antiserum will now be tested on more animals to study its efficacy. The animal toxological studies will be conducted at Hyderabad-based National Institute of Nutrition, he said.

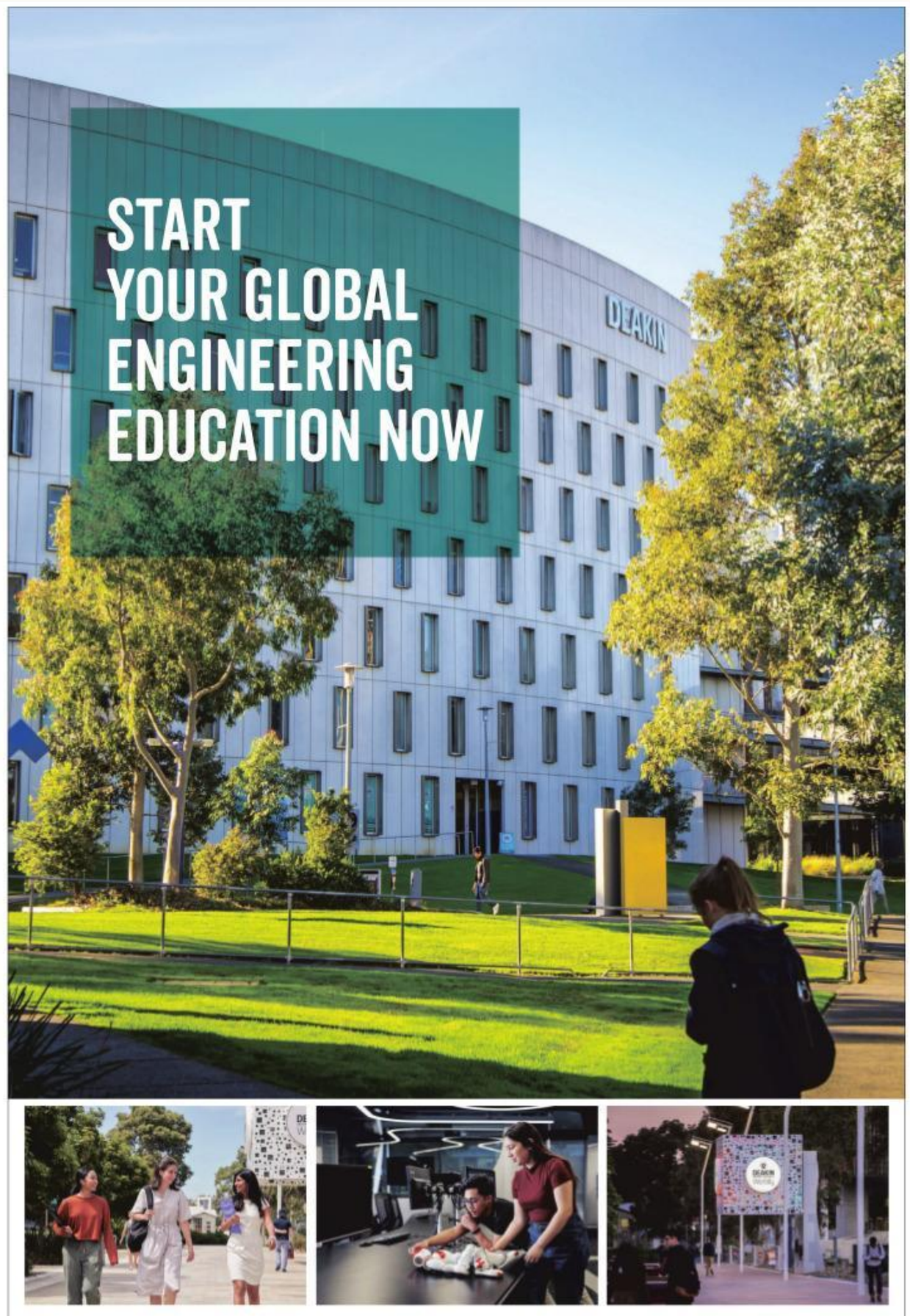
After positive results, the institute will send the antiserum to Central Drug Laboratory for final testing. If successful, the institute will approach the drug controller seeking nod for manufacturing its commercial batches. "The entire process will take at least a year. We are hopeful that good results will be achieved. This will help in reducing the Covid mortality rate," Dr Tahlan said.

NEUTRALISES VIRUS

Antiserum is human or nonhuman blood serum containing polyclonal antibodies used to provide passive immunity against many diseases

ADDED PROTECTION

It will provide an additional protection to critical Covid patients and help reduce mortality



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State gasps for O_2, Capt seeks PM, Shah's urgent intervention

Wants additional allocation of 50 MT of medical oxygen, 20 more tankers

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday sought the immediate intervention of both the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister to ensure uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen to the state, along with additional allocation of 50 MT liquid medical oxygen (LMO) from a nearby source and 20 additional tankers (preferably conducive to rail travel) for timely evacuation of LMO from Bokaro.

The Chief Minister sent out separate letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, as the number of Covid patients on varying levels of oxygen support in the state went up to 10,000.

Expressing deep concern over the imminent loss of lives due to oxygen shortage across the state, the Chief Minister said with mounting caseload, he was unable to increase Level 2 and Level 3 beds due to oxygen availability constraints. The state was facing the prospect of shortage of oxygen beds, he said, pointing out that the Government of India had expressed its inability to even allow Punjab's local industry to undertake commercial import of LMO from Pakistan through the Wagah-Attari border, which is geographically proximate.

Pointing out that Punjab had now been given to understand by the Centre that there would be likely disruption of LMO supply from today from Panipat and Barotiwala, the Chief Minister said this would cause great stress on the already limited oxygen availability in the state, thus causing a medical emergency, including risk of loss of life for the large number of patients who are in critical condition and on regular oxygen support. The disruption should be avoided, he said, adding that, if necessary, the state must be compensated immediately from a nearby additional source.

PTI FILE

SUPPLY ERRATIC

"Despite assurance that adequate supply will be ensured to us from alternate sources, I regret to point out that this has not happened.

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

STATUS OF LIFE-SAVING GAS

225 MT is the daily consumption of oxygen in the state

195 MT is the total oxygen allocation from outside the state

90 MT comes from Bokaro, 105 MT from Haryana, Himachal & U'khand

80 MT is generated daily within the state

10,000 Covid patients on oxygen support in the state currently

Retired docs to help deal with surge

FARIDKOT, MAY 4

In view of the rapid rise in Covid-19 cases and inadequate medical staff to deal with the emerging situation, the state Medical Education Department has invited the retired medical faculty to work as consultant in the departments of anaesthesia, medicine, chest and tuberculsosis, paediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology.

These doctors will work at government medical colleges in Amritsar and Patiala and their duty will be to deal with patients admitted in Covid-19 isolation wards. This posting will be for a period of six months and doctors will be paid as per their last salary before retirement, minus pension, read the orders, sent by Sujata Sharma, Director, Medical Education and Research, on Tuesday. The department is conducting a walk-in interview for these posts on May 8, said the Director.

Walk-in interview on May 8

On Tuesday, the department also issued selection list of 109 senior residents in different departments at government medical colleges Patiala and Amritsar. — TNS

Nursing students wait for their turn to get inoculated at Civil Hospital in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

Vax drive hit for 2nd straight day

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Most of the vaccination centres in the state remained shut for the second consecutive day due to non-availability of vaccine. However, the situation is likely to improve on Wednesday as several centres received the supply late in the evening.

In Patiala, not a single dose could be administered today due to the shortage. However, in the evening the district authorities received 12,000 doses and the drive will resume tomorrow.

In Barnala district, the vaccine drive was halted in the morning. Left with merely 1,300-1,400 doses, the drive in Jalandhar just saw as many people getting the jab. While a special camp for journalists was also held in the district today, the drive in the district was conducted with the leftover doses of yesterday.

To resume today as fresh stock arrives

COVID METER

Cases	**7,601**
Critical	231
Active	61,935
Deaths	**173**

WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Ludhiana	1,347	20
SAS Nagar	847	12
Bathinda	803	20
Jalandhar	733	8
Amritsar	674	16

However, until evening, the district received 18,000 doses. District Immunisation Officer Dr Rakesh Chopra said: "Around 1,300-1,400 people were vaccinated in the district today with leftover stock from yesterday. However, by evening we received 18,000 doses. So, the vaccination camps can continue as usual tomorrow."

In Ropar, the authorities were left with less than 100 doses, which were exhausted in the morning. In Bathinda, only around 700 persons were vaccinated at Civil Hospital, while at all other places the drive remained halted due to unavailability of the vaccine. — TNS

AAP dist chief booked for flouting norms

FEROZEPUR, MAY 4

The police have booked AAP district president Naresh Kataria, a former MLA, along with 47 others for violating Covid protocols at Makhu here. As per information, Kataria along with supporters was sitting on a dharna on the National Highway-54 at Makhu to protest registration of a case against a party worker.

Had staged dharna on NH in Ferozepur

Makhu SHO Jaswinder Singh said the police made repeated requests asking protesters to lift the dharna, but they did not pay heed. Police officials said protesters threw caution to the wind despite specific guidelines by the state government banning any kind of political gathering. — TNS

All schools, colleges closed in Muktsar

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, MAY 4

The District Magistrate has ordered to shut all government and private schools and colleges after a number of teachers tested Covid positive in the district. He asked only those teachers to come to schools who have been assigned the Covid duty.

Sources in the Education Department said in some schools even more than 10 teachers had been tested positive. They added that the Deputy District Education Officer (Secondary), Muktsar, has also been infected with the virus. Besides, the DEO (Elementary) too recently recovered from Covid.

"Two members of the Sikhya Sudhar team too have been infected. Due to the rising number of Covid cases, the administration has directed to shut all schools, colleges and educational institutes in the district," they added.

In some schools, more than 10 teachers +ve

Meanwhile, Malkit Singh, District Education Officer (Secondary), Muktsar, said, "In Muktsar district, the schools have been closed due to the rising number of Covid cases. In other districts, teachers are still coming to schools. I have the additional charge of Sangrur district, but the schools are open there and teachers are coming to take online classes. In Muktsar, we have now told the teachers to take online classes from home." Meanwhile, some government teachers said they were yet to get the official orders.

Shopkeepers protest Covid restrictions in Jalalabad town on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Angry, shopkeepers protest curbs

FAZILKA, MAY 4

A large number of shopkeepers staged a protest at the Pipalwala Chowk in Jalalabad town today protesting curbs imposed by the Punjab Government.

As some shopkeepers opened their businesses in the morning, police contingents forced them to shut these. Enraged, shopkeepers then staged a sit-in at the chowk.

Sham Lal, a shopkeepers said they had to pay staff, power bills, bank instalments, interests on loans and other expenses, and were hardly able to make both ends meet.

Jalalabad DSP Palvinder Singh said the shopkeepers later lifted their dharna. They would meet civil administration officials in this regard.

Fazilka Beopar Mandal president Ashok Gulbadhar condemned the decision to impose a mini-lockdown. — OC

BEOPAR MANDAL CHIEF GHERAOED

Muktsar: A large number of shopkeepers on Tuesday gheraoed Beopar Mandal president Inderjit on the Bank Road here, accusing him of supporting the move to impose restrictions. Inderjit said he would meet the SDM and seek relaxation for shopkeepers. TNS

Losses mounting, let us function: Hoteliers

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BATHINDA, MAY 4

Hoteliers are not happy with the government's decision to ban dining facilities and allow only home deliveries.

Punjab Hotel Association president Satish Arora said the hotel industry was on the verge of bankruptcy as around one-third hotels in the country had closed and many were on the verge of closure.

"Around 30 per cent of the establishments in the state have closed permanently due to the financial crises. Over 20 per cent have not opened fully after the first lockdown. The remaining 50 per cent have been operating with losses and revenue below 50 per cent of the pre-Covid levels," said Arora.

He said the norms on gatherings for hotels, banquets, and open venues should be made in commensurate with the size of the venue. He also requested that except in case of a complete lockdown or in containment zones, hospitality establishments should be allowed to function by following SOPs and protocol. Arora said many owners had shut their outlets as sales dwindled, while expenses remained the same.

He said employees associated with the hospitality industry were now looking for jobs in other sectors as they did not see it as a sustainable employment opportunity following the losses in the past one year. Already reeling from the effects of the previous lockdown, the hospitality sector is staring at another crisis due to the second Covid wave.

"Either allow us to operate normally by following the SOPs or shut the industry permanently," said Arora.

WAIVE TAXES

"We urge the government to waive liquor licence fee, electricity charges and municipal and property taxes to help the sector tide over the current crisis. It is getting difficult to sustain the business.

Satish Arora, PUNJAB HOTEL ASSN PRESIDENT

National Health Mission workers protest in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

NHM workers' strike affects health services

ABOHAR, MAY 4

Contractual workers under the National Health Mission (NHM) today went on an indefinite strike to press for their demand of regularisation of jobs. The strike affected health services across the subdivision. They staged a dharna at the Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital and raised slogans against the state government and later submitted a memorandum to Senior Medical Officer Dr Gagandeep Singh.

NHM Workers' Union block president Praveen Rani said NHM employees had been working on contracts for the past 12 years, but their service had not been regularised. Even during the Covid period, they had been working with sincerity by placing their life at stake.

She said by paying a salary of Rs 10,000 per month to the contractual workers, manifold work was being taken from them. Many of them working during the pandemic period even contracted the virus. "The government should support us instead of making rhetoric against us. We will have to intensify the stir if the government does not issue a notification on accepting our demands," she added.

Over 10K on contract seek regularisation

About 10,000 health staff under the NHM had been working on contract for the past 12 years. "The workers are also upset over the advertisements given by the state Health Department inviting applications for several posts, including staff nurses, instead of regularising our services," said Rajinder Kaur, a leader. — OC

Stadium converted into jail for violators

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MOGA, MAY 4

The district administration has converted an indoor stadium in the city as a temporary jail to keep those violating lockdown or curfew imposed in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Disclosing this here today, District Magistrate Sandeep Hans said the stadium would be a temporary jail till the prohibitory orders remained in force. Since the jails were already overcrowded, it was almost impossible to send the violators in the jails.

However, the basic purpose of the temporary jail was to ensure that Covid did not spread and tame those who were violating the prohibitory orders.

Meanwhile, a police officer said at least 25 violators had been sent to this temporary jail during the past 24 hours. At least 40 FIRs had been registered for violation of prohibitory orders in the past one week, he said.

Cops question the lockdown violators in Amritsar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Hans has exhorted people to stay indoors in the larger interests of society. He added that the violators of curfew would be strictly dealt with. Social distancing would be ensured at the temporary jail complex, he added.

The DM said daily night curfew had been imposed from 6 pm to 5 am and weekly curfew had been imposed from 6 pm on Friday to 5 am on Monday within the limits of the district.

But still some people were seen roaming outside instead of sitting in their houses. Therefore, the district administration was forced to convert indoor stadium into jail to keep such violators in the lock-up, he added.

Vendors collect money from those hit by the Covid restrictions imposed by the state government in Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Govt has failed on health front: AAP

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has alleged the Punjab Government had failed to provide health services and save lives in the state during the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

AAP's doctor wing state president Dr Ravjot, state co-president Dr Sanjeev Sharma and vice-president Dr Charanjit Singh Channi said the new strain of Covid was spreading rapidly in the entire country, but neither the Centre nor the Punjab Government had made proper arrangements. — TNS

Second wave taking toll on crematoria staff

SUKHMEET BHASIN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, MAY 4

The second wave of the Covid pandemic has taken a toll on the crematoria staff here as their workload has doubled in the last few days.

Now, the cremation ground management has appealed to the public for help in setting wood during cremation.

Senior officials of the district administration held a meeting with the management of the cremation ground today in the wake of high number of Covid deaths.

25 bodies arriving daily against nine earlier

A Covid patient's body lies on a pyre at a crematorium at Bathinda.

The management told the district administration that they have additional stock of wood and there would be no shortage of anything. They requested the administration to get the cremation ground sanitised repeatedly as the number of bodies being cremated every day has risen steadily over the month.

Rajan Garg, president Mahabir Dal, which manages the grain market cremation ground, said, "Employees are working overtime in this crisis - from cutting wood to doing other work, so I appeal to people who come to cremate the body of their relative to help in setting logs of wood along with the workers."

He added that before Covid, around nine cremations used to take place in a day, but now it has risen to 25.

Garg said they have a designated capacity of 24 bodies for cremation, but they could accommodate 48 a day.

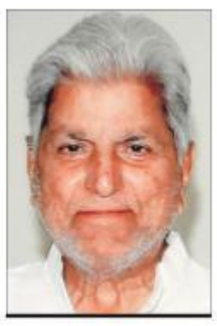
The situation is so bad that recently this cremation ground went out of space and nine bodies were burnt on the ground.

OBITUARY

Rashpal Malhotra (1936-2021)

A noted scholar with humble beginnings

Battling Covid for a week, CRRID founder dies at a Mohali hospital



Known for his organisational skills, Malhotra worked in close quarters with four PMs

INTREPID SOLDIER

"Rashpal was an intrepid soldier. He made valuable contribution to furthering the national cause. NN Vohra, FORMER J&K GUV

DEVELOPED NORTH

"An able administrator, he played a pivotal role in bringing socio-economic development to the North. Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

RASHPAL MALHOTRA (84), Founder Director of the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), died on Tuesday at a private hospital in Mohali after battling Covid for more than a week.

Remembering Malhotra, former Jammu and Kashmir Governor NN Vohra said: "Rashpal, whom I had known for over six decades, was an intrepid soldier. He made valuable contribution to furthering the national cause and almost single-handedly established CRRID."

Born in Kasur (Pakistan) in 1936, Malhotra's family shifted to Saharanpur in UP after the Partition. He joined Panjab University, Chandigarh, as a clerk and did MA (public administration).

Malhotra served at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (Shimla) between 1965 and 1970. After working with a cycle factory (RMI) at Rajpura, he joined Mahindra & Mahindra as its general manager. However, research continued to be his first priority and he began his dream journey of setting up the CRRID in 1978. He started his work from a garage in Sector 21, Chandigarh. The institute shifted to its current campus in Sector 19, Chandigarh, in 1983.

CM Capt Amarinder Singh called Malhotra a distinguished academic, able administrator and a fine human being who played a pivotal role in bringing socio-economic development to the northern region.

He served as Executive Chairman of CRRID and a member of the Board of Governors of Pushpa Gujral Science City. He was also a member of the Senate of Punjabi University, Patiala, and Panjab University, Chandigarh. Known for his organisational skills, Malhotra worked in close quarters with PMs Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, PV Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh. He, in fact, got in Dr Manmohan Singh as the Chairman of the governing body of the research institute. Ex-Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said: "Rashpal Malhotra, a low-profile troubleshooter for Indira Gandhi and a confidant of Pranab Mukherjee, Dr Manmohan Singh and PN Haksar, was a wonderful man."

Among his last important academic works was a seven-volume publication on "Cooperative Development, Peace and Security" in collaboration with former CRRID Director Dr Sucha Singh Gill between 2011 and 2015. — TNS

Cong leaders violate Covid protocols

MUKTSAR, MAY 4

Congress leaders today reportedly violated Covid guidelines during the office-assuming ceremony of Muktsar MC chief Shammi Tehria. They gathered at the MC office, flouting the social distancing norm. Many were not even wearing masks. — TNS

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Doc fights for life in ICU, figures on roster

KARAM PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Not first case, say Patiala hospital colleagues

PATIALA, MAY 4

A Covid positive doctor who is battling for life in the ICU of a private hospital has been assigned duty at the isolation ward of the Government Rajindra Hospital. This has irked his colleagues, who said it was not the one-off incident.

As per the duty roster of May, Dr Rajan Singh of the surgery department, who is currently under treatment, has been assigned duty on the second floor of the Covid ward at Rajindra Hospital.

His colleagues said many infected doctors had been assigned Covid duties as immediate bosses (heads of the departments) were not consulted while making rosters.

A doctor said: "Our friend is in the ICU and putting him on duty before he recovers is inhumane on the part of the authorities. They (people at the helm) are not aware of their own staff. How can they be expected to take care of patients?"

A head of the department requesting anonymity said: "All doctors under me are performing Covid duties, while doctors of medicine, anaesthesia and chest and TB, which are core departments to handle critical Covid cases, have been spared."

Meanwhile, Surbhi Malik, in-charge, Covid isolation, said: "It must have been a human error. I have been informed by the department concerned and the duty has already been changed. There are many doctors testing positive. So, sometimes information doesn't reach the person preparing the roster." She said Dr Rajan was serious and she already knew about his health.

Despite repeated attempts, Dr Rajan Singla, principal, Government Medical College, could not be contacted.

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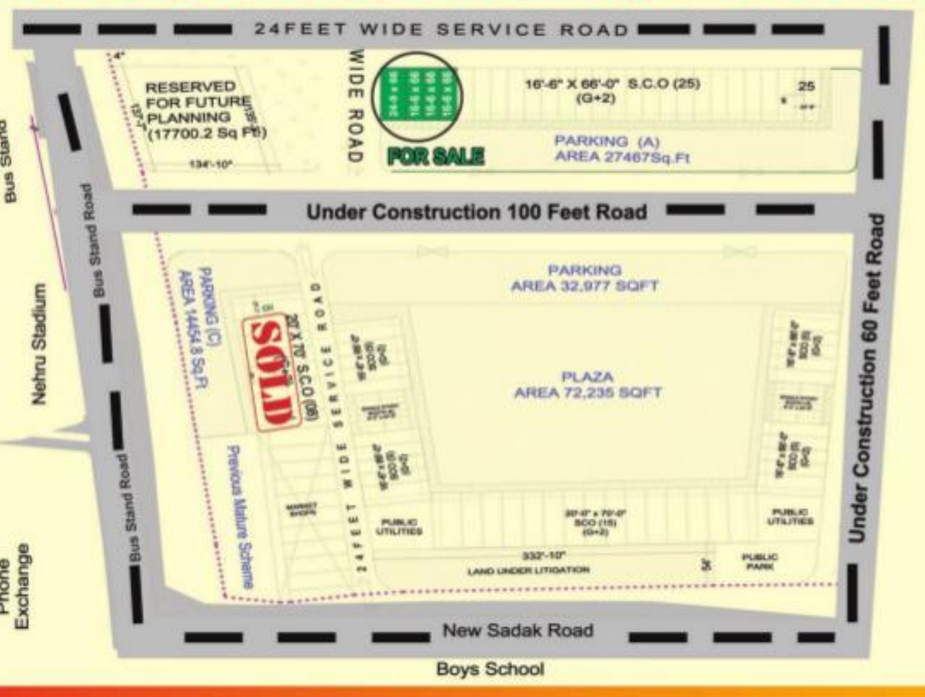

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NMC: Covid duty part of internship

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FARIDKOT, MAY 4

A day after medical interns were put on Covid management duties under the supervision of their faculty to augment the manpower to fight the pandemic, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued an advisory, saying that the duties performed by interns during their posting in different departments for Covid-19 management will be treated as the duty in those departments for purpose of compulsory rotating internship.

Internship is a phase of the mandatory rotational training of total 12 months in different departments wherein a medical graduate is expected to learn methods/modalities to actual practice of medical and healthcare and acquire skills under the seniors' supervision so that he/she may become capable of functioning independently to get the MBBS degree.

Must to acquire skills to function independently

The National Medical Commission has conveyed that posting in general medicine, including psychiatry, casualty /emergency medicine/critical care and community medicine/public health departments for Covid-19 management will be treated as an internship of a total of four-and-a-half-months.

Govt. of Haryana

Do Not Panic During Home Quarantine

Stay Stress-Free, Follow Healthy Routine

Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

Monitor Your Health According to This Chart

Day of symptoms and time (every 4 hourly)	Body Temperature	Heart Rate (From Pulse Oximeter)	SpO_2 % (From Pulse Oximeter)	Feeling (Better / Same / Worse)	Breathing (Better / Same / Worse)

- First of all, monitor according to the chart shown for the better care of your health
- Regularly check the temperature and oxygen level, contact the doctor only if the oxygen level is less than 94 percent
- In such a situation, do proning and respiration exercises which increase the level of oxygen
- During home isolation, take plenty of fluids, eat nutritious food, take regular medicines and strictly follow the Covid safety norms

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- Dip in Oxygen Saturation
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Hike in DA, other allowances of staff, benefit for pensioners

6TH PAY PANEL Minimum pay up from ₹6,950 to ₹18K/month; effective from 2016

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The Sixth Pay Commission for 7 lakh employees and pensioners of the state government has recommended over two-fold increase in salaries of all employees with increase in minimum pay from Rs 6,950 to Rs 18,000 per month with retrospective effect from January 1, 2016.

Headed by former Chief Secretary of Punjab Jai Singh Gill, it has also recommended a hike in pensions and DA, while fixed medical allowance has been recommended to be doubled to Rs 1,000 per month for employees as well as pensioners uniformly.

The Commission, appointed by the then state government on February 24, 2016, submitted its report on April 30, 2021. Chaired by Jai Singh Gill, it currently has DS Kalha as member and SS Rajput as member secretary. While the revised pay scales are to be implemented from January 1, 2016, the recommended allowances are to be implemented from the date of notification of the pay commission report.

Among other important recommendations of the Commission are enhancing the maximum limit of death-cum-retirement gratuity from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh, enhancement in ex gratia grant rates in the case of death of government employee, as also in case of death in harness directly attributable to the duty performed, significant in view of the prevailing pandemic crisis.

It is also recommended to double the design allowance to engineering staff and kit maintenance allowance to police personnel with mobile allowance enhancement varying from Rs 375 to Rs 750.

A significant recommendation is merging of dearness allowance into dearness pay each time the index increases by 50 per cent, to be counted for all purposes, including retirement benefits.

For pensions, the revision suggested by the Commission is by the application of a simple factor of 2.59. Further, pension should continue to be paid at 50 per cent of the last pay drawn on the completion of 25 years of qualifying service as per the Commission recommendations.

Old-age allowance for pensioners and family pensioners is also recommended at the existing intervals of five years from the age of 65 years onwards on revised pension. It has also recommended commutation of pension to be restored to 40 per cent. The house rent allowance is also proposed to be rationalised by a factor of 0.8 of the existing rates and calculated as a percentage of basic pay.

NEW PERKS IN THE OFFING

- Two-fold increase in salaries of employees, taking 2006 pay scales as base
- Doubling of death-cum-retirement gratuity to ₹20 L
- Dearness allowance to be merged into dearness pay
- Pension to be revised by application of a simple factor of 2.59
- Rationalisation in HRA
- Rationalisation in some allowances

- Several new allowance categories, including higher education allowance, in the form of lump sum rate for all employees acquiring higher qualification

Panel for doing away with spl pay

Unacceptable, says union

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

While the state government has hailed the report as a major bonanza for the employees and retirees, the Sixth Pay Commission has "recommended abolition of all types of special pay and any add-ons in the basic pay by any nomenclature".

This means special pay scales revised by a Cabinet sub-committee, formed by the previous Akali-BJP government in 2011, have been recommended to be set aside and the new pay scales to be implemented now will be based on the scales and grade pay recommended in the Fifth Pay Commission in 2006.

"If this is done, it will be unacceptable. But we have yet to examine the report," said Sukhchain Khera, convener, Sanjha Mulazzam Manch, an umbrella body of government employees.

Almost 70% of the state government employees had been given enhanced pay scales in 2011, over and above what was recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission of 2006.

Certain allowances of employees have also been rationalised in the recommendations, which could lead to heartburn amongst employees. Thakur Singh, convener, Punjab Government Pensioners Joint Front, said the pension has been revised by multiplying the previous scale by 2.59, which would give them lesser benefit in hike as compared to even Class IV employees. "Also, the 25 years in service criteria fixed for the pensioners to get 50% of last pay drawn as pension, was not in consonance with the central pay commissions, where the minimum service criteria is 20 years. These anomalies will have to be dealt with," he said. — TNS

THOROUGH EXERCISE

"The recommendations have been made after a thorough exercise. But this is just one part of the job. The second part, which among other things will deal with the anomalies in pay scales (if any), will be examined separately.

Jai Singh Gill, HEAD OF THE PAY PANEL

Court to see scribe's responsibilities, duties as a citizen

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made clear its intent to examine the duties of a journalist with reference to his responsibilities as a citizen.

Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan, among other things, will determine whether a reporter, being a citizen, was bound to inform the police before airing information on occurrence of a crime.

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after an advocate sought anticipatory bail in a case of alleged hate speech. The petitioner's case was that a video clip, uploaded on Facebook and YouTube by a journalist, was in fact edited in a manner that it gave one-sided version. The conversation between the petitioner and the reporter was not intended to hurt the religious sentiments of any community.

Seeking anticipatory bail, his counsel contended media's role was "very responsible towards nation building". But a wrong message was given by the reporter to make sensational news by adding his own content.

He added the place where the petitioner made the speech was situated in a Circuit House. It was not accessible to the public. The recording was made by the reporter. As such, he himself was the perpetuator of the offence, if any.

Taking up the matter, Justice Sangwan asked Punjab Director/Additional Director, Bureau of Investigation, to file an affidavit on the duties of a reporter as a citizen. The officer was also asked to specify whether the reporter himself was an instrument in perpetuation of the crime as uploading the clip on social or electronic media may amount to promoting disharmony or hatred.

The officer was also asked to specify whether the original video could be termed as a hate speech and whether the edited clip, with his comments as catalyst, amounted to hate speech.

Justice Sangwan also directed the officer to look into the investigation as well as the reporter's role after he uploaded the clip on the social media. Before parting with the order, Justice Sangwan observed the Law Commission of India, in its 267th report on "hate speeches", had recommended addition of more stringent provisions by amending the Indian Penal Code.

To examine if they're bound to inform cops before airing info about crime

Callers posing as 'Kishor' booked by cops

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SANGRUR, MAY 4

The police have registered a case against unidentified persons for calling up Congress leaders in the state and demanding money posing as principal political adviser to CM Prashant Kishor (PK). On Monday, Sunam Congress Halqa in-charge Daman Thind Bajwa had lodged a complaint with police.

"Acting on the complaint, we have registered a case under Sections 420 and 511, IPC, and 67 and 68, IT Act, against unidentified persons," said Sunam DSP Baljinder Singh.

Targeted Cong leaders, sought money for ticket

In her complaint to the DGP and Sangrur SSP, Daman had alleged she had received calls from a person last month, claiming to be the political strategist. Initially, she took the caller to be 'PK' and replied to his queries. However, after having spoken to him for some time, she realised there was something fishy.

"The fake 'PK' promised me the Congress ticket for the upcoming Assembly elections from Sunam on the condition of dropping Rs 7 lakh in Jalandhar," she said in her complaint.

Senior Superintendent of Police Vivek Sheel Soni said he had directed the DSP for a quick and thorough investigation into the matter.

Members of the Road Kisan Sangharsh Committee protest in Patiala on Tuesday. RAJESH SACHAR

Officials fail to turn up for meet, farmers squat outside circuit house

PATIALA, MAY 4

Farmers who have been protesting alleged low compensation for acquisition of their land in Patiala were left disgruntled after the district administration failed to hold a meeting with them as assured a few days ago.

The farmer leaders, thereafter, squatted outside the circuit house in protest, while others associated with the protest continued to hold a sit-in at the Sullar road. The farmers alleged that the administration had assured them of holding a meeting on May 4 on the day they held a protest on April 30, but failed to give it in writing. "Today, they did not turn up, saying their officers were Covid-19 positive," said Harmanpreet Singh, coordinator, Road Kisan Sangharsh Committee.

He said the farmers had been looking forward to the meeting, while a police case was also registered against them.

The administration and the police barricaded the area to prevent any untoward incident. Fire brigades and police force were deployed at the site.

Later in the evening, DC Kumar Amit and other officials met the protesters and assured them of a meeting with the officials concerned after which the farmers lifted the protest. — TNS

KEEP YOUR WORD

"The administration should have kept its word. It should at least give in writing if the meeting has been cancelled or deferred. Officials are not ready to give any answer.

Harmanpreet Singh, COORDINATOR, ROAD KISAN SANGHARSH COMMITTEE

Threat to blow up Patna gurdwara

AMRITSAR, MAY 4

The Takht Sri Patna Sahib Management Board has received a letter threatening to blow up Gurdwara Baal Lila, located near the Takht, if Rs 50 crore was not paid as ransom. The threat letter has been handed over to the Patna police by the board.

The sender has identified himself as Ranjan Kumar, a resident of Mahatma Gandhi Nagar, Patna, and even mentioned a contact number. The letter addressed to the general secretary of the board cautioned him against involving the police in the matter for the sake of his life. Jagjit Singh Jaggi, administrator of the board, said a complaint had been lodged with the police by the general secretary seeking necessary action.

SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur said such anti-social elements must be dealt with sternly. — TNS

Takht board gets letter demanding ₹50 cr

Govt failed to provide smart facilities in schools: AAP

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Aam Aadmi Party MLA Sarvjit Kaur Manuke has claimed that the state government has failed to provide smart facilities in government schools and uplift it for a better future of the youth.

In a statement here today, Manuke said there were no facilities in government schools which were running with shortage of teachers. Taking a dig at the Captain government, Manuke said, "Does painting or decorating walls of a school alone make a school smart? There needs to be state-of-the-art facilities for better uplift of students and teachers."

Questioning the government, Manuke asked as to how many of the government schools had any smart facilities like community computers, biometric entry, Internet connectivity, CCTV cameras and digital green boards. — TNS

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I, Rattani Devi spouse of No. 2693035K Hav Hem Raj, Vill. Talangra, PO Maseran, Teh. Sarkaghat, District Mandi, HP declare that I have changed my name from Rattni Devi to Rattani Devi, DoB 28.06.1984 vide affidavit No. 16AA 118808. (CL21011772)

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I, Barjinder Kumar s/o Sansari Lal r/o Bhikhi (Mansa) have changed my minor son's name from Priyajot alias Piyajot to Piyajot Jindal. (CL21011812)

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I, Sonu Devi spouse of No. 15500237M, SWR, Devender Kumar R/o Village Bhariayan, PO Kuphara, Tehsil & Distt. Chamba HP. Declare that my DoB in my Husband's Army record wrongly entered as 25.10.1986 instead of 25.10.1984. Concerned note. (CL21011839)

I, Sneha d/o No. 15500197W, SWR, Jagdish Kumar r/o Village Garh, PO Kohal, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba, HP, declare that my name in my father's Army record wrongly entered as Sneh. Whereas my correct name and DoB is Sneha, 18.05.2009. Concerned note. (CL21011844)

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1. Lehamber Singh Pabla.
2. Dilawar Singh both S/o Dalip Singh son of Waryam Singh r/o Village Langroya, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

....Plaintiff

Versus

1. Parkash Kaur w/o Dalip Singh r/o New Kartar Nagar, Sardar Colony, Salem Tabri, Ludhiana.
2. Narinder Kaur Bola w/o Nirmal Singh Bola d/o Dalip Singh r/o Village Pathlawa, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar.
3. Tarsem Singh Pabla s/o Dalip Singh r/o Village Langroya, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District SBS Nagar.

....Defendants

Suit for Permanent Injunction

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2. Narinder Kaur Bola w/o Nirmal Singh Bola d/o Dalip Singh r/o Village Pathlawa, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar.

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Vax crunch stares state in the face

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Close on the heels of oxygen shortage, the state faces acute crunch of Covid vaccine at a time when there is a spurt in the number of cases. With demand exceeding the supply, the existing stock of vaccine is fast depleting.

While the state has placed an order for 66 lakh doses, it has been allocated 4.3 lakh vaccines by the Centre.

With the state starting vaccination for the 18-44 age category on May 2, there is pressure on the existing infrastructure.

A realty check in certain districts shows that persons between 18 and 44 years and those awaiting the second dose are the most affected.

Karnal: Several persons above 44 years are unable to get their appointment as the government portal shows that all time slots are full.

Elderly people wait to get a jab at a Gurugram clinic. S CHANDAN

DOSES FINISHED BEFORE NOON IN G'GRAM

Gurugram: About 2,000 vaccines were administered on Tuesday at 20 centres here. The vaccines ran out of stock before noon. So, people were turned away causing resentment.

The authorities, however, said: "There are around 7,000 doses of Covishield for those above 44 years and around 12,000 doses for the 18-44 age group. Around 3,500 doses of Covaxin for persons above 44 are in stock," said Civil Surgeon Dr Yogesh Sharma.

Faridabad: A majority of the 44-plus residents, who have received their first dose, are awaiting their second one, but the district Health Department is focusing on residents falling in the 18-44 age bracket. As of Tuesday, the department had only 25,000 doses.

Deputy CMO Dr Ramesh Chander said 3.82 lakh persons of all ages had received their first or both doses.

Ambala: In all, 9,380 doses of Covishield are available for the 18-44 age group and 4,990 for those above 45 years. As for Covaxin, 4,130 doses are available for 45-plus people.

Kurukshetra: About 7,000 doses of Covishield are in stock for the 18-44 age bracket, while 4,500 doses are available for the 45-plus.

Rohtak: The vaccination drive is going on smoothly at the PGIMS here. Sources say Covaxin is administered to persons above 45 years, while Covishield is given to the ones in the 18-44 age bracket.

Yamunanagar: Civil Surgeon Dr Vijay Dahiya said 10,000 doses of Covaxin and 7,000 doses of Covishield were available for people above 45 years.

Rural, urban G'gram residents fight over vaccine

SUMEDHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURUGRAM, MAY 4

Amid the ongoing vaccine crunch, a war seems to have erupted between some rural and urban Gurugram areas.

In a shocking turn of events, villagers have been driving away vaccine-seekers from nearby societies, "reserving" the doses for their residents only. With a majority of PHCs situated in villages, villagers are reportedly turning away people from nearby societies who register and come with appointment for inoculation.

Villagers turn away people from nearby societies, 'reserving' doses for their residents

The latest incidents were reported from Dhankot and Garhi Harsaru where panchayat members, allegedly accompanied by men carrying sticks, reached vaccination centres today and seized all vaccines from staff. The act left people from nearby areas, who had come for their second dose, a harried lot.

"The sarpanch came there and said the vaccine was for villagers only. We could see many youngsters from village walking in. This is my eighth week and I can't delay it more. I registered, took appointment and came, but they threatened to beat us so we left," said Ramesh Paswan, who went to the Dhankot centre.

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'Health state subject': HC on govt's O_2 plea

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The BJP-led Haryana Government today pleaded before the Punjab and Haryana High Court that patients were gasping for breath as some of its proposals on augmenting oxygen supply were pending with the Centre, compelling the Bench to issue a reminder that health was a State subject. Read the Constitution, the Bench suggested.

The HC says States can consider home delivery of oxygen cylinders, preferably by municipal authorities, to reduce pressure on the health workers, administration, government and private hospitals

The Bench asserted that lives were being lost and there was complete chaos after the State counsel submitted there was shortage of tankers. PSA generators could not be procured by the State as the entire control was with the Centre. The Government of India (GoI) allowed and approved the purchases. Even the installation was done by them. The State also pleaded for additional oxygen supply from the Panipat plant, adding that their demand would be met if it was allowed to get it from there. Both the States and the UT also submitted that their pleas for the supply of additional ventilators, too, were pending with the GoI.

Taking a note of the submissions, the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh asserted: "Health is a State subject and we are all governed by the Constitution… Open the book… We cannot add anything to the Constitution."

Additional Advocate-General Ankur Mittal submitted the GoI was doing its best, but pleaded for judicial intervention. "Let someone from the GoI be called upon… Some kind of arrangement could be made," he submitted.

Speaking for the Bench, Justice Gupta asserted that all the three States were non-serious and even the phones were not being answered. "We will not tolerate disobedience. We will order such action that you will see. How can HC directions be not complied with?" Justice Gupta added, referring to the directions issued on the previous date of hearing.

Rapping Punjab for not translating its words into action on the issue of unused ventilators, Justice Gupta asserted: "You only issue instructions. You are proceeding in a casual manner. People move on your instructions or our directions? For implementation, we have to step in. We will ask the head of the Police Department concerned to proceed and seize them and allocate to so and so and you can see what happens. Anyone who does not comply, we will have his powers withdrawn."

AT A GLANCE

- Amicus Curiae Rupinder Khosla says serious situation has arisen in Haryana as its oxygen quota has been reduced by 20 MT from Panipat plant
- Addl Solicitor-General Satya Pal Jain says oxygen supply from Panipat plant to Haryana for meeting its requirement and to Punjab from nearby plant are being "seriously examined" by the Centre. A decision may be taken in a day.

Hospitals packed, affluent Covid patients opt for 'home-ICUs'

SUNIT DHAWAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 4

With the hospitals getting jam-packed with patients due to the rapid rise in the number of Covid-19 cases, affluent patients, especially those based in the national capital region (NCR), have turned to home ICU set-ups to get treated without having to visit any hospital.

The ICU set-up is installed at the patient's home by the service providers who are doing brisk business these days. The cost of the installation is high, but considerably lower than what is charged by private hospitals.

"In view of the acute shortage of beds at the hospitals, a number of residents, especially those from the NCR, prefer to get home-ICUs installed. We get requests on our social-media group and share the details of the service-providers," said Kusha Gupta, a member of a group of volunteers that provides the required help and support to the residents in distress.

Meanwhile, medical experts said the concept of home ICUs was still in its infancy in our country, but it could provide an effective and efficient alternative for the patients who were stable, but require long-term ICU support.

THE CONCEPT

A Home-ICU includes a ventilator, O_2 concentrator, heart-rate monitor, a bi-pap machine, an IV stand and a round-the-clock nurse/attendant. Specialist doctors can be consulted on phone or video calls

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Lockdown pass or ID card must for travel: Vij

CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Health Minister Anil Vij said it would be mandatory to carry ID cards or government-issued passes for any movement during the ongoing lockdown in the state.

Strict action would be taken against those commuting without the cards or passes. Vij said this in a meeting of senior officers of the Police Department here.

He said the DCs had been asked to make online traffic passes. For this, interested people can apply at saralharyana.gov.in. People should not leave their homes unnecessarily and those who are permitted to commute during the lockdown will also have to carry a pass or ID card.

Vij has directed the officials concerned to make a roster for grocery stores, pharmacy shops and other essential items in the state. All such shops will not be allowed to be open every day, but on a rotational basis. — TNS

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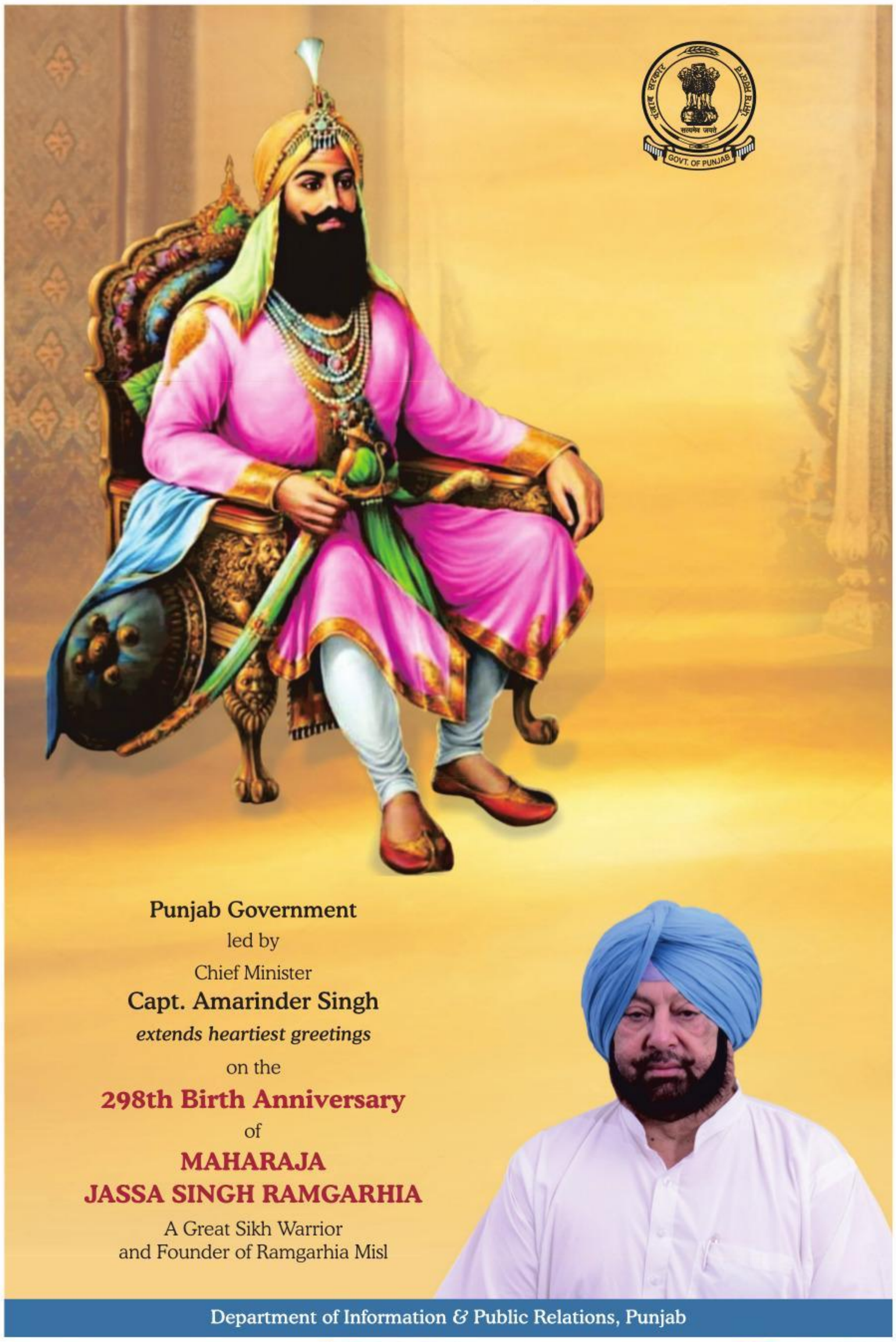

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Waiting to breathe

Centre, states should strive for uninterrupted oxygen supply

THE disruption of oxygen supply is causing deaths almost on a daily basis in the country. Earlier this week, 24 patients, 23 of them Covid-infected, died in Karnataka's Chamarajanagar due to alleged shortage of the life-saving gas in the district hospital. On Saturday, 12 Covid-19 patients, including a senior doctor, succumbed at a private hospital in New Delhi after it reportedly ran out of medical oxygen for more than an hour. Though the Central government claims that there is no shortage of oxygen, the lapses are evident on all counts, be it production, allocation, transportation or supply.

Time is of utmost importance when a patient's life is on the line. It's a no-brainer that oxygen must reach the recipient in the shortest duration possible. It defies logic that Punjab has to keep waiting for 4-5 days for a tanker to bring 90 MT (metric tonnes) of the gas from a plant in Jharkhand's Bokaro. After the Chamarajanagar tragedy, the Karnataka government has decided to focus on three broad goals to streamline the supply of oxygen allocated by the Centre: reduce the time taken to refill tankers; provide a green corridor for faster commuting of tankers; and avoid delay at toll plazas. Such a template needs to be adopted across the board at the earliest in view of the enhanced inter-state movement of tankers.

The Supreme Court has rightly directed the Centre to create a buffer stock of oxygen for emergency purposes in collaboration with the states and decentralise the location of the stocks so that it is promptly available if the normal supply chain is disrupted. That the Covid Care Centre at Delhi's Commonwealth Games Village will soon have its own oxygen plant that will provide uninterrupted supply to 15-20 beds from its pipeline is too little too late. Such a self-sufficient arrangement will cut down potentially fatal delays. Coordination between the Centre and the states, and also among the states, is vital. There should be no disparity between a state's requirement and the actual allocation as well as supply. The oxygen crisis can be overcome by removing bottlenecks at all stages.

Criminal wastage

Hospitals ill-equipped to handle ventilators

LIKE unending peels of an onion, misery upon misery is unfolding for the unfortunate victims of Covid-19 who are gasping for critical care. Distressing reports of many life-saving ventilators lying unpacked and unused in hospitals across the country aggravate the traumatic experience that Covid patients and their kin are going through. Right from Mohali and Muktsar in Punjab to Rajasthan, Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra, the story is similar: ventilators are lying unused at some government hospitals for lack of infrastructure/technical manpower, even as patients are rapidly succumbing to the infection that has assumed a fiercely virulent form in the ongoing second wave.

That medical supplies crucial for tertiary care should gather dust exposes the abject apathy, appalling negligence and callousness of the healthcare system. Crores of rupees were spent on the procurement of medical equipment last year in the wake of the first wave of the pandemic. Ventilator manufacturers had risen to the occasion and ramped up production capacities. By June, the government had pumped in Rs 2,000 crore for supplying 50,000 ventilators to government-run Covid-19 hospitals across the country. But the devices are lying idle with the makers as there are very few takers in view of the inadequate strength of technicians. The dearth of breathing apparatus underscores the gross mismanagement.

While it makes sense, for example, for the Mohali and Muktsar government hospitals to pass on the ventilators to hospitals that can make optimal use of them, it also raises some questions. Pertinently, considering the prohibitively high cost of private hospital ICU beds, what proportion, if any, of the respiratory apparatus given to the private hospitals is reserved for poor patients? Why are public hospitals, especially in smaller towns, so understaffed, lacking in trained hands? How does the equipment land up in places that are not equipped to handle it? Has anyone been held accountable for such wastage of meagre medical resources?

Searing of the nation's soul

The scale of the tragedy is so large that no bid to camouflage it will succeed

SHYAM SARAN
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APRIL is the cruellest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land…' read the opening lines from TS Eliot's poem, *The Waste Land*. India has suffered its own cruel month of April with its tortured land sprouting burning funeral pyres instead of lilacs. And May might bring even greater pain and suffering. How did things come to this pass? We need to reflect on this with calm and objectivity, difficult as this may seem in an environment full of pain, anger and frustration. If we do not acknowledge, with humility and brutal honesty, where we have gone wrong, the monumental task of repair and healing can neither take place nor prevent another tragedy from overwhelming our beloved India. We are a country whose soul has been seared. Our wounded spirits are more damaging than the countless bodies consigned to the flames or buried in Mother Earth. The living need hope of a brighter tomorrow.

We dropped our guard and became complacent as the first wave of Covid-19 receded. We ignored the fact that countries around the world were being hit by a second wave with new strains emerging. The successful development of vaccines within a remarkably short period of a year, reinforced the sense of danger having passed. I grant that ordinary citizens of this country should have continued with masking, sanitising and maintaining social distance. The educated among us have no excuse. They should have held off on marriage ceremonies, parties and large gatherings. But governments at both Central and state levels, in particular senior political leaders, should have led by example. We were witness to elections going ahead, with massive public rallies and processions, with leaders themselves either not wearing masks or having pulled them down to the collar level. How could social distancing be maintained in such situations? We had the PM and the Home Minister participating in these rallies and even boasting that such crowds were unprecedented. They cannot escape the responsibility of putting themselves as leaders and ordinary people at grave risk. And when it had become clear that we were facing a 'tsunami' of a second wave, why did the campaign still continue? Why did the Election Commission not suspend the elections forthwith and put the lives of the people ahead of polling? Why is it that despite the scale of the crisis having become dramatically manifest, the election show had to go on? As election results pour in, victory celebrations again bring crowds to the streets. There are commentators who declare that there is little evidence to link the rise in infections to the ongoing state elections. There is more whataboutery — why is the infection spreading in states that are not having the polls? Because this virus is blind to political boundaries, because millions of people are criss-crossing state borders daily, because we still do not understand the nature of this virus and its variants and why it behaves in certain inexplicable ways. In these circumstances is it not prudent to adhere to the preventive measures to reduce, if not eliminate, the danger that we face?

REACH OUT: Our people need help. We should, with humility, seek out and get help from wherever we can. REUTERS

> The insistence on weaving a fantasy while the world is crumbling around us is undermining whatever residual credibility is still left in our institutions of governance.

We had the extraordinary spectacle of thousands upon thousands of people gathering on the banks of the Ganga at Hardwar in celebration of the Kumbh. People were streaming in from all parts of the country, and then, heading back to their towns and villages, several carrying the virus with them. This was a super-spreader event with a vengeance. Why was it allowed? Why was the leader of the state inviting pilgrims to come to Hardwar, even assuring them that a dip in the holy river would cleanse them not only of their sins, but also of the virus? Should we tolerate such obscurantism in this day and age? The PM, rather late in the day, urged religious leaders to observe the festival only symbolically, but even thereafter, the crowds continued to gather and the authorities were mostly missing in action. Today, Uttarakhand is one of the worst-affected states. Who will be held accountable for such complete lack of responsibility, for wilfully endangering the lives of people? The state should suspend the Char Dham yatra this summer, just as J&K should abandon plans for the Amarnath and Vaishno Devi pilgrimage. The gods will understand.

The most uplifting part of this crisis has been the manner in which ordinary citizens, local communities and NGOs have come together to help their fellow human beings. Even in the locality where I live, a medical camp is functioning, set up by doctors, professionals and ordinary good Samaritans. They have been using social media to reach out and provide succour to those in dire straits. The least that the state can do is to get out of their way if they are unable to support them. The ill-conceived attempts to silence those who are conveying their desperation and asking for help on social media are adding insult to injury. The scale of the tragedy is so large that no attempt to camouflage it will succeed. The ground reality will keep calling out carefully constructed media narratives deployed by the state. This insistence on weaving a fantasy while the world is crumbling around us is undermining whatever residual credibility is still left in our institutions of governance.

We must acknowledge that we are in an unprecedented crisis. Our people need help. We should, with humility, seek out and get help from wherever we can. Our diplomats around the world should be allowed to focus singularly on this objective. Many of them are doing just that and I commend their efforts. Burnishing India's external image and bringing acclaim to its leader must wait for a congenial day.

Coming out tops, every time

MR ANAND

WHEN I was in high school, there was a boy named Varadharajan in my class. For six years, till he wrote his SSLC public exam, no one could dislodge him from the first-rank holder's pedestal. He was a timid boy, and always sat on the front bench facing the teacher's desk. He never laughed, only smiled even when it was very funny. He had no time for the playground. He spent much of his time travelling between his home at Vandalur and school at Kodambakkam, covering a distance of about 40 km by trains daily. Those days, in the '60s, suburban electric trains did not go beyond Tambaram.

Every day, Varadharajan would get up at 5 in the morning, finish homework, take bath, dress up, pick up the two-storied tiffin box containing his breakfast of three *idlis* and lunch of curd rice and hurry to the station to catch Kanchipuram Passenger which would fussily steam in at 8 am. Since the train did not halt at Kodambakkam, Varadharajan had to get down at Tambaram and continue his journey in the suburban electric train. While returning home from school, he had to alight at Tambaram and spend nearly two hours on its platform bench before boarding the Kanchipuram train to reach Vandalur. It was this stopover which enabled him to become and remain a first-rank holder. He utilised the time to study and master his lessons. When students of our class XI dispersed on the eve of the SSLC exam, we gave a special handshake to Varadharajan. I personally foresaw a very bright, distinguished future for him. 'He will certainly become a doctor or an engineer or a collector,' I predicted.

After leaving the school I forgot all about my school and those who studied with me. One day, my father, a retired teacher of the same school, returning from a neighbourhood bank, told me that he had met Vandalur Varadharajan. 'Do you know what he is doing? He is working as a railway ticket collector!' he added. It was a big disappointment to me to learn that Vandalur, whom I expected to become a District Collector, had ended up as a ticket collector. 'To become a ticket collector he need not have spent painful hours poring over his textbooks sitting on a railway platform bench,' I said.

'There you are wrong. Due to family circumstances he could not pursue his college studies. He took up the humble railway job to support his parents and siblings. He might not have become a collector or a doctor. But he helped his bright younger brother become an IAS officer and his brighter younger sister an MBBS doctor.'

Vandalur proved that he was not only a first-rank student, but also a first-class human being.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable. — **Moliere**

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The League of Peace and Order.

THE offensive designation of "Anti-Revolutionary League" given to newly started societies in the United Provinces has apparently been changed into "League of Peace and Order" whose object is to counteract the forces of disorder whenever they manifest themselves in the public as a result of the non-co-operation movement. A number of moderate politicians are taking an active part in the League of Peace and Order and they have explained that they have no quarrel with the establishment of national schools or Punchayats or Swadeshi concerns or organisations of working classes for their economic improvement or the prohibition of drinking habit. But they are opposed to unlawful and unruly manifestations and they are anxious to prevent the same through the newly formed organisations. In the form the League can only be welcomed by all sections of the public, even by non-co-operators whose methods are declared to be non-violent and entirely peaceful and lawful. But one question that may be asked in this connection is, what is the League of Peace and Order going to do when the local authorities issue annoying and provocative orders interfering with the peaceful activities of the people and restraining their innocent rights, as carrying small sticks, holding orderly processions, wearing Gandhi caps or holding political or religious demonstrations? In nine cases out of ten, trouble is created on such occasions and one error leads to another and in this way disturbances are "manufactured" where none would exist. It should be the duty of somebody to see that such provocation is not given to the people by local authorities. Whenever they apprehend danger to peace, they should, instead of adopting the easy course of issuing prohibitory orders, take guarantees from the accredited leaders of the people to desist from creating disorder at meetings and processions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Limit poll campaigns

The duration of campaigning for various elections must be restricted to the bare minimum. The number of rallies and road shows start much before the elections. This leads to huge wastage of money and time. Money plays a crucial role in elections. This money comes from sources and donors are obliged later on. Also, the winners fill their coffers after the elections. Further, the Prime Minister and other Central ministers should not go for campaigning in state Assembly elections. The PM represents the whole country and gets paid from public money. Why should he leave the primary duties of his office and waste valuable time? Election reforms are a must.

JASWANT SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Post-election violence

The reports of post-poll killings and clashes between TMC workers and those of the BJP and other political parties in West Bengal are not only disturbing, but also are against the spirit of free and fair elections. There must not be any place for violence against those who dared contest the elections against the TMC candidates. If Mamata Banerjee wants to make good her image beyond state politics, she must give a firm signal that any violence will not be tolerated, because whosoever is injured or killed, irrespective of his/her support to any party during the election, is the son/daughter of Bengal and any property damaged belongs to a Bengali. When a party wins with a thumping majority, its leaders and cadre must show humility instead of indulging in violence. Our judiciary and other constitutional institutions should take cognisance of such violence in any state, and hold the CM responsible for it.

PC JOSHI, CHANDIGARH

Humbling for BJP

Bengal's electoral battle has ended with the Trinamool Congress' win against the BJP. Now, the biggest task is to handle the Covid situation. The violence after the win is signalling a disturbing situation in Kolkata. The two-time CM, despite losing her seat, successfully led her party to a clear mandate. India needed a strong Opposition and it was time to break the overconfidence of the BJP. It will definitely be a lesson to the party and the people.

AMAN JAISWAL, NEW DELHI

Don't put off NEET-PG

The Centre must review its decision to postpone NEET-PG exam as it will generate mental stress among aspirants and their parents. The entrance test should be conducted without any further delay and the government can avail of their services even after their admissions to PG courses. Instead of such temporary measures to strengthen Covid services, our governments need to strengthen the healthcare delivery system on a permanent basis.

SURINDER SINGLA, SANGRUR

National curfew

Various state governments are imposing weekend lockdowns apart from night curfew to prevent the spread of Covid. It is a temporary measure. In order to tackle the grim situation, stringent measures are needed otherwise the situation will go out of control in the very near future. The Central government should impose a curfew on the entire country for a specific period. All should be well intimated in advance so that the people may make the necessary arrangements beforehand.

SOHAN LAL BHUMBAK, CHANDIGARH

Irresponsible celebrities

The Punjab Police have done a commendable job by arresting celebrities caught shooting amid the pandemic. This shows how irresponsible celebrities are towards society, especially when the state is under a near-lockdown. Earlier, there were politicians holding rallies across the state with impunity, and now, we have artistes shooting for films. Everyone must realise that the pandemic spares no one. Many celebrities have died prematurely due to Covid-19.

VIKRAMJIT SINGH, AMRITSAR

IPL suspended

The Indian Premier League (IPL) should not have been conducted in the first place amid the raging second wave of the pandemic. The BCCI, which had allowed it only for the sake of money, has now decided to suspend it for the time being. It has finally dawned on the BCCI that it does not want to risk the safety of the players, support staff and those involved in organising the cash-rich cricket league. The board should have taken preemptive action last month by postponing the tournament. Some of the top cricket stadiums should have been turned into makeshift Covid care centres.

BIDYUT CHATTERJEE, FARIDABAD

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China-Iran pact lays bare their ambitions

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WITH tensions between the US and China rising, both countries are trying to consolidate their relationship with other nations.

After the high-level US-China talks in Alaska earlier this year did not go as well as China had hoped, Beijing has increased its moves in the Middle East, the Gulf and Africa.

Barely a few days after the Alaska meeting, China signed an agreement with Iran to increase cooperation and trade over the next 25 years. The deal, signed in late March, grabbed global attention because it coincided with the Vienna talks to revive the US-Iran nuclear deal.

The deal marks the first time that Iran has signed such a lengthy agreement with a major world power. Indicating its importance, Iran's state-run TV telecast the signing live.

China's interest in Iran dates back to 1979 when it quickly recognised the new Islamic regime and began assisting the development of its military, and clandestinely, its nuclear capabilities. At that time, however, China was not strong enough and avoided antagonising the US or Israel, with whom it was trying to improve relations. Similarly, it avoided involvement in the Iran-Iraq War. After sanctions were imposed, China reduced imports of Iranian oil and gas because of US pressure. Nonetheless it preserved its relations with Tehran and admitted Iran into the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation as an 'observer'.

As China's national power has grown, the country has become more assertive. The current deal would help China increase its influence over oil-rich Iran, give it a say in the West Asia region which has for so long been dominated by the US and expand the operational reach of its navy to these strategic waters.

After eight years of courting the West with nothing to show for it, the deal allows Iran to build closer ties with China to balance Washington's clout. China is Iran's top oil importer and a lifeline for its economy that has been battered by sanctions and diplomatic isolation. China will not only give Iran a stable market for its oil but also allow it room to posture and negotiate with the US. As a former Iranian diplomat observed, "Every road is closed to Iran. The only path open is China. Whatever it is, until sanctions are lifted, this deal is the best option".

While the text of the agreement is unlikely to be published — although a draft was leaked last summer — reports say that China could invest up to $400 billion in Iran's energy and transportation sectors in return for heavily discounted supplies of crude oil for the next 25 years. Although China has said the agreement does not include any specific contracts and goals, the energy-hungry country will be able to secure reliable, long-term supplies of oil and erode the US's "petrodollar hegemony" by persuading Middle Eastern suppliers to accept payments in renminbi. China would also stand to gain significantly if Iran signs on to the Belt and Road Initiative with possible finance from Chinese banks.

OUTREACH: The deal — signed on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Iran — has been under negotiation since 2016. AP

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According to OilPrice.com, senior sources close to the Iranian government have indicated that China could use the end of the global arms embargo on Iran — ending on October 18 — to fast-track its military presence in the region. One of its priorities would be to ensure that Chinese and Russian firms which continue to work in Iran despite US sanctions are not vulnerable to attack. Five thousand Chinese soldiers could also be sent to Iran to oversee the 'security' of Chinese projects as well as of the military hardware and personnel that have been deployed there.

The sources add that China is planning to build one of the world's largest intelligence gathering stations at Chabahar port at the entrance to the Straits of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf. This espionage hub could include Chinese and Russian technology with a nearly 5,000-km radius range and about 1,000 staffers. Dual-use facilities could also be created at Iran's key ports of Chabahar, Bandar-e-Bushehr and Bandar Abbas.

Whether China genuinely intends to fulfil these expectations, or do just enough to ensure its oil supplies are maintained and Chinese warships are able to use Iran's ports, is uncertain. What is definite, however, is that many countries will keep a close watch on China's activities in Iran, especially given its strategic location. Beijing will need to tread carefully as any sign of Chinese military-related activity or joint Russian-Chinese activity is bound to invite a sharp and swift response.

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The deal — signed on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries — has been under negotiation since 2016, when Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Tehran. The Iranian Foreign Minister has also visited China numerous times, testifying to the importance Tehran attached to the negotiations.

Regardless of whether this agreement finally materialises or not, it does reveal the ambitions of both countries.

BJP's Hindi belt template losing appeal

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> The Bengal mandate is also a victory for federalism, as is that in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The BJP dream of 'one nation one poll' looks more distant after these polls. India's federal nature has been reasserted. Add to the Bengal verdict the zero balance from Kerala and the DMK-led front's win in Tamil Nadu, and we have a reminder that all of India is not under the sway of the PM and his party.

BENGALI is the second most spoken native language in India after Hindi. In West Bengal's rejection of the BJP and the thumping win of the regional powerhouse, the TMC, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, is mirrored the larger message of the limitations of the Hindi belt template that had so far worked successfully for the national party. Two years have gone into the second term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the disenchantment is now showing.

It's happening at a time when there has been a serious loss of face for the national regime because of the Covid crisis. There is, therefore, a clear image dent in losing Bengal, an election on which the BJP leadership staked so much. They made it a prestige election, so now there is, indeed, a loss of prestige. It's that much more damaging as the votes have been counted at a time when the body count from Covid deaths is mounting. The BJP has much to ponder over, including the rising deaths, the scarcity of oxygen and vaccines and the flailing economy.

But since the party is usually described as the ultimate election fighting machine, it may also ponder over the efficacy of its Hindi belt politics symbolised by the slogan 'Jai Shri Ram', through which it launched its aggressive high-decibel campaign in Bengal — and failed to generate enough friction on the Hindu-Muslim fault-line to actually win. Because numerically, the Hindi belt dominates, its nature of politics is often wrongly presented as an all-India phenomenon.

FINAL RECKONING: The TMC was preferred over the BJP in Bengal by not just the Muslim voter bloc but across castes, communities, urban and rural folk. PTI

This election is a reminder that India is a polyglot nation of many cultures and subcultures. Cow belt politics, it turns out, could have peaked and does not appeal across the land.

It would be wrong, however, to conclude that communal polarisation was not a factor in Bengal: it was there, and was festered in the months leading up to the polling, but not all Hindus were convinced that they were in danger from the minorities, most are Bengali-speaking anyway. The state's very large Muslim population (27 per cent) was alarmed enough to vote with their hand and feet for the TMC.

Former journalist Swapan Dasgupta and BJP candidate for the seat of Tarakeshwar (that he would eventually lose) had once famously written in a magazine: "Between good governance and chaos stand the Muslims of India." This line of reasoning is probably what the BJP would like to put out as the alibi for a resounding defeat.

Yet, it would be a mistake to see the TMC as landing this mandate only through the Muslim voter bloc; the large vote share difference between the two parties, with the TMC ahead by over 10 per cent, should put an end to any such speculation. In the final reckoning, across the state, across castes, communities, urban and rural folk, Didi's party was preferred over the BJP.

The national party does now get to be the principal opposition in Bengal, with the Left all but gone into oblivion, along with the Congress.

There were other factors responsible for the triumph of the extraordinary woman in *hawai chappals*, with her foot famously plastered, who got the better of the PM and the big guns of the Union Cabinet. For, when Goliaths rain down with all their might and fury Davids do come through as heroic. Mamata Banerjee, the only woman chief minister in India at present, has always been exceptional in giving women representation in both the Lok Sabha and the Assembly.

The Bengal mandate was also a victory for federalism, as is that in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The BJP dream of 'one nation one poll' certainly looks more distant after this round of state polls. India's federal nature has been reasserted and the numbers are not good for India's pre-eminent party. Add to the Bengal defeat the zero balance from Kerala, a state where the RSS cadres are always in pitched battles with the Left cadres, the latter now triumphant; on top of that is the decisive win for the DMK-led front in Tamil Nadu, and we have a reminder that all of India is not under the sway of the Prime Minister and his resource-rich party.

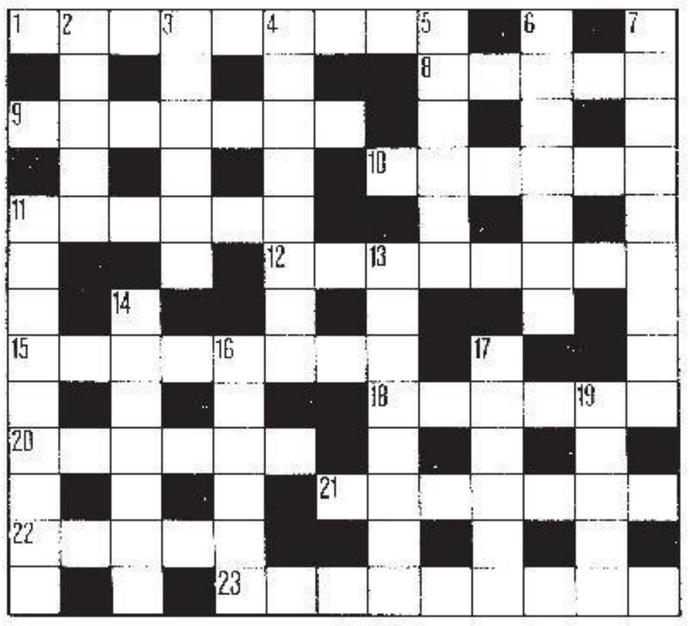
True, the BJP retained power in Assam. And IT cell chief Amit Malviya (also co-in-charge for Bengal) was spotted on a TV channel saying that it would be wrong to deduce that the PM's popularity is coming down as the party is likely to be a partner in an alliance that has come to power in a front in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Since the BJP will not get the CM's post there, Malviya's serious defence on May 2 was a comic clutching at straws.

The next round of state elections takes place in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh in early 2022. The protest against the farm laws is now a part of a lived reality of Punjab and there is nothing to suggest that the BJP could make a mark in the state whose farmers are shuttling between the borders of Delhi and their farms. And then there is UP that has just concluded a four-phase panchayat poll in the course of which reportedly 700 teachers forced to do election duty died due to Covid-19; that's besides the thousands who have perished from the virus in the state accused of undercounting the dead.

At this stage, there does not appear to be a strong political opposition in UP, but extraordinary circumstances have consequences. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had campaigned vigorously in Bengal where he promised to create, as he had in UP, anti-Romeo squads once the BJP came to power because he said women of Bengal were not safe with the TMC — his way of dog-whistling about minorities.

Clearly, the people of Bengal had no desire for such offerings from the Hindi heartland Chief Minister. They have their own language, idiom, politics and culture to follow in the streams, forests and meadows of Bengal. They have sorely disappointed the BJP at a time the national party needed the oxygen of victory.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 General agreement (9)
8 A characteristic (5)
9 Contemptible (3-4)
10 Author of Paradise Lost (6)
11 Method of painting on wall (6)
12 Fulfil (4,4)
15 Large pot for boiling (8)
18 Purpose (6)
20 Personal charm (6)
21 Renewed interest (7)
22 To traverse (5)
23 Condiment (9)

DOWN
2 Smell (5)
3 Delight in cruelty (6)
4 One recently arrived (8)
5 Try hard (6)
6 Dissenting minority (7)
7 Withdraw from contest (5,4)
11 Little or no prospect (3,6)
13 A favour (8)
14 Gold and silver in bulk (7)
16 Unlawful constraint (6)
17 Appoint (6)
19 Corn (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Heroism, 4 Judas, 7 Type, 8 Stimulus, 10 Hoity-toity, 12 Measly, 13 Benign, 15 Immaculate, 18 From A to Z, 19 High, 20 Lotus, 21 Tetanus.
Down: 1 Hitch, 2 Reprisal, 3 Motion, 4 Jump the gun, 5 Dull, 6 Sustain, 9 By all means, 11 Fixation, 12 Mindful, 14 Way out, 16 Ethos, 17 Port.

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MEDIUM

CALENDAR

MAY 5, 2021, WEDNESDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2078
Shaka Samvat	1943
Vaisakh Shaka	15
Vaisakh Parvishte	23
Hijari	1442

- Krishan Paksha Tithi 9, up to 1.22 pm
- Brahma Yoga up to 7.36 pm
- Dhanishtha Nakshatra up to 9.11 am
- Moon in Aquarius sign

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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3	4	7	9	8	6	2	1	5
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FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 19:03 HRS
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 05:36 HRS

Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Cloudy | Rainy | Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	36	27
New Delhi	40	25
Amritsar	37	24
Bathinda	39	24
Jalandhar	37	24
Ludhiana	37	24
Bhiwani	40	24
Hisar	40	25
Sirsa	40	26
Dharamsala	26	16
Manali	25	14
Shimla	23	13
Srinagar	22	12
Jammu	37	25
Kargil	12	06
Leh	08	02
Dehradun	33	21
Mussoorie	23	15

TEMPERATURE IN °C

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ

ਨੰਬਰ 349 ਮਿਤੀ: 03.05.2021

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਹਰ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖ਼ਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਸੀਵਰੇਜ ਟਰੀਟਮੈਂਟ ਪਲਾਂਟ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਮੰਤਵ ਲਈ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ 6 ਏਕੜ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦੀ ਖ਼ਰੀਦ ਕਰਨੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਸੱਜਣ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦੀ ਮਾਲਕੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਜੀਵਨਵਾਲ, ਬੱਬਰੀ, ਜਮੀਤਾ ਸਿੱਧਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਖੋਖਰ ਨੇੜੇ ਨਬੀਪੁਰ ਕੱਟ ਡਰੇਨ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਆਪਣੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦੀ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਫਰਦ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦੇ ਅਕਸ ਪਲਾਨ, ਮਾਲਕੀ ਦੇ ਸਬੂਤ ਆਦਿ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਦਾਜ਼ਨ ਕੀਮਤ ਸਮੇਤ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਨਾਲ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ। ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ।

DPR/Pb/4272

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 170/Tend/COR/2020-21/3/4-A

Online Tender of Medical consumables for a period of Three Months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus, Haryana of **"Group C"** and documents can be downloaded from **03.05.2021** onwards on e-procurement portal **www.etenders.hry.nic.in**.

For Managing Director
HMSCL, Panchkula

PRDH/2222/11/47/2022/2821/31/4

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬੁਢਲਾਡਾ

ਨੰ: MCB/93 ਮਿਤੀ 03.05.2021

(ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ)

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬੁਢਲਾਡਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਫੰਡ ਅਧੀਨ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਪਲਾਈ (ਇਕ ਸਾਲ ਲਈ) ਦੇਣ ਲਈ 119.23 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਰਾਸ਼ੀ ਦਾ ਟੈਂਡਰ 21 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਮਨ ਦਰਜ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲਗਾਏ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਵੱਬਸਾਈਟ http://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਤਖ਼ਮੀਨੇ ਵਗੈਰਾ ਹੋਰ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮਕਾਜੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਵਿਖੇ ਵੇਖੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੱਸੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਰੱਦ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

(A) Date and Time schedule:-

Sr. No.	Last Date Of Online Sale Of Bidding Document.	Last Date Of Online Submission Of Bidding Document.	Opening Of Technical Bid Document.
1	24.05.2021 11.00 AM	24.05.2021 11.30 AM	24.05.2021 01.00 PM

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬੁਢਲਾਡਾ। ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬੁਢਲਾਡਾ। ਸਹੀ/- ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬੁਢਲਾਡਾ।

DPR/Pb/4269

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As responsible inhabitants of this wonderful universe, it is our duty to stop causing further damage to our environment through injudicious use of paper. As such, keeping pace with digital technology by promoting e-billing PSPCL will be delivering the electricity bills to Industrial, Residential and Commercial consumers having contract demand exceeding 100 KVA only through digital modes i.e. e-mail and SMS and no physical delivery of bills would be made w.e.f. 21.06.2021 as per commercial circular 17/2021 dt. 29.04.2021. Accordingly, the above consumers are requested to registering/updating their contact information [Mobile Number & e-mail id] using the "Register Mobile Number/e-mail id for Bill Payment through Online Portal (All Consumers)" on PSPCL website **"pspcl.in"** under "Insta Bill Payment" link or directly clicking on **https://contactregistration.pspcl.in/.**

Other consumers can also make use of the facility of getting electricity bills through e-mail and SMS by registereing/updating their contact information on the above link to express their concern for the planet.

Kind cooperation of all is solicited please.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer/IT, PSPCL, Patiala.**

C165/21 DPR/Pb/4290

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ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਫੰਡ ਅਧੀਨ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਡਬਲ ਬਿੱਡ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ 789.35 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ 64 ਕੰਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕੰਟਰੈਕਟਰਜ਼/ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਜ਼/ਵਰਮਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਸੈਂਟੇਜ਼ ਰੇਟ ਮੰਗੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖ਼ਰੀਦ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-

Sr. No.	Online Sale Start of Bidding Documents	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Documents	Opening of Technical Bids
1.	04.05.2021 05.00 PM	18.05.2021 05.00 PM	19.05.2021 09.00 AM

ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ eproc.punjab.gov.in ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉਪਰ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈੱਸ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ https://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਸਿਗਨੇਚਰ 3 ਕਲਾਸ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈੱਸ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ 97811-66104 (ਆਫਿਸ ਹੈਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ), 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284 (ਸਾਈਟ ਹੈਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ), ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਹੈਲਪਲਾਈਨ: eproc@punjab.gov.in ਹੈ।

ਨੋਟ:- ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸੋਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਕੇਵਲ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉਪਰ ਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

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DPR/Pb/4281

All-party meet today, stricter curbs likely

SHIMLA, MAY 4

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur will hold an all-party meeting with all the political parties tomorrow to seek consensus and their cooperation in dealing with the worrisome Covid situation.

"I will be seeking the cooperation and suggestions from all political parties, including Congress and the CPM as we explore the possibility of imposing stricter restrictions considering the Covid situation which was getting worse with each passing day," said the Chief Minister.

The all-party meeting has been scheduled for 9.30 am tomorrow before the Cabinet meeting. It is most likely that the Cabinet will take the call on imposing a lockdown or strict restrictions which will curb public movement to restrict spread of the virus.

The all-party meeting to consider various options for imposing curbs was scheduled to be held today but owing to inclement weather conditions, the CM's helicopter could not land at Shimla. — TNS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR
E-TENDER NOTICE

No.:- XEN(O&M)/9 Dated:- 4.5.2021

The Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites online bids from eligible bidders for Work P/L & Replacement of Water Supply, Sewerage Line, Const. of MH Chambers. Raising of MHC/Frames, Desilting of sewer lines in different wards of Amritsar City. Last date of submission is 24.5.2021. Opening date next working day. For further specifications, terms & conditions, kindly visit **eproc.punjab.gov.in**. Further any Corrigendum/Amendment shall be published in the above said website only. Helpdesk No. 83608-84878, 9988648605.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (O&M) Cell Municipal Corporation, Amritsar**

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पुलिस कमीश्नरेट पंचकूला **जिला पंचकूला**

आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 18.04.2021 को एक व्यक्ति बीमार होने की वजह से सेक्टर 06, पंचकूला में दाखिल करवाया गया था। जिसके साथ कोई भी जिम्मेदार या अन्य व्यक्ति ना था जिसकी इलाज के दौरान दिनांक 30.04.2021 को मृत्यु हो गई थी। जिसके वारसान या घर का कोई भी पता नहीं चल सका जिसके अखबार के माध्यम से सूचना देकर फोटो जारी की जाये ताकि वारसान या किसी अन्य व्यक्ति को इसके बारे पता चल सके व लाश की शिनाख्त की जा सके।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 03/UMB-2021-22 DATED 04.05.2021

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

SN	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1	Grouting & Guniting of RCC slabs, piers and abutments of Br. No. 331(15 x 6.10m) (ORN = 3) and Br. No. 338 (8 x 6.10m) and provision of precast concrete ballast retainers in approaches of 36 major and one important bridge (Br. No. 313) in UMB-LDH section under ADEN/RPJ.	16336580	06 Months	28.05.2021
2	Crossing of 1x 600 mm i/dia and 1 X 400 mm i/dia MS Casing pipe for 250 mm i/dia DI carrier pipe for drainage/sewerage arrangement at km 103/4-5 between BNLY-NLDM station on SIR-NLDM section in the section of SSE/W/RPAR under ADEN/SIR.	942030	03 Months	28.05.2021
3	Strengthening of Major/Important bridges for 25T axle load at various bridges of Ambala Division	13967077	06 Months	28.05.2021
4	Provision of RPF Barracks (Jawans=10 bed, Sub Officers=4 bed, Lady Const.=4 bed, 01 mess, Dining hall etc.EACH STN) at RPJ	10130137	06 Months	28.05.2021

NOTE
1 Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions.
2 Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders.
3 For detail, please log on IREPS website WWW. IRREPS.Gov.in
4 GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017

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Pvt hospitals reluctant to provide Covid test facility

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 4

Despite the state government allowing private health sector to undertake Covid testing, there seems to be complete reluctance on the part of private hospitals to provide the facility to the people.

The Health and Family Welfare department has authorized the respective Chief Medical Officers (CMO) in the districts to grant permission to the private hospitals to undertake RT-PCR and rapid antigen tests. So far only one private hospital, Sai Multi-Specialty Hospital at Hamirpur has sought permission to provide TruNat test for Covid.

"Not even a single private hospital or testing centre in Himachal has so far come forward to provide RT-PCR testing facility despite permission being granted by the Health department," revealed Nipun Jindal, Director, National Health Mission. He added that the necessary formalities will have to be completed with the ICMR for RT-PCR test by the private hospitals at their own end.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur also said the government was very disappointed with the reluctance on the part of the private health sector to provide Covid facility. "We have felt let down by this reluctance on the part of private hospitals to assist and contribute in this fight against Covid," said Thakur.

While the government officials said the private players were not keen to start Covid testing facility, there were some private players in Kangra and Solan who said their request for undertaking rapid antigen or RT-PCR had not been granted despite their keenness to do so.

As has been the case elsewhere in the country, the state government had allowed private hospitals to start Covid testing facility to increase testing and detection and also extend the facility to those who can afford higher charges and reluctant to visit the crowded government testing facility at medical colleges and hospitals.

People in the state have been demanding that Covid testing facility should be offered by private hospitals or testing centres as per the strict guidelines laid down by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

The letter by the Secretary (Health) to all the CMOs had pointed out that the log in credential and password for rapid antigen shall be provided by the respective CMO for their respective district. The report of the antigen tests would have to be fed by them on the ICMR portal.

There are 13 private hospitals in the state where rapid antigen test (RAT) for Covid is being undertaken. This include three in Kangra, two each in Kullu, Kinnaur and Bilaspur and one each in Shimla, Sirmaur, Mandi and Hamirpur.

CMOs WERE TOLD TO GRANT PERMISSION

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- Not even a single private hospital or testing centre in Himachal has so far come forward to provide RT-PCR testing facility, said Nipun Jindal, Director, National Health Mission

CM inspects 250-bed facility

DHARAMSALA, MAY 4

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today visited Kangra district to inspect the 250-bed facility being created for Covid patients on the premises of the Radha Soami centre at Paror. He chaired meetings with Kangra officials through video-conferencing from Chamba and with Mandi officials from Kangra.

Thakur directed the Kangra officials to create additional bed capacity in the district for Covid patients. He said that makeshift arrangements should be made at Paror to provide additional 250 beds within the next 10 days. The bed capacity at Paror would be gradually increased to about 1,000 beds, he added. Proper and smooth supply of oxygen must be ensured and the ICU bed capacity should be enhanced.

He said that private laboratories must be empanelled so that more RT-PCR tests could be conducted and the results could be provided to people at the earliest. He added that proper arrangements must be made for the transportation of patients to hospitals and back home after recovery. — TNS

3,824 cases, 48 deaths in state

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 4

As many as 3,824 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 110,945. Besides, 48 persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours. Fifteen deaths were reported in Kangra, 11 in Solan, six in Sirmaur, four each in Hamirpur and Shimla, three in Una, two each in Kullu and Chamba and one in Mandi.

Kangra reported the highest 817 cases, followed by 802 in Mandi, 411 in Solan, 340 in Hamirpur, 323 in Shimla, 270 in Sirmaur, 258 in Una, 227 in Bilaspur, 158 in Chamba, 78 in Kullu, 54 in Kinnaur and 26 in Lahaul and Spiti.

COVID METER

Samples tested	1555,499
Recovered	99,287
Active cases	23,572
Positive cases	**110,945**
Deaths	**1,647**

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	7,519	123
Solan	14,129	126
Kangra	20,447	433
Chamba	4,912	65
Hamirpur	7,340	100
Sirmaur	8,337	82
Mandi	15,879	189
Bilaspur	6,396	33
Shimla	15,985	363
Kullu	6,144	97
Kinnaur	1,856	23
Lahaul & Spiti	2,001	13
Total	110,945	1,647

Barely 17 pc people vaccinated in Solan

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 4

Barely 17 per cent of the population in the age group of 45 years and above has received the first dose of Covid vaccine in Solan district. A total of 1,26,419 people have been vaccinated in the district, including those who received both doses.

Figures secured from the Health Department revealed that in the age group of 60 years and above, 35,286 people received the first dose while merely 4,363 got the second dose. From 45 years to 60 years, 62,225 received the first dose whereas only 2,374 were administered the second dose.

Among healthcare workers, the results are better as a large number has received both doses. As many as 7,536 workers received the first dose while 5,982 got both doses. Among frontline workers, 5,820 have received the first dose while barely 2,933 got the second one.

"Since frontline and health workers remain at the forefront, it is important to vaccinate them,"said a senior health official.

The government will soon start the next phase of vaccination where people above 18 years will also be vaccinated. "Constraints like the lack of Internet availability, adequate space, including a vaccination room, waiting area as well as an observation area, have been encountered in rural areas. Since a person has to obtain an Aadhaar-linked registration to get vaccinated, the absence of Internet or one lacking good speed is acting as handicaps," said a health worker.

The staff involved in vaccination also rued that they were not provided vehicles to transport vaccines and were commuting in public transport taking risk.

As many as 123 deaths have occurred in the district. The positivity rate is 9.45 per cent while the recovery rate has plunged to 77.42 per cent.

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1	HPGCL	ARC FOR THE WORK OF DATA SERVICES AND OFFICE MESSENGER WORK	28.04.2021 20.05.2021	63000/-	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023566 xenworks.dcrtpp@hpgcl.org.in
2	MC PATAUDI	DEPLOYING OF DIFFERENT OFFICE STAFF COMPUTER OPERATOR, L.I, S.I. AND PATWARI THORUGH OUTSOURING POLICY PART-1 FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR IN MC PATAUDI + 1 OTHER WORK	30.04.2021 11.05.2021	46049/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2672869 secymcpataudi@gmail.com
3	MC, PANCHKULA	SELECTION OF AGENCIES FOR THE WORK OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTS WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT LED STREET LIGHTS IN CLUSTER 1 WITH CENTRALIZED CONTROL AND MONITORING SYSTEM (CCMS) PANEL, AND SMART LIGHTING SYSTEM ALONG WITH COMPREHENSIVE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR 10 YEARS +3 OTHER WORKS	28.04.2021 01.06.2021	EMD 8.50 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9050060000 xenmcpkl@gmail.com

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1.	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORP.	HAICL-SFPF-009-2021 SERVICE PROVIDER-1 DATE 24.04.2021	CORRIGENDUM NOTICE FOR EOI FOR EMPANELMENT OF AGENCIES FOR INTERIOR FIXTURES AND INSTALLATION FOR RETAIL SHOP AND COMPLETELY FURNISHED PRE FABRICATED CABINS FOR RETAIL OUTLETS.REF NO. HAICL-SFPF-009-2021 SERVICE PROVIDER-1 DATE- 24.04.2021, LAST DATE 10.05.2021 (5:00 PM)	www.haic.co.in	haicpkl.haic.co.in
2.	DHBVN	NIT NO- 16/CE/OP/HSR/2020-21 DATED 09.03.2021	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 12.05.2021	www.dhbvn.org.in	01662223302 ceophisar@dhbvn.org.in
3.	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	2021_HBC_161563_1,2021_HBC _161579_1,2021_HBC_161597_ 1,2021_HBC_161615_1,2021_H BC_161761_1,2021_HBC_16177 4_1,	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION WAS 03.05.2021 AT 11.00 HRS IS FURTHER EXTENDED UP TO 17.05.2021 AT 11.00 HRS	www.vitaindia.org.in	9729875323 milkplant@vitaambala.com
4.	THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD. ROHTAK	2021_HBC_168703_1 + 2 OTHER	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 19.05.2021	vitaindia.org.in	01262-276302 vitarohtak@gmail.com

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1	PWD(B & R) FARIDABAD	PROVIDING FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM IN UNDER CONSTRUCTION 30 NOS. MULTI STORIED JUDICIAL HOUSES IN SECTOR 8 FARIDABAD IN FARIDABAD DISTRICT REINVITED	04.05.2021 24.05.2021	47.86 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2288187 pwd-eepd1-faridabad@hry.nic.in
2	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONST. OF GOBAR BIOGAS PLANT AT VILLAGE JAKHOLI BLOCK RAI DISTT. SONIPAT	CLOSING DATE 10.05.2021	60.21 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466112077 prexeeng.snp@hry.nic.in
3	IRRIGATION KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE SYPHON AT RD 5460 BICHKI SUB MINOR FOR PROTECTION OF ABADI AREA OF VILLAGES BICHKI & PIPLI MAJRA AND AGRICULTURAL LAND. + 1 OTHER WORK	04.05.2021 10.05.2021	61.59 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-239164 xenwsdivnkkra@gmail.com
4	PWD (B&R) AMBALA CANTT	S/R OF ROAD FROM JHANSA TO MEGHA MAJRA TO JALBHERA RD 5.90 TO 10.90 (ID 7847) IN KURUKSHETRA DISTRICT.	30.04.2021 20.05.2021	126.14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9729017798 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ CHARKHI DADRI	CONSTRUCTION OF B/WALL & PROVISION OF IPB IN GSSS AT VILLAGE CHAPPAR AND 13 OTHER WORKS	10.05.2021 19.05.2021	156.72 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	8059054509
6	WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT JIND	TRANSPORTATION WORK OF SNP SUPPLY TO AWCS IN JIND	30.04.2021 19.05.2021	EMD 50000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-246930 pojnd.wcd@gmail.com
7	PWD (B&R) AMBALA CANTT	UPGRADATION OF WIDENING & STRENGTHENING OF NH-444 A (MITHAPUR) TO KHANPUR VIA PHALAL MAJRA, SAMBHALKHA, DHURALA, CHUDILI, CHUDIALA IN SAHA BLOCK, DISTRICT AMBALA UNDER PMGSY-III BATCH -II - RE-INVITED.	27.04.2021 11.05.2021	237.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9417362462 pwd-eepd2-ambala@hry.nic.in
8	PWD (B&R) AMBALA CANTT	UPGRADATION OF ROAD FROM LUKHI TO BHUSTHALA ROAD (PMGSY-III) BATCH-II BLOCK PEHOWA DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA (KM. 5.270) - RE- INVITED	27.04.2021 11.05.2021	214 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9729017798 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
9	PWD (B&R) AMBALA CANTT	UPGRADATION OF ROAD FROM THANESAR UMRI ROAD TO AMIN VIA PALWAL KHERI RAMNAGAR FATTUPUR UNDER PROVINCIAL DIVISION NO.1 PWD (B&R) BR KURUKSHETRA - RE-INVITED.	27.04.2021 11.05.2021	132.97 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9729017798 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
10	PWD(B&R) AMBALA CANTT	UPGRADATION OF ROAD FROM THANESAR PEHOWA ROAD TO AMBALA HISSAR ROAD VIA MURTZPUR BIBIPUR CHANALHERI TALHERI UNDER PROVINCIAL DIVISION NO.1 PWD (B&R) BR KURUKSHETRA - RE-INVITED.	27.04.2021 11.05.2021	106.58 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9729017798 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
11	IRRIGATION DELHI	CONSTRUCTION OF 09 NOS. STONE STUDS TO PROTECT VILLAGE AGRICULTURE LAND BETWEEN KGP HIGHWAY BRIDGE AND EXISTING STONE STUD NO. 27 AT BHERA BANKIPUR YAMUNA RIVER COMPLEX AF 2020.	CLOSING DATE 10.05.2021	120.50 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	9958527609 xen-wsdel.irr@gov.in

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Paltry incentive for docs flayed

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, MAY 4

Medical fraternity in the state has flayed paltry incentive ranging from Rs 1,500 to Rs 3,000 per month for doctors and nurses serving in Covid wards. In orders issued yesterday the state government notified incentives for doctors and other health staff working in Covid hospitals in the state.

The HP government notification states that 4th and 5th year MBBS students serving on Covid hospitals would get an incentive of Rs 3,000 per month, government contractual doctors Rs 3,000 per month, nursing students Rs 1,500 per month, junior and senior residents Rs 3,000 per month, contractual lab staff Rs 1,500 per month and GNM 3rd year students Rs 1,500 per month.

A doctor serving in Covid hospital in Kangra, while talking to The Tribune, said that paying just Rs 3,000 per month to contractual doctors and Rs 1,500 per month to nurses was a cruel joke with them. The Haryana government was giving double salary to doctors serving in Covid hospitals. Many other states have also announced good incentives. "Instead of announcing this paltry incentive it would have been better that the government had not announced anything for us," said the doctor.

Dr Swatantra Mahajan, a retired District Health Officer and member, IMA Himachal, said the doctors and nursing staff working in Covid hospitals are already stretched to the limit. On an average one doctor and nurse is catering to about 100 Covid patients per day in hospitals. The doctors and nurses are risking their life working in Covid hospitals. In such a scenario, announcing such a paltry incentive was insensitive on the part of government, he said.

Doctors are alleging that more than 80 per cent doctors and nurses in the state were working on contract or even outsourcing basis. An MD doctor working in the state on contract basis is paid a fixed salary of Rs 40,000 per month. The nurses working on contract are paid Rs 15,000 per month. Those working on outsourced basis are paid even less. It was high time that the government at least regularized the service of those who are working in Covid hospitals instead of announcing such paltry incentive.

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Cong seeks Jitendra Singh's resignation

JAMMU, MAY 4

The J&K Congress on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and a high-level probe into allegations of corruption levelled against him by BJP leader and former MLC Vikram Randhawa.

The JKAP has also demanded a probe into the matter. J&K BJP secretary Randhawa, who is the president of the Stone Crusher Owners Association, has levelled serious allegations against Singh's office in Jammu over the issue of mining policy and also threatened to immolate himself. The party's disciplinary committee served Randhawa a show-cause notice, hours after he went public against Singh. On Tuesday, a group of Congress workers led by its youth wing president Uday Bhanu Chib assembled at the party's headquarters here and staged a protest to press for the Singh's resignation. — PTI

Two militants killed in Baramulla encounter

SRINAGAR, MAY 4

Two militants were killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district on Tuesday, the police said.

The security forces had launched a cordon and search operation at Nathipora in the Bomai area of Baramulla after receiving information about the presence of some militants there, a police official said.

As the forces were conducting searches, militants fired upon them. The forces retaliated, and in the ensuing encounter, two militants were killed, the official said.

He said searches were going on in the area.

The identity and group affiliation of the slain militants is yet to be ascertained, a senior police official said, adding a foreign terrorist involved in the killing of two councillors and a policeman in Sopore on March 29 was among those trapped at the site.

"One foreign terrorist involved in the killing of two councillors and a policeman is trapped in the encounter," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet. — PTI

Security personnel at an encounter site. FILE

Artists paint a message to spread awareness on the pandemic in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

143 ARRESTED IN KASHMIR FOR FLOUTING COVID NORMS

- The police have arrested 143 persons in the Kashmir valley over 24 hours for violating lockdown guidelines to curb Covid
- J&K on Tuesday recorded 4,650 fresh cases, taking the tally to 1,91,869. Thirty-seven deaths were reported. PTI

Light to moderate rain likely in Kashmir, Ladakh

SRINAGAR, MAY 4

Dry, pleasant weather continued in Kashmir and Ladakh on Tuesday as the Meteorological Department (MeT) forecast light to moderate rain for the next few days.

"Light to moderate rain/thundershower may occur at isolated to fairly widespread places during May 5 to 8. There is no forecast of any major rainfall for the next 10 days," a statement issued by the MeT department said.

Srinagar in the Kashmir region recorded 13.4°C, Pahalgam 7°C and Gulmarg 7.2°C as minimum temperature on Tuesday. — IANS

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HC slams Centre over Delhi crisis

not directed supply of 700 MT of oxygen per day to Delhi.

As Sharma said a compliance affidavit of the April 30 order would be filed in the Supreme Court by Wednesday morning, the Bench said, "We fail to understand what good a compliance affidavit will do when as a matter of fact 700 MT of oxygen is not delivered to Delhi? Even the earlier allocated 490 MT and revised 590 MT has not been delivered even for a single day."

The HC said, "It pains us that the aspect of supply of oxygen for treatment of Covid-19 patients in Delhi should be viewed in the way it has been done by the Centre."

The April 30 order of the Supreme Court contained a direction to the Centre to provide 700 MT of oxygen per day to Delhi, not just 490 MT, it pointed out.

"We had told you contempt is the last thing in our mind but it is certainly in our mind and don't drive us to that last point. We mean business now. Enough is enough. Be clear on this. We are not going to take a no for an answer. There is no way you won't supply 700 MT…We would not hear anything except compliance," the Bench told Sharma.

"We see the grim reality everyday of people not being able to secure oxygen or ICU beds in hospitals," which have reduced beds due to gas shortage, it noted.

Taking note of 12 deaths at Batra Hospital in the Capital due to lack of oxygen supply, the Delhi High Court had on May 1 directed the Centre to supply 490 MT of oxygen to Delhi during the day itself by whatever means or face contempt of court action.

"Water has gone over our head. Now we mean business. Enough is enough," a visibly upset Bench had said.

Pb panel for 2-fold increase in salaries

increase over the 5th Pay Commission recommendations. All major allowances are proposed to be revised upward, translating into 1.5 times to 2 times increase with rationalisation in certain allowances," said an official statement by the government.

While the report says that the annual burden on the state would be Rs 3,500 crore, since the pay scales are to be implemented from January 2016, the government needs Rs 17,500 crore for the payment of arrears. The allowances will be implemented from the date of notification.

Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal said he had set aside Rs 9,000 crore in the 2021-22 Budget for the purpose. "We will implement the report from July 1. The arrears for the previous years will be released each quarter, beginning October-December this year," he said.

On weekdays, Pb okays sale of grocery, liquor

per cent staff and a Covid-negative report would be must for entering the state.

Anybody arriving in Punjab by air, rail or road must have a Covid-negative report (not over 72-hour-old) or a vaccination certificate (over two-week-old). The government also banned pillion riding on two-wheelers, except for those belonging to the same family and living in the same house.

WB violence toll rises to 12, PM dials Guv

and to reassure supporters that they would be given protection.

Drawing a parallel with the violence witnessed at the time of Partition in 1947, Nadda said the recent spate of attacks on BJP supporters in West Bengal were similar in nature. "I have never seen such intolerance in independent India after the announcement of election results," he said while talking to media persons in Kolkata.

Nadda, who will stay here overnight, later visited the homes of four slain party workers.

The BJP has given a list of nine party supporters, including a woman, who have been killed in the state since May 2 in violence, allegedly unleashed by Trinamool Congress supporters.

The party also alleged that two of its women workers were gang-raped while scores of houses belonging to party members and a number of party offices damaged and ransacked by TMC mobs.

The CPM and the Congress have also strongly condemned the TMC for indulging in post-poll violence against their workers.

Congress leader Jitin Prasada, who oversees the functioning of the party in West Bengal, said in a tweet: "The post-poll violence that has been unleashed by the TMC on Congress workers is unacceptable. Even women and children are not spared. I'm sure the people of West Bengal did not vote for this lawlessness."

CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury tweeted: "Are these reports of gruesome violence in Bengal TMC's victory celebrations? Condemnable."

SECURITY GIVEN TO NANDIGRAM RO

New Delhi: On the direction of the Election Commission, the West Bengal Government has provided security to the Returning Officer (RO) of the Nandigram Assembly constituency and formally communicated to the panel about it. The Nandigram seat had seen a cliffhanger between TMC chief Mamata Banerjee and BJP's Suvendu Adhikari, who won the seat by 1,956 votes. TNS

RIGHTS PANEL TAKES NOTE, ORDERS PROBE

Kolkata: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of post-poll violence in West Bengal and has ordered an inquiry. The commission has asked its DIG (Investigation) to constitute a team of the officers and conduct an investigation and submit a report at the earliest, preferably within two weeks. TNS

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, DAGSHAI
DISTT - SOLAN (HP) 173210
TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed tenders are invited for installation of firefighting system in Academic Block of APS Dagshai.
2. The tender form may be downloaded from school website **www.apsdagshai.org** Tender form accompanied by **DD of Rs 500/- payable to APS Dagshai** should reach undersigned within **25 days** of publication of advertisement. Interested bidder are advised to visit site and acquaint with site situation before quoting his/their quotations.

For further details, please contact school office Phone No 01792-266147.
PRINCIPAL

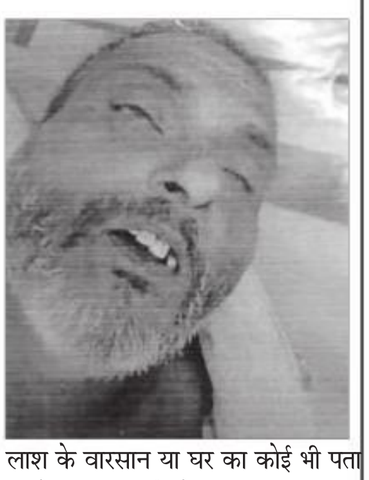
Haryana Medical Services Corporation Limited
(A Government of Haryana Undertaking)
Bays No. 59-62, Sector 2, Panchkula
Phone: 0172-2567945
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)
Tender Enquiry No.: 169/Tend/COR/2020-21/3/4-A

Online Tender of Medical consumables for a period of Six Months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus, Haryana of "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 01.05.2021 onwards on e-procurement portal **www.etenders.hry.nic.in**.

For Managing Director
HMSCL, Panchkula

PRDH/2222/11/48/2022/2822/31/4

पुलिस कमीश्नरेट पंचकूला — जिला पंचकूला



आपको सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 27.04.2021 को एक व्यक्ति मनोज कुमार सेक्टर 08, पंचकूला एस.बी.आई. बैंक के सामने से बीमारी की हालत में मिला। जिसे सिविल हस्पताल की एम्बुलेंस ने सेक्टर 06, पंचकूला सिविल हस्पताल में भर्ती करवा दिया था। जो दिनांक 28.04.2021 को मनोज की मृत्यु हो गई थी। लाश के वारसान या घर का कोई भी पता नहीं चल सका है। इस लाश बारे अखबार पत्रों में विज्ञापन दिया जाए ताकि इस लाश की शिनाख्त की जा सके। जिस लाश को मोर्चरी रूम नागरिक अस्पताल सेक्टर 06 पंचकूला में रखा गया है।

हुलिया मृतक पुरुष : नाम मनोज कुमार, पुरुष, उम्र 47 साल, रंग सांवला, शरीर हृष्ट-पुष्ट, चेहरा गोल, शरीर पर सिर्फ पैंट पहनी है।

पुलिस जनसंपर्क अधिकारी,
कार्यालय, पुलिस उपायुक्त,
पंचकूला।

PRDH/1084/11/118/2022/2825/31/4

रजिस्ट्री सं० डी०एल०-33004/99 — REGD. No. D. L.-33004/99

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th April, 2021

S.O. 1462(E).—Where by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction of Toll Plaza Maintenance, management and operation of NH70 on the stretch of land from Km 224 to Km 264.96 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Amar Ujala" and "The Tribune" both dated 22 January, 2021; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH70 in the stretch of land from NH70 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH — District: MANDI

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Heactare	Name of the Land Owner / Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Kotli					
Viilage: Buhnli Sarwari (27)					
1	871/1	Government	Jangal Mehfuja Mehduda	0.0674	Government Himachal Pradesh 871/1
2	872/1	Government	Jangal Mehfuja Gair Mehduda	0.1157	Government Himachal Pradesh 872/1
Taluk: Sadar					
Viilage: Chadyara/ 346					
1	137/1	Private	Gair Mumkin Makaan	0.0002	Total share (72) Prem Lal, Shayam Lal s/o and Mrs. Shushila, Mrs. Rekha daughters Dharm Pal s/o Mohan Lal equal share (36) share Shanti Lal, Harindra Lal s/o and Shrimati Hima Devi widow of Harvansh Lal s/o Dharam Pal equal share (9) share Navneet, Nishat S/o and Smt. Bhavani widow of Manohar Lal s/o Dharm Pal equal share (25) share Smt. Sumangala, Smt. Lalitha daughters Dharm Pal Pal Mohan Lal equal share (2) share local resident 137/1
			Total	0.1851	

[F. No. RW/NH-12014/853/2014/HP/NH-I/3D]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Notification under Section 3 (D)) read with sub-section (3) of Section 3G

Office of CALA cum-SDO(c) Sadar Mandi H.P.

Notification — Dated: 5.5.2021

The Central Government, in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the Notification bearing No. 4554(E) dated 15 December, 2020 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3. issued under sub-section (1) of Section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act for building (widening four-laning, etc), maintenance, management and operation of NH No-70 (New 03) on the stretch of land from Km 224 to Km 264.960 in the district of Mandi in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

And whereas, the substance of the said notification was published in **"Amar Ujala" & "The Tribune"** dated **22 January, 2021**. under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Art.

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C.considered and settled the same appropriately;

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

And whereas, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government has declared that the land specified in the said Scheduled should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And whereas, the said declaration has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II. bearing No.1462 (E) dated 7 April, 2021 as required under Section 3D of the said Act;

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

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition cum-Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Sadar, Distt Mandi, (H.P.).

All the persons interested (owner of the lands and other interested person(s) in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g structures/ trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of Village / Town	Name of the Land owner/ Interested Person	Field Survey No.	Area of Land in his share	Any structures/ trees/ tubewell attached to the land	Name of the Bank & Branch in which he/ she holds the Account	Particulars of the Bank Account No. _____, IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

Competent Authority for L.A. cum-Sub-Divisional Officer (civil)
Sadar, Distt. Mandi H.P.

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ

ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. ਨੰ. 116-117, ਸੈਕਟਰ-34-ਏ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ (ਫੋਨ ਨੰ. 0172-2608795, ਫੈਕਸ ਨੰ. 0172-2608795)

ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰ. ਪਸਸਕਉ.ਵਿੰ.-2021/1069 ਮਿਤੀ: 03.05.2021

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਸਟੇਡੀਅਮਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਯੋਗ ਫਰਮਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਜਿੰਮ ਦਾ ਸਾਮਾਨ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਇਨਸਟਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਜ਼ ਮੰਗੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ, ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕੋਰੀਜੰਡਮ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ http://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ), ਪਸਸਕ,

DPR/Pb/4254 ਵਾ:- ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

PUNJAB BIOTECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR

(Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab)
C-134, Industrial Focal Point, Phase-VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali)
E-mail: rectt.pbti@gmail.com, Website: www.pbtilabs.com

Recruitment Notice - Extension in Last date of Submission

With reference to Recruitment Advt. No. PBTI/2021/PS/PRO/1(a&b) published in newspapers on **02.04.2021** for the posts of (a) Junior Scientific Officer (Chemical), Accounts Assistant (b) Project Associates, Project Fellow and Project Assistant. The last date for submission of applications is hereby extended up to **20th May, 2021**. Detailed advertisement is available on website **www.pbtilabs.com.**

DPR/Pb/4264 **AF&AO**

ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ
(ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਫਸਟ ਅਟੈਂਪਟ)

ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਆਦਿ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਲਈ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ https://eproc.punjab.gov.in ਤੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਤਾਰੀਖ਼ਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਫੀਸ/ਰਕਮ ਬਿਆਨਾ ਦੇ ਸਬੂਤ ਦੱਸ ਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਭਰ ਕੇ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

(A) Date and Time Schedule:

Sr. No.	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Online Sale of Bidding Document	Pre bid Meeting	Tender Closing Date & Time	Eligibilty Open Date & Time	Financial Open Tentative Date & Time
1 to 2	367.46	05.05.2021 (11.00 AM)	13.05.2021 (11.00 AM)	26.05.2021 (05.00 PM)	27.05.2021 (11.00 AM)	27.05.2021 (03.00 PM)

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ:-

1. ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹੋਰ ਡਿਟੇਲ, ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਤਸ਼ਮੀਨੇ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੰਮ-ਕਾਜ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਂ https://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।
2. If any corrigendum issued will be loaded and seen at website: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/4268 ਸਹੀ/- ਨਿਗਰਾਨ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ।

Office of Nagar Panchayat, Amargarh (Sangrur) E-mail: npamargarh@yahoo.com

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਮਰਗੜ੍ਹ (ਸੰਗਰੂਰ) Ph: 01675-284011

ਨੰਬਰ: NPA/365 ਮਿਤੀ: 04.05.21

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ (21 ਦਿਨ)
eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-tender- LG/NPANCHAYAT/AMG/2021-22/1

ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਮਰਗੜ੍ਹ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਡਬਲ ਬਿੰਡ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਐਸਟੀਮੇਟ ਲਾਗਤ 112.70 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ 17 ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕੰਟਰੈਕਟਰਜ਼/ਫਰਮਜ਼/ਏਜੰਸੀਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਸੈਂਟਜ਼ ਰੇਟ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖ਼ਰੀਦ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਡਿਊਲ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-

Sr. No.	Online Sale Of Bidding Documents	Last Date Of Online Submission Of Bidding Documents	Opening Of Technical Bids
1	05.05.2021 11.00 AM	26.05.2021 11.00 AM	26.05.2021 03.00 PM

ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ eproc.punjab.gov.in ਵੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉਪਰ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈੱਸ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ, ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ https://eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਡਿਜੀਟਲ ਸਿਗਨੇਚਰ 2/3 ਕਲਾਸ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰੋਸੈੱਸ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284 (ਸਾਇਟ ਹੈਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ) ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਹੈਲਪਲਾਈਨ: eproc@punjab.gov.in ਹੈ।

ਨੋਟ:- ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਸੋਧ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਕੇਵਲ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉਪਰ ਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਮਰਗੜ੍ਹ। ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਅਮਰਗੜ੍ਹ।

DPR/Pb/4284

Government of Punjab
Department of Medical Education and Research
PUBLIC NOTICE

No. IMEI-PB-2021/7028 **Dated: 03.05.2021**

Applications are invited from the retired medical faculty to work as consultants in the following Departments in Govt. Medical College Amritsar and Patiala:-

Sr. No.	Department	Sr. No.	Department
1	Anaesthesia	4	Paediatrics
2	Medicine	5	Obst. & Gynae
3	Chest & T.B.		

Their duty will be to deal with patients, admitted in Covid-19 isolation wards. This posting will be for a period of six months. Emoluments will be paid as per last pay drawn-(minus) pension. Applications are to be filled in the online mode, the Proforma for the same (Google Proforma) will be available on the website: **www.punjabmedicaleducation.org.**

Walk-in interview will be held on 08.05.2021 at 12.00 Noon at Punjab Bhawan Sector 3, Chandigarh.

Sd/- **Dr. Sujata Sharma,**
Director, Research & Medical Education, Punjab.

DPR/Pb/4251

E-mail: eomcraikot@gmail.com Phone & Fax: 01624-264227
Office of the
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RAIKOT (LUDHIANA)
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ)

ਨੰਬਰ: 320 ਮਿਤੀ: 03.05.2021

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣਾ ਵਾਲੇ 153.75 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ 11 ਕੰਮ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ/ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਡੀਟੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਵੇਰਵਾ www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਾਰਨੀ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-

(A) Date and Time Schedule:-

Sr. No.	Last Date for Online Sale of Bidding Document	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical bid Document
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UK, India lay '2030 Roadmap' to boost ties

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NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Boris Johnson have agreed on ambitious plans for the next decade of the UK-India relationship. The two countries also agreed to elevate the status of the relationship to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.

The two leaders had to settle for a virtual summit as Johnson's in-person visit was cancelled twice due to the pandemic — first in January due to the situation in the UK and again in April due to the second wave in India.

Johnson announced a 1 billion pound investment opportunity of which a quarter is Serum Institute's plans to produce nasal vaccines in the UK.

During a virtual meeting today, the two leaders agreed on '2030 Roadmap', which will provide a framework for UK-India relations across health, climate, trade, education, science and technology, and defence.

The roadmap includes commitment to expand the UK-India health partnership, which means firming up international supply chains to ensure critical medicines, vaccines and other medical products reach those who need them most.

They also resolved to work together to ensure an ambitious outcome at Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) and expand the UK-India partnership on tackling climate change.

The two leaders decided on an Enhanced Trade Partnership, the first step towards a Free Trade Agreement to double the UK-India trade over the next decade.

As part of the confidence building measures they have also agreed on an early market access package. The UK will open up the fisheries sector, health workers and recognise Indian seafarers. India will be flexible on fruits, medical devices and mutual recognition of master's degrees.

The UK has also agreed to allow 3,000 young Indian professionals to avail employment for two years without being subject to labour market tests. The meeting also set the tone for increased cooperation between British and Indian universities.

The two countries already have a similarity of views on the Indo-Pacific. The UK's Carrier Strike Group will visit India later this year to undertake joint training exercises in the Western Indian Ocean.

The roadmap would pursue ties in five key areas - people to people contacts, trade and economy, defence and security, climate action and health, said Joint Secretary MEA Sandeep Chakravarty.

Boris Johnson and Narendra Modi during a virtual summit on Tuesday. PTI

TO PRIORITISE HEALTH, DEFENCE

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STRIKE GROUP'S VISIT

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Jaishankar, UK minister ink migration deal

LONDON, MAY 4

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met British Home Secretary Priti Patel in London on Tuesday to sign a "landmark" new Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement, which he said would strengthen the "living bridge" between the two countries.

According to the UK Home Office, the new agreement will lead to a bespoke route for young professionals aged 18-30 years from either country to work and live in the other country for up to 24 months under a professional and cultural exchange programme. It also covers enhanced and accelerated processes to return Indian nationals with no legal right to stay in the UK and vice versa, and ensure greater cooperation around organised immigration crime.

"A fruitful meeting this morning with Home Secretary Priti Patel," Jaishankar tweeted. — PTI

G7 foreign ministers discuss global threats

LONDON, MAY 4

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven wealthy industrialised nations are gathering Tuesday in London, their first face-to-face meeting in more than two years, to grapple with threats to health, prosperity and democracy.

Host country Britain has warned that the increasingly aggressive activities of Russia, China and Iran pose a challenge to democratic societies and the international rule of law. UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said Britain's presidency of the G-7 this year "is an opportunity to bring together open, democratic societies and demonstrate unity at a time when it is much needed to tackle shared challenges and rising threats". — AP

Aussie docs urge Morrison to roll back jail order for India returnees

MELBOURNE, MAY 4

The Australian Medical Association on Tuesday requested PM Scott Morrison and Health Minister Greg Hunt to immediately withdraw the threat of a jail term and fine to Australians trying to return home from India, saying it has caused a lot of distress in the community.

The Australian Government, for the first time in history, recently imposed a ban on its citizens from returning home, if they have spent time in India up to 14 days before flying back.

The government threatened to prosecute them with a possibility of five years of jail term or a penalty of 66,000 Australian dollars (USD 50,899). Australian Medical Association president Omar Khorshid said the association was supportive of the pause on flights from India, so that the country's hotel quarantine system can be readied for the increased risk. "But the announcement from the government has caused a lot of distress in our community... and in particular members of our Indian medical community who have been distressed with this announcement," he said. — PTI

TRACKING VIRUS

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	5,91,530
BRAZIL	4,08,829
MEXICO	2,17,345
UK	1,27,539
ITALY	1,21,433

WORLDOMETER TILL MAY 4, 11 PM

Kuwait to bar unvaccinated from travelling abroad

Dubai: Kuwait is barring unvaccinated residents from travelling abroad starting later this month, the latest attempt to tame the spiraling coronavirus outbreak in the Gulf Arab sheikhdom. The Cabinet decision, to take effect on May 22, sparked instant anger and confusion. AP

Sikh man attacked with hammer in US

NEW YORK, MAY 4

A Sikh man was attacked with a hammer by a Black assailant who shouted at him "I don't like you" and "you're not the same skin" at a hotel in Brooklyn here, prompting a prominent New-York based advocacy group to call on investigators to examine if the assault was a hate crime incident.

Sumit Ahluwalia, 32, of Astoria said his assailant was fuelled by racial hatred, according to a report on New York Daily News website.

Ahluwalia said the man assaulted him on April 26 at his workplace, the Quality Inn, in Brownsville. He said the man came into the lobby of the hotel around 8 am and started shouting while the front desk lady asked him if he needed help. Ahluwalia stepped into the lobby to speak to the man and look for the hotel security guard. "At that point, the assailant started running towards me very fast and he put his hand in the pocket. I thought he was pulling out a gun," said the victim.

The attacker said to Ahluwalia, "You're not the same skin," and then banged on his head with the hammer. — PTI

Advocacy group calls for probe into 'hate crime'

BUSINESS

USD	EURO	POUND	JPY	YUAN	CAD	AUD	SGD	HKD
₹73.85	₹88.78	₹102.39	₹0.67	₹11.41	₹59.89	₹56.90	₹55.26	₹9.51

BSE	NSE	GOLD (MCX) Mumbai	SILVER (MCX) Mumbai
465.01	137.65	₹45,570	₹70,000
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DoT nod to telcos' applications for 5G trials sans Chinese tech

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

The Department of Telecom on Tuesday approved applications of telecom companies — Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and MTNL — for conducting 5G trials but none of them will be using technologies of Chinese entities.

The list of telecom gear makers approved for trials include Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung, C-DOT and Reliance Jio's indigenously developed technologies. This means Chinese gear makers will not be part of the 5G trials.

"The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) approved today permissions to Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) for conducting trials for use and applications of 5G technology. The applicants include Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vodafone Idea and MTNL," DoT said.

Initially, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea had submitted proposals to carry out trials using technology of China's Huawei. Later, they submitted applications wherein the trials will be done without technologies from Chinese vendors.

"These TSPs have tied up with original equipment manufacturers and technology providers which are Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung and C-DOT. In addition, Reliance Jio will also conduct trials using its own indigenous technology," DoT said.

The latest move also indicates that the government may bar Chinese companies from participating in rolling out of the 5G services in the country.

The telecom firms have been given permission to use experimental spectrum in various, bands including the mid-band (3.2 GHz to 3.67 GHz), millimeter wave band (24.25 GHz to 28.5 GHz) and in sub-gigahertz band (700 GHz). Telecom operators will also be permitted to use their existing spectrum (800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2500 MHz) for conduct of the 5G trials. — PTI

CONNECTING INDIA

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Sensex plunges for third day on Covid headwinds

MUMBAI, MAY 4

Market benchmark Sensex surrendered early gains to finish in the red for the third consecutive session on Tuesday following brisk selling in frontline stocks.

The grim Covid situation and continued selling by foreign funds has sapped risk appetite, traders said.

After a gap-up opening, the BSE index succumbed to profit-taking in afternoon trade to finish at 48,253.51, down 465.01 points. On similar lines, the Nifty slumped 137.65 points to close at 14,496.50.

Dr Reddy's was the top loser among the Sensex constituents, retreating 2.26%, followed by Reliance Industries, Sun Pharma, HDFC twins, Infosys, M&M and Bharti Airtel.

On the other hand, ONGC, Bajaj Finance, TCS, SBI, Kotak Bank and Nestle India were among the gainers, climbing up to 1.86%.

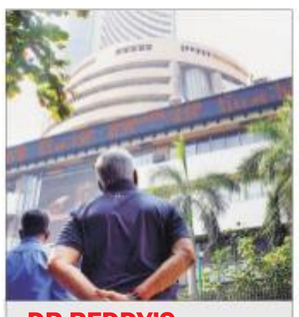
"Indices lost a percentage on Tuesday as the street punished earnings disappointment in several high-quality midcaps. Afternoon trade witnessed profit-taking in metals and pharma names as the street exhibited nervousness on regional lockdowns which accentuated the weakness.

"In the broader market, paper stocks were sought after today on hardening pulp prices while coffee producers saw investor appetite," said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities.

Binod Modi, Head Strategy at Reliance Securities, said the mounting uncertainty led by rise in second wave of Covid cases weighed on investor sentiment.

Sectorally, BSE healthcare, energy, telecom, consumer durables, auto and basic materials indices lost as much as 1.50%, while oil and gas, utilities and capital goods ended with gains.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices fell up to 0.57%. — PTI



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Goldman Sachs lowers India growth forecast

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Goldman Sachs has lowered its estimate for India's economic growth to 11.1% in fiscal year to March 31, 2022, as a number of cities and states announced lockdowns to check spread of Covid infections.

"While activity is likely to rebound from Q3 (July-September) onwards — assuming restrictions can ease somewhat over that time frame — the net result is to lower our FY22 GDP growth forecast to 11.1% (from 11.7% previously), and our 2021 calendar year growth forecast to 9.7% (from 10.5%)," it said. — PTI

NEW PROJECTION

- The Wall Street brokerage has lowered its estimate for India's economic growth to 11.1% in the current fiscal from 11.7% predicted earlier

Adani Ports Q4 profit zooms 288% to ₹1,321 cr

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd on Tuesday reported a 288% jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 1,321 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2021.

The country's largest integrated logistics player had clocked a consolidated net profit of Rs 340.21 crore in the corresponding period previous fiscal, it said.

Consolidated total income increased to Rs 4,072.42 crore for the fourth quarter as against Rs 3,360.17 crore in the year-ago period.

Total expenses declined to Rs 2,526.91 crore against Rs 3,099.18 crore.

The company's March-quarter consolidated revenue from operations rose almost 24% to Rs 3,608 crore as against Rs 2,921 crore a year ago. — PTI

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Covid forces IPL suspension

Event suspended after two more teams report positive cases

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NEW DELHI, MAY 4

The Indian Premier League (IPL) was suspended indefinitely today after several Covid-19 cases were reported from multiple IPL teams yesterday and today.

The decision was taken after an emergency meeting of the Indian cricket board (BCCI) and the IPL Governing Council.

"These are difficult times, especially in India, and while we have tried to bring in some positivity and cheer, however, it is imperative that the tournament is now suspended and everyone goes back to their families and loved ones in these trying times," the IPL said in a statement, adding: "The BCCI will do everything in its powers to arrange for the secure and safe passage of all the participants in IPL 2021."

IPL chairman Brijesh Patel said that they would try to resume the event "in the next available window but this month is unlikely".

4 teams affected

The announcement came after Sunrisers Hyderabad's Wriddhiman Saha and Delhi Capitals' Amit Mishra tested positive for Covid-19. This brought the number of Covid-affected teams to four, after two Kolkata Knight Riders players — Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier — and three Chennai Super Kings officials/staff members tested positive yesterday. Following this, last night's match between KKR and Royal Challengers Bangalore had to be postponed.

Saha's SRH were scheduled to take on Mumbai Indians in Delhi tonight. Reports say that Saha had reported symptoms, including fever, on May 1, a day before SRH took on Rajasthan Royals in Delhi. He got tested for Covid-19 the same day and returned a negative result, but was put in isolation. He was tested on a daily basis after that, and the third test elicited a positive result.

After CSK bowling coach L Balaji tested positive, the whole squad was placed in isolation — because Balaji had been an integral part of the squad and was present in the team's dugout during the match against Mumbai Indians on May 1.

Delhi Capitals' Amit Mishra and Sunrisers Hyderabad's Wriddhiman Saha tested positive for Covid-19.

Ineffective bio-bubble

The positive cases and suspension of the league has left a question mark over the bio-secure bubble within which the players were living, playing and travelling. In fact, only last week BCCI's interim CEO Hemang Amin reassured the players and all stakeholders that the bio-secure bubble was "totally safe".

However, Australia's Adam Zampa, who had left the tournament last week, had raised his concerns over the safety of IPL's bio-secure bubble. "We've been in a few (bubbles) now, and I feel like this is probably the most vulnerable," Zampa had said. However, in a statement released by his team, RCB, he later clarified: "My comments about the vulnerability of the IPL bubble had nothing to do with feeling that the virus would enter the bubble at any stage. The BCCI and RCB had many precautions to make us feel safe. I believe the tournament is in great hands." Events over the next few days proved otherwise.

Sensible decision

Seems a very sensible decision to postpone the IPL... cases have started to appear inside the bubble they had no other option. Hope everyone stays safe in India and all the overseas players can find a way back to there families.

Michael Vaughan, FORMER ENGLAND CAPTAIN

Covid don't care. It has no favourites. Get well to those sick and hopefully everyone else will get home safe and in good health.

Dale Steyn, SOUTH AFRICA FAST BOWLER

India — it's heartbreaking to see a country I love so much suffering! You WILL get through this! You WILL be stronger coming out of this! Your kindness & generosity NEVER goes unnoticed even during this crisis!

Kevin Pietersen, FORMER ENGLAND BATSMAN

We are in a worldwide pandemic — faced with several challenges. It's sad to see another big tournament being affected — however it's the right decision taken at this point.

Azhar Mahmood, FORMER PAKISTAN BOWLING COACH

BCCI set to lose over ₹2,000 crore

Only 29 of 60 matches could be completed

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

The BCCI stands to lose over Rs 2,000 crore of broadcast and sponsorship money after the IPL was suspended. "We would be losing anything from Rs 2,000 crore to Rs 2,500 crore for the midway postponement of this season. ...something in the range of Rs 2,200 crore will be closer to accurate estimation," a senior BCCI official said.

The 52-day, 60-match tournament could complete only 24 days of cricket, with 29 completed games.

The biggest loss for the BCCI is the money it gets from Star Sports for the broadcast rights. Star has a five-year broadcast contract worth Rs 16,347 crore, ie Rs 3,269.4 crore per year. If there are 60 games in a season, the valuation per match is approximately Rs 54.5 crore.

If Star pays BCCI for the 29 completed matches, it would amount to Rs 1,580 crore out of Rs 3,270 crore for the full tournament — a loss of Rs 1690 crore. Mobile phone manufacturers VIVO, as tournament's title sponsors, pay Rs 440 crore per season and BCCI is likely to get less than half of that amount because of the postponement.

There would also be revenue losses from associate sponsors like Unacademy, Dream11, CRed, Upstox, and Tata Motors, who pay in the range of Rs 120 crore each. The tournament has some subsidiary sponsors as well.

"Slash all the payments by half or a bit less and you will be reaching a loss in the range of Rs 2,200 crore. The actual losses could be much more but this is a back of the hand calculation," the official said. — PTI

Prakash Padukone recovering from Covid

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Legendary badminton player Prakash Padukone has tested positive for Covid-19 and is recovering in a hospital in Bengaluru.

The 65-year-old, the first Indian to win the prestigious All England Championships title in 1980, is likely to be discharged later this week.

"Around 10 days back, Prakash, his wife (Ujjala) and second daughter (Anisha), they developed symptoms and got themselves tested and the results came out to be positive," former player Vimal Kumar, director at the Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy, said.

"They got themselves isolated but after a week Prakash's fever didn't come down, so last Saturday, he was admitted to a hospital here in Bengaluru," he added. "He is OK now." — PTI

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Foreign players scramble for exit

Oz won't make travel exception for players; 10-day quarantine for UK players

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

The suspension of the IPL has left the foreign players in a quandary as they try to explore options to leave India, which has been recording over 300,000 fresh cases daily for nearly two weeks.

The BCCI had assured all players, and especially the foreign contingent, that it would "do everything to ensure that you reach your respective destinations seamlessly" after the end of the tournament.

However, as several countries including England and Australia have banned travel from India, it's not going to be a straightforward process.

Reacting to the suspension of the IPL, Cricket Australia (CA) said it must adhere to the Australian government's decision to ban travel from India until at least May 15.

No exemption for Aussies

"CA and the ACA respect the decision of the Australian Government to pause travel from India until at least May 15 and will not seek exemptions," CA said.

CA it was "in direct contact" with the BCCI "to ensure the safe accommodation and repatriation of Australian players, coaches, match officials and commentators back home to Australia".

Former Test player and IPL commentator Michael Slater, stranded in Maldives after leaving India, had criticised the ban on arrivals from India, saying prime minister Scott Morrison has "blood" on his hands. Morrison dismissed this allegation. "What we're doing here is we've got a temporary pause in place because we've seen a rapid escalation in the infection rate in people who have travelled out of India," Morrison said.

10-day hotel quarantine

Britain added India on its travel "red-list" last month, which means the English players will have to quarantine for 10 days in a hotel after returning from India.

The England and Wales Board (ECB) said it was in touch with their players "as arrangements are put in place for them to return home safely". "The ECB... thanks the BCCI for its commitment to do everything in its powers to arrange for the secure and safe passage of all those taking part in the competition," an ECB spokesperson said.

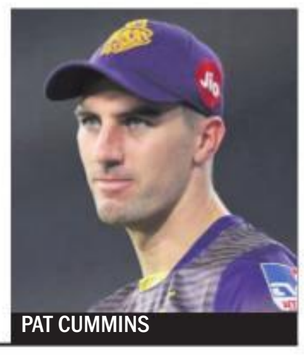
Cricket South Africa said it was making arrangements to bring back their players and support staff. "Those travelling back to South Africa will undergo home quarantine in line with the current World Health Organisation recommendations," CSA said in a statement.

The IPL had 14 Australians players left, apart from 10 from New Zealand and 11 Englishmen. South Africa had 11 players in the league, the West Indies had nine, Afghanistan three and Bangladesh had two.

> We need to send them (foreign players) home and we will find a way to do that
>
> **Brijesh Patel,** IPL CHAIRMAN

Aussies set for Maldives exodus

NEW DELHI: After Australian cricketer-turned-commentator Michael Slater landed in the Maldives after leaving the IPL, the island is expected to face an exodus of Australians who were part of the tournament. There are around 40 Australians in the IPL bubble, including players, coaching staff and commentators. Top players Pat Cummins, Steven Smith, Glenn Maxwell and coaches Ricky Ponting and Simon Katich are expected to join Slater, reported a cricket website. Slater is in the Maldives after Australia banned all individuals — including Australian citizens — who have recently been in India from coming into the country. TNS



PAT CUMMINS

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

Sports scribe dies of Covid-19 at 42

Nagpur-based sports journalist Ruchir Mishra died after battling Covid-19 for the last 10 days. Mishra, who was 42, is survived by his wife and two children. An authority on domestic and age-group cricket, Mishra had brought into prominence several young cricketers from Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh. Wasim Jaffer, who was part of Vidarbha's Nagpur-based Ranji and Irani Trophy-winning squads, expressed shock at the news. "This is just so sad... I got to know him during my stint with Vidarbha," Jaffer wrote on Twitter.

ROME

Mourinho returning to Serie A with Roma

Jose Mourinho was today hired to coach Italian club Roma starting next season. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

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CHELSEA VS REAL MADRID
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India's Pro League matches postponed

LAUSANNE, MAY 4

India's upcoming FIH Hockey Pro League away fixtures against Spain and Germany later this month have been postponed due to the international travel restrictions imposed in the wake of surging Covid-19 cases in the country, the world body (FIH) said today. The Indian men's hockey team was scheduled to play against Spain on May 15 and 16, followed by the two-leg tie in Germany on May 23 and 24.

"FIH, Hockey India as well as the Hockey National Associations of Germany, Spain and Great Britain — since the matches initially planned in London on 8-9 May were also postponed — are currently looking at all potential options to rearrange these matches at a later date," FIH said in a statement.

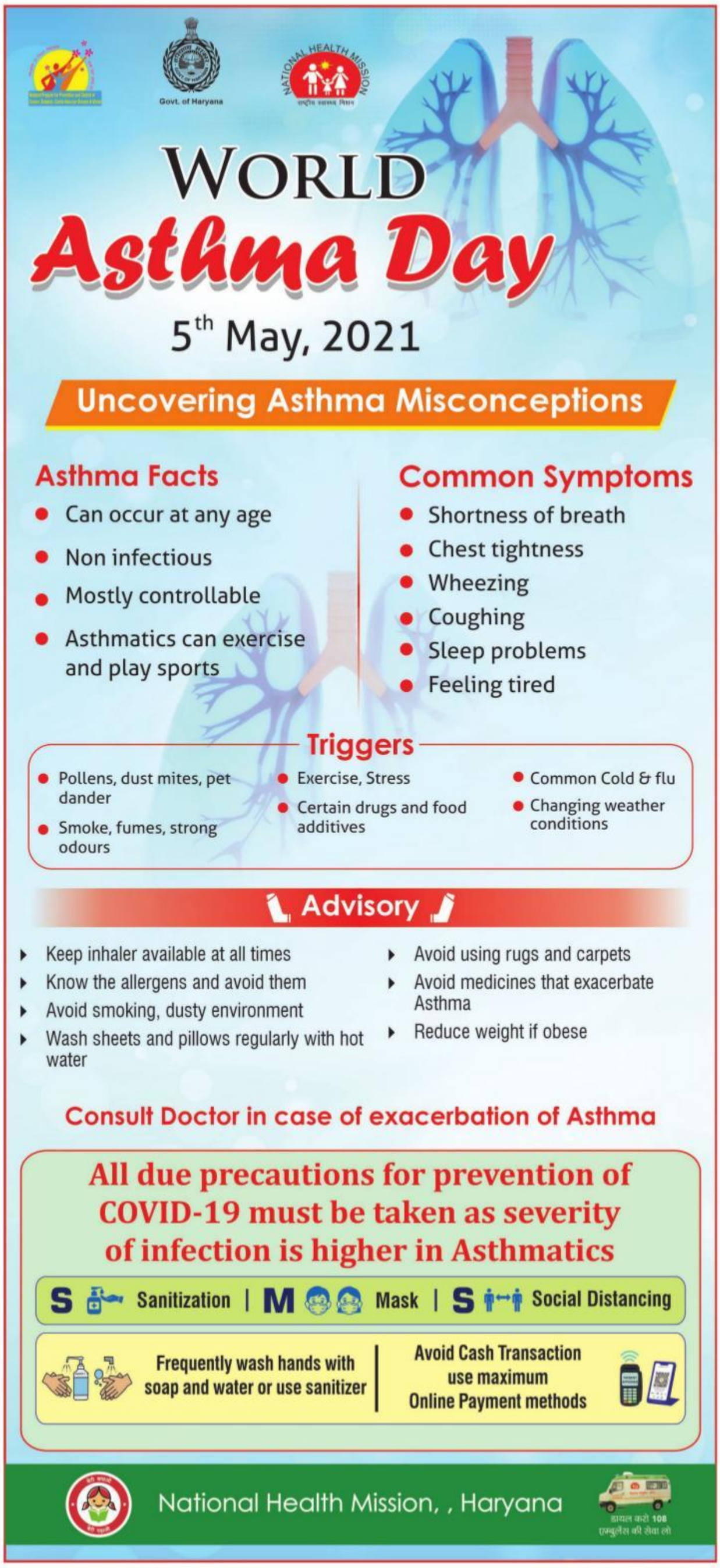
"On behalf of the global hockey community, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) would like to express its support and strong sympathy to the Indian hockey community, as well as their families and friends. At this very hard time for India, a country so much linked to the history as well as the current development of hockey, our thoughts are with all Indian people," it added.

Last month, India's Pro League matches against Great Britain, scheduled for May 8-9 in London, were postponed following the UK government's decision to add India to the travel 'red list' due to the surging Covid-19 cases. India are currently fourth in the FIH Pro League standings with 15 points from eight matches behind Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. — PTI

Elise Mertens celebrates after beating Simona Halep. REUTERS

Mertens stuns Halep, enters quarters

MADRID: Former doubles partners Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka took contrasting paths to a showdown in the quarterfinals of the Madrid Open here today. The No. 13 seed Mertens came from a break down in both the second and third sets to upset No. 3 seed Simona Halep 4-6 7-5 7-5 in two hours and 34 minutes, while Sabalenka needed only 52 minutes to power past Jessica Pegula 6-1 6-2. IANS



BJP loses ground, SP gains in UP rural poll

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Coming ahead of the 2022 Assembly poll, the results of zila panchayat elections in Uttar Pradesh are not so encouraging for the Yogi Adityanath government.

The latest trends indicate that not only has the Samajwadi Party given it a good fight, the saffron party has also lost considerable ground in Varanasi, Ayodhya, Mathura, and Lucknow districts.

"The primary reason behind the BJP's below-expectation show is the disenchantment of rural people with the state government and its policies. The farmer agitation is not the only reason because its impact is limited to western UP, while the party has lost throughout the state," said agriculture expert Prof Sudhir Panwar, who is also allied with the Samajwadi Party.

Of the 40 zila panchayat seats in Varanasi, PM Modi's parliamentary constituency, the SP won 15 seats, BJP eight, BSP five, Apna Dal three, and the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party one. Three seats went to Independents. In Ayodhya, the SP won 24 seats, BJP six, BSP five and Independents five.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "The Samajwadi Party is the voters' first preference. The BJP's poor show in the constituencies of the PM and CM shows the people have rejected the saffron party."

Panwar said: "There are several reasons for the BJP not doing well. The dominant among them is the economic marginalisation of farmers and labourers over the past four years. People have lost hope and trust in BJP policies and promises as the government has failed to fulfil the promises made in the party's manifesto."

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Humble, soft-spoken: NN Vohra pays rich tributes to Jagmohan

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NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir NN Vohra on Tuesday paid rich tributes to former Union minister Jagmohan, who passed away in the wee hours on Tuesday after a brief illness.

"Widely known and acclaimed for his work as the J&K Governor, Jagmohan began his career in Civil Services in Punjab in the early 1950s, some years ahead of me. Having made his mark in Punjab, he was soon picked up for a special assignment in Delhi, at that time administered by a Chief Commissioner. Thereafter, he never looked back, winning accolades for every task handled by him," said Vohra.

Vohra added that besides his gubernatorial stint in Jammu and Kashmir, Jagmohan also served as the Union Minister for Culture and did pioneering work to resurrect the archeological wealth of India.

"Till he took ill in 2019, he unfailingly spent seven to eight hours every day in the India International Centre Library, reading and taking notes. He wrote several books. I shall remember Jagmohan as a simple, humble, soft-spoken, wise and extremely courteous person. Pray for eternal peace to the departed soul," said IIC president NN Vohra, in remembrance of Jagmohan, who served as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir twice from 1984 to 1989 and again from January to May 1990.

'AVID READER, WRITER'

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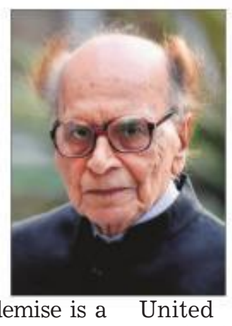
OBITUARY

Jagmohan (SEPTEMBER 25, 1927-3 MAY, 2021)

An able administrator

FORMER Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Jagmohan passed away in the wee hours on Tuesday after a brief illness, with President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing condolences. He was 93 and is survived by wife Uma Jagmohan and children Dipika and Rajiv Kapoor.



Paying tributes to the former minister, President Kovind said, "In the demise of Jagmohan ji, the nation has lost a unique town planner, able administrator and man of letters. His administrative and political career was marked by unparalleled brilliance."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered Jagmohan's legacy noting, "Jagmohan ji's demise is a monumental loss for our nation. He was an exemplary administrator and a renowned scholar. He always worked for the betterment of India. His ministerial tenure was marked by innovative policy making." The Jammu and Kashmir administration announced a three-day state mourning from Tuesday to Thursday. Born on September 25, 1927, in Hafizabad in undivided India, Jagmohan went on to serve as the LG of Delhi, LG of Goa, Daman and Diu, was nominated to the Rajya Sabha (1990 to 1996) and was three-time Lok Sabha MP.

Before entering politics, he was known for his proximity to the Gandhi family and cleared some Delhi slums during the Emergency — a move that was learnt to have cost then PM Indira Gandhi dearly in the 1977 Lok Sabha elections.

Jagmohan's most memorable stint was as Jammu and Kashmir Governor first from 1984 to 1989 and again in 1990.

During his first tenure, he oversaw several development works in the erstwhile state, with the Centre announcing plans to extend the Indian Railways into the Valley, the long delayed 345 MW Salal hydro-power project getting commissioned and international subscriber dialing coming to JK.Jagmohan's gubernatorial tenure coincided with the rise of militancy following the controversial 1987 elections in which the NC and the Congress won, and the Muslim United Front was defeated. Many Kashmiri families to date credit him for saving their lives. Reappointed the J&K Governor in January 1990 by VP Singh, Jagmohan was abruptly recalled in May that very year.

On return, he came close to the BJP and defeated actor Rajesh Khanna from New Delhi LS seat in 1996 and later Indira Gandhi's factotum RK Dhawan in 1998 and 1999. Jagmohan s lost the seat to Congress' Ajay Maken in 2004. He later served as minister in the NDA government handling communications, urban development, tourism and culture. Though Jagmohan authored many books, "My Frozen Turbulence in Kashmir" ran into several editions and translated into 11 regional languages. He was among the few luminaries the BJP engaged after abrogating Article 370. — TNS

18 plus vax drive: 908 get jab in Pb, over 99K in Hry

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Punjab has so far inoculated only 908 persons aged between 18 and 44 since the start of the adult Covid vaccination drive in the country on May 1.

Haryana has managed to give the first vaccine doses to 99,252 adults in the 18-44 age group, while Jammu and Kashmir has covered 9,914.

So far, only 12 states have started the adult vaccine drive and administered first doses to 6,62,619 persons in the five days of the commencement of the Phase 3 programme. Out of the total people covered, 2,29,999 were inoculated on Tuesday alone.

Gujarat is leading in inoculation coverage in the 18 to 44 year segment having given the first Covid shot to 1,61,000 people. Chhattisgarh has covered 1,026 people, Delhi 79,975; JK 9,914, Maharashtra 1,12,311, Odisha 13,526, Rajasthan 1,26,514, Tamil Nadu 4,562 and Uttar Pradesh 51,236. — TNS

Remdesivir production up, now 1.05 cr vials per month

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The production of Remdesivir has gone up nearly three times to 1.05 crore vials per month as the government works hard to enhance the availability of the antiviral drug in the country, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviaya said on Tuesday.

The minister claimed aid received from the global community had been allocated, with medical infrastructure of 38 institutions across 31 states/UTs strengthened. The production capacity of the drug has crossed 1.05 crore vials per month as on May 4, a nearly three-fold increase from 37 lakh vials per month on April 12 this year, Mandaviya said in a tweet.

He went on to add that the antiviral drug was now being produced across 57 plants in the country compared to 20 facilities a month ago and "soon the demand would be met".

The minister said the government was trying hard to fight the pandemic. Keeping in view the high demand for Remdesivir amid a massive spike in Covid infections, the government has already waived customs duty on the drug and its raw material.

Kuwait sends a shipment of 282 oxygen cylinders, 60 oxygen ventilators and other medical supplies to India. PTI

ITBP-RUN COVID CENTRE UNDERUTILISED

- Opened a week ago to tackle the rise in Covid patients here, the ITBP-run Covid-19 care centre has been able to operationalise only 350 of its 500 sanctioned beds due to a shortage of oxygen.
- Sources said the centre was getting only 2.99 MT of liquid medical oxygen against the sanctioned quota of 6.55 MT. According to official data, 720 patients were admitted to the centre. TNS

Deploy central forces in Bengal: PIL

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

As TMC supporters allegedly targeted BJP and other opposition workers in post-poll violence in West Bengal, a PIL in the Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a direction to the Centre to deploy forces for restoration of law and order in the state.

Petitioner Indic Collective urged the top court to declare that the constitutional machinery in West Bengal has broken down within the meaning of Article 356 of the Constitution for further consideration by the President.

It demanded the setting up of an SIT headed by a former SC judge to probe into the alleged "involvement of politicians, if any, in the targeted pogrom in West Bengal."

Filed by advocate Suvidutt Sundaram and settled by advocate J Sai Deepak, the PIL sought directions for immediate arrest and prosecution of all individuals involved in the commission of heinous offences. A special court should be established to deal with cases pertaining to prosecution of political miscreants, it added. BJP leader Gaurav Bhatia also moved the Supreme Court seeking a CBI probe into the "violence". — TNS

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in London. AP/PTI

Jaishankar, Blinken discuss Covid, ties

NEW DELHI, MAY 4

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in London to discuss the raging Covid pandemic and US-India comprehensive global strategic partnership. Blinken assured Jaishankar that oxygen and related equipment would continue to be the key priority and that the US had also acted on India's request for more Remdesvir.

Blinken and Jaishankar reviewed recent efforts in the fight against Covid, including US assistance to India, and expressed appreciation for each country's support throughout the pandemic, stated a US State Department release.

Blinken reaffirmed India's role when it came to climate crisis and as a leading partner in the Indo-Pacific. They also discussed ways to deepen cooperation in multilateral fora, including at the UN Security Council and as a G7 guest country. The ministers also discussed how greater Indian vaccine production could address both India's own needs and the requirement of global public health. The situation in Myanmar also came up. — TNS

DRDO to set up five oxygen plants in NCR

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NEW DELHI, MAY 4

In a good news for the national capital, reeling under a 'medical oxygen crisis', the first lot of oxygen plants to be provided by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has arrived and these will be installed over the next two-three days.

These are part of the 500 oxygen plants ordered for the country under the PM Cares Fund to tackle the surge in Covid-19 cases. The National Capital Region will get five plants this week at the AIIMS Trauma Centre, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), Safdarjung Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and one at AIIMS, Jhajjar, Haryana. Each of these plants are designed for a flow rate of 1,000 litres per minute. The system can cater to 190 patients at a flow rate of 5 LPM and charge 195 cylinders per day. The technology has been developed by DRDO based on the on-board oxygen generation system of the fighter jet, Tejas.

Two of these plants reached Delhi on Tuesday and are being installed at AIIMS and RML. These have been supplied by Trident Pneumatics, Coimbatore which is the technology partner of DRDO and has been given an order to make 48 such plants. An order of 332 plants have been placed with Tata Advanced Systems Limited and the delivery will start from mid-May.

Meanwhile, the IAF today landed additional oxygen cylinders. To date, the IAF had brought in 54 cryogenic containers and 900 oxygen cylinders from outside India — Singapore, Dubai, Bangkok, Frankfurt and UK. Within India, the IAF has transported 180 empty cryogenic oxygen containers, apart from other relief material like oxygen cylinders, oxygen plant equipment, essential medicines and hospital equipment.

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