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85% fall in cases since May peak; micro curbs the key, states told

Daily infections dip to 60,471 | 20 states with under 5K active cases

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15 As the country's daily new Covid-19 cases fell 85 per cent from the May 7 peak and daily positivity dropped to a three-month low of 3.45 per cent, surging crowds at metros, malls, railway stations and tourist hubs worried the government with the Health Ministry advising people to minimise the use of public transport, avoid crowding and told states to continue focusing on micro-containment.

"The gains can be reversed in a day," Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Health, cautioned, asking people to cycle or walk instead of using public transport and to absolutely avoid rush hours.

The second Covid wave has receded significantly from its peak of 4.14 lakh cases on May 7 to 60,471 today signalling localised infections.

A girl gets a jab in Hyderabad. PTI

25.9 CR VACCINATED
TOTAL DEATHS 3,77,031 ACTIVE CASES 9,13,378
27/26 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS
GOVT CONFIRMS ONE JAB-RELATED DEATH
India on Tuesday reported its first vaccine-related death involving a 68-year-old man who suffered anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction, after receiving Covishield. The National AEFI Committee studied 31 adverse events following immunisation, including 28 fatalities. The other 27 deaths were found unrelated to jabs.

2ND WAVE DIDN'T AFFECT THE YOUNG MORE
Government data show the age-wise impact of Covid was more or less the same across the two waves (the first from July to December 2020 and second from March 15 to May 25, 2021) and youngsters were not disproportionately affected, as believed.

Age group	1st wave	2nd wave
Below 20	11.31%	11.62%
21 to 40	42.44%	45.49%
41 to 50	32.36%	30.62%
61 plus	13.89%	12.58%

Active cases that need treatment at home or hospitals are below 10 lakh (9,13,378) after 65 days — a 75.6 per cent fall.

"We are seeing drastic reductions in active cases in

all states and 20 states now have less than 5,000 active cases. The recovery rate has improved from 81.8 per cent

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EDIT: DON'T LOWER THE GUARD

Holding protest not terror act: Delhi HC

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

Holding that the right to protest is a fundamental right that can't be termed as a "terrorist act", the Delhi High Court today granted bail to JNU student Devangana Kalita in a case related to communal violence in northeast Delhi during protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act.

By a separate judgment, it also granted bail to another JNU student Natasha Narwal and Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha and JNU students Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal

3 STUDENTS GET BAIL IN DELHI RIOTS CASE

■ The high court said the state has blurred the line between the 'right to protest' and 'terrorist activity'

■ It granted bail to Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha and JNU students Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal

tice Anup Jairam Bhambhani said it was constrained to note that in its anxiety to suppress dissent and in the morbid fear that matter may get out of hand, "the state has blurred the line between the constitutionally guaranteed 'right to protest' and 'terrorist activity'. If such blurring gains traction, democracy would be in peril".

On invoking the UAPA against Kalita, it said the

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SC shuts Italian marines' case

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

More than nine years after two Italian marines allegedly killed two Indian fishermen off the coast in Kerala, the SC today quashed all criminal charges against them. A Bench of Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice MR Shah said the compensation of Rs 10 crore paid by the Italian government over and above Rs 2.17 crore already given to the victims' families was adequate. **BACK PAGE**

Delta Plus not a concern yet

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A new mutation has been detected in the Delta variant, first found in India, but the mutation is not of concern yet, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday, noting that its presence has to be assessed and tracked in the country.

Detected in Europe, the

VARIANT UNDER STUDY

■ Delta Plus is a variant of interest. We are yet to understand its adverse impact. VK Paul, NITI Aayog

mutation, called Delta Plus, has also been reported in America and some parts of Asia, but Indian genome sequencers are yet to deter-

mine its presence at home.

"Delta Plus is a variant of interest as of now, but not of concern," said VK Paul, Member, Health, NITI Aayog. He said the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortium, a network of 28 labs, had been asked to find the presence of Delta Plus in India for future planning.

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Positivity rate 2%, Pb eases restrictions

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

With Punjab's positivity rate coming down to 2 per cent, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday announced easing of restrictions, allowing restaurants, cinemas and gyms to open at 50 per cent capacity from Wednesday. He also

GYMS, CINEMAS TO OPEN AT 50% CAPACITY

■ Restaurants, cinemas and gyms to open at 50% capacity from Wednesday

■ Entire staff must have got at least one vaccine dose

VACCINATE TEACHERS, COLLEGE STUDENTS ON PRIORITY LIST

announced increase in gatherings at weddings and cremations to 50 persons.

be reviewed, night curfew will be in place from 8 pm to 5 am, with weekend curfew from 8 pm on Saturday till 5 am on Monday.

All essential activities, including those covered under existing exemptions, will remain unaffected.

Chairing a high-level virtual Covid review meeting, the

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Old-age pension in Hry hiked to ₹2,500

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

The Haryana Government today increased pensions under various security schemes, including old-age pension, from Rs 2,250 to Rs 2,500 per month.

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the state Cabinet that met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. The increase would be effective from April 1, 2021.

Besides old-age pension, benefits have also been hiked under various other social security schemes,

KEY CABINET DECISIONS

- Nod to on-the-spot online payment of traffic challans
- Auto dealers allowed to register transport vehicles
- Number of HPSC members reduced from eight to five
- Salary up for consumer panel, district forum members

including Widows and Destitute Women Scheme, Handicapped Persons Scheme, Ladli Social Security Allowance Scheme, Haryana Allowance to Dwarfs Scheme and Haryana Allowance to Eunuchs Scheme.



Army remembers Galwan heroes

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

The Army on Tuesday remembered the bravehearts of the Galwan clash with China on June 15 last year, saying their sacrifice and valour would remain etched in memory of the nation.

Twenty Indian soldiers had died in a bloody clash in eastern Ladakh. In February, China officially acknowledged that its five military officers and soldiers were killed in the clash with the Indian Army though it is

widely believed that the death toll was much higher.

The Indian Army tweeted: "General MM Naravane and all ranks of Indian Army pay homage to the bravehearts who made supreme sacrifice in Galwan Valley, Ladakh, while defending the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the country. Their valour will be eternally etched in memory of the nation."

Today is the first anniversary of the deadly clash. The Army said it was in the face of unprecedented Chinese

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Come clean on LAC clash, says Sonia

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

Congress president Sonia Gandhi today asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to come clean on the Galwan incident in which 20 Indian soldiers were martyred a year ago and said the party hoped the government would keep the nation in confidence over what happened.

"Having patiently waited for the government to come clean and inform the nation

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Guv to Didi: Post-poll violence 'state-driven'

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, JUNE 15

Shortly before leaving for Delhi to meet Home Minister Amit Shah, West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday shot off a letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, saying the post-poll violence in the state was "worst since Independence".

He said the "studied silence" maintained by the CM on the issue forced him to conclude that the violence was "state-driven". He expressed surprise that the CM did not consider discussing the "grave human tragedy" in the Cabinet.

"With a heavy heart, I am constrained to observe your continued silence and inaction over post-poll bloodshed, violation of human rights, assault on women and destruction of property — worst since Independence — and it ill augurs for democracy," the Governor said in the letter.

Dhankhar urged Banerjee to deliberate the issue in the Cabinet and rehabilitate the victims and compensate them for their losses.

Recalling his recent visit to

camps in Assam where political refugees from Bengal had taken shelter, Dhankhar said the victims told him "heart rendering tales of arson, loot, rape and killings".

He also made a reference to the sit-in by Banerjee at the CBI office last month to protest the arrest of her two Cabinet colleagues in connection with the Narada sting video case. In Delhi for a three-day official tour, Dhankhar is expected to brief top leaders about the situation prevailing in the state.

The performance of the Jai Ram government would also be analysed, besides reviewing the self-assessment reports,

which would, among other things, have details of various developmental projects initiated by BJP leaders in their constituencies during the pandemic. The chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of various boards and corporations, too, may be told to submit performance reports.

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Temple Trust justifies deal, Oppn wants FIR

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15 With Opposition outfits, including the Samajwadi Party, Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party, cornering the ruling BJP over allegations of corruption in the purchase of land by Shri Ram Janmabhumi Teerth Kshetra, the controversy appears to have the potential to become a major issue in the run-up to the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections due next year.

UP ex-CM Akhilesh Yadav today asked the members of the Trust overseeing the Ram Temple construction in Ayodhya to resign until "cleared of graft allegations" following a neutral probe.

Sources said CM Yogi Adityanath had sought a report from the Trust officials and was "satisfied" with it.

HOUSE ATTACKED: AAP MP

AAP MP Sanjay Singh on Tuesday claimed his house in Delhi was "attacked" by BJP supporters for highlighting the alleged corruption in the purchase of a piece of land in Ayodhya by the Ram Temple Trust.

"politically motivated", Trust general secretary Champat Rai gave a detailed clarification on the land purchase deal.

The Trust is accused of buying land worth Rs 2 crore at an "inflated" rate of Rs 18.5 crore.

Alleging misappropriation of Rs 16.5 crore, MP Congress general secretary KK Mishra today lodged a complaint with the Indore police seeking registration of an FIR against the Trust officials.

Sultan Ansari, a party to the land deal, claimed that the land agreement with

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EDIT: UNHOLY LAND DEAL?

Chirag expels five rebel MPs, they oust him as LJP chief

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

A day after removing Chirag Paswan as the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader in the Lok Sabha, five rebel MPs led by his uncle Pushpat Kumar Paras today removed him as the president of the party, founded by his late father Ram Vilas Paswan.

The rebel faction named Lok Sabha MP Surajbhan Singh as the LJP working president. In a tit-for-tat, Chirag expelled the five rebel MPs from the party. With the two factions acting against each other in an attempt to

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Himachal BJP to seek self-assessment reports from MLAs

BHANU P LOHUMI
TRIBUNE NEWS

Power 'surplus' state fails to ensure 8-hr supply to farmers

Sowing affected, BKU members hold protest against govt, PSPCL

AMAN SOOD

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PATIALA, JUNE 15

Despite the state government's claim of being power surplus, farmers are facing an acute shortage of electricity for their fields. Farm unions are now out on the streets against Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL).

In many villages, paddy fields have run dry with no power for the past five days. As a result, labour is sitting idle and every day losses are mounting. Farmer unions claim in certain areas, PSPCL officials are yet to inform farmers as to when the power supply will be restored, if at all.

Earlier, farmers under the banner of Bhartiya Kisan Union Ugrahan today blocked the Patiala-Rajpura highway, raising slogans against the Punjab Government and PSPCL for their failure to ensure uninterrupted power supply. "Our fields are running dry. We are suffering financially by using diesel to run generators for water. PSPCL has failed to



Farmers block a road in protest against irregular power supply in Patiala. PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

supply us power even for four hours, leave aside the promised 8-hour supply," said BKU leader Manjit Singh.

Recent storms have caused losses worth crores to PSPCL and its staff is still to rectify the supply to many villages. Till the filing of the copy, many villages and the city area of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's hometown of Patiala were also without power.

Many areas reported unscheduled power cuts, and in some villages, farmers claimed they got only

WILL COMPENSATE

● We will complete the restoration of all agriculture power feeders soon. In power-deficient areas, we will compensate with additional supply. The domestic supply has been completely restored. A Venu Prasad, PSPCL CMD

six hours for their fields while their residences remained without power during the day.

"We are suffering losses due to the poor functioning of PSPCL officials. Our repeated requests to field officers have fallen on deaf ears. It is high time the government intervenes," claimed Satnam Singh Behru, associated with the Consortium of Indian Farmers Association.

Another thunderstorm and high velocity wind on Tuesday affected the power supply, resulting in snags in many villages and cities. Even the power demand crashed from 10,130 MW at 3 pm to 8,250 MW around evening.

No response from discom staff, Sangrur villagers turn linemen

PARVESH SHARMA

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SANGRUR, JUNE 15

Untrained farmers from three villages struggled for three days to straighten electricity poles damaged in a thunderstorm on June 10 as their repeated requests to Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) fell on deaf ears.

Already under debt, farmers took things into their own hands as many had to shell out more money for diesel to run their tubewells. A PSPCL officer said the recent thunderstorm created serious problems and the shortage of employees multiplied them.

"After a thunderstorm on June 10, around 12 electricity poles were tilted to one side and the supply to the agriculture feeder of Sakraudi, Sangatpur and Kakra villages was stopped. When PSPCL officials did not come despite our repeated calls and requests, we formed a group and straightened all electricity poles by pulling them with ropes. There was no supply to our fields for past four days. Devinder Sakraudi, BKU



Farmers repair a pole in Sangrur.

POWERLESS FOR DAYS

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leader of Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) Sidhupur.

He alleged after their protest, PSPCL sent two technicians on June 14, who checked the poles and the electricity supply was restored last night.

"After supplying power for

few hours, it was snapped again on June 15. Even after putting our lives at risk to straighten the poles, we are still without electricity," alleged Sakraudi.

Another farmer Harjinder Singh alleged they had to spend more on diesel to run their tubewells to irrigate their fields for paddy transplantation.

Sources in PSPCL claimed the storm had affected 950 electricity poles, 55 transformers and other equipment in Sangrur, Sunam, Khanauri, Lehra and other areas.

In total, the storm caused a damage of more than Rs 1 crore to PSPCL.

PSPCL Bhawanigarh SDO Harbans Singh claimed they provided technical assistance to farmers. "Since we are already short of staff, we allowed farmers to straighten poles and restore electricity at the earliest. We had resumed the electricity supply to some areas on June 12, but residents opposed the move and demanded that all areas should be made functional together. We restored the electricity supply on June 14," he said.

FCI accepting rice from mills post verification

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

The Food Corporation of India has once again started accepting rice from the mills where physical verification has been completed.

In a letter issued today, the FCI District Officers have been instructed to start accepting custom milled rice from those rice shellers where the physical verification had been completed. The delivery of rice

Had halted purchase over pilferage plaints

had been stopped by the FCI from June 1, pending the physical verification of the paddy and rice stocks in each mill.

The FCI had ordered physical verification following complaints of pilferage of rice meant to be delivered to the agency and a mismatch in stocks. Punjab had procured 203 lakh metric tonnes of paddy in the Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21. This was way beyond the productivity of the land under paddy cultivation could give, raising suspicion that there had been bogus billing of paddy. — TNS

BKU starts indefinite blockade over canal water theft in Fazilka

FAZILKA, JUNE 15

Activists of the BKU Ugrahan today started an indefinite blockade of the Fazilka-Ferozepur highway at Mamujoya toll plaza, near Jalalabad, over alleged illegal drawing of water from canals.

While one side of the road was already occupied by farmers protesting the three agriculture laws, the other side had now been blocked by union activists, resulting in inconvenience to commuters on the busy highway.

BKU Ugrahan district unit vice-president Gurwinder Singh Mannewala alleged some influential persons had laid pipes illegally and were drawing water from the Nizamwah distributary and minor Barkatwah and Faizwah canals, depriving tail-end villages of canal water during the paddy plantation season.

The farmers also alleged contaminated water was being released into the Jalal-



Farmers protest at a toll plaza in Fazilka on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

abad branch canal and Ladhuwa distributary. The water was unfit for human consumption as well as irrigation purposes. They alleged the villagers had been suffering from several ailments due to release of contaminated water in some canals.

Jalalabad canal SDO Sunil Kamboj said illegal pipes had been removed at several

places and water outlets set in order. He claimed the water was released into the Barkatwah and Faizwah minor canals but farmers did not open water outlets, causing a 30-foot-wide breach in the Barkatwah minor canal today morning. He said contaminated water was being released upstream in some canals. — OC

Jyani gheraoed at office

FAZILKA, JUNE 15

Farm activists gheraoed Surjit Kumar Jyani at his office at the local grain market over a land dispute today. Jyani was conducting a press conference at his office when some farmers reached there and started raising slogans against him. Sensing the gravity of the situation, the police persuaded Jyani and took him to a safer place.

Surjit Singh, a resident of Azamwala village, alleged some persons, allegedly at the behest of Jyani, tried to



Farmers raise slogans against BJP's Surjit Kumar Jyani in Fazilka.

Ex-SPG men guarding CM to get basic salary

RAJMEET SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

Protecting the salaries of 76 former Special Protection Group (SPG) personnel, recruited in the Punjab Police for the CM's security, has run into rough weather with the Finance Department stating that being fresh recruits they should be paid the basic salary during the probation period.

The recruitments were made earlier this year under the process initiated in 2019, as per a Cabinet decision taken in 2013 to directly recruit 300 security personnel who had earlier served at different positions in the SPG squad of the Prime Minister or other protegees.

On similar lines, the former SPG personnel ranging from constables to DSPs were recruited in the Special Protection Unit (SPU) of the Punjab Police for the CM's security.

Though the recruitments were made against existing vacancies, to date the SPU is not a defined cadre with sanctioned posts and the personnel were given slots and numbers against the existing vacancies of the Punjab Armed Police (PAP), resulting in heart-

Callers posing as Prashant Kishor booked in Ldh

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

The Punjab Police have registered a criminal case against unidentified persons for impersonating political strategist and CM's principal adviser Prashant Kishor and using his name to incite political leaders against Captain Amarinder Singh.

The police had received information that the suspects had been making phone calls to political leaders and public representatives over the past

Charged with inciting leaders against CM

5-7 days posing as Kishor, according to a Punjab Police spokesperson.

These unidentified callers had been reportedly encouraging politicians to make public statements against the CM and criticise his leadership, said the spokesperson.

The callers had also apparently been giving assurances to leaders, etc. of taking up their case with the Congress high command in Delhi if they acted as told. A criminal case under Sections 416, 419, 420, 109 and 120-B of the IPC and 66-D of the IT Act had been registered at PS Division No. 6, Commissionerate of Police, Ludhiana. — TNS

Anti-farm law protesters given rooms at toll plazas

Farmers drop construction plan

administration officials stopped the construction. The samiti, however, decided to start construction today.

A large number of police personnel were deployed at Chak 9-A village early this morning. As a large number of farmers assembled at the scene, SDM Ummed Singh Ratnu and other officials too arrived there.

The matter was resolved after two-hour talks. The farmers dropped the construction plan after the toll barrier contractor agreed to vacate the generator room for farmers temporarily. — OC



Farmers gather at a toll barrier near Sriganganagar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

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Vaccinate teachers, college students on priority, says CM

Drive begins from June 21 to facilitate opening of edu institutions

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday directed the health authorities to start vaccination of teachers, non-teaching staff and students in the 18-45 age group from all schools and colleges from June 21, to enable educational institutions in the state to open safely.

The Chief Minister directed the Health Department to ensure that all persons with co-morbidities/disabilities and government employees were vaccinated on a priority basis. Staff in hospitality industry, parlours, service outlets, including shops, restaurants, gyms etc., should also be vaccinated at



A student being inoculated at the Amritsar Civil Hospital. VISHAL KUMAR

VAX SUPPLY FOR 18-45 AGE GROUP

Vaccine	Received	Used
Covishield	5,86,000	5,30,610
Covaxin	1,50,850	66,040

the earliest, he said at a Covid review meeting here today. Judicial officers and

safely resume, said Captain Amarinder, while asking the department to reach out proactively to nursing mothers who are eligible for vaccination.

Expressing concern over the gender gap in vaccination, he directed health experts to identify the reasons and rectify the situation. The CM also ordered ward-wise and village-wise campaigns in cities/towns/rural areas that saw higher positivity/mortality.

Health Secretary Hussan Lal said the number of Covishield doses received by the state so far for the 18-45 age group stood at 5,86,000, of which 5,30,610 had been used. Of 1,50,850 Covaxin doses received by the state, 66,040 had been utilised.

Experts to study vax effect

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday directed an expert group headed by Dr Gagandeep Kang to start studying the effectiveness of vaccines in the context of the new Covid-19 variants.

The month-wise whole genome sequencing has shown that while in March, 95 per cent of the problem was due to the UK variant; in April 2021, the Delta variant starting increasing and by May it had become dominant, he said. It was also a matter of concern that the Brazil variant (B1) had increased from one per cent in April and now stood at 8 per cent, said the CM at a Covid review meet on Tuesday.

Adviser Dr KK Talwar said an expert group was being constituted to analyse the audit reports of patients who had been on ventilator during the second wave so as to prepare for future. Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan said the genome

COVID METER

Cases	642
Critical	520
Active	10,802
Deaths	38

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	67	0
Mohali	53	2
Amritsar	49	3
Jalandhar	47	4
Patiala	47	2
Total	5,89,153	15,650

DELTA TROUBLE

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- The Delta variant became dominant in May
- 441 black fungus cases in the state

sampling might be tried at Patiala's Rajindra hospital.

The Chief Minister also ordered tracking of all 441 black fungus (mucormycosis)

cases in the state. Of these, 51 patients have been cured and 308 are undergoing treatment.

While 388 cases were from Punjab, the remaining are from other states, Health Secretary Hussan Lal told the meeting. There was an adequate supply of drugs for treatment of the disease, he added.

The CM directed the Health and Medical Education Departments to continue testing at about 50,000 a day. Contact tracing and testing must be maintained at 15 per positive patient, he said, while stressing the need to strengthen monitoring and management of home isolation cases.

The Corona Mukt Pendo Abhiyan must continue, said Captain Amarinder, adding that almost 1.6 crore individuals (38 lakh households) had already been screened under the campaign, which had resulted in identification of 6,982 positive patients. He, however, asked the officials concerned to ensure 'thikri pehras' to contain positivity rate.

Sangrur locals seek better health infra

SANGRUR, JUNE 15
Members of various organisations today staged protest against the lack of facilities for Covid patients. They alleged authorities had not taken any action to improve the facilities despite receiving repeated requests from residents.

"If authorities fail to ramp up the health facilities in the area in the coming days, we will intensify our agitation," said Swarnjit Singh, president of the Inqlabi Morcha Punjab.

Members of Democratic Teachers front, Krantikari Pendo Mazdoor Union, Punjab Students Union, Punjab Radical Students Union and Tarksheel Society protested at the Civil Hospital, Sangrur. —TNS

Dubaimandonates hearse in Abohar

ABOHL, JUNE 15
Amid a recent surge in Covid deaths, the Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust, run by Dubai-based businessman Dr SP Singh Oberoi, has arranged a funeral van.

Earlier, similar vehicles were donated by the Nar Sewa Narayan Sewa Samiti and Bala Ji Manav Sewa Samiti, but due to an increase in deaths over the past two months owing to the pandemic, need for more vehicles was being felt.

On a recent visit to the district, trust national head Jassa Singh Sandhu had distributed material to battle the epidemic and provided a funeral van, which was today handed over to the Abohar unit by district chief Kuljeet Singh in the presence of children representing different religions. —OC

State BJP leaders meet Shah, Nadda

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15
With Assembly elections scheduled next year, the BJP today started planning its strategy for Punjab with Home Minister Amit Shah and party chief JP Nadda meeting leaders from the state in the backdrop of the ongoing agitation against the three farm laws and the recently stitched Akali-BSP alliance.

State president Ashwani Sharma, general secretary in charge Dushyant Gautam and general secretary Tarun Chugh were among those present at the meeting. With SAD stitching an alliance with the BSP, the BJP is now looking at the changed caste equations in the SC/ST-dominated state.

Though the party is expected to contest most seats on its own, sources say it is not averse to alliances with breakaway groups and "strong/high-profile" names and paratroopers from rival parties to take on Congress' Capt Amarinder Singh. Apparently, "aggrieved leaders" from the Opposition party have also not been ruled out yet.

The saffron party is facing a tough situation in the state that emerged as the epicentre of



The police use water cannons to disperse protesters in Mohali on Tuesday. TREBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

In first joint show, SAD-BSP men seek Health Min's arrest

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15
Days after the SAD and BSP joined hands, workers of both parties today breached police barricades and faced water cannons while marching towards the CM's residence to demand the arrest of Health Minister Balbir Sidhu in the vaccine and "Fateh" kit "scams".

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal also courted arrest along with other leaders. Several SAD-BSP workers had earlier congregated near the CM's residence and participated in a mini rally held to "wake up the arrogant raja"

who the alliance alleged had been missing from the state. Punjab BSP chief Jasbir Singh Garhi demanded that farmers be paid the market rate for land acquired for highway projects.

Sukhbir said while Sidhu was responsible for the "scams" linked to vaccine and "Fateh" kit, Sadhu Singh Dharamsot was responsible for the SC scholarship "scam". —TNS

Capt denies scam in supply of doses

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TERMING THE OPPosition's allegations on the supply of vaccines to some private hospitals and procurement of 'Fateh' kits as "politically motivated", CM Capt Amarinder Singh today said there was no question of the government profiteering amid the pandemic, which it was battling hard to save lives.

Lashing out at the Akalis and

AAP for spreading misinformation to further their political ambitions and weakening the state's war against Covid by raising non-issues, the CM charged the two parties with making motivated hue and cry to push their electoral agenda with an eye on the Assembly polls. All protocols were strictly followed and emergency rules were invoked to meet the crisis, he added. —TNS

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ADDENDUM/CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the advertisement published in leading newspapers on 10.06.2021, following industrial chunks are also available for allotment through e-auction as per Guidelines and Terms & Conditions contained therein. The reserve price for auction of plot no C-2, D-01(P) (clubbed plots) measuring 17 acres to be read as Rs. 4,783.50 PSY in lieu of Rs. 5,261.85 PSY advertised earlier.

DETAILS OF INDUSTRIAL CHUNKS			
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION NO. 1, GADCHIROLI

E-Tender Notice No. 02 of 2021-2022

Online e-Tenders in B-1 forms for following works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Gadchiroli from the registered contractors and Unemployed Engineer in Gadchiroli District. Tender document may be downloaded at Govt. Website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>. Rights to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason reserve with Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Gadchiroli.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estt. Cost. (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of e-Tender Documents	Work Completion Period	Class of Contractor
Open e-Tender						
1.	WBM to Chavidand to Lakshmpur Road VR-3 Length 4.00 Km Ta. Korchi (Second Call)	58.00	0.73	1120.00	3 Months	Class IV-A & above
2.	WBM to Navezari to Lekurbodi Road VR-3 Length 4.00 Km in Ta. Korchi (Second Call)	57.00	0.62	1120.00	3 Months	Class IV-A & above
3.	WBM and Construction of CD Work Bode to Rajatola Phata ODR-10 Km 2.400 in Taluka Korchi District Gadchiroli (Second Call)	44.60	0.45	560.00	3 Months	Class V & above
4.	For Unemployed Engineer Specified repairs to Two Suited Rest House, Ta. Kurkheda (Second Call)	12.85	Exempted	560.00	3 Months	Unemployed Engineer in Gadchiroli District

NOTE:

1. Other terms & condition can be seen in the bidding documents.
2. The details tender notice can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the e-tendering portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 1, Gadchiroli.

Jobless youth lathicharged, detained in Patiala

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JUNE 15
Youths associated with the ETT and TET Pass Unemployed Teachers' Union were today caneharged and detained by the police during a protest at the YPS Chowk in Patiala.

Over 300 to 400 youths gathered near the Leela Bhawan Chowk from where they carried out a march to the YPS Chowk in Patiala.



Police take away protesters in Patiala on Tuesday. RAJESH SACHAR

Chowk in the afternoon. Later in the day, other members of the union resumed their protest at the Bhakra canal at Passiana. They blocked the Patiala-Sangrur road for over an hour. The members were detained from here as well.

The teachers alleged they were mercilessly beaten and women protesters were pushed. Protesters Tarsem Bahlal and Ranjit Kaur were admitted to Government Rajindra Hospital for treatment. The teachers have been holding protests demanding that separate posts should be rolled out for ETT and TET pass teachers.

Sandeep Sama, president of the union, said the police action was unfortunate. "The police party thrashed the unemployed teachers, some of whom were grievously injured. We will continue our protest undeterred," he said.

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750-gm gold stolen from house

MUKTSAR, JUNE 15

Some unidentified persons broke into the house of Youth Akali Dal's Lambi circle president Jagmeet Singh Neetu at Tappakheda village

here last night and decamped with nearly 750 gm gold jewellery and some cash.

Neetu claimed when he woke up early morning to go somewhere, he found the

house ransacked. "The value of the belongings is around Rs 35 lakh. The thieves also took away my revolver, but dropped it at the house entrance," he said.—TNS



**Indian Bank
ALLAHABAD**

Branch Office : Link Road, 818, Industrial Area-B, Near Partap Chowk, Ludhiana-141001.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
Sent on 29.05.2021 by Speed Post to Gurparker Singh Narang, Paramjit Kaur & Harparker Singh Gurparker Singh Narang, Paramjit Kaur & Harparker Singh : MC No. B 28-186/397, Plot No. 41, Punjabi Bagh, Jawaddi, Ludhiana – 141013 & Gurparker Singh Narang, Paramjit Kaur & Harparker Singh B-XI-221, Gurudwara Kalighat Road, Ludhiana-141001.

Sub : Loan account Housing Loan A/C Gurparker Singh Narang, Paramjit Kaur & Harparker Singh (No: 50345328244) with Indian Bank, Link Road Branch, Ludhiana.

You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of Rs. 25,95,172.89 (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Eighty Nine only) as on 28.05.2021 with further interest at the agreed rate from 29.05.2021 till date of repayment. The Bank issued notice under the Act on 29.05.2021 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs. 25,95,172.89 (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Eighty Nine only) as on 28.05.2021. The notice was sent to you by Speed Post has been returned unserved. You are called upon to pay Rs. 25,95,172.89 (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and Paise Eighty Nine only) together with interest from 29.05.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank. This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank - including its right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO or DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decrees obtained/to be obtained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder : **Mortgaged Assets :** All the part and parcel of house property at Plot No. 41 measuring 387 Sq. Yards situated at Punjab Bagh, Village – Jawaddi bearing Khasra No. 33/4/2-33/7/1, Khata No. 412/477, 417/481 as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-09, Hadbast No. 160 Tehsil & District Ludhiana standing in the name of Shri. Gurparker Singh Narang S/o Ajit Singh vide Title deed no. 14094 dated 12.12.2011 and bounded as under : North : Road 24 ft. wide 42'6", South : Plot 53 42'6" East : Plot 42 82' West : Plot 40 82'

Dated : 15-06-2021 Place : Ludhiana Authorised Officer, Indian Bank (e-Alb)



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ALLAHABAD**

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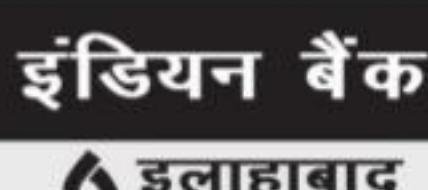
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Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
Sent on 29.05.2021 by Speed Post to M/s. Jairath Dyeing & Finishing Mills and guarantors/mortgagors.

Sardar Singh : 5575, Raghbir Park, Haibowl Kalan, Ludhiana – 141001
Sub : Loan account Cash Credit A/C M/s. Jairath Dyeing & Finishing Mills (No: 50050080858) with Indian Bank, Link Road Branch, Ludhiana.
You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of Rs. 7,02,80,260/- (Rupees Seven Crore Two Lac Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty only) as on 28.05.2021 with further interest at the agreed rate from 29.05.2021 till date of repayment. The Bank issued notice under the Act on 29.05.2021 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs. 7,02,80,260/- (Rupees Seven Crore Two Lac Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty only) as on 28.05.2021. The notice was sent to you by Speed Post has been returned unserved. You are called upon to pay Rs. 7,02,80,260/- (Rupees Seven Crore Two Lac Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty only) together with interest from 29.05.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank - including its right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO or DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decrees obtained/to be obtained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder : **Mortgaged Assets 1.** Property measuring 2428 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 60/63-178/197-198/199-210/242-193/212-221, Khasra No. – 35/15/2-36/11/1, 35/17/11, 35/16/1, 36/13/14, 36/11/2-12, 35/17/14-24/3/1, as per Jamabandi for the year 2007-08, situated at Village-Jainpur, Hadbast No. 148, Tehsil and District – Ludhiana, registered vide Sale Deed No - 13475 dated 09.02.2011, in the name of Sh. Prithvi Raj Jairath S/o Des Raj Jairath and bounded as under : North : Kunal Kumar 190'-00", South : Road 35 ft wide 190'-00", East : Kunal Kumar 115'-00", West : Passage 30 ft wide 18'-00" 2. Property Plot measuring 5 Kanal 0 Marla (3025 Sq. Yards) comprised in Khasra No. 21/17/2-8/1-9/2-12-13-14-17-18/1, 19/1-2/2 and Khata No. 129/141 as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-09, Hadbast No. 150 situated at village Baranaha, Ludhiana registered vide Sale Deed No-1731 and 1732 dated 29.04.2011 in the name of Sh. Sahil Jairath S/o Sh. Prithvi Raj Jairath and bounded as under : North: Boundary wall of colony, South: Road 30 ft wide, East: Boundary Wall, West: Road 30 ft wide 3. Property bearing Plot No. 22 consists of land measuring 1350 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 33/25-34/21/21/1-1/37/5-33/21-22-23-24-37/1-2-3-4 and Khata No. 61/8-102/112 as per Jamabandi for the year 2000-2001 situated at Village Talwara, Hadbast 149 Tehsil & District Ludhiana, registered vide Sale Deed No. 22784 dated 17.01.2007 in the name of Smt. Shashi Jairath W/o Sh. Prithvi Raj Jairath and bounded as under : North: Street Block – 35' Wide 101'3", South: Agricultural Land – 101'3", East: Agricultural Land – 120', West: Plot No. 23 – 120'. **Hypothecated Assets 1.** Hypothecation on entire current assets of the firm. 2. First charge on entire fixed assets of the firm for both present and future.

Dated : 15-06-2021 Place : Ludhiana Authorised Officer, Indian Bank (e-Alb)



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ALLAHABAD**

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Notice Issued Under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002
Sent on 29.05.2021 by Speed Post to M/s. Narang Wires Pvt. Ltd and guarantors/mortgagors.

1. M/s. Narang Wires Pvt. Ltd. : B-XI-221 Gurudwara Kalighat Road – 141001
2. Mr. Gurparker Singh Narang : MC No. B 28-186/397, Plot No. 41, Punjabi Bagh, Jawaddi, Ludhiana-141013.
3. Mrs. Paramjit Kaur : MC No. B 28-186/397, Plot No. 41, Punjabi Bagh, Jawaddi, Ludhiana -141013.

Sub : Loan account/ M/s. Narang Wires Pvt. Ltd (Cash Credit A/C: 5004081213, WCTL A/C: 50482937393, FITL A/C: 50482940248 & FITL - 2 A/C: 50483197968) with Indian Bank, Link Road Branch, Ludhiana.

You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of Rs. 8,63,18,959/- (Rupees Eight Crore Sixty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine only) as on 28.05.2021 with further interest at the agreed rate from 29.05.2021 till date of repayment. The Bank issued notice under the Act on 29.05.2021 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs. 8,63,18,959/- (Rupees Eight Crore Sixty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine only) as on 28.05.2021. The notice was sent to you by Speed Post has been returned unserved. You are called upon to pay Rs. 8,63,18,959/- (Rupees Eight Crore Sixty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine only) together with interest from 29.05.2021 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank. This Notice is without prejudice to any other right remedy available to the Bank - including its right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO or DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decrees obtained/to be obtained.

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Harbhajan Kaur & others admeasuring 120'6", West : Street 16'6" wide admeasuring 120'6", North : Swaran Singh admeasuring 56'0" South : Bahadur Singh admeasuring 56'0" out of Khasra No. 775,3613/776,3610/714,777 Khata No. 1431/1966, 1429/1964, 1444/1978 as per Jamabandi for the year 1990-91, Gill No. 2, Hadbast No. 263 situated at abadi Shimlapuri, Tehsil & District Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 7190 dated 17/6/96 in the name of Shri. Gurparker Singh. 3. Property measuring 247-1/2 Sq. Yards being 1/2 share of total property measuring 495 Sq. Yards bearing Property No. B-21-4563/1 Shimlapuri, bounded as East : Street wide 16'-1/2" admeasuring 27'0", West : Harvinder Pal Singh admeasuring 27'0", North : Paramjit Kaur admeasuring 165'0", South : Previous seller admeasuring 165'0" out of Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1487/2021 jamabandi 2000-2001 Village – Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 Tehsil & District Ludhiana abadi Shimlapuri, Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 22314 dated 10/01/2007 in the name of Harvinder Pal Singh. 4. House property bearing No. B-21-4563/1 measuring 495 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1430/1965 as per Jamabandi 1990-91 situated at mouji Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 locally known as Shimlapuri, Ludhiana bounded as East : Baldev Singh admeasuring 165', South : Hardeep Singh admeasuring 165', East : Street 16'6" wide admeasuring 27', West : Ajai Singh admeasuring 27' as per Sale Deed No. 8471 dated 25.06.1993 in the name of Smt. Paramjit Kaur. 5. House property bearing No. B-21-4563/1 Shimlapuri measuring 247-1/2 Sq. Yards bounded as North : Ranjit Kaur admeasuring 165', South : Neighbour admeasuring 165', East : Street 16'-1/2" wide admeasuring 27', West : Ajai Singh admeasuring 27' out of Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1430/1965 as per Jamabandi for the year 1990-1991, Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 locality known as Shimlapuri, Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 8469 dated 25.06.1993 in the name of Smt. Harbhajan Kaur & Smt. Ardampan Kaur. All the part and parcel of property measuring 125 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 3610/714, Khata No. 1473/2014 as per Jamabandi for the year 1995-1996 situated within the revenue estate of Village – Gill - 1, Hadbast No. 263, Abadi Corporation Mohali Shimlapuri, Ludhiana standing in the name of Smt. Ardampan Kaur. Title deed No. 1630 dated 23.02.2000 and bounded as under : North: Balwan Singh 321-1/2", South: Street 321-1/2", East: Neighbour 35'-0", West: Ramesh Kumar 35'-0". All the part and parcel of house property bearing B-2-12-571 measuring 58 Sq. Yards situated at Kamran Road, now known as Gurudwara Kalighat Road, Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 7921 dated 2/8/2007 in the name of Smt. Paramjit Kaur bounded as under : North: Jasbir Kaur 244", South: Sarbjit Singh 196", East: Street 23', West: Sham Lal 136'7". All the part and parcel of property measuring 125 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 3610/714, Khata No. 1473/2014 as per Jamabandi for the year 1995-1996 situated within the revenue estate of Village – Gill - 1, Hadbast No. 263, Abadi Corporation Mohali Shimlapuri, Ludhiana standing in the name of Smt. Ardampan Kaur. Title deed No. 1630 dated 23.02.2000 and bounded as under : North: Balwan Singh 321-1/2", South: Street 321-1/2", East: Neighbour 35'-0", West: Ramesh Kumar 35'-0". All the part and parcel of house property bearing B-2-12-571 measuring 58 Sq. 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Now, traffic violators can pay challans on the spot or online

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CM Manohar Lal Khattar presides over the Cabinet meeting.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

The Cabinet has taken two important steps. One, traffic challans can now either be paid on the spot or online. Two, auto dealers have been given the authority to register transport vehicles. The two decisions are in line with the concept of the ease-of-doing business. Kanwar Pal Gujar, EDUCATION MINISTER

scheme, it said.

The state government has decided to put in place a system of registering new fully built-up transport vehicles through auto dealers. The process will be cashless and help reduce footfall in offices of registering authorities.

Gujar said, "More than 48.8 lakh personal vehicles were registered through dealer point registration in the past seven years. Encouraged by its success, the system is being extended to fully built-up transport vehicles to improve the ease-of-doing business in a

faceless and cashless manner."

To govern the salary, allowances and other service conditions of presidents and members of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums, the Haryana Consumer Protection Rules, 2021, have received the Cabinet nod.

The president of the state commission shall receive salary and allowances on a par with a sitting Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The members shall be entitled to an honorarium of Rs 80,000 per month and other allowances.

The Cabinet also approved an amendment to the Haryana Public Service Commission (Conditions of Service) Regulations, 2018, reducing the number of the members from the existing eight to five.

The Council of Minister approved a proposal of tabling a Bill for changing the name of Maharishi Balmiki Sanskrit University, Kaithal, to Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University.

Arbitrator tells Reliance Infra to pay ₹125 crore to HPGCL in 4 months

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that Haryana has become the first state where registered labourers involved in building and other construction works will get the benefit of government schemes on the "first in, first out" basis. He gave the information while addressing officers of the Labour Department here today.—TNS

Pupils to get fixed amount for books

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujar has said students of government schools up to Class VIII would be provided with a fixed amount for purchasing textbooks. He said, "As the tendering process for textbooks was taking long, the government has decided to give money to students. —TNS

Summer break in schools extended

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

The Haryana Government has extended summer vacation in schools till June 30. Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujar said although Covid-19 cases were seeing a decline, summer break had been extended as a precautionary measure. —TNS

Private-aided college teachers can't claim parity with govt staff, says HC

The ruling by Justice Anil Kshetarpal came on a petition filed by five associate professors

Bench was told that the petitioners and other similarly situated retirees from non-government aided colleges became entitled to pension in accordance with the 1999 Pension Rules. All identically situated employees, including the petitioners, opting for pension, gave prior undertakings that pension would be calculated at the rate of 50 per cent of the last 10 months' average pay.

Pursuant to the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, the State of Haryana revised the pension scheme for the government employees. The state counsel added that the method of fixing pension on the basis of 50 per cent of the last drawn salary in the

revised scheme was applicable only to employees retiring after the issuance of the communication dated October 12, 2010. She further submitted that employees such as petitioners could not claim parity with the public servants.

Justice Kshetarpal asserted that the service conditions and the method of recruitment were different. The private-aided college teachers held non-transferable posts and retirement age was 60. It was 58 for government employees and they were subject to transfer throughout the state.

Justice Kshetarpal added that the Haryana Government undoubtedly accepted the recommendation for the grant of pension and family

pension to the employees of the non-government aided colleges. But the government, in its own wisdom, decided to provide a cutoff date for pension calculation. The government, in its reply, took the stand that such a decision was required to be taken due to the financial implications involved. The Supreme Court has already held that financial implications were a good ground to provide for the cut-off date.

Dismissing the petition, Justice Kshetarpal added: "The decision of the government falls in the domain of the policy decision and unless it proved to be arbitrary or whimsical, the court, in exercise of its power of judicial review, is not expected to interfere in the matter. Keeping in view the discussion, no ground to issue the writ, as prayed for, is made out."

Brakes fail, driver rams bus into pole to save lives

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15

An alleged scam of fake seed growers has been unearthed at Haryana Seed Development Corporation (HSDC) where people having meagre land have been found supplying seeds grown over hundreds of acres, in collusion with government officials, and pocketing money meant for genuine seed growers.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has ordered a vigilance inquiry into the matter.

Only one passenger, identified as Jogaram, sustained critical injuries and was taken to a private. The bus was badly damaged. The incident took place around 5 pm when a Haryana Roadways bus left for Faridabad from Gurugram. When the bus reached near Kalyani hospital, Sector 14, driver Harbir realised that the brakes were not working. He asked all passengers to shift to rear seats and hold on rails tightly.

When the bus crossed the Bata Chowk flyover, its speed increased. To stop the vehicle, Harbir rammed it into a pole on a divider near Sukhrali village.

As the bus stopped immediately, a biker and an auto-rickshaw collided into it. However, they escaped with minor injuries. "Only Jogaram sustained injuries. Driver Harbir's efforts averted a major mishap," said ASI Munshi Ram. —OC

Those landowners who supply seeds to government agencies in Haryana get MSP of Rs 1,975 for wheat along with Rs 400 per quintal. For pulses and other kharif crops, it is MSP along with 30 per cent extra.

After a complaint of fraud in the seed development programme from Jind, managing director (MD), HSDC, Sanjeev

Fake seed growers' scam surfaces

OFFICIALS' INVOLVEMENT NOT RULED OUT

After a complaint from Jind, it was found out that an elected director of the HSDC, Mahinder Singh, had no land in his family's name in Gilakhela village in Hisar, but had taken to the seed production programme over 60 acres from the HSDC, 13 acres from Kribhco in his wife's name and 10 acres from IFFDC in his son's name. More such cases have come to light. HSDC MD said the role of officials of the corporation and the state seed certification agency could not be ruled out.

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He pointed out that traders, arthiyas and other fake farmers are supplying wheat seed, after purchasing it at cheaper rates from UP, Rajasthan and other states and converting their black money into white as they get Rs 400 per quintal from the HSDC over MSP.

The same land is being used for seed development programmes for different agencies. He said for wheat cultivation approximately 10-12 lakh quintals of wheat seed is used against 33-35 lakh quintals being processed, which points towards "fraud".

The HSDC has recommended for the recovery of Rs 4.62 lakh from Vohra and Rs 15.76 lakh from Mahinder Singh and requested the Agriculture Department to implement "Meri Fasal Mera Byora".

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PUNJAB MANDI BOARD

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE 15(2021) DATE 15.06.2021

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana invites bids from eligible bidders registered with Punjab Mandi Board for Normal Patch work on Various Link Roads Falling under M.C. Kila Raipur & M.C. Mullana, Distt. Ludhiana. For detail, terms and conditions of Notice Inviting Bids refer to website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, NABHA, LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPTT. PUNJAB

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS)

https://eproc.punjab.gov.in Dt.: 11.06.2021

SHORT TERM E-TENDER - MC NABHA

Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Nabha invites Short Term e-tenders on Double bid system for the 11 works from the eligible contractors/societies enlisted with Municipal Council, Nabha 01765-220621, P.W.D(B&R) and State Government Dept. in appropriate category.

Tender Notice Reference No. 01/2021/LG/MC/NABHA

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Different types of development works	11

Bid Submission Start/Sale of Documents from: 15.06.2021 at 09.00 a.m.

Bid Submission Closing Date & Time: 29.06.2021 at 02.00 p.m.

Opening Date of Technical Bid: 30.06.2021 at 02.00 p.m.

For participating in the above e-tendering process, the contractors shall have to get themselves registered with https://eproc.punjab.gov.in and get user ID and Password. Class - 2/3 digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. For any clarification/difficulty e-tendering process flow, please contact 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284.

Note: Any corrigendum related with this Tender Notice will be uploaded on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in and no notice in this issue will be published in the newspaper separately.

Sd/- President, Municipal Council, Nabha. Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Nabha. Sd/- Astt. Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Nabha. DPR/Pb/5310

TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

Online tenders on percentage basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount for below mentioned works are invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender documents.

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
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1.	Construction of Health Centre in Urban Estate, Sector-32-A, Samrala Road, Ludhiana including all works pertaining to Civil, Public Health, Electrical and Horticulture complete in all respects.	₹ 498.98 Lac	₹ 9.98 Lac
2.	Construction of Community Club, Senior Citizen Club and Sewing Centre opposite Jacha Bacha Hospital and Police Station in Sector 32, Samrala Road, Ludhiana including all works pertaining to Civil, Public Health, Electrical and Horticulture complete in all respects.	₹ 538.76 Lac	₹ 10.39 Lac

Tender Processing Fee: As per web site Period of Completion : 12 months

Online availability of tender for bidding	Last date & time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tenders in O/o S.E., GLADA, Ludhiana
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23.06.2021	13.07.2021 11:00 AM	13.07.2021 1:00 PM	Shall be announced later
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Pre-Bid Meeting for Work at Sr. No. 2 On 05.07.2021 (Monday) at 11:00 AM in O/o S.E., GLADA, Ludhiana

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

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No. 3-25/2020-PSC (Exam.) Dated: Shimla – 171002

the 8th June, 2021

ADDENDUM

With reference to Advertisement No. 11/5/2021 published on 20.05.2021 in the leading Newspapers, it is notified for the information of all concerned that 02 posts of Block Development Officer (Unreserved = 01 & Unreserved Ex-Serviceman of H.P.) Class-Gazetted in the pay scale of Rs. 10,300-34,800 + 5000 G.P (on regular basis) in the Department of Rural Development, Himachal Pradesh will also be filled up on the basis of Himachal Pradesh Administrative Service Combined Competitive Examination-2020. The revised service preferences will be taken at the time of submission of HPAS (Main) Applications through Online Recruitment Portal.

The other terms & conditions of the advertisement will remain unchanged. It is also informed that in case of wrong encoding of either Application Number, Roll Number or both by the candidate, the OMR Sheet shall not be evaluated and shall be rejected straight away.

Sd/- (Ashutosh Garg), IAS, Secretary,

H.P. Public Service Commission, Phone No.: 0177-2624313- 219/ 0177- 2629739

The Tribune

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Don't lower the guard

Obey the rules, Covid is still killing thousands

FACEMASKS pulled down to the chin in marketplaces, miles of traffic jams of cars with tourists going up the hills, people congregating everywhere with no social distancing — have we actually beaten Covid-19? We saw such scenes earlier this year, too — in February, when the first wave of the pandemic was receding, the number of new cases had fallen to below 10,000 a day and Covid care centres were being closed. A month earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, no less, had declared: 'In a country which is home to 18% of the world population, that country has saved humanity from a big disaster by containing corona effectively.' It is clear that we — the government and the people — let our guard down: The second wave was brutal and horrifying, and over 2.1 lakh Covid-19 deaths have been recorded in India since April 1.

We are repeating the mistake of lowering the guard even though new cases are still quite high at over 60,000 a day. This, surely, is an open invitation to the third wave which, in the opinion of the experts, is inevitable. It seems we have already forgotten the scenes of devastation caused by the pandemic in April and May — patients dying outside hospitals, carers queuing up all night to get an oxygen cylinder, playgrounds turned into mass cremation centres because regular crematoriums were overwhelmed. Across India, authorities are at their wits' end as they try to make people follow safety regulations. In Chandigarh, around 50,000 people have been fined since March 23 for violating norms; Kolkata is arresting or prosecuting an average of 630 persons per day for not adhering to the rules; as Mumbai opened up, face-mask rule violations doubled — overall, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has collected over Rs 57.5 crore in fines since April 2020. In Bengaluru, cops say neither fines nor seizing of vehicles is deterring violators.

Violating rules is a pan-India problem, and it is exacerbated by both politicians and priests encouraging people to gather for political rallies or religious congregations. For a country that spends 1.29% of its GDP on health, and which has a creaking health infrastructure, the indifference of the people towards rules is nothing short of criminal.

Unholy land deal?

Ram Temple fund use must be transparent

It is a matter of great concern that the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, should be embroiled in a murky scam. Matters around religion should be squeaky clean, for they are extremely emotive and any controversy has the potential of snowballing into an ugly situation. The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, a trust set up by the Central government to oversee and manage the temple construction, has been accused of embezzling crores of rupees while buying a piece of land near the temple complex to facilitate easy access for pilgrims. Some local BJP leaders have been accused of connivance in the tainted land deal.

Leaders of the Samajwadi Party and AAP smell a rat as they have separately flashed documents of March 18 that prima facie point to the plot first having been bought from the owners for around Rs 2 crore and 10 minutes later, the same area having been sold to the temple trust for over Rs 18 crore. This staggering difference in cost does beg for an answer. The 15 trustees, 12 of whom have been nominated by the Centre, cannot get away by brushing aside the allegation as being politically motivated. For the sake of transparency and, especially, in deference to the sentiments of the faithful, the trust must come clean immediately as also subject itself to an impartial inquiry.

Those entrusted with the holy task of building the temple are accountable to the lakhs of devotees who have proudly donated and contributed their mite for this cause dear to them. The trust was set up by the Central government in February 2020 following the Supreme Court's decision of November 9, 2019, in favour of Ram Lalla that cleared the way for the building of the temple on the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid site in Ayodhya. A year later — by February 2021 — the trust had received donations of Rs 1,511 crore and was still counting. The expenditure of every penny given for the pious complex must be above board, just as Lord Ram was known for his ideals.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Alliance does not mean love, any more than war means hate. — Francis Parker Yockey

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

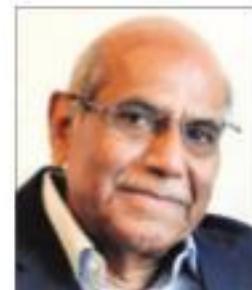
LAHORE, THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 1921

More Misrepresentation.

HERE is a Reuter telegram dated June 7:— "In the House of Commons, Viscount Curzon affirmed that Mr Gandhi had stated publicly that Lord Reading was probably sympathetic to non-co-operation. Mr Montagu replied that he had seen no such statement. It was difficult to believe that it had been made and it was impossible to believe that anyone would believe it if it had been made." As everyone in India knows, what Mr. Gandhi did say was, not that Lord Reading was sympathetic to non-co-operation, but simply that he was sympathetic, which could only mean sympathetic to Indian aspirations and to India's demand for justice. By the addition of two simple words, the speaker succeeded in perverting Mr. Gandhi's meaning. The same member urged Mr. Montagu to give an authoritative account of the interview in order to put an end to rumours. This, as our readers are aware, is exactly the suggestion we put forward. Mr. Montagu, in his reply, while stating that it was not usual or even possible to publish an account, for no record had been kept, significantly added that "if Lord Reading desired to publish a communiqué with regard to the result of the discussion he would do." We can only hope that the hint here thrown out will not be lost upon those concerned. The last question put by the hon. member shows how little these Englishmen know the distinguished Indian leader. He asked if it was not the case that Mr. Gandhi was going about giving what purported to be an account of the interview, to which Mr. Montagu gave the reply that "he knows nothing of it, but on the contrary he had heard that Mr. Gandhi had honourably fulfilled the conditions under which the interview had been held."

Revival of G7 and its impact

From US perspective, the summit's aim is to announce that 'America is back'



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AGENDA: G7 has the potential to emerge as a core of a broader coalition to achieve balance in the power equations that the emergence of China has upturned. REUTERS

There are several references to Chinese misdemeanours which taken together do represent a broad western consensus on the need to confront China.

that the US is back? The answer to that, as judged from the joint statement, should be a yes. But then, the Trump years were a low base to compare to.

Has Biden achieved a degree of western consensus in presenting a united front against Russia and China? Perhaps more against Russia and less against China. For example, the launch of the Build Back a Better World (B3W) partnership was launched as a 'values driven, high standard and transparent infrastructure partnership led by major democracies', but stopped short of explicitly posing it as an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative. There are few details of how this partnership is going to be financed beyond saying that this will be private financed but with 'catalytic investment' from public and multilateral sources. We may conclude that there are simply not enough resources available to be deployed by the G7 which could match what China has been offering, despite concerns over lack of transparency and exacerbation of the debt overload on several developing countries.

There are several other references to Chinese misdemeanours which taken together do represent a broad western

consensus on the need to confront China. These include the importance of maintaining peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, 'a free and open Indo-Pacific', of avoiding 'unilateral attempts to change the status quo and increase tensions in the East and South China Seas.' In addition, there are references to human rights issues in Xinjiang and Hong Kong, both of which are regarded as 'core issues' by China. Overall, therefore, one could say that Biden has been able to fashion a consensus on acknowledging the Chinese security challenge and ideological challenge.

Will this impress China? Up to a point. The economic and commercial relationship between Europe and China is deep and broad ranging as is that between China and Japan. The EU and China have been working together, for example, for several years on developing benchmarks for climate finance, including green bonds, disclosure norms and the running of carbon markets. The area of climate finance will assume critical importance as climate change action gets into high gear after the Glasgow summit later this year. There is a limit to

disengaging from the world's second largest economy and the central node in global supply chains.

China has reacted by dismissing the G7, pointing out that a small group of countries cannot rule the world. There is another important shift the summit represents. After the global financial and economic crisis of 2007-8, it is the G20 which was established as the premier forum for international economic coordination. It worked very well in dealing with the immediate crisis, but its role has steadily diminished since then. With renewed tensions between the US and China and with Russia, the utility of the G20 is not so obvious currently. This adds to the significance of the revival of G7, even though its economic heft is much less than in its heyday. It constitutes only 30% of world GDP as against 60% at the end of the Cold War. However, the global trading system and its financial infrastructure continue to be dominated by the G7 so one should not underestimate its influence. It has the potential to emerge as a core of a broader coalition to achieve a degree of balance in the power equations that the emergence of China has upturned in the new millennium.

The adoption of the Statement on Open Societies reflects Biden's renewed emphasis on the importance of preserving and promoting 'open societies, democratic values and multilateralism as foundations for dignity, opportunity and prosperity for all.' For all the cynicism that attends the expression of such lofty statements, they have value in contesting China's confident belief in the efficacy of its authoritarian ideology and system of governance. Biden is taking head on the prevailing pessimism about democracy within democracies themselves. One should welcome PM Modi being honoured as the lead speaker at the session on Open Societies. His remarks were unexceptionable and worthy of a leader of the world's largest democracy. One hopes that this is followed by a renewed commitment to democratic values which are enshrined in the Indian Constitution, but also constitute, as PM Modi said, the civilisational values of India.

You won't see me fall...

LT GEN RS SUJLANA (RETD)

THE present times are so true to the words of a 15-year-old Winston Churchill written during the influenza of 1890, 'Oh how shall I its deeds recount, or measure the untold amount of ills that it has done? ... And, as it slowly glided by, there followed it across the sky, the spirits of the dead... slowly and surely on it came, heralded by its awful fame, increasing day by day.'

Pandemic and lockdown have become dreaded synonyms. It's been over a year since we first experienced such a drudgery of life, a collective misery. Sadness and helplessness are writ large, and worse, scare seems to have overtaken many. It is with

apprehension that one opens a WhatsApp message. Hope the tidings are good and not about another relative, a friend, an associate, or even a distant-known face having departed.

We learnt of human follies in a very difficult way, we refused to see beyond ourselves, misplaced celebrations of having defeated a deadly virus when it was still lurking around. Then, it resurfaced and struck with an unmatched vengeance, it took its heavy toll, healthy bodies just degenerated, lying alone, life slipped by, no one to bid farewell, only wishes and prayers to rest in peace.

Our much-talked-of medical support, multi-specialisation hospitals and pharmaceutical capacity were soon overburdened, their weaknesses

stood starkly exposed. They would have long collapsed had it not been for the human will and perseverance to fight back. Our doctors, nursing staff and other health workers, true to the 'Hippocratic Oath', toiled day in, day out. As always, the men in green, white and blue responded, true to their call; yes, they have one more enemy to battle, they will join hands to pull their people through.

Amidst the pandemic, lessons have risen which we need to engage with. Most painful has been to see that in our society, there live many who are making money during this time of human misery by the black marketing of every medical aid. We seem to have become a decadent society, as Thomas Carlyle wrote, 'Does it ever

give thee pause that men used to have a soul... verily it was another world... we shall have to go in search of them again, or worse in all ways shall befall us.'

We have to create a society which genuinely 'shares and cares'; the corrupt fiends must be thrown out. Our health system has to be sans commercialisation and create a healthy hygienic environment, an atmosphere worth living, which boosts the morale of every citizen so each can utter the words of Joyce Alcantara, 'You may see me struggle, but you won't see me fall; Regardless if I'm weak or not, I'm going to stand tall; I'm going to wear the biggest smile even though I want to cry. I'm going to fight to live...' I'm sure we can still do it!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond exams

Apropos of 'Above board and beyond', the learning and mastery of knowledge of different subjects is a must, but the cultivation of empathy, perseverance and creative consciousness is required to make the world a better place. The modern education system, with its emphasis on cramming and competition, has given a new definition to values and virtues. The pandemic is a wake-up call for us that now we need a more value-based grooming of children, for which parents will have to play a vital role along with the teachers and strive to create a generation which is honest and empathetic.

MANJIT GHUMAN, LUDHIANA

Financial literacy

In reference to 'Above board and beyond'; the most important quality students need to cultivate in the real-life exam is financial literacy, which unfortunately in our Indian education system is not taught, that's why our country's financial literacy stands at only 27%. Schools teach students to make them work for money but financial knowledge is the only thing which will make money work for them. This subject should be included in schools to make our country on a par with the most financially literate country, Denmark (71%).

GURSHAN SINGH SIDHU, MOHALI

Academic growth

Reference to 'Above board and beyond'; it is the prime responsibility of a teacher to show students the path of empathy, sympathy and strive to inculcate in them social, moral and ethical values. Success will follow because a student will be able to cope with the challenges of the world and will be able to live a meaningful life. Therefore, it becomes imperative for us as parents, teachers and educators to prepare our youngsters to face the real examination of their life so they can think about problems before the world such as hunger, poverty, crime, terrorism, social disharmony. As far as cognitive styles are concerned, the students should learn through every aspect of life, not only by using verbal imagery dimensions, but also by using dimensions of cognitive styles.

SURINDER SINGH KUNDU, SIRSA

Glitches in tax portal

Even a week after the new e-filing portal launched by the IT department went live, users are facing technical glitches such as usage of logging time and inability to respond to notices. The department must take care of two things to make this new portal successful. First, all the technical flaws of the portal should be removed expeditiously, and second, arrangements should be made to

keep the speed of the portal always right and its server never down. Like chartered accountants, the portal should also have a facility for income tax advocates to file ITR on behalf of their assessee clients.

SHAKTI SINGH, KARNAL

G7 should do more

World would turn into a utopian society if the wealthier and privileged class pursued more magnanimity towards their poor counterparts. A pledge of donating one billion doses of Covid-19 vaccine to poor nations by G7 countries is a welcome step, though a very small initiative. Developed nations are already ahead in the race of inoculating their population and are about to attain herd immunity. It becomes the moral responsibility of these richer nations to help poor nations so that entire humankind could be protected from this contagious virus.

AMANDEEP BAINS, KURUKSHETRA

Mad rush, again

There are serpentine queues of cars jostling to somehow reach Shimla, Mussoorie, Hardwar etc, and there is complete chaos on roads everywhere. Even the police at state barriers are taken aback with this sudden surge of tourists. We are aware that there's very little parking facilities and these small hill stations can't accommodate so

many tourists in one go. The pandemic is still looming. The governments should impose conditions to check the spread of the impending third wave in time. Saving lives is more important than venturing out for fun.

RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA

Charity heroes

'Lalaji to Balaji, the link of kindness' portrays the role of compassion and empathy in life. Only humans are bestowed with the trait to help needy fellow beings. Helping strangers financially to make something of their life is the noblest karma. The mantra 'more charity, more prosperity' is proved beyond doubt by heroes like Mark Zuckerberg, Azim Premji, Narayana Murthy, the Tatas, Sonu Sood and hundreds of others.

VK ANAND, CHANDIGARH

Current Preamble

With reference to 'Sedition & the State through prism of law'; the writer has aptly described sedition. The picture is of the original Preamble, when the Constitution was adopted in 1949. The current Preamble, amended in 1976, reads: 'We the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic...' KIRAN KALRA, BY MAIL

It's time Congress recaptures spirit of 1920s



NEERA CHANDHOKE
POLITICAL SCIENTIST

ELECTIONS to five important Assemblies — Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur — are due in early 2022, yet the main Opposition party, the Congress, continues to be in a state of atrophy. There was a time when the party could self-correct, when leaders could respond to the popular mood. Consider the period 1912-1929. In his *An Autobiography*, Jawaharlal Nehru scathingly dismissed the 1912 party session in Bankipore as "very much an English-knowing upper class affair where morning coats and well-pressed trousers were greatly in evidence. Essentially, it was a social gathering with no political excitement or tension." By the middle of the 1920s, the party had been transformed from an elite to a mass party. The leadership had managed to gauge public opinion and change strategies.

The change was initiated in 1919: a crucial year for the freedom struggle. The draconian Rowlett Act and the senseless firing on peaceful protesters at Jallianwala Bagh propelled public anger. Congress strategies of petitioning the colonial government fell into disrepute. The party might have become irrelevant, had not Gandhi introduced it to new forms of politics.

His proposal that the party lead a

non-cooperation movement against the colonial government rocked the 1920 session. A number of leaders had supported the 1919 reforms introduced by the government. Now, Gandhi proposed boycott of legislative assemblies, schools, universities and government jobs. Motilal Nehru supported the initiative, other leaders disagreed. Gandhi's proposal was accepted because the rank and file of the party supported him. Soon enough, leaders discovered that they were wrong, and that people were enthusiastic about the movement. The Congress leadership bowed to popular opinion. This was one incident among many that demonstrated the ability of the party to appreciate public feelings. In 1929, prompted by Jawaharlal Nehru and other younger leaders, the Congress adopted the resolution on Purna Swaraj. The Congress became a mass party, a far cry from the party that had been captured by the elites.

The Congress took over power in independent India, and increasingly lost the ability to grasp what people wanted. By the early 1970s, it had become a durbar. Proximity to the leader became infinitely more important than proximity to the people. The distance that has grown between the once grand old party, and the people, has cost the Congress dear. The decline of the party has also cost the people of India. We have been taken over by a well-oiled and a well-funded electoral machine. We are dominated by the cynical agenda of the ruling party. There is little space to breathe. In the India of today, dissent is sedition, young people are jailed for drawing a cartoon, for authoring a



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IN A FLUX: The Congress should realise that it may become irrelevant due to personalised power struggles. TRIBUNE PHOTO

poem, for speaking out, and for disagreeing with discriminatory laws. But leaders of a party, that once led India to independence, are silent. This is the ultimate tragedy of our democracy. We do not care that this person or that person leaves the party. What we care about is the increasingly dismal state of our democracy.

Why is a competitive party system essential for democracy? One, in a liberal democracy, people have the right to choose between different political agendas. We exercise choice whether we buy books or designer items. Why should we not have choices in politics? Politics will decide how we live. Our freedom to live the way we want

is connected to the choices we exercise in politics. Two, a competitive party system plays an important role in the formation of public opinion on what has been done, and what needs to be done. Only then can we arrive at a considered judgment on the policy that is best for our country. We can hardly have knowledge of, or deliberate on policy, if only one agenda is thrust down our throats. Three, for every party that dishonours the Constitution and constitutional commitments, we need two parties that can defend the fundamental law of the land. In the history of the post-colonial world, one-party rule has signified the demise of democracy.

In the 1980s, scholars began to

speak of a 'crisis of representation' and suggest that hierarchical and bureaucratic parties were incapable of representing interests. The alternative was civil society. By the opening decades of the twenty-first century, right-wing populists heading undemocratic parties cracked down on civil society. And we realised that civil society organisations cannot be a substitute for political parties, they have to work with the latter. Conversely, a democratic government can remain in touch with public sentiments only through political parties that work along with, say human rights organisations. A necessary proviso is of course that the party institutionalises internal democracy. Parties whose

members are in thrall to the leader can hardly democratise society.

It is time that the Congress recaptures the spirit of the 1920s. It is time it learns that elites become irrelevant if they spend their time in personalised power struggles. It is time that it begins to understand and appreciate our anxieties about next year's elections and subsequent ones. The grand old party owes the country. Once its leaders deliberated on democracy and gave us the Constitution. It is time our democracy and our Constitution is reclaimed by the party and once again handed over to us. It is time for a second freedom struggle, centred around a second azadi.

Galwan incident exposed Chinese vulnerabilities



GROUP CAPTAIN MURLI MENON (RETD)
DEFENCE ANALYST

Following operations on the Kailash Range in early September last year, the Indian Army captured commanding heights to give themselves an advantageous bargaining position for the future. Also, the determination with which the ground manoeuvres were conducted, in the backdrop of the pandemic, conveyed a clear message to an unpredictable adversary.

It was on the intervening night of June 15-16 last year that Colonel Santosh Babu, the unassuming Commanding Officer of 16 Bihar Regiment, and 19 of his men sacrificed their lives in the Galwan valley in eastern Ladakh. The Chinese had overwhelmed India at the same locale during the 1962 debacle. As the 20 brave warriors died fighting, another posse from the same battalion, along with two adjoining units, took on the Chinese PLA army in retaliation.

The Galwan incident exposed the vulnerabilities of the Chinese as a combat-proven entity and the limitations of a rigid party-affiliated PLA. It is reported that their conscripts expressed admiration for the unarmed combat prowess of the Indian Army, wishing to learn the ropes of hand-to-hand combat themselves for future use. The adversary's famous 'human wave' tactics of 1962 had no doubt been replaced by crude, unconventional weaponry such as wire-reinforced clubs and stones. But it was clear even after a series of military and diplomatic meetings that the rules of engagement would change forever. Following operations on the Kailash Range during early September last year, the Indian Army captured commanding heights to give themselves an advantageous bargaining position for the future. Also, the determination with which the ground manoeuvres were conducted, in the



LESSON FROM GALWAN: India should have seen China's misadventure coming. PTI

backdrop of the pandemic, conveyed a clear message to an unpredictable adversary. The stand-off that lasted for a good part of last year also showcased the integrated battle culture of our defence mechanism.

India should actually have seen China's misadventure coming, threatened as the latter was along India's motorable road from Shyok to Daulat Beg Oldi. Pushed to the wall due to

international opprobrium over the origin of the novel coronavirus, the Chinese leadership perhaps resorted to the border moves as a pressure-relieving measure. India needs aggressive diplomatic forays to call out the aggressor whenever that happens and the invoking of traditional goodwill with other friendly nations, as highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to

Ladakh after the Galwan violence. Going forward, such posturing would be as important as actual military capability for a high-altitude border war, when push comes to shove. With its mouthpiece such as *Global Times* and its cyber warfare, China would leave no stone unturned to create trouble for us by opening up a front with Pakistan to throw us off balance. Needless to say, the Indian Air Force would play a critical role in any future military confrontation in Ladakh. Inductions such as the Rafale jets would be the key to achieving favourable end results in any future military situation versus China.

India's preoccupation with the ongoing Covid crisis could present an opportunity to China to attempt misadventures along the northern border, which has become 'hot' akin to the LoC with Pakistan, but with several additional challenges of high-altitude warfare. The Department of Military Affairs would have its hands full for the foreseeable future.

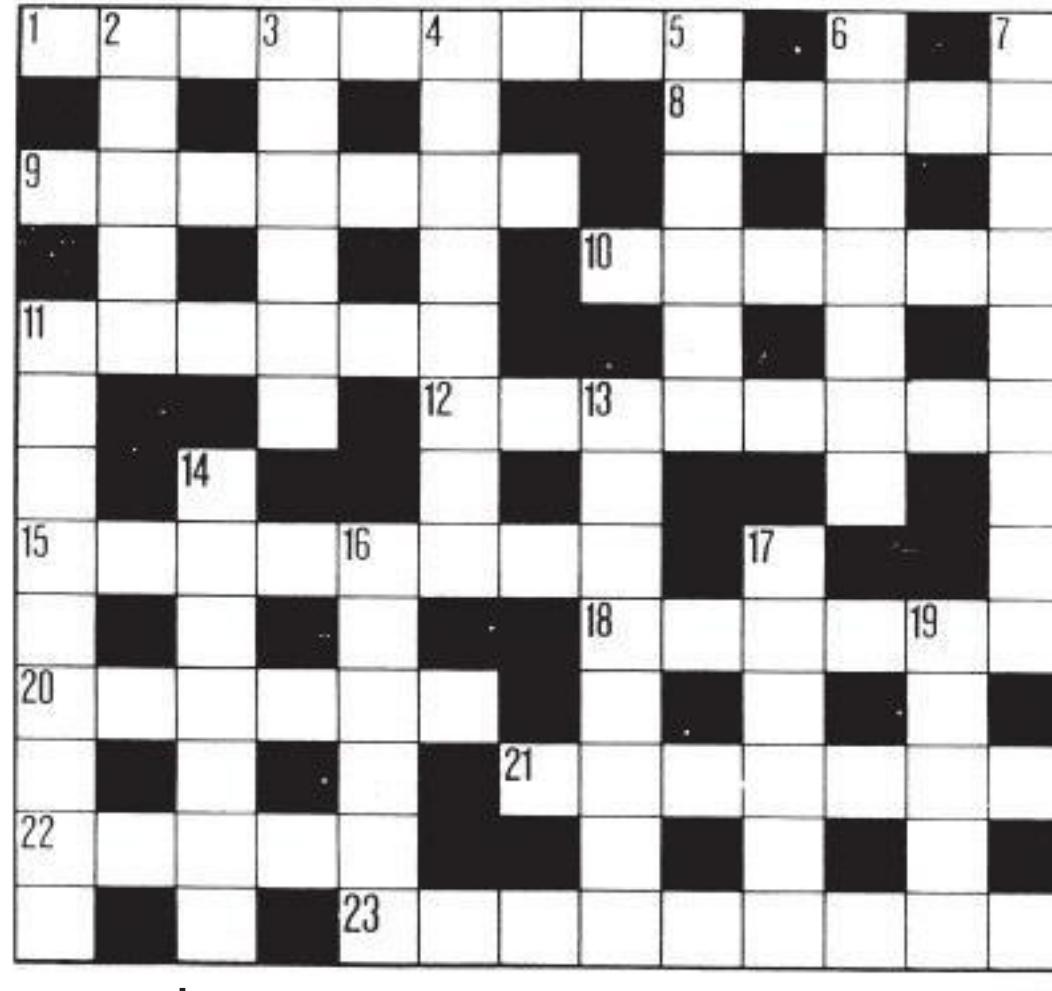
Innovative national policies and measures to spend adequately on defence need not be overstated, especially as military assets to conduct a high-altitude campaign would come at a price.

But there is a limit up to which arrangements such as Quad could help to counter the Chinese threat. A Quad Plus proposition and beefing up our maritime capability across Malacca and even into the South China Sea are possible

options, should a war be thrust upon us. Malacca is an Achilles' heel for the Chinese as nearly 60 per cent of their energy needs flow through it and here is where India, sitting atop an otherwise non-militarised Indian Ocean, could call the shots. Continued strong military ties with Russia and Israel are also crucial to ensure state-of-the-art, assured military wherewithal, as also is the arming of nations such as the Philippines and Vietnam with equipment such as the Brahmos, the Tejas LCA or associated training facilities. Afghanistan is another sector, especially after the American and NATO withdrawal from there, where India could end up directly jostling for strategic elbow room with China. One also can't overlook China's attempts to gain traction in terms of its footprint in India's neighbouring countries such as Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Thus, the time ahead promises to be challenging, tricky and critically important for our country to maintain its international reputation as a viable secular democratic power in South Asia. In doing so, our measures — military and diplomatic — to counter China's 'salami slicing' attempts hold the key. And towards this end, the international goodwill we have may need cashing in, as exemplified in recent statements by American power brokers such as Republican Mitch McConnell and commentator Ashley Tellis.

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Across: 1 Build-up, 4 Add up, 7 Ajax, 8 Instinct, 10 Dirty trick, 12 Second, 13 Piracy, 15 Smart aleck, 18 Abeyance, 19 Rapt, 20 Kudos, 21 Rickety.
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ACROSS

- 1 Othello's wife (9)
 - 8 Set of beliefs (5)
 - 9 Too much of anything (7)
 - 10 Quest (6)
 - 11 Customer (6)
 - 12 Victim of oppression (8)
 - 15 Shameless (8)
 - 18 Be plentiful (6)
 - 20 Well-being (6)
 - 21 Goatlike mountain antelope (7)
 - 22 A synthetic fibre (5)
 - 23 Venetian canal boatman (9)
- DOWN**
- 2 The same in status (5)
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 - 4 Damp (8)
 - 5 Assent (6)
 - 6 Bring into disrepute (7)
 - 7 On the credit side (2,3,4)
 - 11 Humbley (3,2,4)
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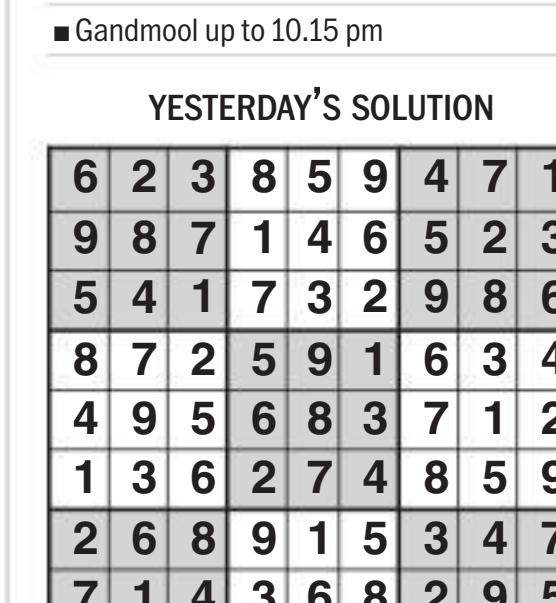
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| ■ Moon in Leo sign | |
| ■ Gandmool up to 10.15 pm | |

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Jalandhar	31	22
Ludhiana	30	24
Bhiwani	34	25
Hisar	33	22
Sirsia	32	25
Dharamsala	29	19
Manali	28	16
Shimla	23	14
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Jammu	35	26
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Train service to Jodhpur resumes

NURPUR, JUNE 15 The train service on the Pathankot-Jodhpur narrow gauge line resumed today after remaining suspended for over a month due to the curfew. The Northern Railway started two up and two down trains on the route though there were only a few passengers due to an improper time table scheduled by the authorities. The train service had earlier remained suspended for 11 months due to the first wave of Covid, and was resumed on February 22 this year. However, it was again suspended in March after a sharp spurt in Covid cases.

Commuters Arun Kumar, Ram Swaroop, Sunil Kumar and Asha Devi, all residents of Nagrota Surian, have appealed to the railway authorities to keep at least a six or seven hours' gap between both trains so that they could frequently leave the station and return home the same day. They said that the present time table was not suitable for the commuters of the area.

According to sources, the first train started from Pathankot at 7.50 am and reached the Bajnath railway station at 1.15 pm. The same train left Bajnath at 2.10 pm and reached Pathankot at 9.30 pm.

The commuters paid Rs 30 to travel from Nagrota Surian to Guler whereas the bus fare for this journey is Rs 25. Similarly, the travellers paid Rs 30 for the journey from Jawali to Nagrota Surian while earlier they had to pay only Rs 10. — OC

CLASSIFIEDS**PUBLIC NOTICES**

I, Saroj Sharma w/o Late Shashi Pal Sharma r/o VPO Karyara, Tehsil Dhera, Distt. Kangra, HP, declare that my name in service record of my son's No. 985257, LAC, Aman Sharma wrongly entered Saroj Devi instead of Saroj Sharma. (CL21022976)

This is inform all that Jain Multispeciality Hospital, near Dusshera Ground, opposite Electricity Board, G.T. Road Khammam is going to destroy the OPD and IPD record of registered patients before 2018. If anyone wants any information, kindly contact at Hospital reception within one month. Hospital will not provide any document after one month. Information can also be collected from phone 01628504419. (CL21022982)

I, Meera w/o Kulip Chand r/o C-64 Spangle Condos, Dhakauni, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603 have changed my name to Meera Rattan. (CL21022983)

I, Atam Parkash s/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass Chawla r/o 108, Second floor, Cedar Crest, Nirvana Country, Sector-50, Gurugram (Haryana), have changed my name from Atam Parkash to Atam Parkash Bajaj for all purposes. Concerned note. (CL21022990)

I, Nanak Chand S/o Sh. Sadhu Ram, R/o VPO- Kalwan Tehsil- Anandpur Sahib, Distt. Ropar declares that my son Rakesh Kumar and daughter-in Law Seema Rani are out of my control. I disown them from all my moveable/ immovable property. Anybody dealing with them do so at their own risk. (CL21022992)

I, Baljeet Singh Randhawa S/o Lakhbir Singh R/o 2745 Sector 42-C, Chandigarh declare that my son Gurpreet Singh Randhawa and his wife Navjot Kaur are out of my control. I do not know them from all my moveable/ immovable property. Anybody dealing with them do so at his own risk. (CL21022997)

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(Proclamation Under Section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Code)

State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Punjab, Chandigarh.

(Exercising the powers of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class conferred Under Section 27(2) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 now Under Section 72 of Consumer Protection Act, 2019).

No SCDR/ Pb./ 2021/ 4942 Date: 1.6.2021

Execution Application No. 484 of 2018 (Under Section 27 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986) in Consumer Complaint No. 812 of 2017

Fixed for: 08.07.2021

Ram Parkash Sharma ..Complainant/DH Versus

RKM Housing Limited & Ors. ..Opposite Parties/JDs

Subject: Proclamation requiring the appearance of the above named person Jagroop Kaur

(Under Section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Code)

Whereas execution application has been made before this Commission in the above case that 4) Jagroop Kaur, Director of RKM Housing Limited, SCO No. 1, 2, 3, 4 behind Chandigarh Engineering College, Sector 112, Landra, SAS Nagar (Mohali) 140307 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence, punishable Under Section 27 of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest therupon issued that the said Jagroop Kaur cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to our satisfaction that the said Jagroop Kaur has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that aforesaid Jagroop Kaur Judgement debtor is required to appear before this Commission (or before us) to answer the said execution application on the day of 8th July, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Dated: 25th May of 2021

Sd/- Justice Paramjeet Singh Dhalwal President 25.05.2021

Sd/- Rajinder Kaur (Goyal) Member

Sd/- (Kiran Sibal) Member

CL21022978

Curbs eased, but most hotels in Dharamsala unoccupied

Tourists opting for unregistered homestays in villages, say hoteliers

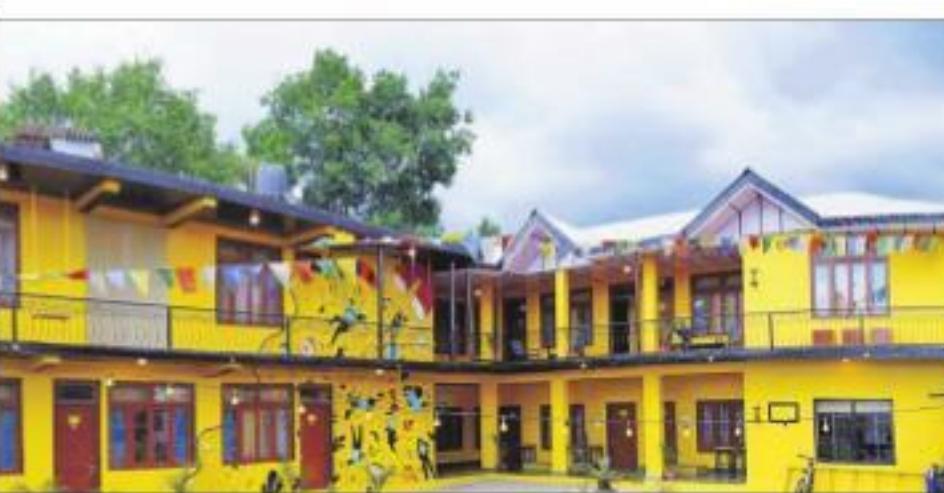
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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 15

There have been reports that thousands of tourist vehicles have entered the state, but hotels at McLeodganj in Kangra district have still not done much business. Sources said the pandemic seemed to have changed the pattern of tourists. Most of the tourists prefer to stay in home stays in rural areas, rather than in tourist hubs like McLeodganj, they said.

Ashwani Bamba, president of hotel and restaurant association of Dharamsala, while talking to The Tribune said as per reports, about 2,700 vehicles had entered the Kangra region in the last few days. However, hotels in McLeodganj, Bhagsunag and Naddi were unoccupied. "Today, I have just one guest at my hotel.



The district administration should check where tourists are going if they are not staying in registered hotels," he said.

Bamba alleged that online platforms such as Airbnb and Oyo are offering rooms of unregistered properties in rural areas. Very few of these properties are registered while the rest are unregistered, he alleged. "People running these properties are not paying any taxes," he alleged. "Amid the pandemic,

when the hotel industry is already reeling under losses, the mushrooming of unregistered properties is hitting the business," he said.

Sanjeev Gandhi, general secretary of the Smart City Dharamsala Hotel and Restaurant Association, said, "We were expecting tourist flow to increase after the government eased entry conditions. Most hoteliers had called their staff back. However, to date, most hotels in upper Dharamsala were lying unoccupied."

TAX EVASION

Online platforms such as Airbnb and Oyo are offering rooms of unregistered properties in rural areas. People running these properties are not even paying any taxes to state govt."

Ashwani Bamba, CHIEF, D'SALA HOTEL ASSN

from a high-load state had to be quarantined for two weeks," said an official.

Devinder Verma, president, Chail Hoteliers Association, said, "The cases in states like Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, etc have already dipped substantially and they are no longer categorized as risk-prone states. So, e-passes should be discontinued."

Verma added, "The occupancy has picked up as 50 per cent to 70 per cent visitors are expected this weekend."

Kasauli hoteliers have made a similar demand as they are now witnessing packed weekends.

"The government has directed officials to ensure their speedier clearance to facilitate visitors. Less than 10 per cent passes are rejected for want of relevant information. Though panchayats are keeping a check on the visitors, there is no system to check thousands of visitors entering cities and towns," said the SDM.

Hoteliers call for e-pass abolition**AMBika SHARMA**

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SOLAN, JUNE 15

Kasauli hoteliers have requested the state government to do away with the condition of e-pass for tourists, as it has done in the case of RT-PCR test report.

The visitors entering the state are suppose to register themselves on the Covid portal and provide details like house address, place to be visited, besides the purpose of the visit. This passes are scanned by the police at the interstate barriers.

The e-passes have, however, lost their purpose as the state has done away with RT PCR negative test reports for tourists. Interestingly, a Himachali, who re-enters the state after visiting other state, does not require an e-pass.

"As the local administration has no mechanism to monitor a visitor once he enters the state, the purpose is defeated. It was useful earlier when a visitor

215 Covid deaths in Mandi dist in two months this year**DIPENDER MANTA**

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MANDI, JUNE 15

As many as 215 deaths due to Covid-19 were reported in Mandi district in April and May this year while only two deaths due to the virus were recorded during the corresponding period last year.

Private buses will be pressed into service from tomorrow," he said.

Private buses had gone off roads in May, demanding exemption from special road tax and a working capital of Rs. 2 lakh per bus. They refused to call off their strike even when the government offered them 50 per cent exemption in tax and assistance in payment of interest in the working capital a few days ago.

However, the deadlock was broken after the private operators, accompanied by Satpal Satti, met the Chief Minister.

"The Chief Minister and the Transport Minister saw our point and assured us that our demands would be considered," said Parashar. — TNS

In April 2021, a total of 432 deaths were registered in the district, including 54 due to Covid. In May, 615 deaths were registered, including 161 due to Covid. The maximum number of fatalities occurred in May this year since the outbreak

of the disease.

In April 2020, a total of 286 deaths were reported in Mandi but there was no death due to Covid. However, in May, two of the total 390 deaths were because of Covid. Mandi

321 new cases, 12 deaths

SHIMLA, JUNE 15

As many as 321 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 199,197. Besides, 12 persons died of the virus—three in Hamirpur, two each in Kangra, Chamba and Sirmour and one each in Mandi, Solan and Una. The highest 76 cases were reported in Kangra, followed by 50 in Shimla, 40 in Chamba, 39 in Mandi, 28 in Hamirpur, 20 in Kullu, 19 in Una, 17 in Solan, 10 each in Bilaspur and Sirmour, nine in Kinnaur and three in Lahaul & Spiti. — TNS

According to Dr Panna Lal Verma, Medical Superintendent of the Nerkowch hospital, one person died of Covid at this medical college in May last year, while 36 and 201 deaths due to the virus were reported in April and May, respectively, this year. Most of the deceased belonged to the district, while a few of them were from neighbouring districts of Kullu, Lahaul and Spiti, Bilaspur and Hamirpur.

Norms go for a toss



Locals ignore Covid guidelines at the vegetable and fruit market in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

J&K logs 715 fresh cases, Ladakh 50

SRINAGAR/LEH, JUNE 15

J&K on Tuesday recorded 715 fresh Covid cases, taking the total number of infected persons to 3,08,726, while 10 deaths took the toll to 4,205, officials said. Out of the fresh cases, 218 were from the Jammu division and 497 from the Kashmir division. Srinagar district recorded the highest of 132 cases, followed by 65 in Kupwara district. The active cases have dropped to 12,407 in the UT, while 2,92,114 patients have recovered so far.

Meanwhile, officials said there were 21 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the UT with the surfacing of a new case. Ladakh saw 50 fresh cases and one death. Its caseload climbed to 19,611 and the death toll rose to 198. Of the fresh cases, 36 were reported from Leh and 14 from Kargil, they said.

Officials said the active cases stood at 572, including 446 in Leh and 126 in Kargil. So far, 143 people have succumbed in Leh and 55 in Kargil. As many as 3,652 samples were taken for testing in Ladakh the previous day, officials said. A total of 135 patients were discharged the previous day after recovering from the infection. With this, the number of cured persons has increased to 18,841. — PTI

So far, 8,111 BSF personnel from the Jammu frontier have been honoured, he said. — PTI

213 BSF men honoured

JAMMU, JUNE 15

As many as 213 BSF personnel of Jammu frontier were awarded 'Police Antrik Suraksha Seva Padak' on Tuesday. Inspector General NS Jamwal presented the medals to 27 officers, 59 subordinate officers and 127 from other ranks during an investiture ceremony, a spokesman said.

Calling it a matter of "serious concern", political analyst Sudhir Panwar claimed the allegations not only questioned the BJP-RSS rhetoric that Ram Temple was an issue of faith for them, but eroded the confidence of those who had contributed and collected funds for the temple. AAP MP Sanjay Singh, who has sought a probe by the CBI and the ED into the matter, said he won't let anyone steal the money meant for the Ram Temple.

The National Conference as well as the CPM condemned the action and demanded immediate release of the arrested politician.

Sofi made the remarks at a Janta Darbar of L-G's adviser Baseer Khan at Mansbal on June 10. Speaking about the problems faced by the people of his area, Sofi informed Khan that the latter could understand the issues better as compared to officers from outside the UT because

he was a local, according to the police report.

This comment did not go down well with Ganderbal DC Krittika Jyotsna, who stood up from her seat and strongly objected, according to a police report. Sofi was booked on the same night.

Sofi got bail from a local court here on Saturday that stated, "bail is a rule and its rejection is an exception". Even after this, the police did not release Sofi and instead booked him under

Section 107 of the Indian Penal Code under which a person can be kept under preventive custody for being a threat to peace. "Sofi is under preventive custody under Sections 107 and 151 of the IPC," Ganderbal SSP Suhail Munawar said.

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GLOBE TROT



BEAR-ABLE: A youth plays with Asian black bears, rescued a year ago near the LoC, at Dawar village in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. REUTERS

Frost in France attributed to climate change: Scientists

BERLIN: Scientists say damaging frost that caused significant economic loss to France's central winegrowing region this year was made more likely by climate change. A report released on Tuesday by researchers who study the link between global warming and weather events suggests that the intense April 6-8 frost in France was particularly damaging due to a preceding warm period in March. AP

Ikea fined \$1.2 m over spying campaign in France

VERSAILLES: A French court ordered home furnishings giant Ikea to pay more than 1 million euros (\$1.2 million) on Tuesday over a campaign to spy on union representatives, employees and some unhappy customers in France. Two former Ikea France executives were convicted and fined over the scheme and given suspended prison sentence. AP

US lays out plan to confront white supremacists, militias

WASHINGTON, JUNE 15

President Joe Biden's administration on Tuesday unveiled a plan to address the threat of violence posed by white supremacists and militias, five months after members of those groups joined in a deadly attack on the US Capitol.

The White House released a 30-page plan for increased information sharing between federal and local officials and social media companies, additional resources to identify and prosecute threats and new deterrents to prevent Americans from joining dangerous groups.

The administration conducted a sweeping assessment earlier this year of domestic terrorism that labeled white supremacists and militia groups as top national security threats. The issue took on new urgency after a Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump who were trying to overturn



Rioters rampage through the US Capitol Hill. FILE

TOP NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT

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Biden's election victory. The new strategy stopped short of calling for new laws to

fight domestic threats, and officials on Tuesday did not offer many details on specific

new resources.

"We concluded that we didn't have the evidentiary basis, yet, to decide whether we wanted to proceed in that direction or whether we have sufficient authority as it currently exists at the federal level," said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of the announcement. In a speech on Tuesday, US Attorney General Merrick Garland said in the "coming days and months" he would convene an interagency task force dedicated to combating domestic terrorism. Garland said he has already "begun to reinvigorate" that task force.

Garland said the Jan. 6

attack by Trump supporters had shown white supremacists and militia groups to be the country's greatest domestic security threat. "In the FBI's view, the top domestic violent extremist threat comes from racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists," Garland said. — Reuters

Trump 'pressed' Justice Dept to overturn 2020 election results

WASHINGTON, JUNE 15

Documents released by a US congressional panel on Tuesday revealed new details of how then-President Donald Trump tried to mobilise the Justice Department last year to join his failed effort to overturn his election defeat based on his false claims of voting fraud.

The House of Representatives Oversight and Reform Committee, which sought the records, outlined a series of overtures made by the Republican former president, then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and an outside private attorney, Kurt Olsen, pushing the department to act on Trump's claims.

The department ultimately did not join the effort and numerous courts rejected lawsuits seeking to overturn election results in various states. The Congress is investigating the deadly January 6 assault on the US Capitol by a mob of Trump supporters trying to stop the formal certification of Democratic President Joe Biden's election victory.

BID REBUFFED

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"These documents show that President Trump tried to corrupt our nation's chief law enforcement agency in a brazen attempt to overturn an election that he lost," said Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, a Democrat.

These overtures were separate from the revelations that the Trump-era Justice Department secretly sought the phone records of at least two Democratic lawmakers, a move that led Biden's Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday to vow to strengthen policies aiming to protect the department from political influence. — Reuters

Israel lifts indoor mask mandate

JERUSALEM, JUNE 15

Israel is no longer requiring masks indoors, lifting one of its last coronavirus restrictions following a highly successful vaccination campaign.

The restriction was lifted on Tuesday, though people will still be required to wear masks on airplanes and on their way to quarantine. Unvaccinated individuals must wear masks in nursing homes and other long-term health facilities.

Israel has vaccinated around 85 per cent of its adult population, allowing schools

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATION	DEATHS
US	6,15,243
BRAZIL	4,88,404
INDIA	3,77,031
MEXICO	2,30,185
UK	1,27,907

WORLDOMETER TILL JUNE 15, 11 PM



and businesses to fully reopen. There are only a few active patients in the country of more than nine million.

Authorities have been cautious about welcoming visitors, however, because of concerns over new variants. Israel welcomed its first tour group late last month. — AP

China sends record 28 fighter jets towards Taiwan

TAIPEI, JUNE 15

China flew a record 28 fighter jets towards the self-ruled island of Taiwan on Tuesday, the island's defense ministry said, the largest such display of force since Beijing began sending planes on a near daily basis last year.

Taiwan's air force deployed its combat air patrol forces in response and monitored the situation in the southwestern part of the island's air defense identification zone with its air defense systems,

the Ministry of National Defense said.

The planes included various types of fighter jets, including 14 J-16 and six J-11 planes, as well as bombers, the ministry said.

China's show of force comes after leaders of the Group of Seven industrialised nations issued a statement on Sunday calling for a peaceful resolution of cross-Taiwan Strait issues and underscored the importance of peace and stability. — AP

Jaishankar in Qatar, discusses regional issues with counterpart

COVID SUPPORT

Appreciated Qatar's solidarity during the second Covid wave. Discussed our bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional issues. — S Jaishankar, EAM

security situation in the Indo-Pacific region, with Kenya's top leadership.

"Good to meet MBA Al Thani of Qatar in Doha today. Appreciated Qatar's solidarity during the Covid second wave. Discussed our bilateral cooperation and exchanged views on regional issues," he said in a tweet. Jaishankar arrived in Kenya on Saturday on a three-day visit to strengthen India's relations with the major East African country. He called on Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and handed over a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to him. — PTI

BUSINESS

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Financial wealth in India jumps 11% in pandemic year

MUMBAI, JUNE 15

Financial wealth in India grew 11% to \$3.4 trillion in 2020 despite the coronavirus pandemic, a global consultancy estimated on Tuesday.

The 11% growth in financial wealth was at par with the compounded annual growth rate for the five years to 2020, the report by Boston Consulting Group (BCG) said.



BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP REPORT

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It can be noted that after a sharp correction in the early days of the pandemic, there has been a continuing rally in stocks since April last year, which has led to concerns being expressed across quarters.

The report noted that the next few years will also see a faster expansion in financial wealth, but the rate will slow down marginally to 10% per annum to take the number to \$5.5 trillion by 2025. — PTI

Exports jump 69% to \$32.27 bn in May



TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS TO \$6.28 BN

■ Exports in May 2020 stood at \$19 billion and in May 2019 at \$29.85 billion

■ Imports too grew in May by 73.64% to \$38.55 billion, leaving a trade deficit for the month being reviewed at \$6.28 billion

stood at \$3.15 billion.

Exports during April-May jumped to \$62.89 billion, as against \$29.41 billion in the same period last year. Imports during April-May were recorded at \$46.68 billion. Trade deficit in May 2020

At the closing bell, the BSE Sensex quoted higher by 221.52 points or 0.42% at a new peak of 52,773.05. The index also hit its all-time intraday high of 52,869.51 during the session.

Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty rose 57.40 points or 0.36% to settle at a fresh high of 15,869.25. The NSE gauge too marked its lifetime intra-day high of 15,901.60.

On the Sensex chart, Asian

Sensex, Nifty at lifetime high; banking shares drive rally

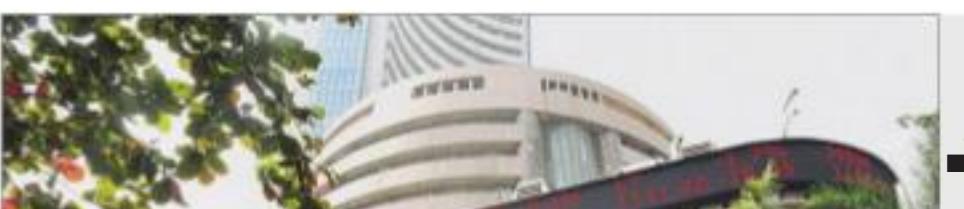
MUMBAI, JUNE 15

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Paints was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising over 3%, followed by Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, Hindustan Unilever, IndusInd Bank, Infosys and HDFC Bank.

On the Sensex chart, Asian



Finserv, Dr Reddy's, Titan, Sun Pharma, Bajaj Finance and PowerGrid were among the laggards. Of the 30 shares in the Sensex, 15 closed in the green.

On the other hand, Bajaj

most with 1.55% gains. It was followed by consumer discretionary goods, bank and FMCG indices. Smallcap and midcap indices outperformed the benchmark. Largecap index rose 0.35%. — PTI

FOURTH STRAIGHT SESSION OF GAINS

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Glitches in new IT portal: FinMin to hold meet with Infy

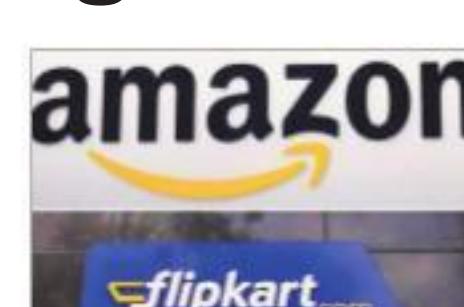
NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

The Finance Ministry has arranged an interactive three-way meeting between users of the new e-filing income tax portal, government officials and Infosys, the vendor of the portal, to discuss the glitches that have afflicted it since its launch on June 7.

The Finance Ministry has asked stakeholders to send in writing the difficulties they have faced in the portal and representatives from Infosys are expected to reply to them.

The meeting on June 22 will be interactive with other stakeholders including chartered accountants, auditors, consultants and taxpayers to be part of the interaction, according to an official statement. — TNS

Competition Commission to expedite investigation against Amazon, Flipkart



The CCI started a probe in January last year on a complaint alleging Amazon and

Flipkart promoted select sellers on their e-commerce platforms

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) initiated a probe in January last year on the basis of a complaint alleging Amazon and Flipkart promoted select sellers on their e-commerce platforms and that deep discounts stifled competition. The companies have denied wrongdoing.

Near-immediate legal challenges from the pair stalled the probe for over a year until a court last week allowed it to resume, having dismissed arguments that the CCI lacked evidence. — PTI

Manufacturers are of the view that the imposition of anti-dumping duty by EU and the US on China will be a game changer for the Indian cycle industry. "The anti-dumping duty on China by the EU and the

export volume to these countries while India has been able to gain, mostly due to investment in modern plant, machinery and processes," said Pankaj M Munjal, CMD, HMC, a Hero Motors Company.



₹7,000-CRORE INDUSTRY

■ India produces around 2.2 crore bicycles per annum. Over 1.5 crore are made in Punjab, especially in Ludhiana

■ A majority of the cycles produced are purchased within the country

■ The annual turnover of the industry is ₹7,000 crore

He said there has been an exponential hike in exports from India to the EU, the US and Africa owing to improvement in production quality but the industry is still far behind China in terms of exports.

Indian women take on England in Bristol, ending a 7-year Test break

Women in whites



In over 19 years, Mithali Raj has played only 10 Tests.

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 15 Women are not equal to men, everyone at the Indian cricket board (BCCI) knows — that's why, after a high of playing the final of the Twenty20 World Cup before 86,174 spectators at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in March 2020, Indian women got no playing time for one full year. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, BCCI organised series and tours for the men's team, but not a single match for the women for one year. It all boils down to money — women's cricket brings in minuscule revenue compared to men's cricket.

BCCI's indifference is not new — soon after it took women's cricket under its wing in 2006, the women's team was without an international match from March 2007 to May 2008, ie 424 days.

Women's Tests have been low-priority for BCCI. Only two Test matches have been organised for the women's team after BCCI took over in November 2006 — India won the two Tests, both played in 2014. Yet they haven't played a Test since then, a gap of 2,401 days. In the 2010s, India played only two Tests — the lowest in a decade, the previous worst being eight a few times in the past.

Anjum Chopra, who played 12 Tests for India from 1995 to 2006, led in three of them, of which India won one — against South Africa at Paarl in 2002. Two current players,

captain Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami, made their debut under Chopra in 2002. In over 19 years, Mithali and Jhulan have played only 10 Tests each.

Not lucrative

One thing is clear — women's cricket is not lucrative enough for BCCI, and among the three formats, women's Tests are lowest on the pecking order. Sadly, that's also the state of women's Tests across the world — South Africa last played a Test in 2014, New Zealand, Pakistan and West Indies in 2004, while Sri Lanka's only Test was played in 1998. England and Australia play most Tests, yet they too have played only three each in the last six years.

"Even before the ICC took women's cricket in 2005, Test matches were less in numbers because everyone had to fend for themselves... I think it was not easy to organise sponsors to take care of the costs," says Anjum.

Skill-sets

Anjum makes the crucial point that not all women's teams had, or have, the skills to play Test cricket. "Apart from the top three-four teams, a lot of the teams were developing," she says. "The other teams didn't have the skill level to last for four days. So why test their skills when their skills were still developing? Rather, you test the skills of the players in the longest format when their skills are highly developed."

Of the top three teams, New Zealand made the decision to focus primarily on white-ball cricket even

before ICC took charge.

Then came Twenty20 cricket, and it quickly edged out the other formats in popularity and marketability. The first women's Twenty20 match was played in 2004, and this has become the primary format of the sport — 909 T20Is have been played since then, against 731 ODIs and only 18 Tests.

Not ready?

More teams are playing more limited-overs cricket, but are some of them ready for Test cricket? "Time will tell," says Anjum. "If this match (India-England) goes to the wire for four days and then a result comes which is very exciting, then this will be a topic of discussion."

Anjum also feels that it would be unfair to judge women cricketers' skill levels for Tests on the basis of one match. "Men can win a Test match in two days, they can win it in four days," she says. "This kind of question mark (over competitiveness) is never put on them. So, to use this Test as a benchmark to decide whether more Test matches should be played would be unfair."

She's right: In the Indian squad, only eight women have played a Test — it would be unfair to judge the team on the basis of this one match. But a lot hangs on this one game — a thriller that catches the imagination of the fans may convince cricket boards and broadcasters that this format has a future, too.

The desired destination

Draw against Afghanistan takes India to Rd 3 of qualifying

DOHA, JUNE 15

India fought out an intense battle with an inspired Afghanistan team to seal a berth in the next qualifying round of the Asian Cup here today. Needing a draw to book direct entry into the third round of qualifying, world No. 105 India played out a 1-1 stalemate against world No. 149 Afghanistan. India finished third in Group E of the second round, a point above the Afghans. Despite being the lower-ranked side, Afghanistan, who needed a win to jump above India, showed great determination.

A howler by Afghanistan goalie Ovays Azizi handed India a 1-0 lead in the 75th minute but Hossein Zamani equalised in the 81st minute. The two sides had also played out a 1-1 draw in the

GROUP E STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	Pt
QATAR	8	7	1	0	22
OMAN	7	5	0	2	15
INDIA	8	1	4	3	7
AFG	8	1	3	4	6
BAN	7	0	2	5	2

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

first leg in Dushanbe in 2019.

It was an open and fast-paced game with the Afghans playing a more physical game. Both sides were almost equal in ball possession and India had 10 shots on target as against seven from Afghanistan.

But the Afghans committed 16 fouls as against nine by the Indians. Three Afghan players were shown yellow cards as against one of India.

India dominated the ear-

ly period with captain Sunil Chhetri having a go at the opposition goal in the 10th minute.

The Afghans grew in confidence and were the better side in the later part of the first half and they had a few shots on target but none gave any difficulties to Indian custodian Gurpreet Singh.

The Afghans looked better early in the second session but India took the lead in the 75th minute.

Kurunyan sent a high cross from the left. The Afghan goalie rose for what should have been an easy collection but the ball dropped down his hands and slipped in between his legs into the empty goal.

But, the joy of the Indians was short-lived as Zamani curled past Gurpreet. — PTI



India's Manvir Singh in action against Afghanistan. REUTERS

Shiv Naresh to replace Li Ning, Sports Ministry to foot the bill

TOKYO **NON-MASK WEARERS COULD BE DISQUALIFIED AT OLYMPICS**

Olympics athletes will face harsh punishments including disqualification for violations of Covid safety rules under guidelines unveiled in the final Playbooks issued by Tokyo 2020 organisers today. The organisers said in the case of flagrant infractions, serious sanctions will be imposed including permanent exclusion from the Games, deportation and fines. The IOC also mentioned that an additional 20,000 Covid-19 vaccine doses will be available for people who are involved in the Tokyo 2020 Games.

HALLE (GERMANY)

Top seed Medvedev knocked out by Struff in Halle opener World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev's Wimbledon preparations suffered a setback today when he was bundled out by Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 7-6(3) 6-3 in the opening round of the Halle Open.

HALLE (GERMANY)

Murray sets up Berrettini clash at Queen's Top seed Matteo Berrettini came through a tricky opener at the Queen's Club championships as he edged out fellow Italian Stefano Travaglia 7-6(5) 7-6(4) today. The world No. 9 will next face five-time Queen's Club champion Andy Murray, who beat Benoit Paire 6-3 6-2. It was Murray's first singles match since sustaining a groin injury in March.

BERLIN

Keys starts German Open with easy win over Frech Madison Keys started her German Open campaign with a 6-3 6-4 win over Polish qualifier Magdalena Frech. Keyes, who is ranked 28th, will next face top seed Aryna Sabalenka. Amanda Anisimova, lost 6-3 6-1 to Alize Cornet. AGENCIES

Spain held to 0-0 draw, Slovakia top Poland

SEVILLE, JUNE 15

The chances came and went but neither Spain nor Sweden managed to put any of them in the net. Spain dominated possession and kept the pressure in the opposing area for most of the match but the Swedes held on for a 0-0 draw Monday at the European Championship.

Sweden managed only a few chances at the La Cartuja Stadium, but they were some of the most dangerous ones. Alexander Isak, who plays for Spanish club Real Sociedad, had a shot from inside the area hit the post after deflecting off Spain defender Marcos Llorente in front of the goal line.

Early in the second half, Marcus Berg was inside the area with the ball coming his way, but he mishit his shot.

Alvaro Morata had Spain's best chance just a few minutes before Isak but his shot missed wide with goalkeeper Robin Olsen the only opponent to beat.

Skriniar keeps Lewa quiet St Petersburg: Slovakia

Blank day for Spain



defender Milan Skriniar stopped Robert Lewandowski from scoring at one end, and then showed the world player of the year just how to do it on the other.

Underlining his growing importance for a national team that's for long relied on Marek Hamsik, Skriniar played a crucial role at both ends of the field and scored the winning goal in Slova-

kia's 2-1 win over Poland on Monday. Lewandowski endured another tough match in a major soccer tournament. He didn't have a clear-cut chance and now has only two goals in 12 matches at a World Cup or European Championship.

Ronaldo strikes late

Budapest: Portugal skipper Cristiano Ronaldo celebrated

becoming the first player to appear in five European Championships with a brace as they got their title defence off to a winning start with a 3-0 victory over a determined Hungary on Tuesday.

Ronaldo's 87th-minute penalty meant he overtook Michel Platini for most European Championship goals scored, taking his tally to 10. — Agencies

Messi gives all but in vain

RIO DE JANEIRO: Lionel Messi scored a stunning free-kick, repeatedly dribbled through the Chilean defence and created opportunities regularly for his Argentine teammates. Despite his intense performance, Argentina were held 1-1 by Chile in its Copa America opener. The game at the Nilton Santos stadium in Rio de Janeiro was also marked by a tribute to Argentine football great Diego Maradona. Meanwhile, Paraguay registered a 3-1 win over Bolivia at the Olímpico stadium in Goiânia. Bolivia scored first via Erwin Saavedra's penalty, but goals from Alejandro Romero and a brace by Angel Romero after the break turned it around for Paraguay. AP



41 Covid cases linked to Copa America event **SAO PAULO**: Brazil's health ministry has documented 41 cases of Covid-related to the Copa America, including 31 players or staffers and 10 workers who were hired for the event. The ministry said in a statement that all workers who tested positive were in Brasilia, where Brazil kicked off the tournament with a win over Venezuela. The visiting Venezuela squad was depleted after nearly a dozen cases involving players or staff. Brazil stepped in late as emergency host of the 10-team continental championship despite the country having the second-highest number of recorded deaths from the coronavirus in the world, almost 490,000. President Jair Bolsonaro offered to hold the tournament in Brazil only two weeks ago after Argentina and Colombia were dropped as co-hosts. AP

Malik says he didn't take any stimulant

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15 Suspended Indian wrestler Sumit Malik today said he has no idea how a banned stimulant entered his body but admitted he was on painkillers during the recent Olympics qualifiers and had informed the world body about that before taking the mat.

The 2018 Commonwealth Games gold medallist was handed a provisional suspension by the United World Wrestling (UWW) after a specified banned substance — 5-methylhexan-2-amine (1,4-dimethylpentylamine) — was found in his sample.

Malik had secured the 125kg category quota for Tokyo during the qualifiers held in Sofia, Bulgaria, last month but was handed suspension for failing dope test during the same tournament. "There was severe pain in my knee and I had taken painkillers Mobizox and Voveran. I had informed the UWW officials about it. I have taken it before also, I don't know how I tested positive," Malik said. — PTI

SC quashes murder charge against two Italian marines

Italy to prosecute duo for killing Indian fishermen in February 2012

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

More than nine years after two Italian marines allegedly killed two Indian fishermen off the coast in Kerala, the Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed all criminal charges against them in connection with a murder case they faced in India.

A Bench of Justice Indira Banerjee and Justice MR Shah said the compensation of Rs 10 crore paid by the Italian government over and above Rs 2.17 crore already given to the victims' families was adequate. It said Rs 4 crore each would be given to the kin of two deceased fishermen and boat owner St Antony will get the remaining Rs 2 crore.

It requested the Kerala High Court Chief Justice to nominate a judge to pass an appropriate order for dis-



₹10-CR COMPENSATION ADEQUATE: TOP COURT

The families of two victims to get ₹4 crore each, ₹2 crore to be given to boat's owner
SC Bench says the compensation of ₹10 crore paid by the Italian Government over and above ₹2.17 crore already given to the victims' families is adequate
Marines Massimiliano Latorre (L) and Salvatore Girone. FILE PHOTO

bursvement/investment of the amount to be paid to the heirs of each deceased so as to protect their interest and ensure that the compensation was not misappropriated.

The two marines — Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Girone — would now be prosecuted in Italy, it said, adding the case details along with evidence will be provided by the

Centre and the Kerala Government to Italy Government.

The marines were on board Italian-flagged commercial oil tanker MV Enrica Lexie when they allegedly fired at two Indian fishermen — Valentine @ Jelestine (44) and Ajeeesh Pink (20) — off the Kerala coast on

February 15, 2012, in India's Exclusive Economic Zone.
The order follows the Cen-

tre's decision to accept the award of an arbitration tribunal under UNCLOS which said Italy had the jurisdiction to prosecute the marines.

"We are of the view that this is a fit case to close all proceedings in India, including criminal proceedings, in exercise of powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India," said the top court.

Mehul Choksi trial adjourned till June 25 as his health 'deteriorates'

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

The Indian agencies have told the high court of Dominica that fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi is an Indian citizen and his application for the renunciation of citizenship was rejected by the authorities as the hearing in a case relating to his illegal entry into the Caribbean island nation was adjourned till June 25 by a magistrate court.

Sources in the CBI here said Choksi was erroneously claiming renunciation of citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955. They said Choksi's claims in



He is an Indian citizen, Dominica HC told

that regard were "bogus".

In an affidavit filed in the Dominica HC, the authorities said India had already raised the issue of cancellation of citizenship of Choksi granted by the Government of Antigua

and Barbuda on the grounds that citizenship was obtained by him fraudulently.

The affidavit was filed by consular officer at the High Commission of India to the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Meanwhile, on Monday, the Magistrate Court was to start hearing the case of Choksi's "illegal entry" into the country on May 23, but he was a "no show", a media website reported. His legal team submitted a medical certificate from the doctors of Dominica China Friendship Hospital, where Choksi is being held, of "mental stress" and elevated blood pressure.

IN BRIEF



Col Babu's statue unveiled in T'gana

SURYAPET: A statue of Col Santosh Babu, who died in the Chinese army attack at the Galwan valley in eastern Ladakh in June last year, was unveiled at Suryapet by Telangana Minister KT Rama Rao on Tuesday. Col Babu was a native of Suryapet, 140 km from the state capital Hyderabad. PTI

India to fund Parl building in Eswatini

NEW DELHI: The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended a line of credit of \$108.28 million (about Rs 700 crore) to the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) for the construction of a new Parliament building. This is India's fourth LoC to the country. PTI

₹10L for info on Israel Embassy blast suspects

NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

The anti-terror federal probe agency NIA today released CCTV footage of two men suspected to be involved in a blast near the Israel Embassy in Delhi in January and announced Rs 10 lakh as reward money to

anyone who would provide any lead about them.

The NIA said, "It is seeking help to identify and arrest the two individuals seen to be roaming near the spot on the day of the attack. If you see someone you recognise submit

3 men get 10-yr jail in 2012 terror case

MUMBAI: The special NIA court here on Tuesday sentenced three persons, arrested in 2012 from Nanded for conspiring to kill Hindu leaders and journalists to create unrest in the country, to 10 years in prison. Special judge DE Kothalkar acquitted two other accused for lack of evidence. The convicted are Mohammed Akram, Mohammad Muzammil and Mohammed Sadique. PTI

Govt: Maize to help increase ethanol distillation capacity

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 15

The Centre today said maize would play an equal role as sugarcane in helping India increase its ethanol distillation capacity and achieve the 20 per cent blending target by 2025.

The Ethanol Blending Programme is expected to save foreign exchange of more than Rs 30,000 crore on account of crude oil import bill, reduce dependence on imported fossil fuel and help achieve the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat in the petroleum sector, Food Secre-



tary Sudhanshu Pandey today said, briefing on the future course of the green fuel.

Pandey said the roadmap for ethanol blending has already been shared with automobile manufacturers. Meanwhile in 2021-22, about 35 LMT of sugar is estimated to be diverted to ethanol which will increase to 60 LMT by 2025.

NEXA

Five suspended BSP MLAs meet Akhilesh, may join SP

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LUCKNOW, JUNE 15

At least five MLAs suspended by the BSP last year met SP chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday, triggering speculation that they may join his party.

Handia MLA Hakimlal Bind said he, along with Chaudhary

Aslam Ali, Mujtaba Siddiqui, Hargovind Bhargav, Aslam Raini and Shushma Patel met the SP chief. However, Bhargav said he was not present at the meet. BSP's deputy leader in UP Uma Shankar Singh described the MLAs as "garbage". —PTI

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Besides meeting Prez Biden, will participate in Quad summit to travel due to the Covid wave here.

Officials from both countries are currently working out the scheduling of the trip after the US made the offer. In order to dovetail the Quad summit with PM Modi's visit, US government officials are also simultaneously engaged with Canberra and Tokyo.

The US has already broadcast its intention of holding a

Modi likely to visit US by year-end

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