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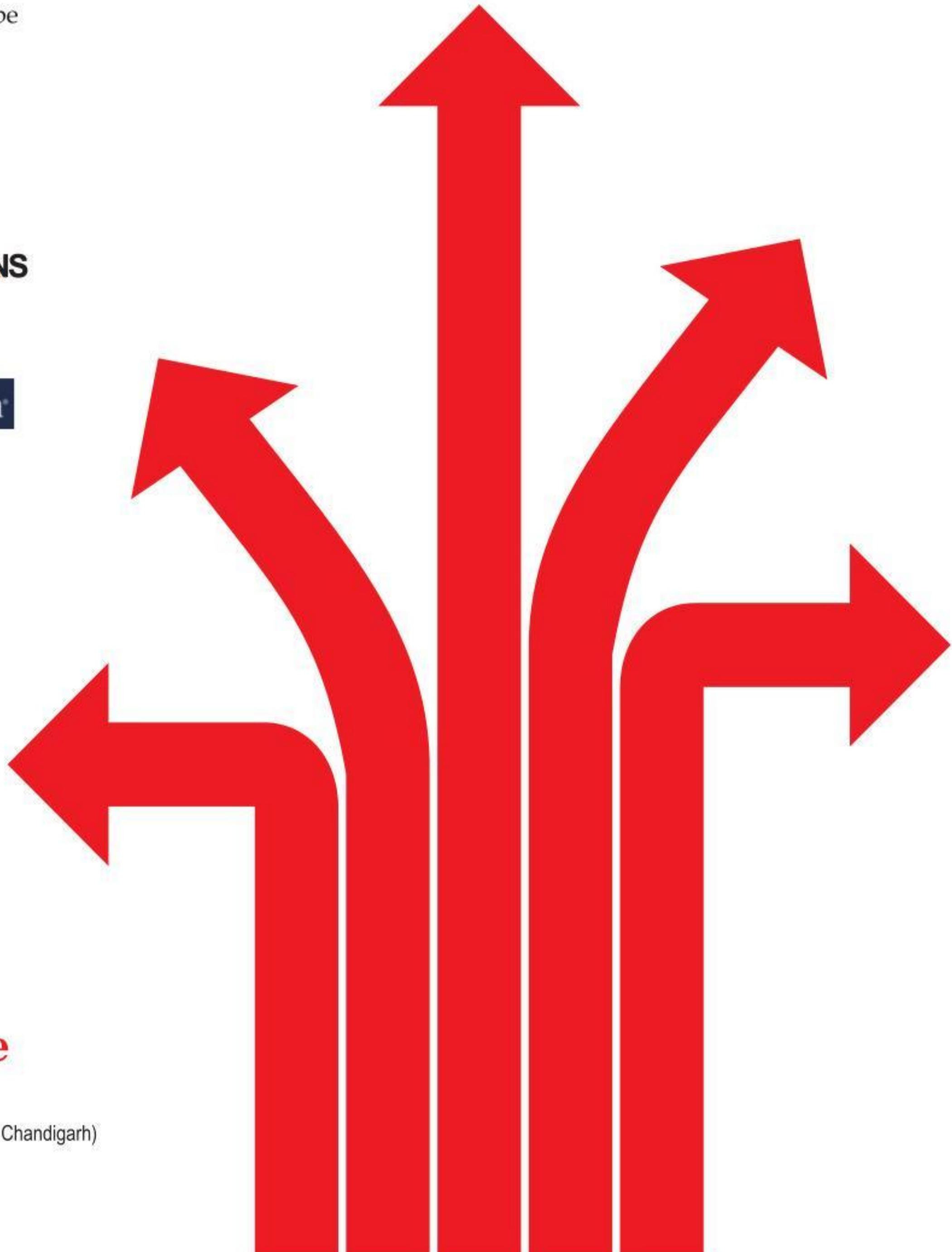
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## Bihar in mind, EC moots online filing of papers

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### NORMS AMID PANDEMIC: GLOVES FOR VOTERS

- Candidates can file nominations and affidavits online
- Just 5 persons allowed for door-to-door campaign
- Rallies, roadshows to follow Covid instructions
- Thermal scanners at booths; poll staff to wear PPE kits
- Masks mandatory; hand gloves to be given to voters for pressing EVM buttons

### RET'D BUREAUCRAT RAJIV KUMAR REPLACES ASHOK LAVASA

would be issued for voters who are residing in areas notified as "containment zone", the Election Commission said.

The commission has rec-

ommended mandatory sanitisation of polling stations, preferably a day before the polls. Thermal scanners will be placed at the entry point of every polling station.

"There shall be a maximum of 1,000 electors instead of 1,500 electors in a polling station," the guidelines said.

Just five people, including candidates but excluding security personnel, will be allowed to take part in door-to-door campaigning. For roadshows, the commission said, convoys of vehicles should have a gap after every five vehicles instead of 10 (excluding security vehicles).

Public gatherings and rallies can be held subject to adherence to Covid guidelines. A senior EC official said that after considering the views of political parties, the panel had finalised the broad guidelines for the polls.



### RJD out to woo Chirag-led LJP

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

Amid switchovers among political parties ahead of the Bihar elections, it appears the main Opposition party Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) is pursuing NDA partner Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), led by Chirag Paswan.

The RJD, which suffered a humiliating defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, received another setback after senior leaders and sitting MLAs, including Lalu Prasad's "samadhi" (son Tej Pratap Yadav's father-in-law Chandrika Rai), switched over to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led ruling Janata Dal (United).

Sources said the RJD was trying to convince Chirag, who has been criticising CM Nitish Kumar over the handling of the floods and pandemic. —TNS

### SC rejects plea seeking probe into ex-CJI's conduct

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

The Supreme Court today refused to entertain a petition seeking an inquiry into the conduct of former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi.

### PIL INFRACTIOUS: BENCH

"Sorry, we can't entertain," a Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra told petitioner Arun Ramchandra Hublikar who wanted a panel of three judges to inquire into the alleged acts of "omission and commission" by Justice Gogoi.

Now a Rajya Sabha MP, Justice Gogoi retired as CJI in November 2019. He headed the Bench which decided the Ram Janmabhoomi case. Terming the PIL "infrastructural", the Bench wondered why the petitioner didn't press for a hearing earlier. —TNS

## Murder charge added to FIR, former DGP Saini faces arrest

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### DAMNING CLAIMS IN MULTANI CASE

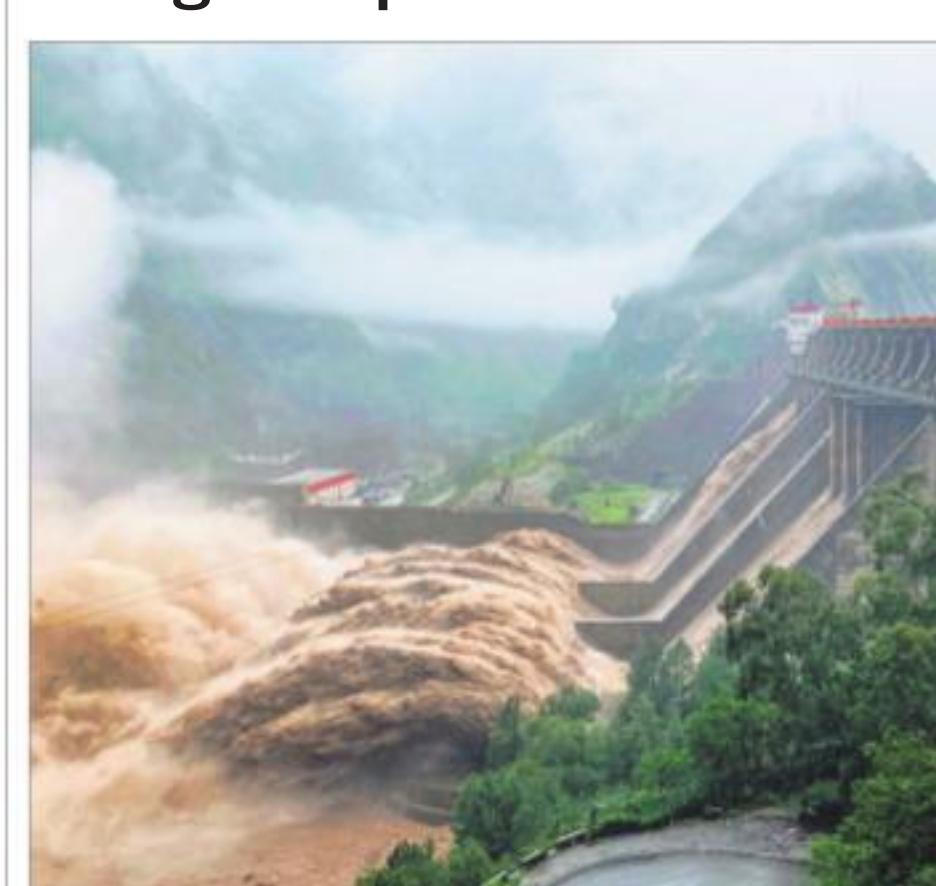
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- Two ex-cops, who turned approvers recently, gave evidence against Saini in court and sought addition of Section 302 to the FIR
  - They claimed to have witnessed Multani's torture in police custody. They were later told the CITCO ex-staffer had gone missing
  - They were allegedly asked to declare Multani as 'missing' and an absconder on the then DGP's orders, they told the court

A special investigation team headed by SP Harmandeep Singh Hans will now proceed to arrest Saini and other co-accused by Monday as the police will have to show the arrest in

court after three days. The SIT has issued summons to Saini after adding Section 302 to the FIR.

Special public prosecutor Sarjeet S Narula said they had enough proof against Saini.

## Dam gates opened



Salal dam gates were opened after heavy rainfall in Jammu's Reasi district on Friday. PTI

Also, rains triggered landslides at Panthyal, Marog and Trishul Morth in the Ramaban sector.

## PSBs will need ₹2.1L cr over next 2 yrs: Moody's

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

Public sector banks (PSBs) will need an external capital of up to Rs 2.1 lakh crore over the next two years and the most likely source to plug this shortfall will be government support, Moody's Investors Service said on Friday.

According to Moody's, the sharp slowdown in India's economic growth, exacerbated by the pandemic, would hurt the asset quality of PSBs and drive up credit costs.

"We expect to see PSBs' already weak capital buffers to be depleted, with Rs 1.9 trillion-Rs 2.1 trillion in external capital needed over the next

two years to restore loss-absorbing buffers," Moody's vice-president and senior credit officer Alka Anbarasu said.

PSBs dominate India's banking system. Any failure could jeopardise financial sta-

### PNB NET PROFIT FALLS 70%

bility. "As such, we expect government support will remain forthcoming," Anbarasu said.

Moody's said asset quality would deteriorate, led by retail and small business loans, and economy would contract sharply in fiscal year ending March 2021 before returning to growth in the 2021 fiscal. —PTI

"By releasing the video of the attack, #terrorists want to glorify #terrorism. But they can't. We replied by actions & killed 04 top cmdrs, Sajjad @ Haider & FT Taimur Khan @ Abu Usman (seen in said video/attack) & Naseer @ Sad bhai & FT Ali bhai @ Danish within 72 hours (sic)," the police tweeted.

## Ultras release body cam footage of encounter

MAJID JAHANGIR  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 21

Militants, for the first time, have released body camera footage of an encounter. People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAAF), apparently a front for the Lashkar-e-Toiba, today released a video on the social media of the August 17 Kreeri Baramulla attack, purportedly shot by one of the attackers.

### BID TO GLAMORISE TERRORISM: J&K POLICE

- A video of an attack on the CRPF at the Hyderpora bypass in Srinagar released on the eve of former PM Manmohan Singh's visit to Srinagar in 2013
- A video clip showing a CRPF party being ambushed went viral on the social media in 2016

The attack on a joint naka left two CRPF men and a special police officer dead. In the subsequent operation, three militants, including two top Lashkar militants

and two Army men, were killed. The video shows militants attacking CRPF men with assault rifles. A security vehicle too can be seen parked nearby.

## At 61%, Pb recovery rate poor

For now, no curbs on industry: Min

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NEW DELHI/LUDHIANA, AUGUST 21

A day after Punjab imposed 7 pm to 5 am curfew and a lockdown on weekends, the media adviser to the CM, Raveen Thukral, said no economic activity would be stopped. Minister for Industry Sunder Sham Arora too said as of now, there were no restrictions. "But we will go by the Health Department to arrest the Covid-19 surge."

As per the Union Health Ministry figures, Punjab has a poor 61 per cent recovery rate compared to the national recovery rate of 74.28 per cent. Active cases in the state comprise 37 per cent of the total caseload.

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State	Recoveries	Deaths*
Delhi	90.1%	2.7%
Haryana	84%	1.1%
J&K	76%	1.9%
Himachal	67.9%	0.5%
Punjab	61%	2.5%

(\*1% IS NATIONAL FATALITY RATE GOAL)  
**BCG FOR ELDERLY?**  
Mumbai: The ICMR is undertaking a study in Mumbai to evaluate whether the BCG vaccine, used against TB, is effective in preventing Covid-19 in the elderly. PTI

Hry shops, offices shut on weekends

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

Haryana Home and Health Minister Anil Vij today said all offices and shops in the state, except those providing essential services, will remain closed every Saturday and Sunday in view of the sudden rise in Covid cases over the past few days.

Hours after Vij posted a tweet about the weekend shutdown, Chief Secretary Keshni Anand Arora issued a formal order. The number of positive cases in Haryana has crossed the 51,000-mark while around 600 people have succumbed to the virus. The state had on Thursday registered its highest single-day spike of 996 cases.

China, Pak discuss Kashmir issue

BELING: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi held the annual strategic dialogue on Friday during which they discussed ways to enhance bilateral ties, the Kashmir issue, progress on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Afghan peace process. —PTI

**9 killed in Telangana power plant inferno**

HYDERABAD: All nine persons trapped inside a hydroelectric plant in Telangana's Sriram Sagar after a fire broke out on Thursday night were killed, officials said. The fire erupted possibly due to short-circuit in the electric panels of the powerhouse. Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao has ordered a CID inquiry into the incident. —PTI

**SC junks bail plea in Tarn Taran case**

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday rejected the bail plea of pro-Khalistan group member Malkit Singh, alias Shera, an accused in the September 2019 Tarn Taran blast case. —We find no ground to interfere with the order passed by the High Court dismissing the appeal filed by the petitioner herein," a three-judge Bench led by Justice NV Ramana said. —TNS

## JEE, NEET on schedule in Sept

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

Competitive tests JEE (Main) for engineering entrance and NEET UG for MBBS admissions are on course, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said today while wishing students "all the best".

BJP member Subramanian Swamy, meanwhile, has written to Prime Minister Narendra

Swamy wants exams put off, turns to PM

dra Modi seeking his intervention to postpone the exams amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

While the Joint Entrance Examination (Main) is scheduled between September 1 and 6, the National Eligibility

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# Section 144 imposed in state

Capt urges political parties to avoid gatherings, protests

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

With the rate of Covid-positive cases rising to 8.5 per cent and mortality rate touching 2.5 per cent, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today ordered imposition of Section 144 to prohibit all gatherings of more than five persons, other than in marriages and bhog ceremonies. He warned of strict action against the organisers of such gatherings.

The orders come a day after the CM announced a fresh set of lockdown restrictions in the state till August 31. Making it clear that he would not hesitate to take harsh steps to save lives, he warned of even more stringent measures after August 31, if needed.

Appealing to all political parties to avoid any gatherings, including protests, Capt Amarinder said the organisers, who were putting people's lives at risk, would be arrested.

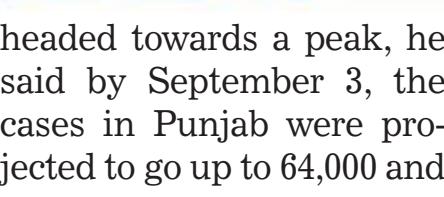
Noting that the state was



A police official makes an announcement on Covid guidelines in Jalandhar on Friday. MALKIAT SINGH

## RETURN TO WORK: CM TO EMPLOYEES

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh appealed to striking employees of Group C & D of the secretariat and districts to return to work, saying the government was trying to fulfil their pending demands despite the fiscal crisis in the state.



headed towards a peak, he said by September 3, the cases in Punjab were projected to go up to 64,000 and

cross the one-lakh mark by September 15. Deaths would also increase, with experts estimating over 1,500 casual-

## WANTS HRY TO COOPERATE ON SYL

The Chief Minister expressed hope that Haryana would see Punjab's viewpoint on the issue of SYL, given the latter's critical groundwater situation. Haryana already had more water than Punjab and would get additional 1 MAF of water through the canal project, he added.

ties by September 3, he warned. "We don't have to let Punjab go the America way," the CM added.

## AAP: Night curfew move irrational

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Punjab, today said the weekly lockdown and night curfew imposed in the state by the Capt Amarinder Singh government was completely irrational. It alleged the night curfew had been clamped to facilitate the sand mafia and give a free run to drug and liquor smugglers.

Interacting with the media, Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema and Jarnail Singh, incharge of Punjab affairs, said the decision of daily curfew between 7 pm and 5 am was beyond anyone's comprehension.

Referring to the steps taken by the Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi, Jarnail Singh said the curfew could be scientifically beneficial only if it was implemented for at least 14 days, during which the government had to ramp up the health facilities.

# Virus claims 34 more lives

Tribune News Service

## COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	8,580	289	Moga	1,089	12
Jalandhar	5,011	117	Fatehgarh Sahib	797	15
Amritsar	3,120	121	Tarn Taran	620	27
Patiala	4,531	103	Kapurthala	748	30
Sangrur	1,819	64	Fazilka	623	5
SAS Nagar	2,414	44	SBS Nagar	543	14
Gurdaspur	1,332	32	Faridkot	763	5
Bathinda	1,679	16	Barnala	871	15
Hoshiarpur	943	27	Ropar	624	9
Ferozepur	1,412	19	Muktsar	553	5
Pathankot	835	18	Mansa	360	3
<b>Total positive</b>	<b>39,327</b>		<b>Deaths</b>	<b>991</b>	

## PCS OFFICERS TO DONATE PLASMA

- The Punjab Civil Services (PCS) Officers' Association has passed a resolution that PCS officers who have recovered from Covid will donate plasma to help save critical patients
- In a letter to Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan, the association has named the officers who had recovered from the infection and were willing to donate plasma
- Responding to the association's call, SAS Nagar SDM Jagdeep Sehgal, who defeated Covid successfully, on Thursday donated plasma to Kharar DSP Pal Singh, who is fighting the infection

As against the state media bulletin reporting 242 cases, the office of the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana, said 462 fresh Covid cases were reported in the past one week.

today. Patiala district reported 201 cases, thereby taking the district tally to 4,531. Jalandhar reported 178 new cases, with the district tally reaching 5,072.

## Central institutes not helping in testing: Bittu

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

Congress MP from Ludhiana Ravneet Bittu has said that various Central Government health and research institutes in Chandigarh and Punjab were not fully supporting the state government in Covid-19 testing.

Raising the issue in a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on 'Management of Covid-19 pandemic and related issues', Bittu, one of the committee members, said the PGIMER, Chandigarh, was only testing around 500 samples a day, which included just 60-100 samples from Punjab, whereas it should be enabled to test at least 3,000 samples a day. Similarly, IMTECH, functioning under the CSIR, should be encouraged to test at least 3,000 samples a day.

"While Punjab is home to institutions of eminence, such as NIPER, IISER, NABI, etc, it has not been able to get their support in testing because these institutions have not received Central Government's support in ramping up their capacity," the MP said. The Chief Minister had even requested the Prime Minister to set up an Advanced Centre of Virology at New Chandigarh in Punjab, he added.

The ultrasounds and dialysis unit at the district hospital has been lying shut for the want of doctor. As a result, patients are being compelled to pay a hefty amount to private hospitals in the adjoining Sriganganagar town.

# Unauthorised printing of 'bir' in Canada sparks row

NRIs defying Takht edict, says SGPC

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# Covid -ve report mandatory to attend Vidhan Sabha session

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

A negative Covid-19 report must be made mandatory for ministers, legislators, officers, security personnel and staff of the Vidhan Sabha if they wish to attend the forthcoming one-day session of the Assembly.

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh said a detailed precautionary protocol had been issued for the one-day session on August 28, making a Covid-

negative test report must for entry. The 117-member Vidhan Sabha will meet for the first time since the Covid outbreak. No visitors will be allowed to witness the proceedings. Sources said the Health Department had been directed by the Speaker to depute testing teams for the persons who wanted to get tested.

Meanwhile, rebel SAD MLA Parminder Singh Dhindsa on Friday issued a

# Amid pandemic, docs assigned clerical work

Karam Prakash

Tribune News Service

PATIALA, AUGUST 21

Amid shortage of Covid staff, 12 doctors from three government medical colleges have been assigned clerical work at the office of the Director, Research and Medical Education (DRME), Mohali.

These doctors have already been relieved from their respective workplaces to scrutinise applications for the post of paramedical staff that Baba Farid University of Health Sciences

## GMC PRINCIPAL PROMISES ACTION

Though the decision was not taken by me, I have written to the authorities to send doctors back to their original place of posting immediately after the work is over. Dr Harjinder Singh, PRINCIPAL, GMC, PATIALA

had advertised for three government medical colleges in the state. Of the 12 doctors who have been posted this month, nine are from the GMC, Patiala, two from Amritsar and one from the Ambedkar Institute of Medical Science, Mohali.

Ironically, 10 doctors have already been doing the same job at the DRME office. The authorities had faced flak for putting the doctors on office duties earlier also.

The doctors, who were getting around Rs 1.5 lakh per month and were supposed to

fight the pandemic, were doing the job other than what they had been recruited for, an expert said. It has been learnt that the doctors who have been assigned clerical work were adjusted at the DRME office just to make them avoid Covid duties.

A senior faculty member at the GMC, Patiala, said, "At a time when doctors were needed the most, they have been shifted to clerical jobs." Meanwhile, Dr Avnish Kumar, DRME, could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

# No programme officers in Fazilka, health services hit

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, AUGUST 21

After his joining on August 12, Civil Surgeon Dr NK Aggarwal was transferred again from Fazilka to Chandigarh on Wednesday. It was only after many months that the post was filled with the joining of Dr Aggarwal.

He is now the Deputy Director, Internal Administration, in the office of the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Chandigarh. He may also be given an additional charge of an isolation facility at Gian Sagar Hospital, Banur. However, he will continue to withdraw the salary given to a Civil Surgeon.

The move came at a time

when all posts of programme officers at the Civil Surgeon's office here have been lying vacant, adversely affecting the health services in the border district during the prevailing Covid crisis.

Dr Chander Mohan Kataria, Assistant Civil Surgeon, has been asked to

take the additional charge of Civil Surgeon.

The number of posts lying vacant include those of deputy medical commissioner, district health officer, district immunisation officer, district family planning officer, district epidemiologist and district tuberculosis officer. Besides, specialist doctors are not available at the district hospital, while the lone specialist doctor has proceeded on leave.

The ultrasounds and dialysis unit at the district hospital has been lying shut for the want of doctor. As a result, patients are being compelled to pay a hefty amount to private hospitals in the adjoining Sriganganagar town.

## Man, son held for killing farmer in Abohar village

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The police today arrested a man and his son in connection with the murder of a 24-year-old farmer allegedly over a property dispute in Rajanwali village near here.

The accused have been identified as Rajinder Kumar Delu and his son Amit Kumar. A court has remanded the duo in police custody for three days.

The deceased, Pramod Kumar, is survived by four sisters and his parents.

Sanjay Kumar, a friend of the deceased, gave his statement to the police, on the basis of which an FIR was registered. The accused have been booked under relevant sections of the IPC and the Arms Act.

The SGPC has set up a printing press in Gurdwara Ramsar Sahib in Amritsar while the DSGMC has set up a printing press in Gurdwara Rakabganj Sahib in Delhi. The SGPC and DSGMC are also the authorised suppliers of 'bir' to Sikhs outside of India, through sea or air route, under

publish 'bir' in any part of the world. Only the ones that figured in the Akal Takht's verdict were authorised.

"There were reports that a representative of Satnam Education Trust in Canada claimed to have got written permission from the SGPC to publish 'bir', but it is factually incorrect. All these claims are a 'white lie' and they have been misguiding the devotees and defying the Akal Takht edict in this regard," he said. Though, in 2015, a proposal was mooted by the SGPC, under the leadership of Avtar Singh Makkar, to allow printing facility at British Columbia so as to cater to the increasing demand among the Sikh diaspora, it never fructified.

**EOI is invited from interested individuals/Customers/ Agencies/ Startup/ Companies and other entities for undertaking infrastructural development of 30 Major Goods Sheds and others over Firozpur Division in Public Private Partnership under BOT (Build, Operate and Transfer) Scheme.**

**Improvement work will include:**

- Loading/Unloading platform surfaces
- Over head shed over Loading/ Unloading platform
- Lighting arrangements
- Labour resting facility
- Merchant meeting facility
- The approach road from the Goods shed to the Main road
- Basic amenities and other improvements as per National Green Tribunal norms

## Salient Features of Business Proposal:

- Scope of work to be identified by the investor
- Investment will be aimed at creation of Green Goods Sheds
- Revenue Sharing with Railways
- Free to submit any innovative business model without altering the Freight Structure
- Post bid meeting with interested parties will be held after 30 August

**Major Goods Sheds with current traffic potential (Avg no of rakes handled per month) are as under:**

## Group - I (Handling more than 12 rakes)

- Moga (MOGA)
- Dhandri Kalan (DDL)
- Mukatsar (MKS)
- Kot Kapura (KKP)
- Jammu Tawi (JAT)
- Udhampur (UHP)
- Kathua (KTHU)

## Group - II (Handling between 7 & 12 rakes)

- Bhagtanwala (BGTN)
- Faridkot (FDK)
- Goneana (GNA)
- Jagraon (JGN)
- Mukhu (MXH)
- Baddowal (BWZ)
- Makhu (MHX)
- Batala Jr. (BAT)
- Nawanshah Doaba Jr. (NSS)
- Chheharta (CIA)
- Patti (PAX)
- Jallalabad (JBD)
- Fazilka (FKA)
- Ajitwal (AJL)
- Talwandi (TWB)
- Jalandhar City (JUC)
- Sura Nussi (SRX)
- Kartarpur (KRE)
- Nakodar Jr. (NRO)
- Malsian Shahkot (MQS)
- Firozpur City (FZP)

(The above list is not exhaustive and the interested parties can opt for other Goods Sheds of the Division)

Interested parties may kindly send their EOI/Suggestions along with details of the proposal for each Goods Sheds separately up to 15:00 hours on 30.08.2020 to the DRM Office, Northern Railway, Firozpur, Punjab – 152001; to e-mail id: [scr.dcmfz](mailto:scr.dcmfzr@gmail.com)

# GST racket worth crores busted, 6 held

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21  
The Punjab Vigilance Bureau today claimed to have unearthed a massive tax evasion and drug smuggling racket. A number of officers of the state Excise and Taxation Department were allegedly taking monthly cuts from businessmen and transporters to allow transport of goods in and out of Punjab without paying the goods and services tax (GST).

ADGP-cum-Chief Director of the Vigilance Bureau BK Uppal and Director LK Yadav said six



## FOR ₹2-LAKH MONTHLY BRIBE

- The Vigilance Bureau conducted statewide raids to unearth the scandal and arrest the accused
- The accused allegedly took a monthly bribe of ₹2 lakh to provide tax-free passage for goods
- Trucks were coded as 'passer' after accepting the bribe
- Accused officials also provided info on 'safe escape routes'
- The Vigilance Bureau suspects drugs were also ferried thus

persons, including four Excise and Taxation Officers (Varun Nagpal, Satpal

Multani, Kalicharan and Japsimran Singh) and Excise Inspector Ram

Kumar were arrested in this regard. The sixth person was identified as Shiv Kumar, an employee of a transport company.

Two FIRs have been lodged against the accused at the Vigilance Bureau police station, Mohali, under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The bureau conducted raids all over the state to nab accused.

"We suspect it to be a multi-crore scandal. The accused were causing a huge loss to the exchequer after pocketing a monthly bribe of Rs 2 lakh for ensuring safe passage of goods," Uppal said.

As per the FIRs, the racketeers used a system of codes where the accused coded a truck of goods as "passer" and let it cross checkpoints without paying taxes. In some cases, tax of a lower slab of the GST was levied on goods.

The accused provided accurate information about "safe escape routes" to the transporters so that they didn't have to pay tax at designated counters.

Uppal said the Excise and Taxation Department was fully cooperating with the investigation and had helped the Vigilance Bureau in tracing the scandal.

# 2 of family die in roof collapse

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, AUGUST 21  
A couple belonging to Jammu Basti lost two of their children after the roof of their house collapsed following heavy rain at 2 am today.

Their two children — Nisha (12) and Aman (10) — died on the spot.

Rinku Ram (36), his wife Chameli Rani (32) and their two other children — Sahil (8) and Mani (4) — were injured in the mishap. After listening to the family's cry for help, neighbours rushed to pull them out of the debris. The injured were taken to the Civil Hospital.

BJP legislator Arun Narang's son Karan, and former councillors Harcharan Singh Pappu and Balwant Singh reached the



The injured under treatment at the Civil Hospital in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

hospital to enquire about the health of the injured.

Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president Sunil Jakhar and former district Youth Congress president Sandeep Jakhar conveyed their condolences to the family, and told the senior medical officer to ensure free and best possible medical help. They assured to take up the issue of compensation with the higher authorities.

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# Data on street vendors to be digitised soon

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

After much delay, the Local Government Department is all set to digitise the data on street vendors across the state, under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.

Nearly 87,000 street vendors would be able to register themselves under the Act, to be implemented in all 167 urban local bodies (ULBs) of the state. The Local Government Department has already notified the Punjab Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Rules, 2015, under the Act.

Officials said 21,725 mobile and stationary vendors were identified by the Ludhiana MC, whereas the actual figure was nearly 30,000. In case of the Mohali MC, the survey had identified 990 vendors, whereas the figure stood around 1,300.

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licences, the street vendors would be rehabilitated in demarcated vending zones in the respective civic bodies. As the department is relying on surveys carried out by the respective ULBs in 2016 and 2017, the total tally of the beneficiaries is expected to go up as the civic bodies have to conduct a survey every five years.

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# HC: Ensure expeditious probe in cases of crime against women

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21  
The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that the police were expected to adopt a "sensitive approach" and take prompt action for expeditious investigation of cases involving intrusion into a woman's privacy by sending vulgar and obscene messages.

Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi asserted women were now victims of heinous crimes, and subjected to domestic violence, cruelty, maltreatment and sexual harassment in "this land of ancient civilization and rich culture governed by the fundamental principle that no society can prosper without respect for women".



## SENSITIVE APPROACH

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The Bench was hearing bail pleas in two cases of stalking and other offences registered at the Daresi police station in Ludhiana district police commissionerate. Justice Tyagi added that the necessity of respecting woman was expressed by a quote in Sanskrit — "Yatra naryastu pujyante ramante tatra Devata" — meaning: where women are honoured, divinity blossoms. As a result of the evils of domestic violence, cruelty, maltreatment, et

cetera, women needed effective protection of law, administered by all agencies of the state with an iron hand.

Justice Tyagi indicated that a law was in place for dealing with such situations. Unwanted intrusion into the privacy of a woman by sending her vulgar, objectionable and obscene messages and photographs, and making unwanted voice and video calls, subjecting her to harassment and defamation, had prompted the legislature to enact provisions for punish-

## Faridkot cops under lens over arm smuggling

FARIDKOT, AUGUST 21

Senior police officers in Faridkot are in the dock over their alleged role in probing a scam of US-made smuggled weapons. The Organised Crime Control Unit (OCCU) of the Punjab Police had started a fresh investigation into the six-year-old case.

Justice Tyagi made it clear that the deadline for probe completion was not specified, but need for expeditious probe was explicit from the provisions governing the grant of default bail. Although there was no specific provision in the CrPC, which specified time limits for completion of the investigation, but Section 173 (1) of the CrPC mandated that every investigation was required to be completed without unnecessary delay.

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## SC rejects bail plea of Tarn Taran blast accused

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21

The Supreme Court on Friday rejected the bail plea of pro-Khalistani group member Malkit Singh, alias Shera, an accused in the September 2019 Tarn Taran blast case.

"We find no ground to interfere with the impugned order passed by the High Court dismissing the appeal filed by the petitioner herein," a three-Judge Bench led by Justice NV Ramana said dismissing Shera's petition.

"As a sequel to the above, pending interlocutory

application also stands disposed of," the top court said in its order. Shera had filed a special leave petition challenging the July 6 order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court rejecting his bail plea.

He had sought bail on health grounds and challenged an order of NIA Special Court, Mohali, which had turned down his bail plea in June.

However, the High Court had rejected his bail plea saying the trial court's order clearly established that he was in constant touch with co-accused and an active member of pro-Khalistan terrorist gang. He was associated with other members of the gang with intention to further its activities and after hatching a conspiracy, planned to carry out terrorist attack by causing explosion, the High Court had said. — TNS

# Youths open fire on car, one critical

BATHINDA, AUGUST 21

A firing incident took place between two groups near the Improvement Trust building on the Bathinda-Goniana road today. As per eye witnesses, some youths came in an SUV, opened fire on a car and fled.

DSP Paramjit Singh said, "We are still investigating the matter. It will take some more time before we can register an FIR. Identities of both groups are not known yet." — TNS

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No. 31-2020 CHANDIGARH, TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2020 (SRAVANA 13, 1942 SAKA)

PART -I Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

The 10th July, 2010

No. 311:- Whereas, the Governor of Haryana is satisfied that the land described in the specification below is needed by the Government, at public expenses, for a public purpose, namely Augmentation Drinking water supply scheme in quality affected 84 No. Villages of Prittha & Palwal Block of District Palwal & Ballabgarh Block of District Faridkot for which Public Health Engineering Department Notification No. 12/7/2017-2PH dated 16 November, 2017 It is hereby declared that the land described in the specification below is required for the aforesaid purpose.

This declaration is made under the provision of Section 4 and Sub-Section (i) of the Land Acquisition of Right of user in land Act, 2008 of all to whom it may concern and under the provision of Section 7 of the said Act. The Land Acquisition Collector-cum-District Revenue Officer Palwal is hereby directed to acquire the said land.

Plans of the land may be inspected in the offices of the Land Acquisition Collector-cum-District Revenue Officer Palwal, or The Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division No. 1 Palwal.

### SPECIFICATION

1.	Town	:	Palwal
2.	Tehsil	:	Palwal
3.	Village	:	Awanpur, Firozpur, Mandkaul and Dhatir
4.	Total Area	:	20 Kanal 13 Marla
	Village	Hadbast No.	Musti No.
	Agwanpur	65	3
			21/2 Min
			22 Min
		4	25/2 Min
		6	4/2 Min
			5/2 Min
			8/2/1 Min
			9/2/1 Min
			10/2/1 Min
			<b>Total</b> 3 <b>01</b>
	Firozpur	64	8
			17/1 Min
			24/2 Min
		11	3/2 Min
			4 Min
			8/1 Min
			13 Min
			12/2 Min
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			Grand Total 20 13

Sd/- Land Acquisition Collector-cum-District Revenue Officer, Palwal.

**OFFICE OF THE IG, STC BSF KASHMIR,  
C/O 56 APO**

No. 619/Prov/STC-KMR/Almond-Auction/20/9862-89 Dated, the 14 July 2020

**/// AUCTION NOTICE ///**

There will be a public auction at BSF Campus Humhama, Srinagar on **24 August 2020** at 1100 hrs for plucking of almonds yields from almond trees existing at BSF Campus, Humhama for the year 2020. The rights of plucking of almonds (Yield) from the almond trees (Garden) for the year 2020 will be awarded to the highest bidder. The full amount of bid will have to be deposited in cash.

- All interested bidders may attend the auction to offer their bids.
- The participants/bidders will have to deposit Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand) only in cash as Earnest Money before start of public auction, which will be refunded immediately on finalization of auction process to unsuccessful bidders. However, earnest money of successful bidder would be adjusted in payment of bid amount.
- VAT/GST/Taxes as applicable under rule will be charged extra on final bid.
- Total 7,106 Nos. of almonds trees are available in STC BSF Campus Humhama, Srinagar.
- Successful bidder will have the responsibility to look after and maintenance of Almond garden that includes, spraying of pesticides, putting Fertilizer to the Almond trees, removing of weeds from the garden, hoeing/tilling/plugging of almond trees etc.
- The character & antecedents of persons employed for the purpose should be got verified by successful bidder and he would be equally responsible for act & omission of these persons.
- Bidders who want to visit and see the almond trees can contact to the Adm Officer of STC (Exchange Ph. No. 0194-2303396) and will bring all the supporting documents for their identification.
- Persons deputed by successful bidder for the plucking & looking after the almond orchard should have police verification for issue of entry pass to Humhama Campus. Without these documents they will not be permitted to enter inside the Campus.
- IG, STC BSF Kashmir reserves the rights to accept/reject the auction/bidding without assigning any reason, other conditions, if any will be announced at the time of auction.

Sd/- (Awadhes Kumar Sinha)  
Second-In-Command(Prov)  
For IG, STC BSF Kashmir

davp 19110/11/0016/2021

**Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TOURISM (M&W) KASHMIR, SRINAGAR****NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Fresh e-NIT No. DT/M and W/K/ 10 of 2020-21 Dated 20.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor, J&K State, e-tenders are invited by Deputy Director Tourism (M&W), Kashmir by e-tendering mode on item rate basis from approved and eligible Civil Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., PWD, CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Govt. for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc.	Earnest Money in Rs.	Date of Completion	Class of Contract	Major Head of Account	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Construction of Solid Waste Management facilities at Lal Marg, and Mohan Marg.	7.70	500	15400	30 days	28/08/2020	CEE/DEE	PMDP

## Position of AAA/TS: Submitted

## Special conditions:-

- The intending tenderer must have sufficient skilled/unskilled labour force.
- The unbalanced bid/bids on account of low rates will not be accepted beyond 35% below (BID < 35%) of the advertised cost.
- In case the offered bid is below than 15% of the advertised cost, the bidder shall in addition to the Earnest Money, also upload additional security performance in the shape of CDR pledged to undersigned, for the amounts in accordance with the Condition No. 19 of General Conditions of this eNIT, failing which such tenders shall be rejected.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.o.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1. Date of issue of Tender Notice	20.08.2020
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	20.08.2020 3.00 P.M. to 27.08.2020 04.00 P.M.
3. Bid submission Start Date	20.08.2020 From 3.00 P.M.
4. Bid Submission End Date	27.08.2020 4.00 P.M.
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	28.08.2020 at 11.00 A.M. in the office of Dy. Director Tourism, M&W

## General Conditions:

- The successful bidders shall submit original Treasury Receipt (1452-Tsm Revenue Head) CDR and copies of Registration Certificate and PAN/TIN/GST No. in person within two days from the opening of the bids failing which proceeding as warranted under rules shall be initiated in the matter. No Demand Drafts shall be entertained.
- The bidders will provide email ID and complete postal address including cell numbers.
- The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Website in O/o Dy. Director Tourism, (M&W) Kashmir, Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Bids
- The earnest money shall be forfeited, If-
  - Any bidder/tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or make any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
  - Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised to visit and examine the site/location of work, its surroundings and familiarize himself with existing facilities/difficulties and environment and collect all other information which he may require for preparing and submitting the bid entering into the contract. Claims and objections due to ignorance of existing conditions are in-adequacy of information will not be considered after submission of the bid and during execution of work.
- Bidders are advised to examine the departmental store before quoting the rates and ensure the condition of material available to be fixed and erected at work site any defect or damages in the material shall be rectified by the successful contractor at his own risk & cost.

## 49. Schedule of payments:

The payment schedule shall be fixed after completion of work done at site in accordance with specification, terms and conditions of award of contract accordingly the claim shall be prepared and processed further for technical check and approval. And payment shall only be released as & when funds are available with DDO.

50. The tenderer should study all the terms and conditions of NIT in carefully and fill up the tender accordingly.

Deputy Director Tourism,  
(M&W), Srinagar.

DIPK/4346

NIT No. DT/M&amp;W/K/10/55-60/TD, Dated: 20.08.2020

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION SOPORE**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
**TWO COVER SYSTEM**

FRESH NIT No. 79 of RNB\_Sopore\_2020-2021/ Dated:- 20-08-2020 (E-tendering)

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K e-tenders are invited on item rate basis/%age basis(as the case may be) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K UT Govt. CPWD, Railways and other UT/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (Rs. in Lacs)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Time of completion	Time & Date of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of main block for proposed Govt. Degree College at Bomai Sopore (Phase Ist).	1030.00	0.011	20.60	24 Months	04-09-2020	Supper AAY /AAY

Major Head of Account = 4202-Education State-Sector.

Position of AAA = Accorded

Position of funds = ASSURED

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice	20/08/2020
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 21/08/2020, 11.00 A.M to 03/09/2020, 4.00 P.M
3. Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	28/08/2020 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir
4. Bid submission Start Date	29/08/2020 From 10.00 A.M
5. Bid Submission End Date	03 /09/2020 upto 4.00 P.M
6. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	04/09/2020 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Chief Engineer, PWD (R&B) Kashmir
7. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

No:- 4463-83

Dated:- 20/08/2020

Executive Engineer,  
R&B Division, Sopore.

DIPK-4292

**Linking Devi Lal to Kairon killing absurd, says patriarch's family**

SUSHIL MANAV

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

Former Deputy PM Chaudhary Devi Lal's family has rejected as "absurd" and "politically motivated" a new controversy linking the family patriarch in any manner to the assassination of former Punjab CM Partap Singh Kairon in a book authored by his son Gurinder Singh Kairon.

The book 'Partap Singh Kairon: A visionary', authored by the late Punjab CM's younger son Gurinder, highlights the rivalry between Kairon and Devi Lal and also raises a question mark on the "closeness" between the latter and Daya Singh, one of the assassins of Kairon.

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the fourth assassin Daya Singh could only be arrested in 1972 and was awarded death sentence in 1978.

The death sentence was later converted to life term by the

Supreme Court in April 1991 when Devi Lal was Deputy PM of the country.

"How could Chaudhary Devi Lal's influence work on the Supreme Court of India?" asks Abhay Singh Chautala, Devi Lal's grandson and an INLD MLA from Ellenabad.

Ranjit Singh, who is third of Devi Lal's four sons, said, "I was studying in Government College, Chandigarh, in 1962, when my father, as a recognised Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, submitted a memorandum to the President against Kairon's corruption. On his complaint,

an SR Das Commission of Inquiry under a retired Supreme Court judge was constituted. Kairon had to resign after the commission submitted its report. But this was all political enmity. To suggest that my father had any personal enmity with Kairon is completely absurd," says Ranjit Singh.

Ravi Chautala, son of Devi Lal's second son Partap Singh, however said Daya Singh came in touch only when his grandfather was jailed during Emergency in Rohtak where Kairon's killer was also lodged.

**HC refuses to defer PTIs' exam**

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 21

Expressing satisfaction over the arrangements for conducting examination for the post of physical training instructor (PTI), the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that it does not find any justification to direct its postponement.

"Public interest for conducting the examination on the scheduled date far outweighs the convenience of the petitioners. The unfortunate circumstances of some petitioners cannot be a ground to postpone the examination, wherein about 9,500 candidates have to appear," Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal ruled.

Justice Grewal noted that the arrangements in view

of the pandemic included maintenance of social distancing, sanitisation and transportation. Justice Grewal referred to the Supreme Court judgment dated August 17.

Among other things, the Supreme Court had asserted: "In our opinion, though there is a pandemic, life has to go on as the careers of students cannot be put on peril for long and full academic year cannot be wasted."

Justice Grewal was hearing a petition by Rekha Rani and other petitioners against Haryana and other respondents. They had challenged the order dated June 30, whereby the respondents were conducting the examination.

Justice Grewal noted that the arrangements in view

**Govt fixes Covid test rates**

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ducting such tests to adhere to the SOPs in this regard.

"As per the advice of experts and after taking into account the cost of kits and consumables and on the basis of precedents in other states, the government in exercise of powers bestowed under the Epidemic Act, 1897, directs that no private lab shall charge any amount more than fixed today," said the order.

As per the order, the rate of RTPCR is already fixed for Rs 2,400, rapid antigen testing will cost Rs 650 and IgG-based Elisa testing for antibodies has been fixed at Rs 250 per test.

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# Heavy rain in state, season's first snow in Dhauladhrs

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Heavy rain lashes Shimla on Friday. PHOTO: AMIT KANWAR

## CHANDIGARH-MANALI HIGHWAY BLOCKED

The Chandigarh-Manali highway was blocked near Aut in Mandi district on Friday after a massive landslide. A large number of vehicles were stuck on both sides. The district administration, Mandi, has deployed its workforce and machinery to clear the road, but due to darkness, it would take time. Police personnel are on the spot to monitor traffic to avoid any untoward incident.

Landslides occurred at

numerous places as 272 roads, including 177 in Mandi zone, 48 in Shimla zone, 31 in Kangra zone and 16 in Hamirpur, were blocked. Heavy rain damaged drinking water supply lines in many parts of the region.

The Meteorological Department said it was the beginning of the winter and in the next few days, more snow was expected in the higher hills.

The power supply remained disrupted in some areas of Shimla town as trees uprooted by landslides snapped overhead transmission lines at several places.

Naina Devi was the wettest in the state with 161 mm rain. The local MeT office has issued yellow warning of heavy rains in mid and lower hills on August 25 and predicted rains and thundershowers in mid and lower hills and rains and snow in higher hills for the next six days from August 22 to August 27.

## Armyman arrested on rape charge

MANDI, AUGUST 21

An ex-serviceman and one Army man have been arrested for allegedly raping a 33-year-old woman on the pretext of giving her a lift on Wednesday.

The accused have been identified as Santosh Kumar Balyani (36), a native of Jol village, and Rajat Kumar, a native of Manoh village. While Santosh Kumar has retired from the Army, Rajat is still serving and is posted in Gurdaspur.

The police said the accused offered a lift to the woman from the Padhar area till Mandi. They told the woman that she could join them for the return journey the same day in the evening.

The victim said on way back home in the evening, the accused took her to an isolated place and raped her in the car.

Later, the accused dropped her at Padhar. SP Mandi, Gurdev Chand Sharma said the accused had been arrested. They were produced in the local court, which sent them to 14-day judicial remand. — TNS

## Surge continues with 190 cases, 2 deaths in Chamba

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

### VIRUS TRACKER

Samples tested	1,90,476
Recovered	3,234
Active cases	1,422
Positive cases	4,728
Deaths	23

### DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	357	-
Solan	1,177	1
Kangra	652	3
Chamba	344	-
Hamirpur	435	4
Sirmaur	584	1
Mandi	379	6
Bilaspur	220	-
Shimla	260	2
Kullu	245	-
Kinnaur	69	-
Lahaul & Spiti	6	-
Total	4,728	23

Twentythree persons, including six women, tested positive for Covid in Sirmaur district on Friday. Deputy Commissioner RK Pruthi said 13 cases were reported in Paonta Sahib, three in Shillai and seven in Nahan. All of them are the contacts of earlier positive cases and were shifted to Covid care centres.

### Big spike in Solan

Solan district registered the highest one-day spike of 80 cases, including 61 from the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) belt.

Medical Officer Dr NK Gupta said a supervisor of ESI Hospital, Parwanoo, three persons in Solan, 12 in Arki and three in Darlaghat tested Covid-positive. Two expectant mothers, eight persons with inter-state travel history, a frontline worker and an accused were among the patients. In the BBN area, a doctor of ESI Hospital, Katha, was also found infected.

## 3 jawans hurt in Mandi mishap

SOLAN, AUGUST 21

Two persons were killed when a rations-laden truck overturned near Parwanoo late last evening. There were three persons in the truck when the accident took place. Arjun Singh from Bhattakheri in Shimla died on the spot while

driver Babu Ram died at the GMCH, Chandigarh.

DSP, Parwanoo, Yogesh Rohta said the driver was trying to park the truck on the state highway, but could not see the road owing to the darkness and the vehicle overturned. — TNS

## Two killed as truck overturns

Three Army soldiers were injured when the official vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the Pathankot-Manali highway, near Upla, in Mandi district this morning and fell into a deep gorge. The injured are Krishan Kumar, Rahul Vishwakarma and Akhil Kumar. A rescue team was rushed to the spot and the injured were shifted to the Zonal Hospital, Mandi. — TNS

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HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN, PANCHKULA PUBLIC NOTICE

All the applicants/land owners who had already submitted their applications online for the allotment of plots under oustees category in pursuance of advertisement issued in the leading newspapers, The Tribune (1.11.2018), Hindustan Times (1.11.2018) and Dainik Jagran (1.11.2018) are hereby given an opportunity to submit their documents as per HSPV policy dated 11.8.2016 and 8.5.2018 in concerned Estate Offices within 7 days from date of publication of this public notice in support of their claims for allotment of plots under oustees policy in lieu of their acquired land. No fresh application shall be entertained and only documents are to be submitted by those applicants/land owners who had already submitted their applications online as per ibid advertisement.

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## Herd immunity

India on right track, but testing &amp; tracing still vital

**T**HE findings of seroprevalence surveys have raised hopes that herd immunity to Covid-19 may not be a distant dream, even as the total number of cases in India is nearing the 30-lakh mark and around 55,000 deaths have been reported so far. Antibodies against the coronavirus infection have been found in over 28 per cent of the people in Delhi, indicating that they have already got infected and recovered too. In Punjab's containment zones, 27.7 per cent of the population has been found positive for Covid-19 antibodies, with Amritsar (40 per cent) topping the list. In Pune, the corresponding figure is as high as over 50 per cent.

There is, however, lack of unanimity among scientists worldwide about the herd immunity threshold. A section of them estimates that at least 70 per cent of the population must have antibodies to prevent spread of the disease, while some others say that protection is possible even if half the population becomes immune. Moreover, the jury is still out on whether having antibodies against the virus that causes Covid-19 can protect someone from getting infected again, and, if that is the case, how long this protection might last. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has stated that the focus should be on developing an effective vaccine rather than waiting indefinitely for herd immunity.

The surveys have reignited the debate on the efficacy of the nationwide lockdown that remained in force for over two months and impacted millions of lives as well as livelihoods. Did the stringent restrictions last too long and merely delay the inevitable? The unlocking, as expected, has led to a sharp spike in cases. Rattled, several states have reimposed the lockdown. The kneejerk reaction could prove to be ineffectual, if not counterproductive. In a study on the prevalence of Covid-19 in Spain, published in *The Lancet* last month, researchers concluded that 'herd immunity could not be achieved without accepting the collateral damage of many deaths... and overburdening of health systems.' Even as vigorous testing and tracing should continue along with vaccine research, Central and state governments should focus on the rebuilding of the economy.

## Tricity waste woes

Region needs to clean up its garbage management act

**C**HANDIGARH is struggling to live up to its proud tagline — City Beautiful. It is placed at the 16th spot in the *Swachhta* rankings this year. Though it's an improvement by four notches from last year, the scale-up fails to impress. For, it exposes the black spots marring the city's cleanliness efforts to reclaim the coveted second spot that it had attained in 2016. Schemes have gone down the drain as waste management hurdles continue to plague the city. Prolonged arbitration with the Jaypee group, which has been entrusted with the garbage processing plant in Dadu Majra, has resulted in a below-par performance and the dumpyard is an eyesore as it overflows with untreated and hazardous waste. In addition, the faction-ridden Municipal Corporation's endeavour to take over door-to-door garbage collection and ensuring trash segregation at source has met with a deadlock for two years.

Notably, similar woes bedevil the satellite town of Panchkula in Haryana as the dirty nullah snaking through it and the garbage hill in the dumping ground impact its steadily soaring trajectory: its rank 56 this year is up from 211 in 2017. Neighbouring Mohali in Punjab has had to settle for an embarrassing fall in the survey: it is down to rank 157 from 121 in 2017. Punjab also suffers the ignominy of having the third dirtiest town in the country: Abohar. Waterlogging is its major bane. Generally, some gains here are negated by slips there.

The authorities and residents need to clean up their act. Further complacency in dealing with the filth will cost them dearly in the coming surveys as cities are waking up to the importance of sanitation in these Covid-hit times. Piles of garbage and plastic, stinking public toilets, inadequate water supply, missing dustbins, unkempt parks, biomedical waste — a lot has to be tackled. On a positive note, as the two states inch up in overall ranking (Punjab moved up a slot to sixth position, and Haryana is second among states with less than 100 urban local bodies), the challenge is not impossible.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

I reject any religious doctrine that does not appeal to reason and is in conflict with morality. — Mahatma Gandhi

## ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

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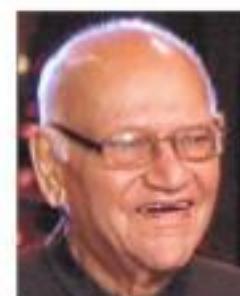
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### Public Servants

THE new rules for assessments of IAS officers' conduct will obviously place State Governments at a disadvantage. It is surprising that such revision should have been announced at a time when political developments are indicative of decentralisation and other contrary trends. The rules lay down that where the Centre and a State differ on the reference of a member of an all-India service, the former's opinion will prevail. Confidential reports in respect of every official are to be maintained both at the Centre and in the State where he is serving. In part at least this involves needless duplication. Such reports generally serve little purpose; what some insist on regarding as "confidential" soon becomes an open secret, creating awkward situations and avoidable animosities. Even as things are, State Governments are powerless to take action against recalcitrant officials, though they can make things hot for them otherwise. Under the new rules, they would be virtually debarred from censuring members of the Central services, many of whom are birds of passage. Since the Centre has the overriding authority, an obstinate IAS official may defy a State ministry with impunity and get away with it. The provision for rejecting, toning down or expunging unfavourable remarks is a safeguard which the IAS greatly value, even though it is hardly conducive to discipline. This is especially applicable to West Bengal and Kerala where toeing the ideological line has been the yardstick of efficiency. It is not suggested that State Governments always act wisely. In fact, the touchstone of many of their decisions is political convenience. Conscientious IAS officers often find it difficult to implement them wholeheartedly. Meddlesome politicians do get on officers' nerves. But these are evils which both the Centre and the States are learning to live with.

# When no faith matters enough

'New citizens' will find it difficult to fill forms that want them to state their religion

TRYSTS AND TURNS  
JULIO RIBEIRO

ALL THE SAME: It is better to respect all faiths than practise one.

I long to hold my great-granddaughter. I expect her to respect all religions, even those that her Hindu, Zoroastrian and Christian grand & great-grandparents cannot boast of!

**S**ERAJ Roxan Shah was born on August 6, in the midst of the Great Lockdown. On her father's side, she had one set of great-grandparents, on her mother's side another. Both sets were much beyond the legal age permitted by the lockdown rules to cross the thresholds of their respective urban flats to take a peep at the new arrival who had propelled them to a status beyond the grandparent stage.

In an era where longevity has established its presence, great-grands are not difficult to find. The grands have been around for donkey's years and they have an established role to play — spoiling the 'brats' being the most prominent of them all! Can the great-grands displace the grands in nature's scheme? No. Why was the question so easily answered? Because Serai, and at least one set of greats, both require the help of other humans just to exist.

Serai's great-grands on her father's side are Parsi Zoroastrians. On her mother's, Goan Catholics. Both the 'great' couples practise their respective religions. The baby's grandfather on her father's side is a Gujarati Hindu. Grandmother was a Parsi Zoroastrian. Since she died before her time in a road accident, one of the names the baby carries is hers.

Serai's grandfather, on his mother's side, was a Parsi Zoroastrian. The grandmother is a baptised Roman Catholic from Goa. So, Serai's parentage is Hindu, Gujarati, a big dose of Parsi Zoroastrian. She also sports Goan Christian blood emanating from my wife and me. The days when religion and

community dictated the boundaries of choice of life partners are fast losing relevance. The new citizens will find it difficult to fill census and miscellaneous government forms that want them to state their religion because they don't have any! In some sections of Mumbai society, religion hardly matters.

Serai is not a Hindu name. It is not Zoroastrian or Christian either. The girl's mother, who is my granddaughter, wanted to christen her first-born with an unusual name. That, too, is a new trend. Young parents search for names that no other friend of theirs could have thought of. This entails a lot of reading and research. My granddaughter told me over the phone that Serai was the way the Hebrews spelt Sarah, the name of Abraham's wife. And my granddaughter is not a Jew!

The couple also departed from custom in assigning the second name to the child. Traditionally, in Gujarat and as among the Parsis, the father's name follows the given name to proclaim paternity. But the couple wanted to commemorate the child's deceased grandmother,

though I am not sure if the good lady spelt 'Roxan' without 'ne' at the end of the five letters. As times change, one will have to keep a tag on the way common names are differently spelt for fear of offending sensitive individuals.

It will be a while before my wife and I can set our eyes on our first great-grandchild. The pandemic has changed many accepted rules of ordinary existence. The way we work, for instance. I have not left my daughter's home since March-end, when we moved here to circumvent our building society's rule preventing domestic help from frequenting the building from their own homes for fear of carrying the virus. It was a perfectly legitimate order but sure to deprive two old people of sustenance. I had never learnt to cook. My wife's physical condition does not permit her to enter the kitchen. So we had to move. Fortunately, both our daughters live not far from where we live and both are always there for their old parents.

Before the lockdown, I attended the office of the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) five days a

week. Two months later, we met on Zoom with students, discussing what PCGT could do in these days of Covid without endangering ourselves or others. Almost every third day, I listened or participated in webinars on Zoom. These webinars were set up by what we call PCGT campus ambassadors, there being one such CA in each college with which we interact.

Our experience of webinars has been more than pleasing. It gives the students who organise it confidence and self-satisfaction. To the college's participants, knowledge and a chance to state their views. I think it is a format we could use after the pandemic is behind us. For the trustees, too, it has provided a path to remain active and useful. It is good for the old to know that the little time they have on the face of this earth is not wasted waiting for the lockdown to end.

Since restaurants are closed and 'fine dining' is not available, eating at home has become the norm. Health in general terms has improved, despite the fear of the virus lurking in the air outside! Doctors do not make home visits if they can avoid it. A new system of telemedicine has sprung up. This may not continue after the lockdown because patients are more comfortable with a physical examination that gives hope to anxious minds.

I do hope and pray that private cars maintain their present noticeable absence from the roads in compliance with lockdown rules. The absence of cars in huge numbers has helped to reduce pollution. Mumbaikars were favoured for this period with clear skies and breathable air till the rains came. Coughs and common colds reduced, coinciding with the reluctance of doctors to examine their patients physically. These were some of the blessings of the lockdown!

Will these blessings last? I doubt it. Besides, I have that great need to set my eyes on baby Serai and hold her in my arms. She may not follow any one organised religion, but I expect her to respect all, even those that her Hindu, Zoroastrian and Christian grand and great-grandparents cannot boast of!

## A postman mailed to order

### MR ANAND

**I** WAS standing in a queue in the post office of our area when a postman walked in and informed the staff about the death of a retired postman named Periyasami. The name rang a bell in my mind. Was it the same Periyasami who delivered letters in our street way back in the late '70s? When I had a word with the postmaster, it turned out, to my grief, that Periyasami was none other than my old postman pal.

Those were very hard days when I used to painfully wait for my test, interview or appointment letters, sitting under the shadow of our big mango tree. Periyasami was a dark

and handsome man in his khaki uniform. No other person knew as much as he about the agonising days of unemployment I went through then. I took a number of written exams and attended interviews conducted by banks, the railways and other government institutions. Whenever he delivered a negative letter pertaining to my hunt for a job, he would not go without saying some words of consolation and exhortation.

He was not like other men at his job. He was sincere. However inadequate might be the address on the letters he was entrusted with, he would somehow deliver it to the right person. 'Every letter is a child and it should be united with

its parent, the addressee. No letter from me will go to the orphanage called DLO,' he used to say. He was always punctual. I could set our clock when he appeared in our street end at half past 10, riding his Hercules cycle laden with khaki bags stuffed with mail bundles. Even ordinary letters entrusted to him for delivery were as safe as registered letters.

On many occasions when I visited the delivery office where letters received are sorted beat-wise, unable to wait till he himself arrived in our street, to check if there was any letter for me, he used to scold me for coming all the way to the post office for a letter that might not have come at all. It was his well-wishing hands that, at

last, gave me the envelope that carried the appointment order which delivered me of all the pains and sufferings I was undergoing. When he handed over that letter of destiny, he somehow guessed its content and waited till I opened it in his presence and confirmed the good news.

I hardly saw him afterwards. We shifted our residence to different parts of the city in the past three decades. That I happened to be at the very post office where Periyasami served for 40 years to hear the news of his death was not a coincidence. It was an act of providence. He delivered so many of our letters safely. I am on my way to his house to pay him my last respects and pray for the safe delivery of his soul.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Will save time, money

Refer to the editorial 'National Recruitment Agency' (August 21); the concept of NRA looks beneficial for both the government and those seeking employment. Both will save money — the government for conducting several exams, and candidates for depositing money separately for all exams. Candidates will have to prepare for all exams only once. The Centre has conceptualised a single exam for all B and C posts across India, but the MP Government has declared that it will reserve state government jobs only for local candidates. It may create a problem for the quasi-federal system of India. There is a need to create maximum number of jobs to cater to the unemployment caused by Covid-19. India has only one citizenship for people staying in the country, and citizens cannot be barred from staying or working in any state, as per Article 16 of the Constitution.

WG CDR JASBIR S MINHAS (RETD), MOHALI

#### Vaccine nationalism

Refer to 'Oz enters deal with AstraZeneca for vaccine' (Aug 20); 'vaccine nationalism' is emerging in various affluent countries. Even before the end of human trials, several countries like the US, the UK, France, Germany and Australia have entered into pre-purchase agree-

ments with vaccine manufacturers. Such agreements can make it difficult for the rest of the world's population to have accessibility to Covid-19 vaccines, at least initially, when the production level will be low. This fear has led the WHO to issue an advisory to rich nations to desist from hoarding vaccines and allow its fair and rational distribution to all countries, irrespective of their wealth quotient.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, JALANDHAR

#### Education disrupted

In reference to the news report '27% pupils without smartphones, laptops'; laptops and smartphones have been the second option for all students, but due to Covid, the only option now is online education. Smartphones or laptops with proper Internet connection are required, but not all students have access to them. Covid has impacted the education of students whose families are struggling with financial problems or because they are living in rural areas.

SHEFALI KOHLI, JALANDHAR

#### Missing out on classes

As per a survey by the NCERT, about 27% pupils have no access to smartphones and laptops. This is a serious issue because in the current times, the whole education system depends on these gadgets. Many

from the middle class have lost their jobs. How can they, and those from poor families, buy these costly gadgets for their children?

KANIKA DHARAMSALA

#### Amritsar dirtiest

Reference to Swachh Survekshan 2020; Amritsar, the holy city, also known the world over as Sifti-das-Ghar, is the dirtiest city in Punjab and ninth dirtiest in the country among cities with a population of over 10 lakh. This, in spite of the fact that an IAS officer as Commissioner of the Amritsar Municipal Corporation-cum-CEO Amritsar Smart City, is looking after it. Other agencies like the Amritsar Improvement Trust and Amritsar Development Authority are also spending a lot of resources for its upkeep. All government bodies are spending money to give it a beautiful look, but no one is caring to give it a 'swachh' look.

NARESH JOHAR, AMRITSAR

#### Anti-Covid measures

The decision by the Punjab Chief Minister to impose night curfew and the extension of the weekend lockdown was a much-needed step to curb the spread of Covid. Although the fatality rate is still low, the surge in cases is increasing. The 'war-like preparedness' that the CM called for, and

asking the citizens to spread awareness and cooperate with the government, will hopefully prove to be effective and help in a Covid-free Punjab.

MAITRI BHARDWAJ, PATIALA

#### True captain

Apropos of 'Dhoni embodiment of new India' (Aug 21), the former captain of Team India broke the hearts of millions of his fans across the world when he announced his retirement. Dhoni accepted all the highs and lows in his cricket career to win him the title of the best captain of Team India. The note of appreciation by PM Modi is a proud moment for Dhoni's fans. His presence of mind is unlikely to be seen on the field of international cricket for a long time.

SURBHJI ATTREYA, MEERUT

#### Smacks of bias

I hold Julio Ribeiro in high esteem. Hence, I was extremely disappointed to read his article on Sushant Singh Rajput (Aug 15) which was unduly biased in favour of the Maharashtra Government, the Mumbai police and Rhea Chakraborty. He has simplistically concluded that Sushant's death was a suicide due to his love affair gone awry. There is hope that Sushant and his family will get justice, now that the case has been taken over by the CBI.

OP SINGH, CHANDIGARH

# After UK polls, diaspora to be key factor in US too



RUCHI GHANSHYAM

FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER TO UK

**T**HE emergence of Senator Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party's nominee for Vice-President in the forthcoming US elections has generated keen interest in India. The first person of Indian origin to have reached this far, she is the perfect foil for Joe Biden, the white, Anglo-Saxon, male Democratic presidential candidate.

Both Biden and Kamala Harris have spoken of their commitment to building closer relations with India. The Biden and Harris messages on Independence Day signified an outreach to India and the Indian diaspora by setting out an extensive agenda for bilateral relations.

The Indian diaspora has traditionally tended to be supportive of the Democrats. Over the years, as Indians prospered and moved up the economic and social ladder, they also responded to the conservative values of the Republicans. A strong right-of-centre government in India and the visibly warm relationship between PM Modi and President Trump consolidated this attraction. The Democratic Party appears to be fighting to retrieve its base; Kamala Harris can help consolidate the Democratic support within the African-Americans as also stem the outward flow of the Indian-origin votes.

The Indian diaspora's impact came to the fore in last year's elections in the United Kingdom. The political

dynamics in the UK are somewhat similar to that prevailing in the US. Indian-origin people have traditionally been staunch supporters of the UK's Labour Party. With its pro-immigration policies and commitment to economic and social well-being of the working people, the Labour Party was a clear favourite for the first-generation Indian immigrants to the UK. This has been changing in recent years. David Cameron is warmly remembered by members of the Indian community in London for his participation at the large diaspora event at Wembley Stadium with PM Modi. During his visits to India, he covered Amritsar and Ahmedabad. A number of Conservative Party MPs have close links with members of the Indian diaspora. The diaspora vote is crucial to a number of MPs whose constituencies have either a significantly large Indian-origin vote or a crucial swing vote.

The diaspora's movement towards the Conservatives quickened last year due to several developments in the UK. Under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn, the Labour Party appeared to have developed strong links with sections of the Pakistani diaspora in the UK. While this in itself was not a consideration for the Indian diaspora, the community was shaken by a vicious attack on India House in London on Independence Day, (August 15, 2019), when a mob of over 5,000 people of Pakistani origin surrounded the Indian High Commission.

A group of around 300 Indians had gathered outside India House after the flag hoisting to celebrate the occasion. Among them were several elderly people, women and even young children. The mob threw frozen water bottles, eggs, tomatoes and even stones and metal rods at India House. The innocent group was squeezed



between two groups of violent protesters and was at the receiving end of these projectiles.

With the doors of the India House blocked by this mob, it took several hours of reaching out to the UK authorities by the High Commission, before the riot police could open a small passage for the Indians to be brought into India House. As High Commissioner, I made frantic efforts to secure their safety.

The attack on India House caused deep anguish within the diaspora as some Labour Party MPs were in the forefront of this 'protest'. This was not the only attack on India House. Another attack followed in early September, following which the Labour

Party passed a motivated and partisan resolution against India at its party conference, leading to cancellation of a dinner planned for Labour Friends of India by the High Commission at the party conference after invitations had been sent out and several senior Labour leaders had agreed to speak. This was a bold and unprecedented expression of our unhappiness.

These events prompted a decided shift of the diaspora's support towards the Conservatives. Groups of British Indians made focused efforts to support Conservative candidates in the UK's elections. PM Boris Johnson's well-known affinity towards India and the presence of strong Indian-origin leaders in the Conservative

Party, committed to UK-India ties, was reassuring to the Indian diaspora. Currently, PM Johnson's cabinet has four senior ministers of Indian origin, including Chancellor of the Exchequer and Home Secretary.

Under a new leadership, the Labour Party appears to be making efforts to redress the situation. The new Labour leader, Sir Keir Starmer, has adopted a more balanced approach to issues relating to India and Pakistan. His shadow cabinet has four Indian-origin members, including shadow Foreign Secretary, Lisa Nandy.

The political scene in the US has not witnessed such dramatic developments. Under President Trump, India-US relations have strengthened. He

enjoys warm relations with PM Modi. A large segment of the Indian diaspora is supportive of the Republicans for these and other reasons. It is unclear whether the nomination of Kamala Harris alone can help the Democrats win them over. Nevertheless, the impact of the Indian diaspora, felt earlier in the UK, can be seen as an important factor in current US politics.

**FIGHTING BACK:** Kamala Harris is expected to stem the outflow of Indian-origin votes and consolidate support for the Democratic Party in the US presidential election.

## Covid or no Covid, govt's job record abysmal



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On the one hand, we have a drop in stable, salaried jobs and on the other, there are signs that disguised unemployment in agriculture has gone up sharply. This is a disastrous combination.

It indicates that even if employment levels return to what they were before Covid-19, or even increase marginally, average incomes are likely to fall. This will further contract demand and reduce business margins.

**S**OME people are addicted to leisure. They will lie in bed, even if they have nothing to eat. For such rare lot, the Modi regime has undoubtedly delivered on its promise of *ache din*. For the rest, the government's job record has been absolutely disastrous. And, please don't blame Covid-19 for this. Tackling unemployment had been this government's single biggest failure well before the coronavirus flew into India.

Employment surveys by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) tell us that about 404 million people had work in the first four months of 2019. In March 2020, before the lockdown set in, that number had dropped to 396 million. That's a drop of 8 million jobs over a time period where the working age population would have gone up by about 10 million. Covid-19 only made matters worse. Three months into the lockdown and the gradual reopening of the economy, employment levels are almost back to where they were in March. CMIE's data for July says that all but 11 million jobs that were lost are back. But, as CMIE chief Mahesh Vyas wrote recently, it is an unhealthy recovery.

Let's confront the devil in the detail. In March, about 117 million, or 30 per cent of those employed were working on farms. In July, that number has risen to 126 million or 33 per cent of the total number of people with work. If there is one thing economists of different



**GRIM SCENARIO:** With migrant workers leaving cities, the number of people available for such jobs in urban India has dropped significantly.

ideological persuasion agree upon, it is that agricultural employment is always exaggerated. A piece of land might need hands to till, but if there are three able-bodied people in the household, all of them will say they are employed in agriculture. This phenomenon has been called 'disguised unemployment'. A 2016 report estimated that there were 52 million people in 'disguised unemployment' in India. Most of that would have been in agriculture.

So, one can safely assume that even in March, a significant chunk of

those employed in farming were actually in disguised unemployment. It would have made no difference to farm output if they had simply withdrawn from agriculture. It is true that the need for labour goes up in the harvest and sowing seasons. But, the sharp rise in agricultural employment goes well beyond that need. It indicates that the total rise in jobs across the economy is because of a sharp rise in disguised unemployment and not any real productive job opportunities.

If we take agriculture out of the picture, there were about 279 million

people with work in non-farming activities in March. Out of this, 121 million or about 43 per cent lost their jobs in April. By July, about 111 million out of them have found some sort of employment, out of which 10 per cent have gone back to farming. That means non-farm jobs have declined by 20 million between March and July this year.

What is worse is that some of the non-farming jobs that have come back are less secure and of lower quality than earlier. This is clear from the CMIE's data on salaried employment. While all other forms of employment gradually increased after the cataclysmic drop in April, salaried jobs have reduced in July, after recovering in May and June. In 2019-20, there were about 86 million salaried employees in India. That number dropped to about 68.4 million in April. It went back to 72.2 million in June. Despite the overall recovery in July, the number of salaried employees dropped back to 67.2 million in July. That means there are fewer salaried employees in July than there were in April, despite the economy opening up partially.

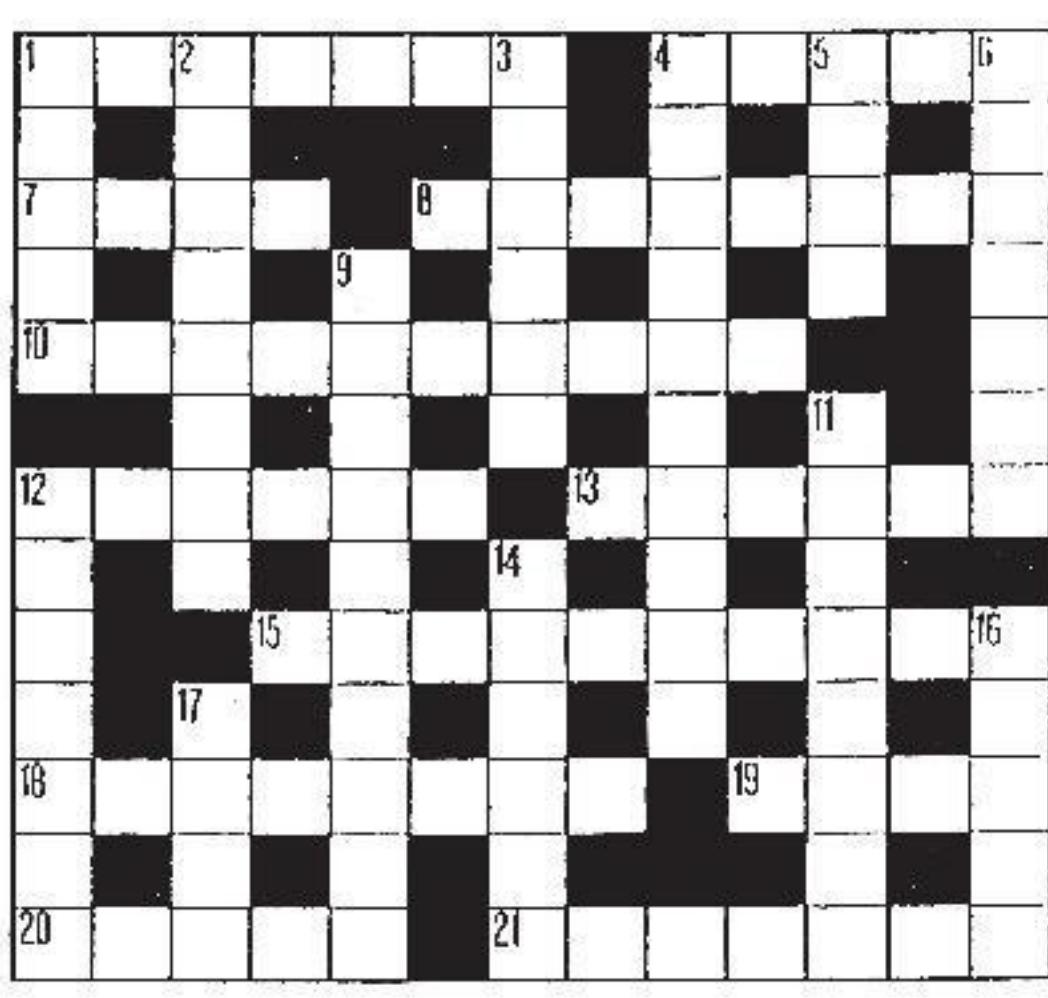
Put this in the context of the large-scale reverse migration that has taken place since April. Estimates suggest that anywhere in the range of 8-10 million migrant workers have left our cities and towns and returned to their villages. That means the total number of people available for such work in urban India has dropped significantly. This

means, even if every urban wage worker got back their job, the total number of such jobs should have fallen by 8-10 million. Instead, the net fall is less than 7 million. This suggests that many people who had salaried jobs in March, and then lost it in April, have switched to daily wage work now.

So, on the one hand, we have a drop in stable, salaried jobs and on the other, there are signs that disguised unemployment in agriculture has gone up sharply. This is a disastrous combination for India's employment situation. It indicates that even if employment levels return to what they were before Covid-19, or even increase marginally, average incomes are likely to fall. That will further contract demand for goods and services in the economy. That, in turn, will reduce margins for businesses that will be forced to reduce costs further. That will mean downsizing, pay cuts, switching to contract employment, reducing sales, administration and marketing costs, and cutting back on investments.

It is a vicious cycle for which the Modi government has no answer. The only policy instrument it has used is to provide handouts through its welfare schemes. This is a stop-gap, albeit much-needed, intervention which is helping the poor survive at a basic subsistence level. But it does not create productive jobs or lead to equitable and balanced economic growth. Modinomics simply doesn't know how to deliver *vikas*.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Right as rain, 9 Affront, 10 Somme, 11 Earn, 12 Kangaroo, 14 Yes-man, 16 Defend, 18 Inclined, 19 Gall, 22 Scout, 23 Raucous, 24 Wrong-headed.

Down: 2 Infer, 3 Hoot, 4 Actual, 5 Resigned, 6 Immerse, 7 Safety first, 8 Second-class, 13 Pakistan, 15 Succour, 17 Search, 20 Alone, 21 Duma.

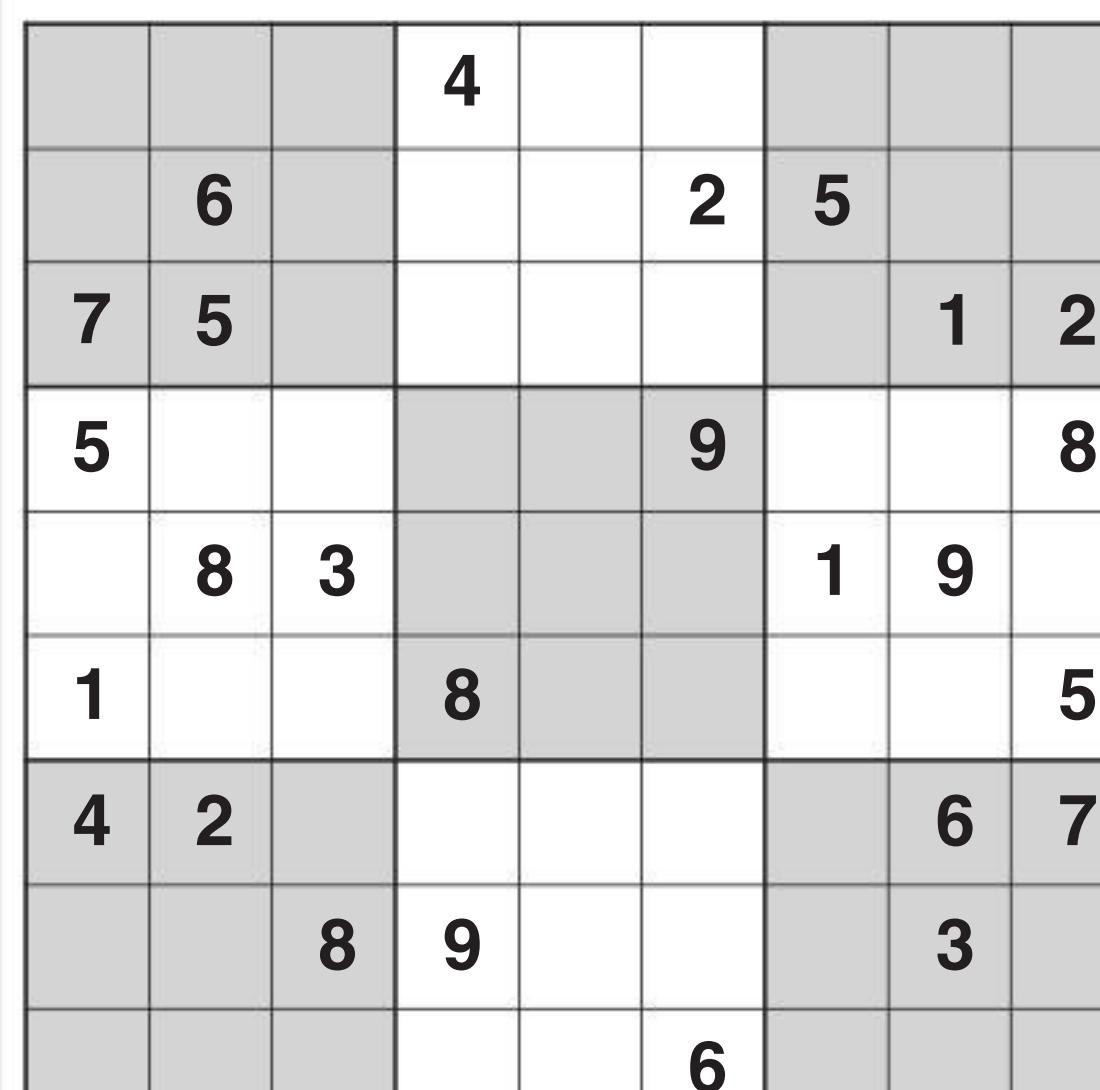
#### ACROSS

- 1 Class of things (7)
- 4 Get the better of (5)
- 7 Completely absorbed (4)
- 8 Diplomatic etiquette (8)
- 10 Basic preparations (10)
- 12 Descend from vehicle (6)
- 13 Lose (6)
- 15 Cause devastation (5,5)
- 18 Form of cauliflower (8)
- 19 Speak irritably (4)
- 20 Roman corn goddess (5)
- 21 Innocuous (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Gesture of indifference (5)
- 2 Feeling of well-being (8)
- 3 Astute (6)
- 4 Incontrovertible (10)
- 5 Abundant (4)
- 6 High chest of drawers (7)
- 9 Penniless (2,3,5)
- 11 Careless and untidy (8)
- 12 Bitter in manner (7)
- 14 Tuberous flowering plant (6)
- 16 A small wood (5)
- 17 Rise high (4)

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### CALENDAR

AUGUST 22, 2020, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Shravan Shaka	31
■ Bhadrapad Parvishtha	7
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 4, up to 7:58 pm	
■ Suddha Yoga up to 10:21 pm	
■ Hast Nakshatra up to 7:11 pm	
■ Moon in Virgo sign	
■ Siddhi Vinayak Vrat	

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 18:57 HRS  
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:53 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	33	26
New Delhi	36	25
Amritsar	34	25
Bathinda	34	26
Jalandhar	33	25
Ludhiana	33	25
Bhiwani	33	26
Hisar	34	26
Sirsia	34	26
Dharamsala	29	19
Manali	25	16
Shimla	25	18
Srinagar	29	18
Jammu	34	25
Kargil	22	12
Leh	30	19
Dehradun	32	23
Mussorie	22	16

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**A prominent Jat Sikh, highly educated business family settled in Europe for past 40 years, having multiple businesses seek alliance for their son 29 years, 6'-5", MBA running own business, seeking an elite high status family girl, well educated Doctor/ Dentist willing to settle in Europe. Email: [sangjog8917@gmail.com](mailto:sangjog8917@gmail.com) (CL20031842)**

**SM Pb. Govt. employee girl for Randhawa Jat Sikh sober boy Sept. 91 born, height 5'-10", PCS, Allied, Agriculture land 5 acres. Parents Pb. Govt. employee. Sister MBBS. Marriage bureau excuse please. 98145-38057. (CL20028694)**

**Looking for a well-educated, beautiful and family oriented girl for an IT professional, handsome, tall 5'-11" Jat Sikh, born in October 1992 and well-settled US citizen boy.** If you are interested, please respond with a complete profile and recent pictures at 2404238985. (CL20029510)

**Seeking professionally qualified match (Canadian based only PR/citizen) for Jatt Sikh Bains boy 5'-6", 89 born, non-drinker, well settled in Toronto with a Master's Degree in Engineering from Canadian University. Working with one of the top IT Solution Providers. Contact with biodata and latest photographs on Email: [bainsm888@gmail](mailto:bainsm888@gmail.com)**

**Suitable match for handsome fair Garg boy 29/5'-9", BA, MBA, own hardware business at Panchkula.** Contact: 96532-65265. (CL20031954)

**Suitable match for handsome Gupta boy 15.11.1992, 1:10 pm, Chd., working in Govt. Bank as Clerk, ht. 5'-10". Father retired, Mother Govt. employee. Prefer Govt. employee in Tricity. 97799-63534. (CL20031958)**

**Suitable match for Panchkula boy B.Tech business Jindal boy, 30/5'-7" of well educated family. Job preferred. Send biodata and photograph at 92169-11734. (CL20031980)**

**IT professional working Hyderabad 25.09.1990, Maat, 5'-6", 23 Lac. WhatsApp: 90410-78038. (CL20031986)**

**Doctor/ Engineer match for Goyal boy 1986 born, 6', MS Ophthalmology. Good earning/ own clinic, Panchkula resident. Upper caste no bar. 98152-15517. (CL20031990)**

**Bansal smart boy, 29/ 5'-8", well educated MA, B.Ed, working in HDFC Bank as Relationship Manager, Package 6.5 lacs LPA. 97814-57019. WhatsApp: 981480908. (CL20031995)**

**Well settled Singla Manglik boy 5'-7", 10.7.1984, 13:15 Jalandhar. Preferred homely girl, 94655-51507, 96469-13190. (CL20032001)**

**SM4 Garg boy, 08.11.1983, 11:10 a.m., Sardhaura, 5'-11", B.Tech, MNC Noida 11 LPA, 97816-83132, ankagg85@gmail.com (CL20032027)**

**Suitable match for Singla boy, MCA, 5'-10", 30 years, Pvt. job, Non Manglik. 94176-37246. (CL20032033)**

**Match for smart, intelligent, Architect Bansal boy, 5'-6" 1989 at Chandigarh. Reputed family of Yamunanager. Required beautiful, smart, homely girl from noble family. Caste no bar. 82228-00092, 08590-00095. (CL20032083)**

**PQM for Goyal boy 5'-8", 29.07.1991, Panchkula, 4.15 pm, working at Accenture Gurugram, package 7.5 LPA. Preferred working girl. Contact: 94178-78232, 98141-15432. (CL20032084)**

**Suitable match for Khatri Non-Manglik boy 5'-10", 03.10.1993 (7:05 pm, Ambala, B.Tech, Government job in Bank. Contact: 90170-70522, 70156-96331. (CL20032105)**

**Graduate Garg Vaishno boy 1990, 23:33, Moga, 5'-10", educated middle class, own business, 86996-43675, 81466-33527. (CL20032114)**

**Goyal boy, 5'-7", 03.12.90, Computer Engineer in Gurugram, 5 lac (year), 86890-97718, 85728-88449. (CL20032137)**

**Suitable match for Garg boy, 5'-7", 03.11.1992, place Patiala, 1.33 pm, B.Tech (CSE), working at Panchkula. 94173-56031. (CL20032175)**

**Manglik Singh boy, 31.05.1994 (6.20 am, Bhawaniagar), 5'-6", CA/ credit Manager ICICI (12 Lac PA) prefer. Banker teacher Patiala/Sangrur etc. 94174-35811. (CL20032179)**

**SM4 Mittal Manglik businessman 24 Nov. 1988, 11.50 am, Rampurphal, 5'-6", Resi Tricity, no demand. Cont. 94170-85255, 98155-66003. (CL20032262)**

**Match for Goyal boy 05.09.1994, 01:40 pm, Ambala, 5'-8", Graduate, own business, handsome monthly income. Contact: 87080-25508. (CL20032264)**

**Goyal boy 26.5.1987, 5'-4", Graduation, well-settled Graphic Designer (50K+) Own properties (Manimajra, Chandigarh), 96469-14284 (WhatsApp: 85580-08227). (CL20032380)**

**SM4 handsome australia PR mahajan boy (MPA) Australia 26.6.92 5'11"-7.55pm pathankot father's own medical store at Ludhiana 9463806205 987290328 (CL20032403)**

**KHATRI/ARORA**

**Working match for handsome 87 boy, 5'-9", MBBS Arora boy, Working SMO Super-speciality Hospital, Chandigarh. NRI also welcome. 98767-01561, 88472-93080. (CL20032049)**

**Gursikhi Arora boy, 34, 5'-6", MCA, Haryana govt. employee Contact 35000/- pm. Simple early marriage. 98786-03505. (CL20032120)**

**Suitable match for handsome smart boy, CA working in Big 4 MNC, 15 LPA, June 1991 born Chandigarh, 5'-8". Educated family. Preferred Tricity/NCR. 98728-12652. (CL20032019)**

**Cultured, Educated (working/non-working) match for Manglik Hindu Punjabi Khatri boy, B.Tech, 15.07.1992, 11.05 a.m. Jagadguru, 5'-10". Merchant Naval Officer, 25 Lakh annually. Girl merits preferred. Call/biodata WhatsApp: 93555-59994. (CL20032047)**

**Working match for Arora Pb. Govt. employed boy, MCA, 30, 6'. Govt employee preferred. 98557-43155. (CL20032053)**

**Teetotaller non-Manglik handsome Khatri boy, Feb. 88, 5'-9", M.Tech, Central Government job at Delhi, 10 LPA. Government job girl preferred near Delhi. 94677-72720. (CL20030386)**

**POM4, Khatri Mech. Engineer Jan. Seventy six born, 5'-8", serving MNC near Chandigarh. Drawing 28 LPA. 99969-29427, yours.kamal0107@yahoo.com (CL20030953)**

**Arora boy 1988, Dabwali, 5'-5", fair Graduate business reputed family Landlord 72 acres requires job/ homely girl from medium reputed family. 70156-10059, 94165-24773. (CL20031793)**

**Suitable alliance invited for Manglik Punjabi Arora boy, 31/ 5'-10", 31.09.89, BA, handsome smart. Father retired from SBI. Mother Housewife. Early marriage. 99881-11799. (CL20031927)**

**Arora boy pure vegetarian 13.3.91, 5.00 evening, Moga, 5'-9", B.Tech, MBA, job in HEMEL Refinery Bathinda, package 14 LPA. Required Govt. job, beautiful girl. Preferred Banker. 94634-30702, 94561-17700. (CL20031930)**

**Arora Doctor 17.3.1988, Moga, time 4:23 am. BAMS, height 5'-11" 70099-4372, 99148-00169. (CL20031946)**

**Arora 1987, NM, 5'-7", Bank employee boy required beautiful working girl. 96462-37224, 01615-196633. (CL20032015)**

**Suitable match for convenient educated smart Hindu Arora teetotaller Manglik boy 1986, MCA, employed upper Pb. Govt. at Faridkot. B.Ed. preferred. Contact: 94655-57995. (CL20032055)**

**Punjabi Arora handsome boy, 1980/ 6', M.Com, divorcee, issueless, own good business. WhatsApp: 83605-67146. (CL20032200)**

**Suitable match for Arora handsome boy, 26.9.1985, 2 pm, Jalandhar, settled business. 6239664778. (CL20032152)**

**Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy 06.09.1992, 7:40 pm, 5'-6", Gobindgarh, Software Engineer, package 45 lakh. Contact: 98771-51676. (CL20032353)**

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NRI

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**Match for New Zealand citizen handsome boy, 29, 5'-10", B.Com, Waikato University, working Area Manager good company, from Main Sikh Rajput well educated NZ settled family. Girl must be good looking, Graduation well versed family values, upper caste, Provide latest photo/confidential shall be respected. jomyatagrarian@gmail.com mobile 95011-03396 (CL20029080)**

**Suitable Manglik/ Non-Manglik match for Main Rajput (Goldsmith) 39, 5'-7", B.Tech, MBA, Senior Network Engineer in Edmonton Canada, Canadian citizen, vegetarian, issueless, well educated boy preference to girl already in Edmonton, Canada or ready to relocate there. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp: 81305-62250. (CL20030289)**

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**Alliance invited for 30Yr/6'0" Engineer Graduate from US boy working with US MNC, presently posted at Dubai & has roots to well educated business family settled in Delhi with interest in properties in punjab & Himachal. Caste No Bar.**

Email :  
ptkco11@gmail.com

CL20031905

**Affluent JatSikh Parents invite matrimonial alliance for our son, Sep 1988, 6'-2" Athlete Engineer Canadian PR, educated from Top Universities in England and North America and currently working in aerospace sector, seeking well educated tall, beautiful and professionally qualified match. Please contact Jat Sikh only. 82854-00088, or ggill3243@gmail.com (CL20030561)**

**Mohali based Saini boy, 1993, 5'-11", Canada PR, B.Tech. Computer Science, working Software Engineer Ottawa. Preferred Software/IT. Caste no bar. 94630-87946, 98774-86922. (CL20030574)**

**Suitable match for Khatri boy 11.4.94, Chandigarh, 5'-9", working as Senior Software Engineer in Canada (USA), H1B visa holder. Mobile: 94170-08848. (CL20030470)**

**Beautiful professionally qualified match for smart Jat Sikh boy 28, 5'-6", (only son from educated family) PR New Zealand business owner/entrepreneur. Rural property seeks please excuse. Upper caste no bar. # 98157-42950. (CL20030662)**

**August 90 born, 5'-7", M.A. & Diploma in Electrical & Communication, preparing for competitive exams. Own Business, Rural & Urban Property. Father Mother retired from Punjab Government. 89858-17787, 81468-97515. (CL20032126)**

**Hindu Nai boy, 1992, 5'-3", Diploma (Electronics Communication), own Salon, own Shop, good income. 94631-20369 (Bathinda). (CL20030542)**

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**Shimla based Khatri handsome issueless divorce boy 1990, 5'-10", MBA, own business financially well off Chandigarh, preferred Himachal/Chandigarh Tricity based unmarried/divorcee issueless, beautiful girl, no demand. 94174-14779. (CL20031004)**

**Suitable match for handsome, fair, issueless, divorcee 1980/6', own business, Chandigarh, handsome income, needs sweet charming Chandigarh girl. 78887-69054. (CL20031054)**

**Compatible match for highly educated well established handsome Hindu Khatri age around 50, 5'-8", from Chandigarh with Canada PR. Preferred below 40, issueless. 93562-02020. (CL20031109)**

**Match for divorced Brahmin boy, 19.4.81, 5'-10", B.Sc. Computer Science, own business, one daughter. 93564-10594. (CL20031126)**

**Sunair Sikh divorcee boy 11.12.1978, 12:15 night, 5'-10", BA, Gold business, 80,000/- monthly required married/unmarried, divorcee (issueless) girl. Early, simple marriage. Caste no bar. Amritsar. WhatsApp: 87250-23148. (CL20031279)**

**Divorcee Hindu Khatri boy, Bank officer at Chandigarh, 31/5'-10", salary income 18 Laes annual. Preference employed girl Tricity or near Tricity. Caste no bar. 99144-20538. (CL20031315)**

**Suitable match for B.Tech., Prajapati Hindu boy, 95-10", 26.12.88, 7:50 am, IT Engineer in MNC, Mohali. Package 10 Lac. Well settled educated Radhasoami family. Employed girl preferred. Upper caste welcome. WhatsApp: 84370-33351. (CL20031228)**

**Kambaj Canadian PR, B.Com, MBA, 5'-8", 1988, clean shaven seeking qualified match work permit, PR study visa, from India, WhatsApp latest pictures profile. Upper caste welcome. 84370-33351. (CL20031263)**

**Well educated, beautiful girl for Brahmin vegetarian boy 22.7.91, 12.30 p.m., B.Sc. IT, Australia PR. 81467-3680. (CL20031222)**

**Hindu Aurora boy, 18.01.1987, 6:15 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-11", studying in Australia with Pvt. job, required PR or Australian citizen or B.Sc. Nursing/ M.Sc. Nursing/ having IELTS cleared will be preferred. Cont: 98888-07020, +61469323879. (CL20031506)**

**Sikh Ton Kashtriya vegetarian boy, 1992, 5'-9", BE (Mechanical), MS (USA) Engineer (California) H1B Visa holder seeks professionally working Sikh vegetarian girl from USA/ Canada. Preferred H1B visa/ Green Card/ PR. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98152-22753. (CL20031751)**

**Looking for qualified girl up to 36 yrs for 43 yrs 5'-7", slim handsome Khatri doctor settled, working in health services Canada. British citizen Canadian permanent resident belong to family of Doctors issueless divorce from a brief marriage looking for a decent family. Caste no bar. deepak.hansraj@gmail.com 94163-78082. (CL20031806)**

**Match for Sikh Tonk-shatriya vegetarian boy 34/5'-7", B.Tech serving as Sr. Engineer in India, handsome salary, Australian PR awaiting, brother sisters Australian Citizens. Parents retd. Govt. employees, early marriage. 94644-36750. (CL20031820)**

**Canadian qualified match for Canadian Citizen, 1990 born, 5'-8", Punjabi Khatri boy, B.Tech, PGDIB, M.Tech, Mechanical Engineer. Working in Multinational Company. Preferred girl in Canada. Contact: 70097-13416, 95014-37275. (CL20031852)**

**Gurkha Khatri boy 5'-11", 1987, B.Tech, Canada Citizen, doing job, girl in Surrey area preferred. 98155-86148. (CL20031888)**

**Suitable match for Majhi Sikh boy, 1981/ 1.6, UK citizen. Wanted B.Tech. IT BCA MCA, 79738-59180, 99153-75488. (CL20031900)**

**Jat Sikh Amritdhari 25/ 5'-10", MA Music, Teacher, 11 acre+ city prop at Asr. looking for an extremely beautiful, social graduate/ Postgraduate girl. Canada/ PR/ work/ studying preferred. Ph. 62398-99331 (Marriage bureau sorry). (CL20031909)**

**Suitable match for Puri boy, 26.07.1984, 4:20 pm, 6', American citizen. Mobile: 99147-67828. (CL20031911)**

**Match for Hindu Khatri Australia citizen boy, 27 October 1986, 5:24 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-6", living in Sydney. Preferably living in New Zealand and Australia. Email: searchwestmeadpark@gmail.com , ria g a u t a m @ g m a i l . c o m (CL20032207)**

**Australia PR Brahmin boy, 23.03.1986, 5'-6", 5:05 am, Jalandhar. Preferred Australia New Zealand Indian girl. 986087173. (CL20032205)**

**SM4 Arora vegetarian Canada citizen Software Engineer Punjabi boy 1992/ 5'-5", prefer vegetarian Canada study/ work visa. girl. 98552-60333. (CL20032207)**

**PQM for handsome Sikh Ahluwalia NZ citizen Postgraduate Computer Engineer, 5'-10", twentieth March 83 boy. 98686-9990. (CL20030567)**

**Qualified match preferably Australian for Khatri qualified cleanshaven vegetarian boy 30/5'-7", Australia PR. 96467-31316, 88474-76669. (CL20032216)**

**Looking for professionally qualified tall, pretty girl in India or Canada for handsome Saraswat Brahmin Punjabi boy 28, 6'-1", B.Tech, and Management Degree from Canada from a reputed family of Jalandhar. Please contact: 98148-14946. (CL20032338)**

**Hindu Mauritius Macartronics Engineer 16.4.90, 3:25 morning, 170, working Private Firm/ IT professional preferred. 98729-27659. (CL20032439)**

**Canadian PR. Yaduvanshi boy, 15/7-1991, B.Tech, Diploma International Management. 94633-91102. (CL20032440)**

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**MISC.**

**Wanted suitable match for North Indian Hindu boy (located in Australia) born 1989, 5'-11", community worker Ph.D. (current non-smoker, non-drinker, caste no bar. Contact rk74680@gmail.com 61435065107. (CL20030505)**

**Punjabi Garg, 5'-10", 04.04.92, 05.20. am, Faridabad, B.Tech., Sr. QA. Working girl preferred. Caste no bar. 99102-23415, 99104-99598. (CL20028597)**

**Affluent Punjabi Brahmin family in America seeking bride for their handsome son 25 years, 5'-11". Software professional. Caste no bar. Kindly email bio data with picture to millstoneivermari@gmail.com (CL20030456)**

**Match for USA raised, educated professional Sikh clean shaven boy, 35, 5'-9" girl already in USA preferred. Bio-data and girl photo send on WhatsApp 1-516-7218-7159, ussihkh13@gmail.com (CL20031044)**

**High status Sikh family seek PQM for UK PR son Degree holder from top UK University qualified Accountant working in Investment Bank London 85 born, 5'-6", non smoker, non drinker, clean shaven never married. wahgeursanjog@gmail.com (CL20031061)**

**Canadian citizen, vegetarian, Mair Rajput, (Sunnar) Sikh boy, hair cut, 5'-7", 29.09.1990, 4:10 p.m., Jalandhar, M.Tech, WhatsApp: +1547508102. (CL20030964)**

**Canadian raised, educated, PR born, 5'-11", want B.S/B. any other professional girl. Caste no bar. Call: 9194664-36721, +9194664-37241. (CL20031118)**

**Suitable match for Khatri boy, 17 May 1994, 1:50 am, Amritsar, 6'-0", M.Sc. IT, Australia PR. 81467-3680. (CL20031222)**

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CL20031905

## YADAV

**Match for 1989, Graduate IT professional, 5-7 lacs per annum, well settled, vegetarian, small family. 99064-94753, 85718-83374. (CL20030869)**

## WIDOWER

**44 year, 5'-9", Engineering widower, doing farming, seeks childless partner. Contact: 82848-16373. (CL20030283)**

**Suitable educated preferably unmarried or issueless widow (in and around Patiala) match for Patiala based Brahmin Govt. employee b/w boy, 85 born, height 5'-6", having 3 months old baby. Send kundli. No dowry. Simple and early marriage preferred. Send biodata with latest picture. Email: ishvarkri@gmail.com (CL20030948)**

**Canadian qualified match for Canadian Citizen, 1990 born, 5'-8", Punjabi Khatri boy, B.Tech., PGDIB, M.Tech., Mechanical Engineer. Working in Multinational Company. Preferred girl in Canada. Contact: 70097-13416, 95014-37275. (CL20031852)**

**Gurkha Khatri boy 5'-11", 1987, B.Tech, Canada Citizen, doing job, girl in Surrey area preferred. 98155-86148. (CL20031888)**

**Suitable match for Majhi Sikh boy, 1981/ 1.6, UK citizen, doing job, girl in Canada. Preferred girl in Canada. Contact: 70097-13416, 95014-37275. (CL20031888)**

**Match for Himachali Garg slim Advocate at Chandigarh, 31/5'-10", Engineering, 5-7 lacs per annum, well settled, vegetarian, small family. 98155-86148. (CL20031892)**

**Match for Brahmin boy, 1989, 5'-10", B.Tech, working in Education, 5-7 lacs per annum, well settled, vegetarian, small family. 98155-86148. (CL20031896)**

## NH remains closed for 2nd day

Falling stones major hindrance in clearance operation

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 21

The continuous falling stones at many vulnerable spots on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only road link connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country, have become a major challenge for the clearance of the road for traffic.

The traffic on the highway was suspended due to multiple landslides triggered by heavy rains at Panthal, Battery Cashma, Marog, Monkey Morth and Trishul Morth in the Ramban sector on Thursday morning.

Ramban Deputy Commissioner Nazim Zai Khan said there were six to seven points where stones had been falling.

"We have launched clearance operation at the Mompassi point near Ramsoo, but continuous falling stones at Panthal and other places have been hampering the clearance work. We are unable to carry out the task as it is raining heavily in the area," Khan said, adding that "the traffic would remain suspended on the highway till the clearance operation was over".

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According to the traffic police officials, over 1,000 vehicles have been stranded at different places along the highway, including Ramban, Banihal, the Udhampur-Jakheni bypass, Dhar Road and the Nagrota area of Jammu.

"No fresh movement of

vehicles is being allowed from the TCP Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Kashmir and from Qazigund towards the Jammu side since Thursday morning," the officials said.

Meanwhile, the National Highways Authority of India, which has been executing the four-laning project, has submitted a detailed project report, worth Rs 2,000 crore, to the Centre for the realignment of the 14-km four-laning road stretch on the Ramban-Banihal section to bypass six "killer spots" to make it an all-weather road.

## Highest 15 deaths in a day in Valley; toll 593

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 21

With the single-day highest 15 deaths, all from Kashmir, during the past 24 hours, the Covid toll in Jammu and Kashmir reached 593 today.

Fortyone patients have lost their lives in the Jammu province, while 552 deaths have been reported from the Kashmir valley.

The UT recorded 654 new cases, 114 from the Jammu division and 540 from the Valley during the same period, taking the total number of cases to 31,371.

According to the official bulletin issued on Friday evening, out of the 31,371 positive cases, 6,973 were active positive, 23,805 had recovered and 593 persons had died, 41 in the Jammu division and 552 in the Kashmir division.

The bulletin further said that out of the 8,44,641 test results available, 8,13,270 samples had tested negative.

Meanwhile, till date, 4,26,670 travellers and persons in contact with suspect-

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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## Ladakh teacher to get national award

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 21

Two teachers from government schools in Jammu and Kashmir have been selected for the national award to teachers for 2020.

The shortlisted teachers are Sunil Kumar, a teacher posted at Government Middle School Jakhar, middle school, Taknak Sakti, Kharu, in Leh district of the Ladakh region.

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### WANTED

#### Joint Director (Technical)

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up One post of Joint Director (Technical) in Level-11 (67700-208700) in the Pay Matrix [PB-3 Rs. 15600-39100+6600 (GP) (PR)] under Coir Board.

The closing date for submission of applications is 18.09.2020.

For more details: [www.coirboard.gov.in](http://www.coirboard.gov.in)

20.08.2020

Sd/- Secretary

davp 23131/11/0005/2021

**ICAR-CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON BUFFALOES SUB-CAMPUS, BIR-DOSANJH, NABHA, DISTT. PATIALA (Pb)**

File No. 3/Pur/RSN/Fertilizer/2020-21 Dated: 21.08.2020

#### E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders in two bid system i.e. (1) Technical bid (2) Price Bid are invited from eligible bidders/firms/agency for supply of Urea-N-46% (45 Kg weight/bag) 791 bags and DAP-composition N-18 & P205-46% (50Kg weight/bag) 320 bag. Bid Submission End Date is 07.09.2020 up to 2.30 PM. & will be opened on 08.09.2020 at 3.00 PM. For details, log on to website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and our Institute website [www.cirb.res.in](http://www.cirb.res.in). The tender Id No. 2020\_DARE\_578795\_1

Sd/- DI-7962

Asstt. Admn. Officer

#### CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sr. No.: 1

LETTER/MEMO. NO. & DATE: KCGMC/Proc/2020/7750 dt.: 21.08.2020.

NAME OF DEPT./BOARD/CORP./AUTH.: Kalpana Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal.

OLD REFERENCE/NIT/TENDER NO.: 2020\_HRY\_138574\_1

**NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM:** Key dates extended for Construction of rigid Pavement for Parking of Vehicle in Medical Enclave at Kalpana Chawla Govt. Medical College, Karnal up to 31.08.2020 at 2:00 p.m.

**WEBSITE OF THE DEPT./BOARD/CORP./AUTH.:** <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>

**NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL:** [kcgmcarnal13@gmail.com](mailto:kcgmcarnal13@gmail.com)

Sd/- STAMP AND SIGNATURE OF COMPETENT AUTHORITY PRDH/82388

## NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE OF INDIA MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**LAW COLLEGE ROAD, PUNE — 411 004**

Applications are invited for award of Research Fellowships, Monographs and Audio-Visual History Projects on Indian Cinema.

Please see website [www.nfai.gov.in](http://www.nfai.gov.in) for application forms and further details.

Applications may be forwarded to: The Director, National Film Archive of India, Law College Road, Pune — 411 004 on or before 15.09.2020.

davp 22211/11/0001/2021

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### E-Tender & Corrigendum Notice

Str. DME/C&W/UMB tender as given below, closing date and time is as shown. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) on internet and can be seen/downloaded. The tenderers/bidders will have to make payment toward tender document cost and earnest money against this tender through online payment modes like net banking/debit/credit cards etc. available on IREPS portal. Manual/offline mode of payment through demand draft, bankers cheque, cash deposit receipts etc. are not permitted.

NOTICE NIT NO. 116-S/WC/07/MC-4/2020-21

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**Development & Panchayat Department**  
(Swachh Bharat Mission – Gramin, Rewari)  
O/o Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
Mini Secretariat, First Floor, Room No. 201  
01274-225249, [rwrhsbm@gmail.com](mailto:rwrhsbm@gmail.com)

#### Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rewari Notice

Sealed tenders/quotations are invited from reputed firms/individuals of Rate Contract per sq.ft. for Wall Painting in all villages of District Rewari under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin. Tender forms/terms & conditions can be obtained from office of undersigned w.e.f. 22.08.2020 to 28.08.2020 (working days) up to 5 p.m. (working hours) on cash payment of Rs. 2000/- (Non-refundable) or by way of demand draft in favour of undersigned. Tenderers will submit bids in separate envelope i.e. in one envelope the technical bid and 2nd financial bid and both bids will be submitted in a single envelope duly sealed. Last date for receipt of such tenders shall be 28.08.2020 at 5 p.m. and will be opened on 31.08.2020 at 11 a.m. in the office of undersigned in presence of all interested firms/individuals. No tender will be accepted after due date. Unsealed/open tender shall not be considered.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any tender bid without assigning any reason(s).

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner, Rewari.

PRDH/82378

#### DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENT BLOCK SONIPAT, DISTT. SONIPAT

#### Notice for inviting E-Quotations

The Governor of Haryana is inviting the bids from eligible bidders through online bids in the website <a href="https://etenders.hry.n



## BRIEFLY

Captain cool!



MS Dhoni's temperature is checked at Chennai airport as IPL team CSK departed to take part in the IPL in the UAE. PTI

## CHENNAI

## Chess Olympiad: Indians start with convincing wins

A dominant India notched up three easy wins against Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Uzbekistan respectively in the Fide Online Chess Olympiad on Friday. India defeated Zimbabwe 6-0 and rolled over Vietnam 4-2 but the highlight was the 5.5-0.5 win against the Uzbeks. India top Pool A followed by China and Germany.

## LONDON

## ManU captain Maguire arrested for assault

Manchester United captain Harry Maguire has been arrested on the Greek tourist island of Mykonos for an alleged assault and attacking officers, police said. "He is fully co-operating with the Greek authorities," the club said in a statement. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

THIRD TEST  
ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN  
SONY SIX 3PM  
GOLF  
WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN  
EUROSPORT 3PM

# Another one bites the dust! Indian girls fade out

High Performance Director John latest to exit Indian hockey midway

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21**  
Once again a foreign staff associated with the Indian hockey team has decided to part company with Hockey India. David John, who was India's long-standing High Performance Director, has resigned from his post after falling out with the Hockey India officials.

John will be the third High Performance Director to leave these shores in little over a decade's time. Ric Charlesworth and Roelant Oltmans were the other two high-profile casualties of the chop and change culture that has come to be associated with the Indian hockey officials. Dutchman Paul van Ass, the coach, was sacked in 2015. John, however, got a bigger tenure compared to many of his compatriots.

Interestingly, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) had only last month renewed his



The contract of David John had been renewed last month. FILE

contract until September 2021. While Hockey India has accepted his resignation, SAI is yet to take a call on this matter.

While he has cited personal reasons for quitting, it is understood that he too had fallen out with the HI top brass. The final

disagreement happened when he was told to travel to other parts of India during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is to be noted he feared for his health after two Hockey India staffers contracted Covid-19 in May.

He was also said to be

cross over the fact that his inputs were not being taken when making decisions about the team.

"David was feeling frustrated for a long time after Hockey India had apparently sidelined him. He was being ignored from being a part of important team decisions by Hockey India top brass," a source close to the development said, adding: "He was no more involved in team decisions and was only occupied with taking online classes for coaches and players, a thing which didn't go down well with him. The five-month break because of the COVID-19 pandemic was the trigger behind his decision."

John, who was drawing \$12000 as salary, was stationed in New Delhi since the lockdown was imposed and was only restricted to online classes for coaches and players. —TNS, agencies

TROON (UK), AUGUST 21

Aditi Ashok and Diksha Dagar today faded out of the Women's British Open with a disappointing performance in the second round as well.

Aditi carded a second consecutive 7-over 78 to finish with a two-round total of a 14-over 156, one stroke better than Diksha, who carded a 78 after her 79 in the first round. The third Indian in the field, Tvesa Malik, who had carded an 8-over 79 yesterday, was 2-over in the second round today (10-over overall) at the time of going to press.

Strong winds had made play difficult today too, and with the cut likely to fall at 7-over, the Indian trio was way below the cut-line.

Aditi's round of 78 today included one birdie on the par-3 fifth, her only birdie over two days; she had two double-bogeys and four bogeys in her round today. Aditi reached 11 of 18 greens in regulation today.

WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN



Diksha Dagar carded a 78 in Round 2 for a total of 157. FILE

Diksha managed to avert double-bogeys today but seven bogeys eliminated her with a 36-hole total of 157; she needed to par her round today to have any chance of qualifying for the weekend rounds. She reached only six greens in regulation.

Defending champion Hinako Shibuno suffered a nightmare second round, carding a 78 to slip to 12-over overall and was set to miss the cut. Dani Holmqvist and Austin Ernst shared the lead at a 1-under 141. —TNS

## PSG's Angel happy at Lisbon 'home'

LISBON, AUGUST 21

If any player has felt perfectly at home during the unique circumstances surrounding the climax to this year's Champions League, it is Paris St Germain winger Angel Di Maria.

As soon as UEFA decided that Portuguese capital Lisbon would host the quarter-finals onwards in a mini-tournament, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, Di Maria felt good vibes. After PSG scrambled past Atlanta in a dramatic comeback, the 32-year-old was then instrumental as the Parisians outclassed RB Leipzig in the semifinals.

It is the ground at which Di Maria played for three seasons. "When they changed the venue to Lisbon, I had a strange feeling in my body that reminded me of the old times when I lived here for three years," said he two days before the final against Bayern Munich. —Agencies

## No Arjuna for Sakshi, Mira

**NEW DELHI, AUGUST 21**

Past Khel Ratna award winners Sakshi Malik and Mirabai Chanu will not be bestowed with the Arjuna Award this year, the Sports Ministry has decided. The Arjuna Award list has been pruned from 29 to 27. Wrestler Sakshi, winner of a bronze at the Rio Olympics, and 2017 weightlifting world champion Mirabai had been awarded the Khel Ratna in the past. —TNS



◆ This award will serve as a great motivation for me and players like me to keep striving for bigger feats.◆

Rani Rampal, ON GETTING KHEL RATNA

**5 Khel Ratnas confirmed**  
The 5 winners for this year are:

- Athlete M Thangavelu
- TT player Manika Batra
- Hockey player Rani Rampal

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#### NOTICE INVITING ELECTRONIC TENDERS

On behalf of President of India Principal Chief Materials Manager/DMW/Patiala invites tenders in electronic form for following items :

e-Tender Notice No. 13 ET/2020-21

S. N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Closing Date
1	21206603	Brake Gear Arrangement	33 Set	09.09.2020*
2	21207002	Push Pull Rod	53 Sets	09.09.2020*
3	20203009	Underframe Assembly (WDG3A)	01 No	11.09.2020**

Tender closing Time: 15:00 Hrs.

Item marked with \* is reserved for procurement from CLW. Item marked with \*\* is reserved for procurement from DLW.

The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://www.reps.gov.in> or <http://www.dmw.indianrailways.gov.in> for detailed description of items & other terms and conditions of tender document. Please note that tenderers can submit their quotations only through <http://www.reps.gov.in>.

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### MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No. Name of Work Bid submission schedule (Online) Opening Technical Bid (Online)

#### EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 2

1.	Cleaning and disinfection of drinking water underground reservoirs (UGR) having different capacity at various locations under the charge of SDE, MCPH Sub Division No.20, Chandigarh (Ch. To 2215 (Non Plan) A/mtc. of w/s and running of tubewells at Chd). (Re-invited) Est. Cost: Rs. 13,34,760/- EMD: Rs. 26,695/- Time Limit : 3 Months	21.08.2020 To 31.08.2020 at 1:00 P.M	31.08.2020 at 3:00 P.M
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#### EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4

2.	Strengthening of sewerage system at various locations in Village Burial, U.T Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 15,54,406/- EMD: Rs. 31,088/- Time Limit : 3 Months	21.08.2020 To 27.08.2020 at 2:00 P.M	27.08.2020 at 3:00 P.M
3.	Providing of electric components for blower panels at 30 MGD MBBR STP (re-invite). Est. Cost: Rs. 7,60,850/- EMD: Rs. 15,220/- Time Limit : 1 Month	21.08.2020 To 28.08.2020 at 10:00 A.M	28.08.2020 at 11:00 A.M

Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available on website at [www.chandigarh.gov.in](http://www.chandigarh.gov.in) or tenders.chd.nic.in

NODAL OFFICER-CUM-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
M.C.P.H. Divn.No.3, Room No.1, Water Works, Sector-37, Chandigarh

## GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

S.R. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL PANCHKULA	QDP NO. 1245 NIT NO. 1128 DATED 14.07.2020	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 03.09.2020 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	<a href="http://www.hvpn.org.in">www.hvpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
2	HVPNL PANCHKULA	QDP NO-1244 NIT NO. 1127 DATED 13.07.2020	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 04.09.2020 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	<a href="http://www.hvpn.org.in">www.hvpn.org.in</a>	0172-2583789 (pro@hvpn.org.in)
3	HVPNL ROHTAK	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 11/ CWR/2019-20 DATED 13.01.2020 (ONLINE TENDER ID-2020_HBC-115039_1)	CORRIGENDUM NO. 11. THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 10.09.2020 (13:00 HRS)	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">http://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4	UHBVN PANCHKULA	21/2020-21 HIRING OF VEHICLE FOR SDO CIVIL CONST. S/DIVISION KARNAL	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01-09-2020	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
5	UHBVN PANCHKULA	19/2020-21 AUG. OF KARORA (AMBALA)	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01-09-2020	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
6	UHBVN PANCHKULA	20/2020-21 HIRING OF VEHICLE FOR SE CIVIL CONST. CIRCLE UHBVN, PANCHKULA	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01-09-2020	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
7	UHBVN	TENDER ID: 2020_HBC_137995_1 NIT NO. WS-1038	EXTENSION OF BID SUBMISSION END DATE AND BID OPENING DATE AGAINST NIT WS-1038 BID SUBMISSION END DATE: 31.08.2020 UPTO 03:00 PM OPENING DATE OF PART-I : 01.09.2020 AT 03:00 PM	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a> and <a href="http://uhbvnb.org.in/web/portal/tenders">www.uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/tenders</a>	9316274618 sestoresuhbvhndulkote@gmail.com

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## GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/Auth	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	Opening Date/Closing Date (Time)	Amount/EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board Corp/Auth	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/
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