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AT COVID MEET BACK PAGE

## Black fungus epidemic building up, 500 cases in Gujarat alone

Declare mucormycosis notifiable disease, Centre tells states

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NEW DELHI, MAY 20

Hit by an alarming surge in cases of black fungus (mucormycosis) during and after Covid-19 treatment, the government today asked states to notify the lethal disease, mandating every public and private health facility to report all suspected and confirmed cases.

Doctors across India have begun calling mucormycosis an "epidemic within a pandemic" with the disease causing maiming, loss of vision and brain infection.

Haryana and Rajasthan were the first to make the disease notifiable.

Delhi's Ganga Ram Hospital alone has 51 patients of black fungus, 75 per cent of them are diabetic. The disease is mostly being seen among diabetic Covid



A doctor studies a scan of a patient to detect black fungus in Jabalpur. PH

### HP's HAMIRPUR SEES 1ST CASE OF INFECTION

A native of Khagar in Hamirpur district, admitted to the IGM, has been diagnosed with black fungus infection, doctors said. It is the first such case in HP.

### 2 WHITE FUNGUS CASES AT HISAR HOSPITAL

Two cases of white fungus were reported in Hisar on Thursday. A doctor said white fungus, also known as candidiasis, is not of serious nature.

### GOVT TO IMPORT 6L VIALS OF AMPHOTERICIN-B

■ Doctors across India have begun calling mucormycosis an 'epidemic within a pandemic'

■ It is mostly seen in diabetic Covid-19 patients on steroids

■ It affects face, nose, eyes and brain, can cause blindness and even removal of jaw bone besides affecting lungs

#### SYMPTOMS

■ Headache, nose secretions, bleeding from the nose, blood in cough, lack of sensation in the face, swelling on one side of the face

#### PRECAUTIONS

■ Diabetics must control their blood sugar levels

■ No steroid therapy for mild Covid patients

patients on steroid therapy.

The Health Ministry's letter to states says, "This fungal infection is leading to pro-

longed morbidity and mortality among Covid-19 patients. The treatment requires multidisciplinary approach con-

sisting of eye surgeons, ENT specialists, general surgeons, neurosurgeons, dental

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## IN BRIEF

### Membership of Kalka legislator restored

CHANDIGARH: Four months after Kalka MLA Pardeep Chaudhary was disqualified following his conviction in a rioting case, his membership was restored on Thursday. — TNS

### Kejri may face action under Singapore law

NEW DELHI: The Centre has hinted that it might not come to defence of the Delhi CM who may face action under a Singapore law for linking a Covid strain to the country. BACK PAGE

### No salary, it's hard times for Hry aided college staffers

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

With no salary since February, Satpal Sharma (49), a non-teaching staff member at a government-aided college in Kurukshetra, was forced to sell his wife's jewellery to fund his treatment for Covid and ensure provisions for his family. Though

### 3K employees haven't been paid since Feb

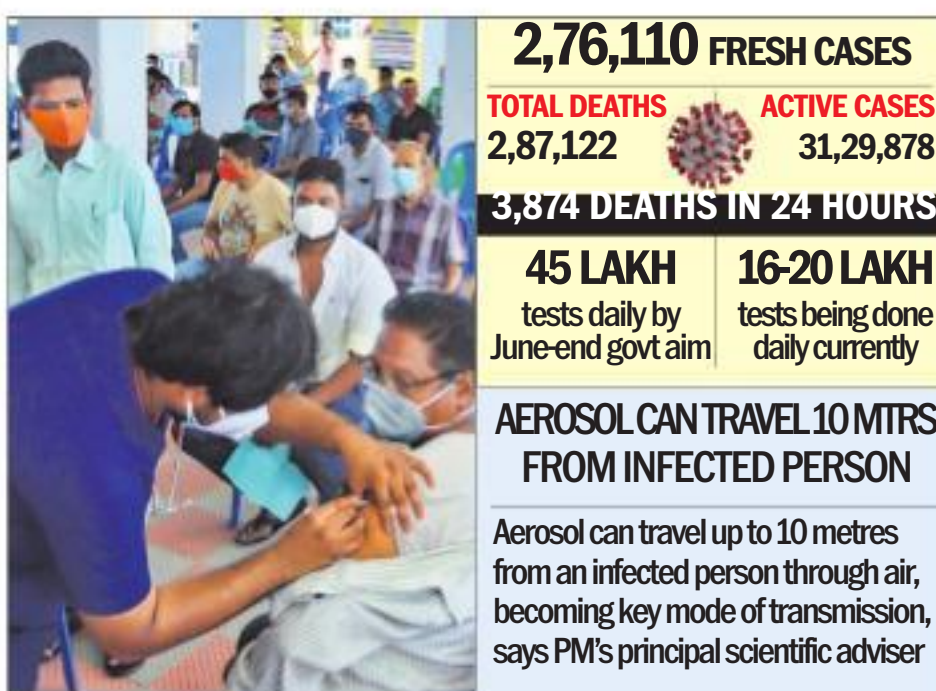
he himself has recovered, his wife is now down with flu-like symptoms and is showing no improvement.

With no money to afford the expenses of a hospital stay, his dilemma is whether he should wait a couple of days before getting her tested for Covid or take her to hospital. "I have no other source of income. My salary for the last three months has not come in. If my wife tests positive,

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## UNDER 4K DEATHS AFTER 8 DAYS

As the 24-hour toll fell below 4,000 after a gap of eight days, the Health Ministry stressed over 70% of the deaths occurred due to comorbidities



### STATES SHOWING DIP IN CASES

Maha, R'sthan, UP, Hry, Gujarat, C'garh, Bihar, MP, Delhi & Jharkhand

### STATES WITNESSING SPIKE

Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya, Tripura, Manipur, Nagaland, Sikkim, Mizoram

### RAPID HOME TESTING KITS IN 4 DAYS

A home-based rapid antigen testing kit approved by ICMR is set to hit markets in 4 days

Priced at ₹250, the kit has been manufactured by Mylab Discovery Solutions Ltd, Pune

ICMR said kits by three more firms are in pipeline and likely to get approval within a week

## 2 Baijnath villages Covid hotspots

RAVINDER SOOD

PALAMPUR, MAY 20

Residents of Lohardi village of Chhota Bhanghal in Baijnath subdivision of Kangra district have been confined to their homes for the past 15 days. The village nestled amid Dhauladhar ranges has reported two Covid deaths and 35 positive cases so far.

Nearby Shuru village is also badly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Every third person here is Covid positive. Today, 30 fresh cases were reported in the village.

Lohardi reported its first Covid-19 case in the first week of May. The patient had



### OVER 60 CASES IN MAY

### VIRUS TIGHTENS GRIP

■ Lohardi village has reported two Covid deaths and 35 infections so far

■ Shuru village reported 30 fresh cases on Thursday with every third person testing positive for Covid-19

returned home from another state just before the lockdown. By May 12, the case count in the village had reached 30. The hamlet has been declared a containment zone and mass testing is being undertaken, said Palampur SDM Dharmesh Ramotra.

In fact, hundreds of samples have already been collected and sent for testing. "It has been an extremely taxing month for the administration, but our team shall continue working tirelessly," the SDM said.

The Lohardi Sarpanch blamed the spurt in cases on people's casual approach

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## 83% Pb victims had comorbidities

VISHAV BHARTI

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Punjab seems to be paying a heavy price for being among states with a high load of population suffering from comorbidities. Of the over 3,500 people who died of Covid in the last 20 days, a majority had comorbid conditions.

Health experts say the state's 2.4 per cent Covid fatality rate, the highest in the country, is because of the high load of patients with non-communicable diseases, including hypertension and diabetes.

### HIGHEST FATALITY RATE IN COUNTRY

■ At 2.4%, Punjab has the highest Covid fatality rate in the country

■ The count stood at 2.95% during the first wave

■ 91% of victims in first wave had comorbidities, including hypertension, diabetes and heart disease

■ Over 12,500 have succumbed to virus since March last year



A government analysis of the second wave has found that 83 per cent of the over 6,000 victims were suffering from comorbidities.

Dr JS Thakur, Professor, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh, said a global study had put Punjab

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## No Covid deaths at Singhu, claim farmers' unions

SONEPAT, MAY 20

The leaders of 32 groups of protesting farmer unions from Punjab on Thursday said that no farmer had died of Covid at Singhu border. The government was trying to defame the farmers' protest by spreading lies that a farmer had died of Covid, they alleged.

Balbir Singh of Patiala district had died due to a diabetes attack, while another farmer died due to cardiac arrest, they claimed. INSIDE

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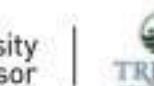


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# Overwhelmed with bodies, crematoria feel the heat

Demand for wood goes up | Shortage of PPE kits for patients' kin

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JALANDHAR, MAY 20

With an increasing number of cremations taking place in the district during the second wave of Covid-19, the demand for wood has increased at the cremation grounds. To add to the problem, there isn't any electrical cremation system in the region.

Operators at the cremation grounds said it took 3-4 quintals of wood to cremate a body. Besides, Raj Kumar Mago, president, Baba Dadamal Shamshambhumi Sudhar Sabha, Magsudan, said: "From 20 to 25 cremations a month, the average has increased to 40-50 a day."

Gurdal Bhatti and Harbans Lal, in charges at a cremation ground, said though they weren't facing any shortage right now, considering the increasing wood consumption due to more deaths, the possibility looms



Family members of a deceased at a cremation ground in Jalandhar.

## NGO PITCHES IN

Aakhri Umeed Welfare Society, a Jalandhar-based NGO, is cremating persons who die of Covid for free. A team of 15-20 volunteers not only performs the last rites of the Covid patients, but also provides PPE kits to the families. Society founder Jatinder Singh said they were cremating eight to 10 Covid bodies a day at different cremation grounds.

large. "Last week, we cremated five to six bodies, including that of Covid patients, every day," said Harbans Lal. Amid information on inflated cremation rates, it was discovered that Rs 2,800-3,500 is being charged for cremating a body at present.

Shaym Lal, head, Haranandas Pura Cremation Ground, said: Last Friday, they cremated 20 bodies a day, against the daily aver-

age of three to six.

Besides, the attendance at funerals is beyond the permissible limit, with 50-80 persons thronging the cremation grounds, increasing the fear of infection. "Due to the unavailability of health staff or any administration official, a large number of people participate in the cremation," said Harbans Lal.

With the surge in Covid fatalities, the pressure to han-

dle the dead has also gone up. Dr Kamraj, in charge, Civil Hospital morgue, said: "We have to increase the staff strength. The bodies need to be sanitised completely and packed in two layers before cremation. Before handing over the bodies, PPE kits are also given to the family members as per protocol." Due to shortage of PPE Kits, only two family members are being given the kits.

# Lockers full, ashes kept in open at Muktsar grounds

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, MAY 20

As a large number of people are dying daily due to Covid, the lockers to keep ashes at the cremation ground have gone full to their capacity. In such a situation, the bags of ashes are now being kept in the open.

Shammi Tehria, president, Shiv Dhaam Management Committee, Jalalabad Road, here, said, "We have lockers to keep ashes of 20 bodies. However, more than 50 bags of ashes are lying in the cremation ground. We have even appealed to residents to take the ashes. Now, we are going to make a public announcement that if the ashes are not collected within a short time, we will immerse these in the holy Ganga."

He said, "Basically, people are worried due to Covid so they not coming to get the ashes. Further, a number of trains to Haridwar have been suspended. As a result, the ashes are lying unclaimed here. Usually people come to collect ashes on

Fearing Covid, kin reluctant to collect these



Bags containing ashes hang on the wall as lockers are full at a cremation ground in Muktsar town. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the fourth day, but nowadays, a number of people are not even coming after 15 days."

Notably, last year too, a similar situation had occurred and some alert residents had immersed the ashes of their loved ones in the nearby canals or buried it in the soil.

Even Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal had buried the ashes of his parents

in the soil and planted a sapling there. In the past one week, 81 people have died due to Covid in Muktsar district. In the past 24 hours, 417 people were found positive, which included 301 villagers. Meanwhile, the Muktsar police started providing free ration and food to needy today. SSP Sudarvishi appealed to people to call on 112 or 181 for help.

## SAD flags oxygen 'shortage' at Bathinda AIIMS

BATHINDA, MAY 20

Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today flagged the issue of oxygen shortage at AIIMS-Bathinda, and the high price of the cylinders.

Harsimrat raised the issue by posting on social media. She wrote, "AIIMS-Bathinda has only a day's supply of O2 left for 70 critical Covid patients. With the highest death rate in Bathinda, oxygen is crucial to save their lives."

However, Bathinda Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan said, "Adequate oxygen is been given to AIIMS and there is no issue pertaining to it." — TNS

## COVID METER

Cases	5,566
Critical	407
Active	67,041
Deaths	193

## WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Ludhiana	784	26
Bathinda	604	21
SAS Nagar	467	20
Muktsar	417	5
Jalandhar	382	7

## Audit panel to cut oxygen wastage in Faridkot hospital

FARIDKOT, MAY 20

In the wake of shortage of medical oxygen and to ensure that the hospital does not face any problem with regard to its supply, Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital in Faridkot has constituted an oxygen audit committee.

Besides constantly monitoring the stock and its consumption, the committee has been tasked to carry out daily stock of receipts, consumption and balance stock.

The committee members are visiting Covid wards and working on optimum utilisation and preventing wastage of the life-saving gas. "By adopting these measures, the hospital has been able to reduce oxygen wastage and decrease overall consumption," said Dr Ruhi Dugg, registrar, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences. Medical college is a constitute institution of the BFUHS. — TNS



A huge rush at a Covid vaccination centre in Jalandhar. MALKIAT SINGH

# Capt for floating global vax tender

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday directed the Health Department to explore possibilities of floating a global tender for the procurement of vaccines from all possible sources to ensure early inoculation in the state.

The state government will also reach out directly to all vaccine manufacturers for direct purchase of various Covid vaccines, including Sputnik V, Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson, he announced.

Punjab has storage space for 35 lakh Sputnik V vaccines, which require storage temperature of minus 18 degrees Celsius. The Chief Minister said all efforts would be made for procurement of vaccines to meet the acute shortage in the state, which had received fewer than 44 lakh vaccine doses so far from the Government of India, of which only one lakh is currently available for use and which will also be exhausted within a day.

The state government was forced to stop vaccination for Phase 1 & 2 categories in the last three days because of the non-availability, pointed out the Chief Minister, directing all departments concerned to continue pursuing the matter of supply aggressively



ONLY 1.3 LAKH DOSES LEFT FOR 18+ GROUP

As per Gol allocation for Phase 3 (18-44 age group), the state government has been able to buy only 3.6 lakh vaccine doses. CM Capt Amarinder Singh said a total of 2.3 lakh doses have already been administered, leaving only 1.3 lakh for use as of now

with the Centre.

Pointing out that almost one lakh unregistered construction workers and their family members had so far come forward for getting vaccinated in line with the state government's prioritisation of vaccination for 18-44 category, the Chief Minister asked the Labour Department to ensure the registration of these workers on priority.

During the Covid review meeting, Covid expert group head Dr KK Talwar noted that the existing vaccines had been found to be effective against the new variants/mutants so far.

# ₹1.5K pension for kids orphaned due to Covid

Amid fear of third wave's impact on children, CM for specialised training to doctors

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Beginning July 1, the Punjab Government will provide Rs 1,500 per month as social security pension, along with free education up to graduation for all those children who were orphaned in the Covid pandemic, as well as families that have lost their breadwinner.

Terming it the state's duty to become the foster parents of the children who have lost both their parents in the unprecedented pandemic, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh said his government would ensure free education in government institutions for such children as well as children belonging to families that have lost their breadwinner to Covid.

Affected persons would also be eligible for a grant of Rs 51,000 under Ashirwaad Scheme w.e.f. July 1, and would be entitled to free ration

Similar aid for families losing breadwinner



and coverage under the Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana. The state government would also assist the affected family members to find a suitable job under Ghar Ghar Rozgaar te Karobaar Mission, said the Chief Minister, chairing a high-level Covid review meeting.

The relief measures will be provided to orphans until they attain the age of 21

years. In the case of families whose breadwinner has died, these would be provided for an initial period of three years, after which their situation will be reassessed, and where the vulnerability continues to exist, the period may be appropriately increased.

Meanwhile, amid projections of a possible third wave

TAKE STRICT ACTION AGAINST HOSPITALS

The CM directed the officials concerned to take strict action against private hospitals overcharging Covid patients and said they should also be made to refund the payment received. He asked DCs to track all such complaints. The private hospitals should be asked to display the official rate prominently, he said.

and its impact on children, the Chief Minister ordered the Health Department to go into a mission mode with preparation, which will include specialised training of all doctors by the June-end. Reviewing the Covid situation in the state, he directed the state expert group head Dr KK Talwar to look into all aspects and get

## Learn from Delhi Govt: Mann to CM

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

State AAP president and MP Bhagwant Mann said Capt Amarinder Singh and other Congress leaders were busy twisting each other's arms instead of supporting the people during the Covid crisis.

He said in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had made efforts to save lives and announced cash and pension for the wellbeing of Covid victims' families. Addressing mediapersons, Mann said the Delhi Government had decided to give Rs 2,500 to children up to the age of 25 who were helpless due to the Covid pandemic, and the same amount as pension on the death of a family member with Covid. — TNS

## Farmers' clash with RSS workers averted at Ropar

ROPAR, MAY 20

A clash between RSS volunteers and farmers was averted when the former tried to organise a blood donation camp at Nurpur Bedi, near here today.

The cops had a tough time to control the situation as the protesting farmers barged into the venue and threw the furniture and other articles into adjoining fields.

The local farmers belonging to Kirti Kisan Morcha and Samyukt Kisan Morcha had issued warnings to the organisers yesterday against organising the camp. They said such camps would not be allowed by the BJP or RSS till the three controversial central agricultural laws were not repealed.

Around 10 am today, even



Cops block farmers at an RSS blood camp in Nurpur Bedi.

before the camp was started, nearly 300 protesters reached the venue where heavy police force was deployed and barricades were set up. For some time they raised slogans against the RSS and the BJP. Outnumbering cops, the protesting farmers jumped the barricades and barged into the venue. — TNS

## Chatbot to help home-isolated

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

As part of Mission Fateh, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Thursday launched a Punjab Covid Care WhatsApp chatbot for self-care during home isolation, information on bed availability and vaccine centres, etc.

Patients in home isolation will be required to input their

Will give expert advice on treatment

vitals and their condition would be monitored by experts who will advise them on the course of treatment. The service will be available in three languages - English, Punjabi and Hindi. The announcement was made after a high-level virtual Covid review meeting chaired by Chief Minister. — TNS

# College staff unpaid, kids write 'blood' letter to CM

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, MAY 20

Over a dozen children whose parents are working in state-run Shaheed Bhagat Singh State Technical Campus (SBSSCTC) have written an open "letter in blood" to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh demanding immediate release of salaries to their parents, who have been unpaid for the past six months. The college was recently upgraded to a university.

Faces Covid-induced fund crunch

The children, in the letter, said their parents had been under stress for the past several months. "We don't ask for anything from our parents these days. I know my father has no money. They have been protesting for the past several months but their voices have fallen on deaf ears," says Rohan.



Physically disabled after submitting a letter to authorities in Malerkotla.

# Out of job, disabled feel pandemic pinch

PARVESH SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, MAY 20

Having lost temporary jobs during the pandemic, many physically challenged residents are living in penury in the absence of financial aid from the government.

The meagre government monthly pension of Rs 750 is of little help to them in these trying times when the inflation has risen sharply.

"Before Covid, I used to make Rs 350-400 daily and it was enough to make ends meet. After the pandemic, my earnings have dropped to Rs 100-150. At the same time, the prices of essential commodities have skyrocketed. The state government should come to our rescue," says Mohd Anwar, a tailor from Malerkotla.

Harvinder Singh, who along with wife Karmjit Kaur is 80 per cent disabled, says he has

been without work for the past one-and-a-half months as his employer has shut the small factory where he worked.

"Though we get Rs 750 each as monthly pension, it isn't enough even to purchase grocery items. I have two children and we need money to continue their studies. The state government is making big announcements for all sections, but they have completely forgotten us," he says.

While some had received help, including ration and vegetables, during the first wave, they had been left out in the open during the second wave.

"The help we received last year is missing. The administration, NGOs and social workers had provided essential commodities to all, but this year no one has approached us," laments Kuljeet Singh, another resident with special needs.

# Fruits of labour wilt as govt schools shut

BALWANT GARG  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, MAY 20

The pandemic has disrupted a novel experiment started by the Education Department in government primary and upper primary schools across the state in March at a cost of Rs 5.40 crore.

In a bid to imbibe practical knowledge and encourage children to lead a healthier life, the department had started kitchen gardens in schools wherein vegetables and herbal plants were grown. The produce from kitchen gardens was



## NO CARE AMID COVID

- In March, kitchen gardens were started in govt schools. The produce was to be used in mid-day meals
- With schools closed, the authorities plan to distribute these among students living nearby and teachers

to be used in mid-day meals.

But before the plants could start bearing fruit, the schools were closed down in the wake of the pandemic. Now, teachers are faced with the problem of how to use the veggies

when there is no cooking of mid-day meal (MDM).

The department had allocated Rs 3,000 to each primary and upper-primary government school to grow veggies. In a letter to General Manager,

MDM Cell, Punjab, Deputy District Education Officer (Primary) Maninder Kaur has sought an opinion of the higher authorities on how to utilise these vegetables in the absence of MDM.



# Ensure antifungal drugs at all govt facilities: CM

**BLACK FUNGUS** Infection notified under Epidemic Act

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

A day after the state government notified mucormycosis (black fungus) under the Epidemic Diseases Act, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today directed the Health Department to ensure that necessary medicines to treat the infection are made available at all government hospitals, including those in rural areas.

He also asked the department to depute doctors at the Primary Health Centres in villages to ensure early detection and treatment of black fungus in the rural areas.

Stressing that early detection of the disease could prevent it from being fatal, the CM asked the Covid expert team headed by Dr KK Talwar to ensure that doctors in the L3 facilities of all government hospitals were directed on proper treatment of Covid patients to check irrational use of steroids, which had been identified as the main cause of this disease.

Excessive use of steroids in



## DOCS TOLD TO CHECK USE OF STEROIDS

- The Chief Minister has said that early detection of the disease can prevent it from being fatal
- He has asked the Covid expert team headed by Dr KK Talwar to ensure that doctors in the L3 facilities of all government hospitals are directed to check irrational use of steroids
- Use of steroids to treat Covid has been identified as the main cause of black fungus, especially among diabetic patients

Covid treatment was causing problems, Dr Talwar told the Covid review meeting chaired by the CM. He said the doctors were being guided to use substitutes and the expert group was trying to finalise a line of treatment with substitutes and alternatives.

The CM also asked Dr Talwar and his team to analyse why patients were returning to hospitals even after recovering from Covid. In the first phase, the state did not report

any black fungus case, even though many were reported from several other states. The Chief Minister, however, made it clear that this should not be taken as a precedence and the situation could change any moment, which necessitated strict preventive measures.

He said this was the reason his government had yesterday notified the disease under the Epidemic Act, even though no such guidelines had been issued by the Centre then.

# Asr sees 17 cases, all in pvt hospitals

AMRITSAR, MAY 20

As many as 17 cases of black fungus were reported from the district on Thursday. Civil Surgeon Dr Charanjit Singh said all patients infected with black fungus had been reported from private hospitals. "None of the government hospitals have reported any such case," he said.

The health official when asked about the severity of the cases said the department was still collecting data about such patients. "The first case of black fungus was reported two days ago. We are still verifying the facts and collecting data," he said. Dr Singh said

Data being collected, says Civil Surgeon

all patients were under treatment and the department was in regular touch with the hospitals from where these cases had been reported. "This disease existed prior to Covid pandemic but the chances of positive patients catching it due to weak immunity are high," he said, adding that the health department had been informed about the development and they were constantly monitoring the situation. — TNS

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## Waive power bills: SAD

**Ferozepur:** SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal has demanded waiver of power bills for both domestic and industrial consumers for six months to help the trade and industry as well as the poor and middle class to tide over the crisis due to ongoing lockdown. He said relief should also be given in water bills and other taxes. oc

## 4 more die in Abohar

**Abohar:** With four more deaths due to Covid, the toll this month has reached 60. The victims who were cremated by health workers and Nar Sewa Narayan Sewa Samiti volunteers were Rotary Club ex-chief Roshan Lal Narang (82), Lajwanti (91), Sukhdev Singh (84) and Rajinder Arora (45). oc

## Actor helps woman

**Abohar/Sriganganagar:** For a woman infected with black fungus in Sriganganagar, actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood emerged as a saviour. The family of Manjit Kaur, who is battling for life in a hospital, contacted many people on social media who further informed Sood about her condition. Sood delivered the injections at Sriganganagar in no time due to which Manjit is now out of danger. oc

# Medicine to cost ₹1,425 per vial

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, MAY 20

The Punjab Government has decided to provide Amphotericin B injection from the government stock at Rs 1,424.82 (excluding 5 per cent GST) per vial. All districts in the state have been informed in this regard by the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

The injection is used for management of Covid-19 patients. Cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) among survivors and those undergoing treatment have come to the fore in the state, following which there is an acute shortage of the injection.

As the demand was minimal earlier, the injection was not produced in bulk. But a sudden spike in demand has led to its shortage.

According to a notification issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the state government has decided to allocate supplies received by the government at the central store to all districts for further supply to

Amphotericin B to be made available from govt stock

government Covid care centres and private centres/chemists located inside private centres.

The payment for the injections supplied to private centres/chemists would be made to a separate bank account of the Punjab Health Systems Corporation (PHSC).

The prices to be charged from private centres/chemists would be the same as the rate at which it has been procured by the National Health Mission, said Kumar Rahul, Secretary, Health-cum-Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

Other states too are facing the shortage of the injection and patients are running struggling to procure it. Nearly 30 injections are administered to a single patient. The state government has procured a few hundred vials and is in the process of procuring more from the Centre.

# Staff back from Patiala, AIIMS forms probe panel

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, MAY 20

The management of the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) here today constituted a three-member committee to probe the incident of nursing staff being sent back to the parent institution by Government Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, after they alleged poor accommodation and food.

AIIMS Director Dr DK Singh said: "The nursing staff raised the issue of poor food and accommodation provided to them, which can be sorted out within a day or two. But we have learnt they refused to go to work, which is wrong. We have constituted a committee of three doctors to look into this and submit a report."

He said the recruitment of nursing staff had been pending as the building was under construction. "So we don't require more staff, but owing to the pandemic, we had hired 500 nursing staff and sent them to the government hospitals to provide them manpower during the crisis," he said.

## WRONG TO STRIKE WORK: DIRECTOR

- The AIIMS, Bathinda, management has constituted a three-member committee to probe the incident
- The nursing staff were sent back to the parent institution by Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, after they alleged poor accommodation and food
- "We have learnt the staff refused to go to work, which is wrong. We have formed a committee to look into this and submit a report," said Bathinda AIIMS Director Dr DK Singh

The newly hired nursing staff were given recruitment letters a day before they were sent to Patiala and Mohali for duty.

Around 50 male nurses from AIIMS, Bathinda, deployed at the isolation wing of Rajindra hospital, were relieved by the Medical Superintendent of the hospital on Wednesday after they staged a protest over poor boarding and lodging facilities. They stayed at the Covid ward for only two days.

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## (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Paramjit Kaur  
Additional Principal Judge Family Court-1, Jalandhar,  
Camp Court at Nakodar.  
Daljit Kaur  
Versus  
Kulvir Singh Nahal

Petition U/s 6 and 13 of HMA and GW Act read with Section 7 of the GW Act, 1890 for granting custody of minor child Harekam Singh Nahal (DOB 06.11.2013) minor son of the petitioner for all intents and purposes.

CNR No. PBJL01-006548-2020  
Next Date:- 28.07.2021

Publication issued to:  
Kulvir Singh Nahal

Father:- Gian Singh R/o Village Jandiali, P.O- Jamsheer Khas District Jalandhar at present residing at 5826, 175-A, Street Surrey BC V3S4B5, Canada.

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## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Ms. Jagdeep Kaur Virk,  
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Next Date: 28.07.2021

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CL21011847

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

(Under Guardian and Ward Act)

In the Court of  
Poonam R Joshi

Principal Judge, Family Court,  
Camp Court at Phillaur.

Kulwinder Kaur d/o Surinder Singh r/o Village Rajawal, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

Versus  
1. General Public and Others

CNR No.:

PBJL01-011619-2020

Next Date: 06.08.2021

Petition Under Guardian and Wards Act

Notice to:

1. General Public

2. Kulwinder Singh s/o Piara Singh resident of Village Talhan, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.

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## COURT NOTICES

## (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Ms. Kiran Bala  
Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court, Dasuya.

1. Neha Kaur W/o Amarjit Singh.

2. Amarjit Singh S/o Jiwan Singh both resident of Kunj Gali Ward No. 7 Urmur Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur.

Versus  
1. Jatinder Kumar S/o Rattan Chand R/o Village Jandiala Guru Tehsil and District Amritsar.

2. General Public

CNR No.

PBHOE2-000865-2019

Next Date:- 03.08.2021

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Dated, this day of 20.04.2021.

Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court,

CL21014809 Dasuya.

## (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Paramjit Kaur  
Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court-I, Jalandhar.

Diksha aged about 23 years w/o Sandeep Singh d/o Kulwinder Kumar r/o Village Dhadha P.O. Hazara, Tehsil and District Jalandhar.

Versus  
Sandeep Singh s/o Sohan Lal r/o Daulowal, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.

CNR No.:

PBJL01-006575-2020

Next Date: 23.07.2021

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

Publication issued to:

Sandeep Singh Father:- Sohan Lal Daulowal Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 23.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Sd/- Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court-I,  
Jalandhar.

CL21014811

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Poonam R Joshi  
Principal Judge, Family Court,  
Jalandhar.

Lakhwinder Singh s/o Harbans Singh Address: Village Gobindpur PO Nijran, Distt. Jalandhar.

Versus  
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Sd/- Principal Judge,  
Family Court,  
Jalandhar.

CL21014812

## Granthi seeks release of dera chief, arrested

BATHINDA, MAY 20

A priest at a gurdwara in Bir Talab village in Bathinda district "offered prayers" for the release of Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim. In a video gone viral on social media platforms, the granthi can be seen doing an 'ardas' for a Dalit chief minister in the state and release of the jailed dera chief.

After a complaint was given by advocate Harpal Singh Khara and other lawyers to the Bathinda SSP against the priest for making a "politically-motivated ardass" which could vitiate the atmosphere in the state, the police arrested the priest.

SSP Bhupinderjit Singh Virk said, "After getting a complaint, we have arrested the priest and booked him under Section 295A of the IPC. We are investigating the matter and further action will be taken based on our findings. There are certain unscrupulous elements who are trying to disturb peace. Their role is being probed thoroughly." Meanwhile, a letter issued by Kaushal Kumar, Director, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, has sought an action taken report in the matter. The commission has decided to investigate the matter under powers conferred upon it under Article 338 of the Constitution. — TNS

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## (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Paramjit Kaur  
Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court-1, Jalandhar.

Himanshu Salwan aged about 33 years S/o Vinod Salwan R/o 28/29 Dada Colony Jalandhar also at Via Cannetalli N 50 Mentana RM Italy through his attorney Vinod Salwan S/o Late Sh. Muni Lal R/o 28/29 Dada Colony Jalandhar

Versus  
Punita Punita W/o Himanshu Salwan D/o Rakesh R/o-2135, Mondiga AVE, Sanjose CA95122 USA.

Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.  
CNR No. PBJL01-000161-2019

Next:- 09.08.2021

Publication issued to:

Punita Spouse:- Himanshu Salwan D/o Rakesh R/o 2135, Mondiga AVE, Sanjose CA95122 USA.

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Dated, this day of 06.05.2021.

Sd/-  
Additional Principal Judge Family Court-1,  
Jalandhar.

CL21014814

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of  
Sh. Deepak Kumar Choudhary  
Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court,  
Amritsar.

Paramjit Kaur aged about 44 years wife of Mohinderjit Singh Rakalla, daughter of Tarlok Singh resident of House No. 368 Green Field, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab India now at present House No. 243, Akash Avenue, FGC Road, Amritsar.

Vs  
Mohinderjit Singh Rakalla  
CNR No. PBAS01-008635-2020

Next Date: 12.08.2021

Petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act 1955 (Act No. 25 of 1955) for Dissolution of Marriage between the parties on the ground cruelty and desertion by way of decree of Divorce as amended upto date.

Publication issued to:

Mohinderjit Singh Rakalla  
Father: Pritam Singh, r/o at present Apartment 3129, Box 130 2500 Washington AVE Sansom Park TX46114 USA, Mobile No. 1(630)8798933

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.08.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 13.04.2021.

Sd/-  
Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court,  
Amritsar.

CL21014816

## Denial of protection to live-in couple travesty of justice: HC

Says such relations may not be acceptable to all, but they aren't illegal

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Clearing the air on the contentious issue of providing protection to a couple living together without tying the knot, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that live-in relationships may not be acceptable to all, but could not be termed illegal. The Bench also made it clear that denial of protection to a live-in couple would be a mockery of justice and it was not for the courts to judge them on their decision.

Justice Jaishree Thakur also ruled that even the family could not raise an objection and cause a hindrance in peaceful existence, if a major chose a partner. It was for the state to ensure their protection and personal liberty.

The judgment comes less than a week after another Bench rejected a live-in couple's protection plea as such a step could potentially "disturb the social fabric". Justice Thakur added living together without marriage could not be said



## 'ENTITLED TO EQUAL PROTECTION'

The High Court has ruled that live-in couples are entitled to equal protection of laws as any other citizen of the country. Justice Sudhir Mittal also ruled that an individual had the right to formalise a relationship through marriage or adopt a non-formal approach of a live-in relationship. Justice Mittal said social acceptance for live-in-relationships was on the rise. In law, such a relationship was not prohibited and did not amount to commission of any offence.

to constitute an offence. "If the petitioners have not committed any offence, this court sees no reason why their prayer for protection cannot be acceded to. With due respect to judgments rendered by the coordinate Benches, who have denied protection to couples in live in relationship, this court is unable to adopt the same view."

Quoting a plethora of judgments, Justice

Thakur asserted the court in the past and also recently allowed protection to runaway couples in a live-in relationship. Protection was also provided where marriage was invalid. Different High Courts, too, had allowed protection to unmarried runaway couples.

Justice Thakur added even under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, a woman in a

## Top brass watching troublemakers: Jakhar

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

PPCC president Sunil Jakhar today cautioned "a few self-styled" party leaders who were trying to inflame dissidence by questioning Capt Amarinder Singh over delay in justice to the families of police firing victims, saying the party high command was keeping a close watch on them.

The state government and the Congress high command were serious about it and justice would be assured in the case, he said. "In these challenging times due to Covid-19 and the adverse High Court judgment over the Kotkapura police firing case, a few leaders are trying to hijack



Sunil Jakhar

the core issue and fulfil their hidden political ambitions," he observed. Referring to the May 18 meeting at Charanjit Channi's residence, Jakhar said: "By giving false figures of the people reportedly attending their meetings, some leaders are creating the illusion of leading a campaign that is a figment of their own imagination." — TNS

## Agri officers strike work

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Hundreds of senior officers of the Agriculture Department, including agriculture development officers, deputy directors and joint directors, started a two-day strike today to protest the failure of the state government in filling vacancies of technocrats at the top level by promoting junior eligible officers.

The officers shunned official work, though they continued to provide farmers with extension services. They raised slogans outside district offices and blamed the government for not being sympathetic to their demands.

An official press release by the Agriculture Technocrats Action Committee

## Protest govt 'failure' in filling vacant posts

said though technocrats were the main force behind Green Revolution and increasing crop production in the state, the government had failed to acknowledge their contribution in making the state among the top foodgrain producers in the country.

"While eligible candidates are awaiting promotion, the services provided by the department to farmers are adversely hit as each officer was forced to look after two to three districts as vacancies remained unfilled," said the release. — TNS

## Khaira dares Sukhbirt to debate

JALANDHAR, MAY 20

Bholath MLA and former Leader of Opposition Sukhpal Singh Khaira today challenged former Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal for an open debate on the sacrilege issue at a time and place of his choice.

Khaira alleged incidents of sacrilege and subsequent killing of two persons at Behlhal Kalan on October 14, 2015, would not have occurred had there been no theatrics to please the Dera Sacha Sauda head for cheap electoral gains at the cost of antagonising of the Sikh sentiments. Khaira listed out 10 posers for Sukhbir on the issue. — TNS



'domestic relationship' was provided protection and maintenance. The word 'wife' had not been used under the Act. As such, Parliament accorded adequate protection to women live-in-partners and the children of live-in-couples.

Justice Thakur further added one could not lose sight of honour killings prevalent in northern India, particularly in parts of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. It was a result of people marrying without family acceptance, at times outside their caste or religion.

Justice Thakur observed: "It would be a travesty of justice in case protection is denied to persons opting to reside together without the sanctity of marriage, and such persons have to face dire consequences at the hands of persons from whom protection is sought. In case such a course is adopted and protection denied, the courts would also be failing in their duty to provide citizens a right to their life and liberty as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of and to uphold to the rule of law."

## Rahul to hear out MLAs amid crisis

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Will hold one-on-ones with Cong leaders over next few days

## MUST SPEAK UP

"In 2019, I began & ended my poll campaign seeking justice for sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib... Now, our MLAs and party workers must go to Delhi and speak the truth to our high command, as I regularly do!" Navjot Singh Sidhu, CONG LEADER



## Norms changed, rice millers cry foul

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

Rice millers in Punjab have criticised the state government for changing the Custom Milling Rice (CMR) Policy, whereby a part of the security deposited for milling of rice has been made non-refundable.

The policy for 2020-21 has made it mandatory for all mills in the state to give a security of Rs 10 lakh, before they get the paddy for milling. Of this, Rs 5 lakh is non-refundable security.

Claiming that the decision was taken arbitrarily by the Food and Supply Department last year, millers said it had led to their working capital fund getting blocked. Denying the charge, the department said the decision was taken after due consultations with the millers.

Taking to *The Tribune*, Prem Goel, a Sunam-based rice miller, said the government had been increasing the security each year



A damaged car after a clash.

## Four cops hurt in clash during raid on smugglers

PATIALA, MAY 20



# Govt: 9,896 O<sub>2</sub> cylinders delivered on doorstep

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20  
The Haryana Government today claimed to have almost overcome the problem of oxygen supplies by ensuring the timely delivery of the gas cylinders at the doorstep of the home-isolated patients.

The entire administrative machinery, under Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, has been on its toes to ensure that oxygen was available adequately enough to meet the needs of patients in hospitals and home alike, said an official spokesperson.

As of today, a provision of 13,949 oxygen beds has been made in the state, besides the provision of 5,350 ventilators/ICU beds.

In addition, a total of 9,896 oxygen cylinders have been delivered in the state against the request for 15,396. Officials, however, found that 5,473 requests for the oxygen cylinders were not in order.

A state-level control room has been in operation in



The state receives around 240 MT of oxygen daily. FILE

## RAMPING UP INFRASTRUCTURE

**13,949** oxygen beds  
**5,350** ventilators



Chandigarh round the clock to keep a watch on the supplies and requirements of oxygen coming from the districts, while the Chief Minister has directed the officials to make sure that oxygen was available at the doorstep of the needy persons.

At present, in Haryana around 240 MT of oxygen is coming daily from seven

different locations in the country and nodal officers have been appointed to ensure that the tankers are evacuated timely and oxygen supplies reach the decided destination.

For the treatment of Covid patients in rural areas, five to 20 D-type oxygen gas cylinders are being arranged at each community health centre.

# G'gram, F'bad & Sirsa witness maximum black fungus cases

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 20

As the Centre today asked the states to notify black fungus (mucormycosis) as an epidemic, such cases have started rising in Haryana, affecting patients who have recently recovered from Covid.

Gurugram, Faridabad and Sirsa are leading in reporting this rare fungal infection.

Total 268 cases have been detected in the state till today. The highest number of cases have been reported from Gurugram at 109, followed by 40 from Faridabad, 24 from Sirsa, 23 from Hisar, 20 from Rohtak, 11 from Karnal, 10 from Bhiwani, eight from Panipat, seven from Ambala, five from Fatehabad, four from

Panchkula, three from Rewari, two from Jind and one each from Sonapat and Palwal.

Though not contagious, it can be fatal if not detected early. So far, eight deaths have been confirmed — four from Sirsa, three from Gurugram and one from Sonapat. Black fungus has its blackening characteristic, with the invasive fungal infection affecting nose, ears, mouth and brain.

Experts say mucormycosis is caused by steroid therapy in Covid patients. “Haryana was the first state that declared mucormycosis as a notified disease. It makes it mandatory for a government or private hospital to report any case of this rare infection to the CMO of the district,” said Health Minister Anil Vij.

CASE COUNT FROM 14 DISTRICTS	Gurugram	109	Ambala	7
	Faridabad	40	Fatehabad	5
	Sirsa	24	Panchkula	4
	Hisar	23	Rewari	3
	Rohtak	20	Jind	2
	Karnal	11	Palwal	1
	Bhiwani	10	Sonapat	1
	Panipat	8	<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>

# Rates of Covid tests capped

KARNAL, MAY 20

Taking note of the complaints of overcharging for tests related to Covid diagnosis and treatment, the District Magistrate (DM) capped the prices for private laboratories and hospitals in the district.

“It has come to my notice that private labs/hospitals are charging high prices from residents for conducting the tests related to Covid, which is an additional financial burden on the patients and their family members. Therefore, we have fixed the rates of testing and scans,” said Nishant Kumar Yadav, DM. — TNS



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**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-tenders are invited by Baba Farid University of Health Sciences on behalf of Dept. of Medical Education & Research, Govt. of Punjab for supply and installation of Deep/ Ultra Freezer -80° C for COVID-19 testing labs (COVID-LAB) at various Institutes/ places situated in Punjab upto **26.05.2021**.

Other terms & conditions can be downloaded from **http://eproc.punjab.gov.in**. The tenders will be accepted in e-tender mode only. Bidder can also download tender notification and document from university website:- **www.bfuhhs.ac.in**

**REGISTRAR**



**FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA**  
REGIONAL OFFICE (PUNJAB)  
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No.J.1(5)/OSW/OMSS(D)/BC/2020-21/Guard Dated : 20.05.2021  
**Sale of Wheat under OMSS (D) through E-AUCTION during May & June-2021**  
Scheme I : Sale of Wheat to Bulk Buyers/Pvt. Traders

Following are the dates of events for above schemes of E-auctions.

Tender Uploading Date & Starting Date for Deposition of EMD	Last Date for Depositing EMD	Starting and Ending Date and Time for Online Bidding
21.05.2021	25.05.2021	27.05.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
28.05.2021	01.06.2021	02.06.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
04.06.2021	08.06.2021	09.06.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
11.06.2021	15.06.2021	16.06.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
18.06.2021	22.06.2021	23.06.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM
25.06.2021	29.06.2021	30.06.2021 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM

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# No death due to Covid at Singhu: Farm leaders

MUKESH TANDON  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SONEPAT, MAY 20

Farm leaders of 32 groups of the protesting unions of Punjab on Thursday said that no farmer had died due to Covid at the Singhu border.

They alleged that the government was making a conspiracy to defame their protest by spreading lies about the death of a farmer due to coronavirus.

Farmer leaders Harender Singh Lakhowal and Kulwinder Singh Sandhu, after a

meeting of 32 protesting farmer unions held in Kisan Andolan office in Kundli on Thursday, said no farmer had died due to Covid at the Singhu border.

Farmer Balbir Singh of Shankarpur village of Patiala district died due to diabetes as his sugar dipped all of a sudden, while another farmer died due to cardiac arrest.

They also said that if the farmer had died due to Covid, why had the Health Department conducted his post-mortem? As per the WHO

## REASONS: HEART ATTACK, DIABETES

“Farmer Balbir Singh of Patiala district died due to diabetes as his sugar level dipped all of a sudden, while another farmer died of cardiac arrest.” FARM LEADERS

guidelines, postmortem could not be conducted of a Covid positive patient.



Sandhu said the farmer

unions were concerned about the spread of Covid and to curb this, they had been giving immunity boosters to the protesting farmers regularly.

Sources said the farmers had made a strategy to burn an effigy of the Central Government in all villages and cities across the country on May 26 on the completion of six months of farmers’ protest at Delhi borders against the three farm laws and on the completion of seven years of the Central government on the same day.

Meanwhile, the farmer leaders have decided to increase the number of protesters at Delhi borders to intensify the agitation. Besides, the farmer leaders discussed to launch a campaign against the BJP in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand in view of the upcoming Assembly elections.

Sandhu said they had discussed several points at the meeting, but the final decision would be taken at the Samyukt Kisan Morcha meeting which is scheduled for Friday.



*Remembering*

# Sh. Rajiv Gandhi

on his

## 30<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

‘We are on the threshold of a mighty revolution... it is a revolution that will bring democracy to the doorsteps of crores of Indians.’

“With these words late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had ushered in the Panchayati Raj revolution in the country back in 1989, empowering millions of our people in villages. Today, as we pay tributes to him, we pledge to harness the power of the Panchayats in Punjab to fight the Covid pandemic that is fast spreading in our villages. That would be the most befitting tribute to the great leader, whose vision for India continues to steer our values and goals.”

**Capt. Amarinder Singh**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

**Department of Information & Public Relations, Punjab**



# The Tribune

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## Strain storm

Kejriwal's Singapore rant a case of skewed priorities

A Nill-informed tweet by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal about a 'new' coronavirus strain triggered a war of words between the Central and state governments, besides impacting diplomatic relations between India and Singapore. Kejriwal had on Tuesday claimed that a new variant originating in Singapore, said to be very dangerous for children, could reach Delhi in the form of the third wave. He had urged the Centre to snap the air link with that country and work on vaccine alternatives for children on priority. Singapore's vehement denial showed the CM in a poor light. The island city-state's health ministry made it clear that the strain prevalent in many of the Covid-19 cases reported there in recent weeks was the B.1.617.2 variant, which had originated in India.

The scaremongering, which was entirely avoidable, left the Indian government red-faced, prompting External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to clarify that the Delhi CM did not 'speak for India'. In another damage-control exercise, the Indian High Commissioner rightly told the Singapore government that Kejriwal had 'no competence' to comment on Covid variants. The Centre simply could not afford to let the situation spin out of control, considering that Singapore is a trusted ally which recently came to India's aid by providing much-needed medical oxygen.

Boasting a robust healthcare system, Singapore has handled Covid-19 pretty well so far, reporting just 30-odd deaths since early last year. However, a fresh superspreading cluster has made the Southeast Asian country proactively impose tighter restrictions, including the closure of schools. With such a track record, it's natural for Singapore to get upset when somebody casts aspersions on it without rhyme or reason. Kejriwal should have done a thorough fact-check before taking to social media and triggering a needless controversy. In his overzealousness to make Delhi future-ready, he should not lose sight of the immediate priorities — to ensure that the Capital has adequate oxygen, ICU beds, medicines, crematoria and vaccines during the ongoing second wave. He will also be well advised not to meddle in bilateral affairs, which are the exclusive domain of the Centre.

## Protecting privacy

WhatsApp should ensure risk-free data sharing

SOCIAL media platform WhatsApp continues to be at loggerheads with the government over its controversial revised privacy policy, with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology saying it is unfair for the company to impose discriminatory conditions to strengthen its position in the Indian market. The company, in turn, has clarified that the new privacy policy was needed to make business accounts function better. But there have been reservations over the company's decision to withdraw or restrict some of the functions of the app, as the same conditions do not apply to many other countries. There have also been question marks over transparency, as users question the platform's need to collect so much of data in the guise of protecting commercial interests.

WhatsApp had been at the receiving end earlier also when it was alleged that the platform was being used to forward messages whose authenticity could not be verified, leading to proliferation of fake news. It had led the platform to effect changes in its features to prevent this. There have also been reports of data mined from social media platforms being used to influence the electoral prospects of candidates. In times of the pandemic, with most work and even political functioning switching over to the digital form, the need for privacy and checking intrusion will be felt even more. While the company claims its messages are end-to-end encrypted and can neither be read nor stored, its need for sharing of data calls for more scrutiny.

Concerns over storage and privacy of data have been there even in the case of Aadhaar and the Aarogya Setu app with chances of a possible leakage and misuse. With every detail of a person available at the click of a mouse, privacy concerns are justified. While the government as well as the company may have a point in storing data to streamline their functioning, remove hassles and benefit the people, the hazards too are for real. India badly needs a national privacy policy to ensure uniform management and regulation of data.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. — Samuel Johnson

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1921

### THE SIMLA INTERVIEWS.

PEOPLE all over India are naturally anxious to know if any good will come out of the long interviews which Lord Reading is reported to have granted to non-co-operation leaders and other prominent men in the country. Mr. Gandhi is reported to have had long talks with His Excellency on three different occasions and Lala Lajpat Rai and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya have also discussed the present situation with the Viceroy. At a speech at Simla, Mr. Gandhi himself declared that he "could not say either one way or the other about the success of this interview." He added that it might both be called as successful and unsuccessful. It is obvious that he has gained some of his objects by his discussion with His Excellency and has failed in others. He, however, assured his countrymen that as long as they stood by non-violence and the spirit of sacrifice for the cause of justice to their country, no power on earth could check them from the attainment of Swarajya within this year. Thus, he has once again reiterated his belief that Swaraj would be gained in a year's time, which is also nearing its end and which has heightened the expectations of some and the curiosity of others. On the speculative danger of a supposed Afghan invasion, he declared that as long as he lived he could not tolerate any part of his country under foreign domination. It is inferable from this that Mr. Gandhi enjoins on his countrymen once more that Swaraj is attainable very soon by pursuing non-co-operation and maintaining strict non-violence and a spirit of sacrifice for the country. He, therefore, disowns those who resort to violence and incitement to crime as well as those who would tolerate or perhaps welcome Afghan invasion of India for certain purposes.

# Two bright stars amid gloom

Municipal Commissioner and Collector show how to fight Covid



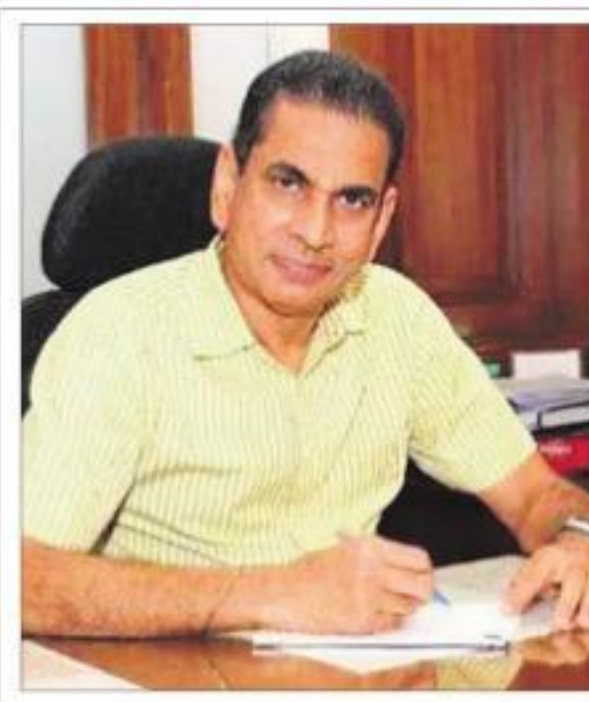
TRYSTS AND TURNS  
JULIO RIBEIRO

THIS is a tale of two IAS officers from Maharashtra. One is Iqbal Singh Chahal, hailing from Punjab, the son of a former Armoured Corps officer, Lt Col MS Chahal, and the son-in-law of Ajit Singh Chatha, a former Chief Secretary of Punjab.

The other, Dr Rajendra Bharud, a tribal from the Bhil community, the son of a single mother who toiled in the fields of landowners to feed and educate her three children. He is presently Collector and District Magistrate of Nandurbar, a tribal-dominated district of Maharashtra, bordering Gujarat and MP. The Bhil community predominates in the triangle that comprises contiguous land traversing the three states.

But let me begin with Maharashtra's CM, Uddhav Thackeray, whose positive leadership qualities enabled these officers to demonstrate theirs. When he installed Chahal as Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai, a post much coveted by the state's senior bureaucrats, he told the officer that in the case of success in combating Covid, he (Chahal) should take all credit and feel free to speak to the media without looking over his shoulder for the CM's approval. If, however, success eluded him, then the CM would take the rap and speak to the media. These are words and thoughts of a good leader. It is the duty of the political leadership to select the proper man for the right job and then leave the execution of the task to the one selected.

Chahal came with the reputation of cutting corners, at times, but getting the work done. Covid presented an opportunity to officers to prove their worth. People facing possible death want to know what you are going to do



COMMUNITY HEROES: Iqbal Singh Chahal (L) and Dr Rajendra Bharud are ready for the third wave, should it strike. TWITTER & FACEBOOK

## Determination and planning allowed them to improvise and mobilise resources to minimise Covid fatalities.

to give them hope and succour.

And that hope Chahal provided in ample measure. He assumed the mantle of the city's Municipal Commissioner on May 8 and hit the ground running. He began with a mammoth meeting of his 24 ward officers and their seniors, many of them from the IAS, that very evening. The meeting lasted several hours, enabling the new MC to acquaint himself with the problems and the men and women who would be assisting him in the task of solving those problems.

He has emerged triumphant. The citizens of Mumbai have declared him a hero. Hard work, common sense and his father's Army background all contributed to the success of his mission. The Control Room in his office was relieved of the thankless task of allotting beds. Twenty-four 'war rooms' were established in every municipal ward. Each of the wards had to keep track of the beds available on a daily basis and allocate them to patients in relation to the severity of each individual case. ICU beds with ventilators were assigned to the really bad cases and oxygen-hooked beds to those whose oxygen saturation level

was below 92. Doctors were on duty in three shifts, their number having been supplemented by hiring 1,100 recently qualified medical graduates, each on a salary of Rs 50,000 per month. These young boys and girls are on an eight-hour shift in ambulances, 10 of which are on call in each war room at any one time. Nearly 800 Innovas were requisitioned and converted temporarily into ambulances. As the first point of contact in homes, these young doctors were to decide whether the patient required hospitalisation or whether he or she could be treated while at quarantine at home.

In short, Chahal restructured the entire Covid response mechanism and made it function as clockwork. He was ably assisted by a newly motivated staff. He is preparing for a third wave. Seven jumbo hospitals with a thousand beds each have been set up. Equipment, personnel, medicines, oxygen, etc., have been taken into account. The management of these hospitals will be entrusted to nearby private hospitals with established reputations. The idea is to associate the name of the well-known hospital with the new centre. All in all, a great job by a great son of India, and of

Punjab! More power to his elbow.

The dedication to a task displayed by Chahal has found an echo in the achievements of Dr Bharud, a medical graduate selected for the IAS in 2012. This 33-year-old officer had to contend with primitive medical facilities and a population of 16 lakh, mostly illiterate or poorly educated, living in far-off villages and hamlets and lacking even simple mobile phones. He had to adapt to a system of communication that relied on physical contact through messengers. The villagers were reluctant to take the vaccination jabs and that was another job he was compelled to undertake—to educate his own people on the need for protection from the dreaded disease. He improvised, planned, and motivated his juniors and his might-have-been fraternity, the local doctors' community, to rise to the occasion.

His exemplary work was brought to my notice by my friend and fellow activist, Shailesh Gandhi, who spent a few fruitful years with the Central government as a Central Information Commissioner appointed from the ranks of RTI activists. Shailesh intends to honour Dr Bharud in a virtual meeting later this month, where he has invited me to participate. It is important for citizens to acknowledge any exemplary work done by our public servants in order to motivate others of their ilk to work for the public good.

Dr Bharud's district now has five oxygen plants installed in-house in the five hospitals spread over the district. It cost Rs 85 lakh to install each plant and it took just 10 days to construct each. The funds were available with the District Planning and Development Council. He recruited 200 doctors/nurses/ancillary staff to man the 2,000 extra beds he had added in the hospitals between the first wave and the second. He is ready for the third, should it strike.

Like I saluted Chahal, let me salute Bharud, another great son of a great country. While Chahal came with a small silver spoon in his mouth, Bharud is a shining example of what education and perseverance can do to lift the poor and the dispossessed out of the morass in which they are born.

# Saving lives at the cost of their own

RK SABOO

I HAVE seen the TV serial 'The Good Doctor'. It is a noble profession and doctors are bound by the professional oath of honesty, integrity, transparency, confidentiality, respectfulness and lawfulness. In the present pandemic, the doctors are in the frontline, serving tirelessly at risk to their lives. Some have become martyrs. They deserve our salutation and gratitude.

Even outside the pandemic, doctors go beyond their duty, facing tremendous challenges. I have witnessed, time and again, the extraordinary competence, commitment and courage of our doctors. Starting from Uganda in 1998, the numerous medical missions to over 20 countries in Africa and in India, they have worked against all odds. When our

team of surgeons and volunteers arrived at Kampala, there were threats of bomb blasts. Yet two surgeons, Dr SPS Grewal and Dr Uma Pradhan, flew on a small plane to Gulu, the epicentre of insurgency. They performed cataract surgeries for five days, giving vision to over 250 people. We went to Nigeria in 2000. There were constant threats. There was so much need that we went there thrice. Kidnapping had become a norm. In Abuja, there was constant fear of Boko Haram. Our team was given security by the Nigerian government. Our doctors performed miracles, giving vision, mobility and life to many. I wish I could name all these heroes. However, some names deserve mentioning — Dr GS Kochhar, Dr RS Parmar, Dr PS Chari, Dr Rajiv Pradhan and Dr Madhav Borate. We have gone to over 25

countries in Africa and elsewhere. The fatal danger was also the exposure to HIV/AIDS. These doctors rose above their professional commitment and treated the needy, often using double gloves and other protection. In Lesotho, our surgeons Dr Parmar and Dr Taposhi Patnaik got needle pricks while operating upon an HIV/AIDS patient. They had to take antiretroviral therapy.

Our medical missions within India started in 2006. The locations were determined on the basis of local needs. In 2007, the team went to Baripada, Odisha, an active centre of Maoists. Our team worked at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, the home of Naxals. The doctors performed their tasks courageously and with commitment.

In Dimapur, Nagaland, a critical surgery was being performed by their local

surgeon. They requested our doctors' assistance, but unfortunately, the patient died. Although the consent form was signed by the patient, the relatives created a ruckus and were prepared to kill them. Thankfully, the matter was resolved by the District Magistrate.

For the doctors working in hospitals for Covid patients, the challenges are immense and life threatening. Yet, they are working against all odds for the sake of humanity. The great German medical missionary who worked in Africa, Dr Albert Schweitzer, had said, 'I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.' This is the spirit of our doctors. Let us bow to them and their families.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### How did that happen?

Reference to 'Karnal oxygen plant installed under PM Cares Fund stops working'; such a worrisome scenario calls for carrying out an urgent audit by an independent agency to reveal the truth behind such an unsavoury development. How could such a vital plant go out of order in such a short span of time? There may not be many buyers of the authorities' reported claim that the engineers of the agency hired by the Centre had got stranded in Mumbai, and later in Delhi due to lockdown since it is learnt that there are no restrictions on interstate movement of individuals in Haryana, provided they carry all valid documents. The plant should be put back into immediate operation.

VINAYAK G, PANCHKULA

#### Adamant villagers

Refer to 'Health officials visit villages under police cover'; it is unfortunate that villagers are reluctant to take vaccination or get tested for Covid. They are not cooperating with the health teams and try to block their entry to the village. To spur the vaccination drive, the Punjab CM has announced Rs 10 lakh grant for those villages who get fully immunised. Grant or no grant, all villagers should get vaccinated. Similar adamant and non-cooperative attitude of their

brethren at Delhi borders is not allowing an early resolution of the matter. They can register their protest by wearing black badges, which is a better, more peaceful and a well-accepted option of protest.

WG CDR CL SEHGAL (RETD), JALANDHAR

#### Farmers' protest

Farmers' agitation has continued for many months now. Every effort to satisfy them has proved futile. To protest against the government is our constitutional right, but to create anarchy is unconstitutional. It creates many problems for the general public. The farmers protested when the Haryana CM was inaugurating a Covid hospital in Hisar. Their demands may be justified but to oppose the inauguration of a hospital is not justified. In this pandemic when even poor people are serving patients as per their capabilities, these farmers are hampering government efforts. This will hit their credibility.

NARENDER K SHARMA, JOGINDER NAGAR

#### Stand by doctors

Though even fully vaccinated, well-informed and those who have been religiously following all Covid protocols have succumbed to the disease, but this doesn't mean that we should undermine the need and usefulness of

the vaccines ('Save the life-savers'). The death of a senior cardiologist, Dr KK Aggarwal, is indeed a bolt from the blue. So that his death may not demoralise many, especially doctors, the government should assure all members of the medical fraternity that it stands by them in these testing times.

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

#### Dealing with black fungus

The recent spurt in cases of mucormycosis, or black fungus, should ring alarm bells among the authorities and the medical fraternity alike. Since this deadly infection warrants specialised treatment quickly, Haryana has done well to notify its medical colleges for urgent care and cure. Only concerted efforts can help. The union government should declare it a notified disease, making it imperative that the government authorities be informed about each case. Experts claim that the overuse of steroids in treating Covid is the culprit. To curb indiscriminate use/misuse of steroids, manufacturers should be mandated to specify steroid content in all formulations with a caution in bold letters that steroids may be injurious to health. Such medicines should be sold only on prescription by an MD specialist.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

#### Covid in rural India

Rural India has been devastated by the second wave of Covid-19. There is a lack of infrastructure due to which severe patients are referred to city hospitals. In Bihar, 37 people of a village died in just 27 days due to Covid, which shows the impact of the virus in rural areas. There is a lack of testing infrastructure and medical staff in the rural areas. In rural areas of Gujarat, patients are treated in open fields. The government must devise a strategy at the rural level to fight such pandemics.

RITESH PANDIT, SUNHET

#### Bengal violence

This refers to 'Didi announces Rs 2 lakh for post-pol violence victims'. Mamata Banerjee says that the BJP must accept the people's mandate. It is rather the reverse: Mamata must accept the presence of opposition parties in West Bengal. In fact, it is she who is unable to digest that a major opposition party has won 78 seats in her state in the recent polls. She is indirectly initiating, inspiring and supporting the hooligans in creating a post-election terror in the minds of those who still think that 'opposition party' in a democratic setup is a part of the government itself.

ROHTASH GUPTA, KURUKSHETRA



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**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**  
**E-Tender Notice No. 26/PWSSB D-1/BTI Date 19.05.2021**  
On behalf of CEO, PWSSB, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sewerage Divn. No. 1, Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders for the project details in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for the following project.

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/ Tender Fees (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lac)
1	Construction & commissioning of 5 MLD STP at Raman Mandi, Distt. Bathinda based on any suitable, sustainable & proven technology basis including O&M for a period of 60 months after stabilization (As per DNIT).	900000/-	1000/-	1 Year	Lump Sum

Processing fees:- As applicable

3rd attempt

Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be03.06.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.

Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid04.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Pre-Bid Meeting (O/o SE PWSSC Bathinda)26.05.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 1, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/4707

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**  
**\*NOTICE INVITING TENDER\***  
The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Anni, District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1	Interlinking of Additional Source to WSS Tharwa Sikan Nigadi in GP Nore in Nirmand Block, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- Working Estimate for Providing and Laying HDPE pipe 32 mm dia = 5000 Rmts.)	423985.00	8480.00	4 Months	250/-
2	A/R & M/O WSS Bagi Bala Zehra in Anni Block, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (S.H: C/o RCC Storage tank 10000 Ltrs. Cap.).	122876.00	2458.00	2 Months	250/-
3	A/R & M/O various WSS under JSV - Section Bagpui in Nirmand Block, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (Providing and laying RCC, base conc. and plastering inner side of various storage tanks).	130358.00	2607.00	2 Months	250/-
4	A/R & M/O various WSS under JSV - Section Bagpui in Nirmand Block, Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH: RCC Jacketing 3 Nos. of Storage Tank for 1. WSS to Sarahan PH-I = 34000 ltr cap. 2. WSS to Daman Tharia Jaon = 32500 ltr cap. & 3. WSS to LOH Rahnoo Ph-IInd = 190000 ltr cap.)	148044.00	2961.00	2 Months	250/-
5	Aug. of various WSS under GP Chail, Sarahan, Nore & Rahanoo in Nirmand Block, Tehsil Anni, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH: Providing and fixing cast steel sluice valve & reflux valve of 100mm dia and Tee 100x100mm dia).	251440/-	5029/-	1 Month	250/-
6	Augmentation of LWSS Karshaigad, Dagerh in C.V. Karshaigad and Bishladhar in Anni Block, District Kullu (H.P.) (SH: Providing and fixing cast steel sluice valve & reflux valve of 125mm dia and Tee 125x100mm dia for 1st & 2nd stage).	358372/-	7167/-	1 Month	250/-

1. Last Date of Submission of Tender:- 25.05.2021 up to 3:00 P.M. and opened on same day 3:30 P.M.

2. Last Date of Sale of Tender Form Divisional Office:- 24.05.2021 up to 04:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org) or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/927

## Snow in tribal areas, rain at Reckong Peo

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, MAY 20**  
Tribal and high altitude areas experienced another mild spell of snow while intermittent rains lashed parts of Himachal. The local Met office has predicted wet spell in the region till May 23.

Hansa village in Spiti received 10 cm of snow. Light to moderate rains lashed parts of Kinnaur, Shimla, Sirmaur and Solan districts. Kalpa was the wettest with 64 mm of rain followed by Reckong Peo 63 mm, Pooh 44 mm, Rohru 28 mm, Wangtoo 27 mm, Kotkhai 25 mm, Sarahan and Moorang 23 mm each, Nahani 21 mm, Paonta Sahib-17, Sangrah-16, Rampur 13 mm, Narkanda and Khadralla 11mm each, Rajgarh 10 mm, Pachhad and



A man at The Ridge during curfew relaxation in Shimla. AMIT KANWAR

Palampur 7 mm each, Kufri and Solan 6 mm each. The maximum temperature rose by 2 to 3 degree but was still 5 to 6 degrees below normal. Una was hottest in the day with a high of 34 degree C. There was no appreciable change in the minimum temperatures and Kalpa in tribal Kinnaur district was coldest at night with a low of 3 degree C.

**Tender/RFP Reference No. 1309**  
The Department of Municipal Council Sirhind-Fatehgarh Sahib invites online bids for  
Civil Works of Amount: 165.36 Lac.  
Please refer DNIT for details of above works.  
Closing Date for Works:- 04.06.2021 & Time: 17:00 hrs.  
For details log onto: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app>  
**Note:** Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Officer,  
M.C. Sirhind-FGS

DPR/Pb/4718

**Government of Punjab**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)**  
**NIT No. 29/SE (TIC), Dated: 20.05.2021**  
The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 5 Nos. works as per schedule given below:-

Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids		Opening of bidding documents	
		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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## Restrict delivery by e-com firms, say traders

### NURPUR, MAY 20

The Jassur Beopar Mandal at Narpur has urged Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur to restrict delivery of goods by e-commerce companies during the curfew.

Rajiv Raju, acting president of the mandal, and Chander Mahajan, chairman of the Market Welfare Committee, Jassur, said that while 80 per cent shops dealing with non-essential commodities were closed in the state since May 7, all e-commerce companies are delivering goods on the doorsteps of people.

They said that either the government should ban the delivery of goods by e-commerce companies or allow all shops to open under strict Covid norms so that traders could also earn their livelihood. "Consumers are not going to wait for shops to open to buy non-essential commodities and they are purchasing these articles from online e-commerce companies. The risk is that delivery boys can also spread Covid," they claimed. — OC

# 1st black fungus case in HP, Hamirpur woman infected

Had tested Covid +ve on May 4; admitted to IGMC

### DINESH KANWAR

#### HAMIRPUR, MAY 20

Himachal registered its first case of mucormycosis (black fungus) today. A 52-year old woman from Hamirpur was diagnosed with the disease at the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC), Shimla.

According to Medical Superintendent Dr Janak Raj, she had tested positive for Covid on May 4 and was referred to the Nerchowk hospital on May 8 with the complaint of breathlessness. The woman was referred to the IGMC yesterday. "Her condition is stable," he said.

While the news has sent shock waves across the district, Dr Anil Verma, Covid nodal officer, said the treatment for the disease was available and

### SYMPTOMS

The symptoms of black fungus include pain and redness around eyes or nose, fever, headache, coughing, shortness of breath, bloody vomits

### PRECAUTIONS

■ Blood sugar levels should be controlled and steroids should not be used indiscriminately for the purpose of Covid treatment  
■ Caution should be taken while wearing medical/surgical/N-95 or cotton masks multiple times

■ Masks get wet due to humidity in our breathing. If these are used for multiple days without changing or washing, a perfect atmosphere is created for the growth of fungus. So masks should be washed daily, dried in sunlight and ironed

people need not panic. Meanwhile, a government spokesperson said the state had already issued advisory regarding the prevention and management of the black fungus disease in hospitals. "The Director, Health, has been asked to take stock of anti-fungal drugs like

amphotericin B in their institutions," he said. As per the evidence-based advisory issued by the ICMR, uncontrolled diabetes, immune suppression by steroids, a prolonged ICU stay, co-morbidities post transplant/malignancy are the predisposing factors for the disease.

## Docs to move HC over quarantine

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

#### SHIMLA, MAY 20

The Himachal Medical Officers' Association has decided to take legal recourse against the state government's decision to end the quarantine period granted to the medical staff after performing Covid duties. It has also decided to keep sporting black badges at work to register their protest against the decision.

### More deaths possible

“A nurse died at the IGMC due to Covid. More healthcare workers can die if the quarantine period is not restored.”

Pushpender Verma, SECY OF HIMACHAL MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Pushpender Verma, association secretary, said the entire medical staff was shocked by the decision. "It's sad and

shocking that the government did not even bother to speak to us on the issue even after several requests and our symbolic protest," said Verma. "We have decided to move the High Court," he said.

The association also mourned the death of a nurse due to Covid at the IGMC. "There can be more deaths of healthcare workers if the quarantine period is not restored," he added.

## Shahpur man missing after cyclone

#### DHARAMSALA, MAY 20

Pawan Chand Katoch, a resident of Garoh village in Shahpur area of Kangra district, has gone missing after Tautkae cyclone. His father Jagroop Chand Katoch has written to Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur seeking his help in tracing his son.

In his letter to the Chief Minister, Jagroop Katoch has stated that his son was serving as a diver with UWSL, Under Water Services Company, since 2009.

"We came to know on May 15 that Pawan and his co-workers were on duty at Mangalore in Karnataka in the sea and during their work tug (boat) plunged into waters. We tried a number of times to get information from Paramjeet Singh Jasal, senior diving manager, as well as Ravi Sexsena, assistant vice-president of the company. They were not responding even after repeated communications," Katoch said.

He said the family was unable to get any information about Pawan and he was not sure if the company was putting any efforts to trace them. Kewal Singh Pathania, HPCC general secretary, in a letter to the Chief Minister urged him to help the family know about the whereabouts of Pawan. — TNS

## 2,648 new cases, 65 deaths in state

### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

#### SHIMLA, MAY 20

As many as 2,648 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 172,722. Besides, 65 persons died of the virus — 19 in Kangra, 13 in Shimla, seven in Mandi, five each in Hamirpur and Sirmaur, four each in Chamba and Solan, three each in Una and Bilaspur, and two in Kullu.

The highest number of 828 cases was recorded in Kangra, followed by 314 in Mandi, 257 in Solan, 226 in Hamirpur, 200 in Shimla, 191 in Sirmaur, 180 in Chamba, 191 in Una, 175 in Bilaspur, 187 in Una, 65 in

COVID METER		
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	11,173	190
Solan	19,955	230
Kangra	38,816	737
Chamba	8,646	97
Hamirpur	12,248	181
Sirmaur	13,258	145
Mandi	23,330	288
Bilaspur	10,824	47
Shimla	21,853	500
Kullu	7,676	120
Kinnaur	2,498	31
Lahaul & Spiti	2,445	15
Total	172,722	2,581

Kullu, 14 in Lahaul and Spiti and seven in Kinnaur.

## Frescoes damaged in renovation of Chamba temple, art lovers upset

### LALIT MOHAN

#### TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

#### DHARAMSALA, MAY 20

Art lovers are upset at the destruction of the heritage in the Chamunda temple at Devi Kothi village in Churah of Chamba district.

Sources said about two century-old temple was being re-constructed by contractors without any advice from experts. The contractors were concretising the temple building that had damaged its frescos.

Vijay Sharma, an expert in Kangra painting and Padma Shri awardee, said the temple was on the verge of destruction. The existence of the temple had been endangered by some 'rookie' contractor. Malvika Pathania, coordinator of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) for Himachal, said it was shocking that the frescos of the temple had been damaged. She said, "I had talked to Chamba DC and urged him to stop the work"

The temple was built by then Chamba king Umed Singh in the mid-18th cen-

Sources say century-old building being re-constructed without expert advice



Damage casued to frescoes at the Chamunda temple. KAMALJEET SINGH

tury. Constructed in the hill style with sloping roof terrace, the temple was embellished with frescos and carved wooden panels. The amazing architecture of the temple and the work of painting and carving was so exquisite that thousands of tourists visit the village every year.

Dr Eberhard Fischer, director of the Swiss Museum, and Vijay Sharma jointly wrote a book on the temple which

was available online and has attracted experts from across the world towards the art heritage of Chamba. The temple was preserved some years ago by the Department of Language and Culture. The government had also appointed a monument attendant to protect it.

Deputy Commissioner DC Rana said the committee of the temple had started the RCC work on the temple campus which had been stopped.

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A health worker collects a woman's swab sample for Covid test at Khag, Budgam, on Thursday. PTI

# 67 deaths, 4,169 new Covid cases in J&K

**SRINAGAR, MAY 20**  
The Covid death toll in J&K rose to 3,422 on Thursday with 67 more fatalities, while 4,169 new cases pushed the infection tally to 2,60,057, officials said.  
Of the new cases, 1,518 were from Jammu division and 2,651 from Kashmir division. Srinagar district recorded the highest of 674 new cases, followed by 499 in Jammu district and 393 in Budgam district. The active cases are 50,554 while 2,06,081 patients have recovered so far. The death toll has risen to 3,422 as 67 patients died in the past 24 hours, officials added.  
Ladakh recorded 134 fresh cases that took the total infection tally to 16,918 while one person died taking the number of fatalities to 171. As many as 127 people were dis-

**LADAKH SEES 134 CASES, ONE DEATH**  
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Of the 134 new cases, 124 were reported from Leh and 10 cases from Kargil.  
The deaths in Ladakh have reached 171, which includes 123 in Leh and 48 in Kargil.

Out of the total discharged cases, 96 patients were from Leh and 31 from Kargil, officials said. With this, the active cases in Ladakh have come down to 1,589 — 1,328 in Leh and 261 in Kargil.  
Meanwhile, nurses at Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS), Soura, have urged the people to follow the norms to keep Covid at bay. Covid can be avoided by following standard operating procedures, feel the nurses.  
“The Covid patients need compassion, help and good treatment and in this difficult situation, healthcare professionals like nurses have shouldered the responsibility to treat them with commitment and affection,” a senior nurse said. — PTI

## Facing terror case, DSP Davinder dismissed

**JAMMU, MAY 20**  
Disgraced DSP Davinder Singh, who was arrested and chargesheeted by the NIA in a terror case, was on Thursday dismissed by the Jammu and Kashmir administration, an official order said.  
Singh was arrested in January last year when he was ferrying terrorists of the banned Hizbul Mujahideen to Jammu from Kashmir. The case was investigated by the NIA, which filed a chargesheet against Singh and others.  
Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha ordered Singh's dismissal from service with "immediate effect" under Article 311 of the Constitution. This provision enables the government to withdraw presidential pleasure without holding an inquiry and the decision can only be contested in the high court.  
According to the NIA chargesheet filed before a special court in Jammu last year, Singh, who was posted in the sensitive anti-hijacking unit of the police, had been in constant touch with his handlers in the Pakistan High Commission who have since been repatriated to Islamabad.  
Singh, who has been accused of providing support to banned terror group Hizbul Mujahideen, was tasked by his Pakistani handler with establishing a "contact" in the Ministry of External Affairs for carrying out espionage activities, but he couldn't. The chargesheet was filed in the first week of July last year. — PTI

**THE CHARGES**  
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Jawans refill medical oxygen cylinders for the treatment of Covid patients at Rangreth in Srinagar on Thursday. PTI

## Ensure Covid centre in all panchayats: L-G

**JAMMU, MAY 20**  
To strengthen the health infrastructure in rural areas amid the Covid second wave, Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha has directed district authorities to ensure a five-bed Covid care centre in every panchayat of the Union Territory.  
He also approved Rs 1 lakh from the district capex budget for the creation of facilities in schools, community halls and panchayat ghars in consultation with the nearest health centre and panchayat representatives.  
“Each centre to have one oxygen-supported bed for immediate patient care. Rs 1 lakh approved from district capex budget for creation of facilities in school, community hall or panchayat ghar in consultation with nearest health centre and panchayat representatives,” Sinha mentioned in his tweets. — PTI

## PoK separatists fomenting trouble: Officials

**SRINAGAR, MAY 20**  
Peeved over the silence of leaders of separatist groups, their factions in Pakistan and in occupied-Kashmir are making desperate attempts to foment trouble in Jammu and Kashmir by giving calls from across the border for 'bandhs' and strikes to mark the death anniversary of Mirwaiz Farooq and Abdul Gani Lone, officials said on Thursday. The death anniversary of both the leaders falls on Friday.  
Farooq and Lone were killed by Hizbul Mujahideen in 1990 and 2002 for opposing growing gun culture in the Kashmir Valley. Officials keeping a watch on developments noted that a release issued by the Awami Action

**SEPARATISTS SILENT AFTER CRACKDOWN**  
■ Separatist leaders are mostly silent after a series of raids by Income Tax, NIA, CBI and Enforcement Directorate officials, questioning their funding pattern  
■ Peeved over their silence, their factions in Pak-occupied Kashmir are making attempts to create unrest in J&K

Committee (AAC) earlier this week had urged people to pray for Mirwaiz Farooq at their homes due to Covid.  
Peeved over the approach of not holding protests or giving 'hartal' calls, the faction of the moderate Hurriyat Conference in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on Wednesday issued a release calling for a shutdown besides holding protests.— PTI



Navy rescues 137 crew members of GAL Constructor. PTI

## Barge death toll 49...

called off till a few weeks. Of the 261 persons on the ill-fated barge, 186 have been rescued and brought back to the shore in batches. All those who have been rescued had jumped off the barge as it sank. All were wearing self-illuminating life jackets with a special prop to keep a person's head above water.  
The sunken barge was engaged by the Heera oil rig, part of the Bombay High oil rigs, 70 km off Mumbai.  
The government last night ordered a probe into the sequence of events that led to the stranding of several barges and ships. Three barges and three ships associated with oil rigs went adrift on Monday.  
Other than barge 'P305' that sunk, all others are safe. The Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) on Thursday towed the drill ship Sagar Bhushan and barge 'Support Station 3' to the Mumbai harbour. All 297 men on board are safe. All 137 personnel on barge GAL Constructor were rescued on Tuesday by the Navy and Coast Guard helicopters.  
Meanwhile, eleven more persons are missing at sea. They were on tug-ship 'Varaprada'. Two survivors, picked up mid-sea on the night of May 17, were brought to the shore on board INS Kolkatta on Wednesday night.

## Black fungus...

maxillo facial surgeons and institution of antifungal medicine Amphotericin-B.”  
The ministry has asked states to make mucormycosis a notifiable disease under the Epidemic Diseases Act-1897, wherein all “government and private health facilities, medical colleges will follow guidelines for screening, diagnosis and management issued by the Centre and ICMR, making it mandatory to report all suspected and confirmed cases.  
Gujarat alone has reported over 500 cases. With mucormycosis raging, the Centre today announced a plan to import 6 lakh vials of Amphotericin-B. Minister of Chemicals Mansukh Mandaviya said the shortage of Amphotericin-B would be resolved soon.

## 2 Baijnath...

towards Covid protocol.  
According to health officials, the first person to be infected in Shuru village had a contact history. From him, the infection spread to his family members and then to other villagers. “Community transmission cannot be ruled out. We are undertaking mass testing in both villages and hope to check the spread of virus with the cooperation of villagers,” said the SDM.

## Hard times for Hry college staffers...

I will need to borrow money for her treatment,” he rues.  
He is not alone when it comes to bearing the brunt of delayed payment of salary in Covid times. As many as 3,000-plus teaching and non-teaching staff in the 97 aided colleges in the state are awaiting their salaries, which have been held up since February due to clearance at various levels.  
When contacted, Haryana Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar said the department was getting it expedited. “We will give the salaries for the months of February and March by the end of this week. We will try to push the clearance of salaries for April and May as well later in the month,” he said.  
However, it will be a case of too little, too late for employees like library attendant Ramesh Kumar, working in a Sonapat college. “With no salary, I was barely making both ends meet when I tested positive. Had it not been for the college staff, I would not have had anything for medicines and food. They collected money and arranged for supplies and for my travel to my hometown in Rewari when I recovered. I owe my life to them,” he said, adding that he is the only earning member in a family of six.  
“The non-payment of salaries at the peak of Covid is almost criminal since that is the source of income for most of us. We have even lost a few employees to Covid. It has been a difficult time,” says vice-president of the non-teaching employees association of aided colleges

Bijender Kadyan.  
The 2000-strong teaching staff of these colleges is equally at a disadvantage. “My 83-year-old diabetic mother and I got infected. Though we recovered in home isolation, I was worried about organising finances in case a need for hospitalisation arose,” says Dr Narendar Chahar of a college in Rohtak.  
The president of the teachers' association of aided colleges, Dayanand Malik, explains that their salaries get delayed by a month or two on a routine basis. “However, because of Covid, everybody felt the pinch slightly more and even at the end of two months, there was no sign of our salary. We have been in touch with the Education Minister over the matter.”



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- Bidders are required to enroll at <https://puda.e-auctions.in/> from 10:00 AM on 21-05-2021 to 3:00 PM on 18-06-2021.
- Bidders are advised to use a proper high data network connection. PSIEC will not be responsible for any network failure or lapse on their part.
- Any corrigendum pertaining to any of the properties offered or any intimation regarding extension of e-auction shall be announced on [www.psiec.punjab.gov.in](http://www.psiec.punjab.gov.in) and <https://puda.e-auctions.in/>
- Corner plot is denoted by (P) in the table above. Additional 10% will be charged for corner plot.
- Details of Plots/ sites, their sizes/ dimensions, layout plan, reserve price, help manual and detailed terms & conditions of e-auction including eligibility and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are available at [www.psiec.punjab.gov.in](http://www.psiec.punjab.gov.in)

**HELPLINE NO. 6284 999 031, 6284 999 032**

**e-Auction Portal:** <http://puda.e-auctions.in/>

#18 Himalaya Marg, Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh 160017  
Phone: 2702301-305 | Fax: 2702039  
Email: [support.punjab@nextenders.com](mailto:support.punjab@nextenders.com), [eauction.psiec@gmail.com](mailto:eauction.psiec@gmail.com)



**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**Tender Notice No. 03**  
The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites online bids for the following:  

Sr. No.	Items	Amount (in lakh)
1	Prov/Laying of Sewerage/New manhole chambers and Water supply line.	As per uploaded-DNIT
2	Prov/Inst. of Tubewells (against failed tubewells)	

Closing Date & Time : 07.06.2021 till 04.30 PM  
Opening of Technical bid : 09.06.2021 till 01.00PM  
Opening of Financial Bid : Date will be fixed after technical bid opening.  
For Detail login to : **eproc.punjab.gov.in.**  
**Note:** Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Zone-C (O&M) cell**  
**Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.**  
**e-mail: xenzoncomcell@gmail.com**

DPR/Pb/4697

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**  
**etender.punjabgovt.gov.in**  
**PUNJAB LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**e-Short term Tender/Notice-1/2021-22/PLDB**  

The Punjab Livestock Development Board, Livestock Complex, Sector 68, Near Army Institute of Law, S.A.S. Nagar invites e-tender on Double bid system for following items as per terms and conditions detailed below:-

Sr.No.	Name of Farms	Quantity of Wheat Straw (Toort)
a.	Semen Bank, Nabha	1600 Qtl.
b.	Semen Bank, Ropar	550 Qtl.
c.	Cattle Farm, Rauni, Patiala	3000 Qtl.
d.	Buffalo Farm, Mattewara, Ludhiana	2400 Qtl.
e.	Gokul Gram Bir Dosanjh, Nabha	1200 Qtl.
Total		<b>8750 Qtl.</b>

1. The e-tenders should be submitted online till **03/06/2021 up to 5:00 p.m.** and the same will be opened on **04/06/2021 at 11:00 a.m.** For other terms and conditions, please visit website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
2. E-Tender details can also be obtained from the Departmental website [www.husbandrypunjab.org](http://www.husbandrypunjab.org)  
3. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on above websites only.

**Additional Chief Executive Officer**

FAX No: 0172-2217084  
Telephone No: 0172-2217083  
Email ID: [dahpunjab@gmail.com](mailto:dahpunjab@gmail.com)

DPR/Pb/4690

**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE DIVISION LUDHIANA**  
**NOTICE INVITING ON LINE BIDS**  
**BID NO. 04/PWSSD/LDH of 05/2021**  

On the behalf of Ld. Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S and Sew. Board Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Division, Ludhiana invites bids from the eligible bidders as per DNIT conditions for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Qty.	Amount	Time Limit
1.	Operation and Maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plant 16 MLD capacity on SBR Technology at Jagraon for the year 2021-2022 (Period 01.07.2021 to 31.03.2022 (For 9 Months)	1 Job	App. Cost Rs. Lump Sum	9 Months
2.	Operation and Maintenance of Main Pumping Station (Disposal Works) Sahnewal Town, Distt. Ludhiana for the period of 9 Months (01.07.2021 to 31.03.2022)	1 Job	App. Cost Rs. Lump Sum	9 Months
3.	Replacement of damaged water supply Line in Ward No. 4 & 10 at Payal Town, Distt. Ludhiana.	1 Job	App. Cost Rs. 2.71 Lakh	1 Month
4.	Providing and Installing of New T/West near M.C. Office, Payal Distt. Ludhiana. (Balance Work)	1 Job	App. Cost Rs. 5.09 Lakh	1 Month

**For Societies:-** Closing date & time - 09.06.2021 up to 05:00 p.m.  
Date of opening - 10.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**For Contractors/ Agencies:-** Closing date & time - 16.06.2021 up to 05:00 p.m.  
Date of opening - 17.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

For detailed login to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

**Note:** Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Ludhiana.**  
**eepwssdivn2ldh@gmail.com**

DPR/Pb/4710

**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE DIVISION LUDHIANA**  
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**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Division, Ludhiana.**  
**eepwssdivn2ldh@gmail.com**

DPR/Pb/4710

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, KANGRA ZONE**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,**  
**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, DHARAMSHALA**  
**[ON THE LETTERHEAD OF THE EMPLOYER]**  
**Invitation for Bids No.: PWD/07/R/7/2021-22**  
**Loan No. and Title: Loan No. 3573 IND/Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project.**  

Contract Package No. and Title: PWD/07/R/7/: Construction of Model Career Centre (MCC) building at Kasba Kotla, district Kangra. H.P. (SH:- C/o Main Building including Water Supply and Sanitary Installation, Septic Tank, Site Development, Rain Harvesting Tank, Ground water recharging pit, Retaining wall and Boundary wall, Environment Component, Site Barricading etc.)

Deadline for Submission of Bids is 28 June 2021 at 11:00 hrs (IST)

- The India has received the financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of "Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project". Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract Package named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
- The "Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, represented by Chief Engineer, Kangra Zone, Dharamshala" ("The Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of Model Career Centre (MCC) building at Kasba Kotla, District Kangra. H.P. (SH:- C/o Main Building including Water Supply and Sanitary Installation, Septic Tank, Site Development, Rain Harvesting Tank, Ground water recharging pit, Retaining wall and Boundary wall, Environment Component, Site Barricading etc.) in all respect ("The Works").
- National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-stage Two-Envelope procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
  - Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR18 million (INR 1.8 Crore);
  - Minimum average annual construction turnover of INR 48 million (INR 4.8 Crore), calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years;
  - Has financial resources to meet its current contract commitments, plus INR 3 million (INR 30 Lakh) requirements for the Subject Contract;
  - Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Document.

However for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid document should be referred.

- To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:

**Attention: Er. Harsh Puri**  
**Executive Engineer, Kotla-Behar**  
**Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department (HPPWD)**  
**Himachal Pradesh**  
**India.**  
**Phone Number - 94180-27640**  
**Fax - 01970-233116**  
**E-mail ID - eepwd-kotlabehar-hp@gov.in**

A Pre-bid meeting shall take place on 04 June 2021 at 03:00 p.m. (IST), at the address stated above.

- To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should write or visit at the office of the Employer at address stated above and pay a nonrefundable fee of INR 5,000 towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft.

In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/ courier and no liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

The Bidders who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 3,000 for delivery within India, or USD 250 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through bank demand draft payable at Kotla-Behar, Himachal Pradesh, India.

The eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document in English language from the website [www.hppwd.gov.in](http://www.hppwd.gov.in), such bidders shall be required to submit INR 5,000 with their bid in the form of Bank demand draft towards cost of bidding document.

- Deliver your bid
  - to the address above
  - on or before the deadline: **28 June 2021at 11:00 hrs (IST)**
  - together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
- Bids will be opened on **28 June 2021 at 11:30 hrs (IST)** in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

**Executive Engineer, Kotla-Behar, HPPWD**  
**For and on behalf of:**  
**Chief Engineer, Kangra Zone**  
**Public Works Department,**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh,**  
**Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh,**  
**India.**

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**Office of the Municipal Council, Khanna**  
**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਪੰਨਾ (ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ)**  
**ਨੰ: 2567**  
**ਮਿਤੀ: 10.05.2021**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਪੰਨਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੰ. 2021.DLG.64986 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਿਤੀ 10.05.2021 ਤੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 24.05.2021 ਤੱਕ **Renovation and Modernization of Bus Stand MC, Khanna** ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੂੰ ਖਰਦ ਦੀ ਅਮਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ 24.05.2021, ਸਮਾਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 06.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਿਡ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਮਿਤੀ 20.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 05.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਪੰਨਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਬਿਡ ਮਿਤੀ 25.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਅਤੇ ਫਾਈਨਾਂਸੀਅਲ ਬਿਡ ਮਿਤੀ 26.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੇਗੀ। ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਕੌਂਸਲਿੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਅਭਿਭਾਗ ਕੇਵਲ ਵੱਧਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

**Sd/- Vice president,**  
**Municipal Council, Khanna. DPR/Pb/4693**

**Executive Officer,**  
**Municipal Council, Khanna. DPR/Pb/4693**

**PUNJAB POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LTD.**  
**POLICE COMPLEX, PHASE-VII, SAS NAGAR.**  
**TEL. NO. 4080111, 4080112 & FAX NO. 4080107**  
**INVITATION OF BID (IFB)**  
**SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 9/2020-21 DATED 19.05.2021**  

Online tenders are invited on two bid system (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) on percentage basis above/below/at par from the DNIT for the following works from the eligible Contractors enlisted in Central/State Government and PSU as per detail given in the website [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Sr. No.	Name of Work	i) Estimated Cost ii) Earnest Money iii) Processing Fee v) Tender Form Cost	Time Limit (in months)
1	Construction of ITI at Bhagwanpura, Block Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.	i) Rs. 784.51 lacs ii) Rs. 7.84 lacs iii) Rs. 5900/- iv) Rs. 5900/-	09

i) Start Date of Down Loading : 21.05.2021 Time 17:00 Hrs.  
ii) Last Date of Bid Submission : 03.06.2021 Time 11:00 Hrs.  
iii) Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid : 04.06.2021 Time 11:00 Hrs.

For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact us on 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284/4080116. Corrigendum/Addendum/Corrections, if any will be published in the website.

DPR/Pb/4695 **Sd/- CHAIRMAN-cum-MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT-CUM-MEMBER SECRETARY,**  
**RKS, DR. R.P. GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL,**  
**KANGRA AT TANDA**  
**E-mail: medical.supdt.tanda@gmail.com**  
**Website: <http://www.hptenders.gov.in>**  
**Tender No.: HFW-H(DRPGMC)MS/RKS/e-tender/2020-3393**  
**Dated: 19.05.2021**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**  

E-tender under Two Bid Systems are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Liquid Medical Oxygen Tank with intake capacity of 30KL including civil work like concrete platform and boundary chain link fencing in Dr. R.P. Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Kangra at Tanda. The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> as per schedule given below:

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:-**

Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website	21.05.2021
Last Date for Queries on or before	28.05.2021, 5:00 P.M.
Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before	31.05.2021, 11:00 A.M.
Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	31.05.2021, 3:00 P.M.
Opening of Price Bid	Next any further date to be notified
E.M.D.	Rs. 1,50,000.00
Venue	THE PRINCIPAL Chamber, DR. R. P. GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE, KANGRA AT TANDA – 176002
Phone: 01892-267115	Fax No.: 01892-267115

The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly for any corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender. The Principal-cum-Chairman, RKS reserves the right to reject/accept any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

**Sd/- Principal-cum-Chairman, RKS,**  
**Dr. RPGMC, Tanda.**

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**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT,**  
**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**Block No.6, SDA Commercial Complex,**  
**Kasumpti, Shimla-171009, India**  
**Phone: 0177-2621466, 2621476 Fax: 0177-2622307**  
**Website: [www.hphealth.nic.in](http://www.hphealth.nic.in)**  
**Email: [ddhssproc@gmail.com](mailto:ddhssproc@gmail.com)**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**  

Short Term E-Tenders are invited from the All India based Manufacturers/Authorized Distributors of Manufacturers (for indigenous product)/Direct Importer (for imported product), for procurement of 70 lac (tentative), **Syringe, auto-disable, 0.5 ml with needle (23Gx1" or 0.6x25mm) and protective cap**, required primarily for Covid-19 vaccination, F.O.R. State Vaccine Store Parimahal Shimla - 171009, Regional Vaccine Store Mandi, c/o CMO Mandi, Distt. Mandi (HP) and Regional Vaccine Store Dharamshala, C/o CMO Kangra, Distt. Kangra (HP). The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from 18.05.2021 on website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is 25.05.2021 up to 01:00 PM. The Tender will be opened on 25.05.2021 at 2:30 PM. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserve the right to accept or reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

**Director Health Services,**  
**Himachal Pradesh**  
**Shimla – 171009**

DPR/HP/893

**ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਸਮਾਜਿਕ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਤਰੀ ਤੇ ਬਾਲ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ**  
**ਫੋਨ: 0172-2602294**  
**ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ**  
**ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਬੱਚੇ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਬਚਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ**  

ਕੋਵਿਡ 19 ਦੀ ਸਮੱਸਿਆ ਦੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਸ਼ੱਕਤ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬੱਚੇ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਹੀ ਮਾਰਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਵਾਂਝੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੱਚੇ ਦੇ ਮਾਪੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਚਲਾਣਾ ਕਰ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਇਕ ਮਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਪਿਉ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਜਾਂ ਦੂਜਾ ਬਿਮਾਰ ਜਾਂ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਖਲ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਮਾਤਾ-ਪਿਤਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਖਲ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਅਜਿਹੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਸ਼ੋਸਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ 'ਤੇ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੋਦ ਲੈਣ ਦਾ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ। ਆਪ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਅਸੀਂ ਪੂਰਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਗੋਦ ਲੈਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਦੇਣਾ ਇਕ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਜੇਕਰ ਆਪ ਦੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਬੱਚਾ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸੁਵੇਨਾਇਲ ਜਜਟਿਸ (ਕੋਅਰ ਐਡ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਚਿਲਡਰਨ) ਐਕਟ 2015 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 31 ਅਤੇ 32 ਦੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਦਾ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਵੇਨਾਇਲ ਜਜਟਿਸ (ਕੋਅਰ ਐਡ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਚਿਲਡਰਨ) ਐਕਟ, 2015 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 80 ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਵਧਾਨ ਹੈ।

- ਅਜਿਹੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਸਕੀਮ-icps ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਰੇਤ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹ ਇਕ ਟੈਲ-ਫ੍ਰੀ ਨੰਬਰ ਹੈ ਜੋ 24x7 ਘੰਟੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਲਾਈਨ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਫਾਈਡਬੈਕ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਚਲਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਸਤਰੀ ਤੇ ਬਾਲ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਮੰਤਰਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਨੇਤਰ ਹੇਜ਼ੀ ਹੈ।
- ਸਟੇਟ ਅਡਾਪਸ਼ਨ ਜਿਸਟਿਸ ਏਜੰਸੀ (ਸਾਰਾ) ਦੇ ਨੰਬਰ: 9592104500 'ਤੇ ਵੀ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
- ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਮਦਦ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋਆਂ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਥਾਨ, ਪਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਮੇਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹ ਬੱਚੇ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਖਤਰਾ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਾਲ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਯੂਨਿਟ ਨਾਂ ਬਾਲ ਭਲਾਈ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਜਾਂ ਸੁਵੇਨਾਇਲ ਜਜਟਿਸ ਬੋਰਡ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ [sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps](http://sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps) ਅਤੇ [sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/downloads](http://sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/downloads) 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ।
- ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਪਨਾਹ, ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਵਿਧਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਾਲ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਯੂਨਿਟ ਨਾਂ ਭਲਾਈ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਜਾਂ ਸੁਵੇਨਾਇਲ ਜਜਟਿਸ ਬੋਰਡ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ [sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps](http://sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps) 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।
- ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਵਿਚ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੇ ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ, ਚਿਲਡਰਨ ਹੋਮ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੂਚੀ [sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps](http://sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/wcd/integrated-child-protection-scheme-icps) ਅਤੇ [sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/downloads](http://sswd.punjab.gov.in/en/downloads) 'ਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ, ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।
- ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਬਾਲ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਗਠਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ, ਤੁਸੀਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ 79996-00009 ਅਤੇ 0172-2298097 ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵੀ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।
- 181 'ਤੇ ਵੀ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਹੇਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਹੈ।
- ਜੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਵਨਾਤਮਕ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) ਦੇ ਨੰਬਰ: 080269-72240 'ਤੇ ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਸਿਹਤ ਅਭਿਆਸਕਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।
- ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਫਾਰ ਪ੍ਰੋਟੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਚਾਈਲਡ ਰਾਈਟਸ (ਐਨ.ਸੀ.ਪੀ.ਸੀ.ਆਰ.) ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਟੈਲ ਫ੍ਰੀ ਹੇਲਪਲਾਈਨ 1800-121-2830 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।

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# Gaza conflict rages on, WHO appeals for humanitarian pause

## Wants access to city for giving aid | Hamas fires more rockets

GAZA/JERUSALEM, MAY 20  
Diplomatic efforts towards a ceasefire in the Gaza war gathered pace on Thursday amid a worsening humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian territory, but Israeli airstrikes again pulverised the enclave and Hamas rockets targeted towns in Israel. International agencies appealed for a halt in the violence to allow medical and other supplies into Hamas-run Gaza.

The severity of injuries is straining an already overwhelmed health system," WHO regional director Ahmed Al-Mandhari said in Cairo. A senior official in the Hamas militant group said a ceasefire could take hold within days. Rocket attacks on Israel stopped for eight hours early on Thursday but then resumed against communities near the Israel-Gaza border. An Israeli minister said Israel would halt its offensive only when it had achieved its goals, and Israeli warplanes unleashed more airstrikes on the densely-populated enclave on an 11th day of hostilities. Health officials in



Smoke billows from a building during an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City on Thursday. REUTERS

**PALESTINIAN ENVOY ACCUSES ISRAEL OF 'GENOCIDE'**  

Foreign Minister Riyad Al-Malki has accused Israel of committing "genocide" against Palestinian families. He urged the international community to protect the Palestinian people until their freedom is assured. He urged the assembly to ensure that Israel was held accountable for killing innocent Palestinians and not provided with arms. AP

Gaza say 230 Palestinians, including 65 children and 39 women, have been killed and more than 1,700 wounded in aerial bombardments. Israeli authorities put the death toll to date at 12 in Israel, with 336 persons treated for injuries. — Reuters

## EU seals Pfizer deal for 1.8 bn doses

BRUSSELS, MAY 20  
The European Union's executive arm on Thursday finalised a third vaccine contract with Pfizer and BioNTech through 2023 for an additional 1.8 billion doses of their Covid-19 shot.

The EU said the deal, which was agreed on behalf of all 27 EU countries earlier this month, would allow the buying of 900 million doses of the current shots and of a serum adapted to the virus' variants, with an option to purchase an extra 900 million shots. The signature of the agreement

**TRACKING VIRUS**  

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	6,02,035
BRAZIL	4,41,864
MEXICO	2,20,850
UK	1,27,694
ITALY	1,24,810

WORLDWIDE TILL MAY 20, 11 PM

Britain's Prince William gets a jab in London. AP/PTI

comes less than a week before a court hearing in Brussels pitting the commission against

AstraZeneca, which is accused of failing to deliver the promised number of doses. — AP

## BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
₹73.12	₹89.22	₹103.27	₹0.67	₹11.35	₹60.34	₹56.72	₹54.88	₹9.41

337.78  
49,564.86

124.10  
14,906.05

GOLD  
₹47,000  
(MCX) Mumbai

SILVER  
₹72,300  
(MCX) Mumbai

# New ITR filing portal from June 7

## Existing website to remain suspended from June 1 to June 6

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NEW DELHI, MAY 20  
The existing income tax portal will be unavailable for six days — from June 1 to June 6 — as a prelude to the launch of a newer, mobile-friendly version from June 7, said a Finance Ministry statement.

It has advised taxpayers that they should complete urgent tasks including submissions, uploads or downloads before June 1 to avoid any difficulty during the blackout period.

The new e-filing portal ([www.incometax.gov.in](http://www.incometax.gov.in)) is aimed at providing taxpayer convenience and a modern, seamless experience, it added.

It will provide multiple payment options using net-banking, UPI, credit card and RTGS/NEFT from any account of the taxpayer in any bank.

**DEADLINE FOR RETURN NOW SEPTEMBER 30**

- The government on Thursday extended the due date of filing income tax returns for 2020-21 for individuals by two months till September 30
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has also extended the ITR filing deadline for companies by a month till November 30

## Royal Enfield recalls over 2.36 lakh bikes

NEW DELHI, MAY 20  
Eicher Motors reported on Thursday it will recall as many as 2,36,966 bikes across models due to defects in the ignition coil that can cause misfiring and, in rare cases, an electric short circuit. The recall will apply to Meteor, Classic and Bullet model motorcycles sold in India, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia, Royal Enfield said. — Reuters

## Ex-Nissan boss told to repay \$6m in wages

AMSTERDAM, MAY 20  
An Amsterdam court on Thursday ordered fugitive former car executive **Carlos Ghosn** to repay Nissan and Mitsubishi \$6.1 million in wages he received from their Dutch-registered JV Nissan-Mitsubishi BV in 2018. Nissan and Mitsubishi, which ousted Ghosn as chairman in 2018, claimed Ghosn had wrongly granted the wages to himself. — Reuters

## Amazon faces five new lawsuits in US

SEATTLE, MAY 20  
Amazon.com Inc was hit on Wednesday with five new lawsuits by women who worked in corporate or warehouse management roles, and accused the online retailer of gender bias, racial bias or both. The women, aged 23 to 64, accused Amazon of favouring men over women in career growth, allowing supervisors to denigrate them, and retaliating after they complained. — Reuters

## Bad bank to get 80 large NPA accounts

NEW DELHI, MAY 20  
State-owned banks are likely to shift around 80 large NPA accounts for the resolution to National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd., which is expected to be operational by next month. It is expected that NPAs over Rs 2 lakh crore will move out of the books of the banks to the bad bank. It will pick up those assets that are 100% provided for by the lenders. — PTI



BRIEFLY

**NEW DELHI**  
**India women to play maiden pink-ball Test vs Australia**  
The India women's team will play their maiden pink-ball Test later this year, against Australia in Perth, cricket boards of both the countries announced today. Mithali Raj's team will take on Meg Lanning's squad at the WACA ground from September 30 in what will be only the second Day-Night Test in women's cricket, following Australia's drawn 2017 match against England in Sydney.


**BUENOS AIRES**  
**Maradona doctors could face murder charge**  
Seven people being investigated over the death of Argentine footballing great Diego Maradona could face charges of premeditated murder, a news report has said. The accused, including Maradona's neurosurgeon Leopoldo Luque, psychiatrist Agustina Cosachov and psychologist Carlos Diaz, could face eight to 25 years in prison if found guilty. The indictment is based on findings by a board of experts into Maradona's death from a heart attack last year. The report of these experts concluded that Maradona received inadequate medical care and was left to his fate for a "prolonged, agonising period" before his death, which occurred just weeks after the 60-year-old underwent a brain surgery for a blood clot.

**KARACHI**  
**PCB to stage remaining PSL matches in Abu Dhabi**  
The Pakistan Cricket Board is set to stage the remaining matches of the sixth edition of the Pakistan Super League in Abu Dhabi after receiving all outstanding approvals and exemptions from the UAE government.

**LONDON**  
**Liverpool back in Premier League's top-4**  
Liverpool beat Burnley 3-0 on Wednesday to climb to fourth in the Premier League. Liverpool will head into Sunday's final round looking to clinch qualification for the Champions League. With two qualifying spots up for grabs to join Manchester City and Manchester United, Chelsea are in third place on 67 points, one more than both Liverpool and fifth-place Leicester. Liverpool have a superior goal difference to Leicester.

**REGGIO EMILIA (ITALY)**  
**Juventus beat Atalanta 2-1 to win Italian Cup final**  
Gianluigi Buffon lifted the last trophy of his glittering Juventus career after his team beat Atalanta 2-1 in the Italian Cup to put some shine on a disappointing season. It was a record-extending 14th Italian Cup title for Juventus, and a first for star forward Cristiano Ronaldo.

**PARIS**  
**Mbappe helps PSG retain French Cup title**  
Kylian Mbappe scored one goal and set up the other as Paris Saint-Germain stayed on course for a domestic double by beating Monaco 2-0 to retain the French Cup. It was a record-extending 14th cup win for PSG, who trail leaders Lille by one point in Ligue 1. AGENCIES



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Executive Engineer-IV on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board invites Percentage Rate Tenders through e-procurement process from the enlisted Agencies/Firms/Contractors/ Tenderer having valid enlistment certificate issued by any one or the specified departments i.e. UT Engineering Department/ Municipal Corporation Chandigarh/ CPWD/ MES/ Punjab PWD/ Haryana PWD/ Himachal PWD/ other State Govt. Departments, Boards/ Corporations & PSUs for the work or "EARTH WORK IN CENTRAL GREEN PARK AT II HABITAT ROGETP, CHANDIGARH".

Estimated Cost:- Rs. 56,30,729/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 1,12,700/- Period of Completion:- 02 Months. Last date of submission of bid online is 31/05/2021. Last date of physical submission of bid & date of opening bid is 04/06/2021.

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Dravid to coach India white-ball team in Lanka

**NEW DELHI, MAY 20**  
Former India captain Rahul Dravid, currently heading the National Cricket Academy (NCA), is set to be named the head coach of the Indian white-ball squad that will tour Sri Lanka in July. Dravid, who stopped travelling with the India A and U-19 teams after taking over as NCA head in Bengaluru, will be the head coach of the second-string side in the absence of the main team staff. The India coaching staff, including head coach Ravi Shastri, bowling coach Bharat Arun and batting coach Vikram Rathour, will

be on tour in England for five Test matches and the World Test Championship final during the time India's white-ball specialists play in Sri Lanka. "He will travel with the team to Sri Lanka in all likelihood," a BCCI official said. Bowling coach Paras Mhambrey will also be part of the support staff. India are expected to play three ODIs and as many T20s in Sri Lanka in July, though the schedule has not been announced yet. Dravid has earned praise for unearthing and grooming young talent during his stint

with the India A and India under-19 sides. Many of the India youngsters, including those who could be touring Sri Lanka, have played under Dravid as coach. The Board of Control for Cricket in India is yet to confirm Dravid's appointment, however. The squad will have plenty of fringe players and some established white-ball specialists. Hardik Pandya, Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer are in the running for captaincy. It remains to be seen if Iyer recovers in time from his shoulder surgery to play in Sri Lanka. — Agencies

Vinesh to train in Europe till July

Olympics-bound athletes keen to train abroad to avoid Covid-19 in India

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, MAY 20**  
Though there has been a marked decline in Covid-19 cases in the country, the numbers are still high and Indian athletes have been making efforts to train abroad to avoid contracting the virus. The Sports Ministry through its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) has been backing athletes in this. The latest Olympics hopeful to get a helping hand is wrestler Vinesh Phogat (53kg category), whose request to train in Hungary and Poland until July, after she finishes her current high-altitude stint in Bulgaria, has been accepted. Vinesh will train in Budapest until June 9, travel for the Poland Open (June 9 to 13) and return to Budapest

Vinesh will train in Hungary and Poland after she finishes her current high-altitude stint in Bulgaria

to be based there until July 2. Her coach Woller Akos, sparing partner Priyanka and physiotherapist Poornima Raman Ngomdir will accompany her. The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) cleared the training stint that will cost Rs 20.21 lakh. The MOC has also approved a five-week training camp of doubles scullers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh in Portugal from June 1. Besides, doubles tennis specialists Divij Sharan and Rohan Bopanna's participation in several tournaments between January and June 2021 has been approved, with a total cost of Rs 57.51 lakh.

INSURANCE COVER

The Sports Ministry has decided to extend medical and accident insurance cover to athletes, coaches and support staff from this year. The medical insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh each will be provided to all national campers, probable national campers, Khelo India athletes and junior campers training at Sai Centre of Excellence. The insurance includes a Rs 25 lakh cover in case of accident or death. Meanwhile, Olympics-bound wrestlers Sumit Malik (125kg) and Seema Bisla (50kg), rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh, and tennis player Ankit Raina have been added to the TOPS core group.

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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PMSSY Division) invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post of Executive Director on deputation/short term contract/contract basis in the Level 15 Rs. 182200-224100/- in the Pay Matrix (as per 7th CPC) each in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at (i) Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) (ii) Bhubaneswar (Odisha) (iii) Patna (Bihar) (iv) Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) (v) Guwahati (Assam) (vi) Awantipora (Jammu & Kashmir) and (vii) Darbhanga (Bihar). For further details, please visit Ministry's Website and Division's Website at [www.mohfw.gov.in](http://www.mohfw.gov.in) and <http://pmssy-mohfw.nic.in>

Detailed advertisement will be published in the Employment News. The closing date of receipt of application will be the 45th day from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News.

**(S.M. Routray)**  
**Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India**  
**Tel : 011-23350005**

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**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**

No. PGI/MS-2021/Advt.-1 Dated: 20.05.2021

**NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW**

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER) Chandigarh intends to fill the following post for Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTO) under National Organ & Transplant Programme (NOTP) during the financial year 2021-22:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post
1.	Director In Charge	01
2.	Joint Director (Technical)	01
3.	Programme Assistant cum Data Entry Operator	01

The above posts are to be filled purely on contractual basis (fixed salary) on the rates as approved by the Ministry. For further details like qualification, experience, emoluments of the post etc., the candidates are advised to visit PGI website [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) and download the detailed terms and conditions. Interested candidates may appear before the interview board/committee with detailed Bio-data/application form supported with a copy of all certificates/testimonials, experience certificate and publications etc. for the posts on **04.06.2021 at 03:00 p.m.** in the Committee Room, M.S. Office, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh. **DI-3045 DIRECTOR**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

SEBI Bhavan, C4/A, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai – 400051

**Notice Inviting Applications For Empanelment of Forensic Auditors**

Applications invited in prescribed format for Empanelment of Forensic Auditors.

Detailed advertisement is available in our website [www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in) under section 'Tenders'.

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**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Walk-in interview for filling up the posts **Psychiatrist and Medical Officers on contractual basis** for the tenure of **one year** for Drug De-Addiction Centre in Model Jail under Health & Family Welfare Department, Chandigarh Administration will be held on **27th May 2021 at 9.00 a.m.** Necessary details are available on departmental website [www.nrhmchd.gov.in](http://www.nrhmchd.gov.in) or contact O/o National Health Mission, 4th Floor, Administrative Block, Govt. Multi Speciality Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh (Phone No. 0172-2702924).

**Sd/- Director Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CHANDIGARH STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY, UT, CHD**

**INTERNATIONAL HOSTEL, SECTOR 15-A, (NEAR PGIMER), MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH**

PHONE NO. 2544563, 2783300, FAX NO. 2700171  
EMAIL: [chandigarhsacs@gmail.com](mailto:chandigarhsacs@gmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.chandigarhsacs.org.in](http://www.chandigarhsacs.org.in)

**Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for short listing of NGOs/CBOs for establishment of Care and Support Centres (CSCs) in Chandigarh.**

Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society (CSACS) invites applications from interested Civil Society Organizations (NGOs/CBOs) for empanelment/selection to (a) implement care and support centers. A CSC is a community-based service delivery point which provides counselling, psychosocial support, outreach activities, linkages to welfare schemes and enabling environment for PLHIV. CBOs/NGOs that are registered Societies/ Trusts and active in community work are eligible to apply.

Additional information viz. terms of reference/scope of work, qualifying and evaluation criteria may be seen on the website of Chandigarh SACS. [www.chandigarhsacs.org.in](http://www.chandigarhsacs.org.in).

Last date of Expression of Interest applications in the specified format with relevant documents to Chandigarh SACS shall be up to **5:00 p.m. on 7/6/2021**.

"Please note that this is not a request for proposals. The request for proposal will be issued to short-list NGO/CBO only".

**Sd/- Project Director, Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society.**

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. DEN-HQ/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) with closing date: **15.06.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. In place of Earnest money deposit, "Bid Security Declaration" is to be submitted or prescribed format as available in document section on the portal.

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
19.05.2021	01.06.2021	15.06.2021/15:00 Hrs

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender						
1	20-2021-22-ADEN-1-FZR	Ordinary repair & maintenance as well as new works, additions & alterations to existing structures and emergent works in Zone no 1 (2021-22) all Service Buildings and Staff Quarters, level crossing, bridges etc. from BTI (excluding) to FZR (excluding) on BTI-FZR section and from KKP (including) FKA (excluding) on KKP-FKA section in the section of SSE/W/KKP under ADEN-I/FZR.						
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		<b>Similar nature of work - Any civil work other than track work.</b>						
2	21-2021-22-ADEN-1-FZR	Ordinary repair & maintenance as well as new works, additions & alterations to existing structures and emergent works in Zone no 2 (2021-22) all Service Buildings and Staff Quarters, level crossing, bridges etc. from Talwandi (including) to Firzpur (including) on LDH-FZR section in the section of SSE/W/FZR under ADEN-I/FZR.						
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3	22-2021-22-ADEN-1-FZR	Ordinary repair & maintenance as well as new works, additions & alterations to existing structures and emergent works in Zone no 3 (2021-22) all Service Buildings and Staff Quarters, level crossing, bridges etc. from LDH (excluding) to Talwandi (excluding) on LDH-FZR section in the section of SSE/W/JGN under ADEN-I/FZR.						
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		<b>Similar nature of work - Any civil work other than track work.</b>						
4	23-2021-22-ADEN-2-PTK	Ordinary repair & maintenance as well as new works, additions & alterations to existing structures and emergent works in Zone no 1 (2021-22) all Service Buildings and Staff Quarters from Dina nagar (including) to Verka (excluding) on ASR-PTK section and Batala-Qadian section in the section of SSE/W/BAT under ADEN-I/PTK.						
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**Note 1:-** Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against tender.  
**Tender Notice No. - 770-W/169/ WA/1/FZR/20,21,22 & 23/2021-22/DRM/FZR Date:- 19.05.2021 1073/2021**

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**Registered Office : C-208, Main Road Sector-III, New Shimla Corporate Office : Jhalwan, Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi**  
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Company Secretary: Mob No. 94596-84681 E-mail: [csbsebi@gmail.com](mailto:csbsebi@gmail.com)  
O/o MD, BVPCIL, Jhalwan, Distt. Mandi, Joginder Nagar- 175015  
Tel Number : 01908-224412 & 224516, Email id: [mdbvpcil\\_jnr@yahoo.com](mailto:mdbvpcil_jnr@yahoo.com)

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS (e-Tendering Mode only)**

Online (through) rate bids (Two- part bid system) are invited by the undersigned for and on behalf of Managing Director, Beas Valley Power Corporation Ltd. (BVPCIL) for the below described work on the prescribed forms from the reputed companies having a sufficient experience and expertise to execute such works in the past. The tender documents shall be available on e-Tendering website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> by **21 May, 2021**.

Tender No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Bid Money including GST
BVPCL/MD/Uhl Stage-I/II/Penstock/ 2021-01	Dismantling of existing Surface Penstock fabricated from SAILMA 550 HI Steel, Complete Detailed Design & Fabrication Drawings for its replacement, Supply of steel plates, Storage, Fabrication, Testing, Painting, Transportation to Project site, Erection and commissioning of Surface, Steel In-Liners, Cladding work of Penstock and its specials, complete in all respect including execution of allied civil works (Design/Construction Drawings) for Uhl- Stage-I-II- (100MW) HEP, Joginder Nagar, Distt- Mandi, Himachal Pradesh".	Rs. 55.5 Crore	Rs. 70.00 Lakh	Rs. 20,000.00

**Time for Completion:- 23 Months**

The bid document shall be available online and is to be submitted on the website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. The bidders would be required to register in the website, which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to have digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying authority (CA). Aspiring bidders, who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL, may obtain the same from the website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. DSC is mandatory to participate in e-tendering. Bidders already have valid DSC issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tendering process as per following key dates:-

Date of Online publication	19.05.2021
Date of downloading of NIT	21.05.2021
Last date & time for submission of online NIT	21.06.2021 up to 14:00 hours
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial Bid	28.06.2021

Any further clarification, corrigendum, amendment, extension or addendum shall be notified on the above website only; no press notice for the same shall be issued. Bidders should regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.

**Managing Director, BVPCIL, Uhl Stage-III, (100 MW), e-mail address: [mdbvpcil\\_jnr@yahoo.com](mailto:mdbvpcil_jnr@yahoo.com) Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, Himchal Pradesh. Ph. No. 01908-224412**

**Energy Saved is Energy Generated**

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

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Baggi invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works(s) through e-tendering process :-

Sr. No.	Name of work	E/Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit
1	PLWSS to Chandyal-Bhadhyal & Behna in Tehsil Balh District Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/O Pump House-cum-Chowkidar Room, C/O Toilet for Pump House staff, Providing Electrical installation to pump house, C/O Boundary wall around pump house, Providing Barbed wire fencing around storage tanks, Providing and Fixing of bulk meters, C/O RCC Storage Tank 10000 ltrs capacity, C/O 2 Nos RCC Storage Tank 15000 ltrs capacity and C/O RCC Storage Tank 22000 ltrs capacity) (UNDER JIM)	Rs. 19,54,089/-	Rs. 36,811/-	Six Months

**Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering: 27/05/2021 upto 05.00 PM.**

The tender form and other detail and condition can be obtained from the website [hptenders.gov.in](http://hptenders.gov.in) or from office of Jal Shakti Division, Baggi upto the date specified above.

**Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Baggi.**

DPR/HP/908

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**

Sealed item rate tender on form 6 & 8 for the following work is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of H.P. from the contractors of appropriate class enlisted with H.P. Jal Shakti Deptt. so as to reach in the office of the **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Matiana on or before 28.5.2021 up to 3.00 P.M.** The tender will be opened on the same day at **3.30 P.M.** in the presence of the contractors or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. The tender forms can be had from this office up to **27.05.2021 till 4.00 P.M.** the date of sale/receipt & opening of tenders shall be considered as next day if holiday happens on above specified date.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1	Linking of source Drought affected GWSS Gadeog in GP Bari, Tehsil Theog, Distt. Shimla HP (SH:- C/O RCC Storage Tank 5000 ltrs capacity, C/O Intake Tank Allah Source & P/L of Distribution System for Village Gadeog.)	297790/-	6000/-	6 Months	250/-

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- The contractor/firm should provide registration /renewal of enlistment and PAN No.
- Earnest Money in the shape of NSC/saving account in any of the Post Office in Himachal Pradesh F.D. or Demand Draft duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Matiana or certificate of exemption of earnest money deposited.
- Tender application without cost of tender form and Earnest Money will be rejected.
- The telegraphic/conditional tender will not be entertained in any case.
- The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.
- The contractor must quote their rate both in words as well as in figures.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor.
- The contractor only authorized dealer are entitled to participate in the tender.

**Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Matiana.**

**No.:- JSV -DM-CB-Tender-Matiana/2020- DPR/HP/915**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Division Mandi on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in Electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with H.P. Jal Shakti Vibhag.

**Name of Work:- CAD of LIS Shila kipper in GP Majhwar, FIS Bijani in GP Bijani and FIS Chabuan Nela in GP Majhwar Tehsil Sadar Distt. Mandi HP. (SH:- C/O Field Outlets = 21 Nos, C/O R/wall, C/O Field Outlets/Hydrants = 4 Nos, C/O Chamber = 8 Nos and Laying, Jointing and Testing of HDPE pipe of various dia in distribution systems and Laying, Jointing & Testing of R/Main).**

Estimated Cost	: Rs. 42,77,483/- Only
Earnest Money	: Rs. 71,700/- Only
Time Limit	: Six Months
Cost of Tender Document	: Rs. 800/-

**Name of Work: CAD of LIS Gumanoo in GP Bari (Phase-Ist. & 2nd., LIS Bari in GP Bari Gumanoo and LIS Dhanyara in GP Dhanyara (Salether) in Tehsil Sadar Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- C/O Head Weir , C/O Field Outlets=18 Nos. C/O R/Wall, C/O Chamber for protection of Hydrants =29 Nos, C/O Delivery tanks= 3 Nos and Laying, Jointing and testing of HDPE pipe of various dia in distribution systems and Laying, Jointing & Testing of R/Main).**

Estimated Cost	: Rs. 64,64,875/- Only
Earnest Money	: Rs. 97,200/- Only
Time Limit	: Six Months
Cost of Tender Document	: Rs. 800/-

The bids are to be submitted online which are to be encrypted and digitally signed by the contractor/firms. The bidders are advised to obtain digital signature certificate (DSC) from the suitable vendors or any authorized agency at the earliest.

**Schedule of Tendering:-**

1. Bid Submission start date	19.05.2021 05:00 PM
2. Bid Submission end date	25.05.2021 05:00 PM
3. Opening of Cover-I	26.05.2021 at 11:30AM
4. Opening of Financial bid	Date and place to be notified separately

**CONDITIONS:-**

- The e-tender documents shall be uploaded in two covers:-
  - Cover-1** shall contain scanned copies of "Eligibility Information".
  - Cover-2** shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.

**Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Mandi.**

DPR/HP/900

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG Division Reckong Peo E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Reckongpeo, Distt. Kinnaur invites item rate tender on behalf of the Governor of H.P. from the eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Time Limit
1	C/o GWSS Gotrang to Mathe Kanda in GP Sangra, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: Site development for Civil Work, C/o intake chamber, Storage tank 10000 ltrs cap, R/Wall, CC 1:5:10 at various RD's, barbed wire fencing and Laying, jointing, tetsating of GMS tubes of various dia)	21,66,670	40000	400	18 months
2	C/o WSS Sangla Kanda to Reshwal in GP Sangla, Tehsil Sangla, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: C/o RCC intake chamber, Storage tank 30000 ltrs cap, Laying, jointing tetsating of GMS tubes of various dia at various RD's)	21,61,823	39927	400	18 months
3	Remodeling of GWSS Tranda in GP Tranda, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes at various RD's and dismantlement and relaying of GMS tubes at various RD's)	21,33,936	39509	400	18 months
4	Remodelling of WSS Nigulsari in GP Tranda, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: C/o intake chamber, C/o RCC Storage tank 15000, 7500 litres capacity, barbed wire fencing around civil structure and laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes of various dia)	14,03,016	28060	400	12 months
5	Providing GWSS to Duno in GP Nichar, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: Site development for Civil Work, barbed wire fencing, C/o intake chamber, C/o RCC storage tank 10000 ltrs cap, laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes of various dia)	12,94,213	25884	400	12 months
6	Augmentation of WSS Panvi and providing household connections to balance FHTC in GP Panvi, Tehsil Nichar, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: C/o RCC intake chamber, Storage tank 10000 ltrs cap, fencing around civil structure, Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes of various dia at various RD's)	10,85,709	21714	400	12 months
7	C/o Storage tank and pipeline for WSS Kamroo in Tehsil Sangla, Distt. Kinnaur, H.P. (SH: C/o RCC intake chamber, Storage tank 50000 ltrs capacity, laying, jointing and testing of GMS tube of 50 mm dia at RD 0 to 850)	7,51,529	15031	250	12 months

**KEY DATES:-**

1. Date of online publication	21/05/2021, 10:00 a.m.
2. Downloading of e-tender documents	21/05/2021, 10:00 a.m. to 03/06/2021, 05:00 p.m.
3. Date of submission of e-tendering	21/05/2021, 10:00 a.m. to 03/06/2021, 05:00 p.m.
5. Date of opening bid	04/06/2021, 11:00 a.m.

Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

DPR/HP/904



# Not allowed to speak, Didi calls PM's Covid meeting 'insulting'

BJP says Bengal Chief Minister's conduct 'shameful, undignified'

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**KOLKATA/NEW DELHI, MAY 20** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said chief ministers were reduced to mere puppets and not allowed to speak despite being invited at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video-conference meeting on the Covid situation with district magistrates.

Accusing the PM of insulting the spirit of federalism, Mamata said she along with her counterparts from many states was not allowed to speak, which was akin to insulting them.

"Modi was bypassing the federal structure and humiliating the chief ministers. This was not a one-way communication, but a one-way humiliation... one nation, all humiliation," said Mamata, calling the meeting "super-flop".

Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad called Mamata's conduct "shameful, undignified, condemnable and least expected from the CM of a large state like West Bengal".

Citing instances, Prasad claimed Mamata had seldom



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a press conference at the state secretariat in Kolkata on Thursday. PTI

## 'NO COMMUNICATION, ONLY HUMILIATION'

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Mamata Banerjee, WEST BENGAL CM

## 'UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR'

Nothing better can be expected of Mamata... You don't attend a meeting that is entirely your call...but you come to a meeting (of DMs) and try to derail it... it's unacceptable.

Ravi Shankar Prasad, UNION LAW MINISTER

attended meetings called by the PM. On rare occasion when she did attend, she allegedly tried to disrupt them, Prasad said in Delhi.

Sources said the DMs of nine districts from West Bengal, including Kolkata, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah and Hoogly, were asked by the PMO to take part in the meeting.

The DM of North 24 Pargana was slated to speak in the conference. But, Mamata allegedly passed instructions last night that none of the DMs should participate in the meeting, said sources.

The DMs of 45 districts from nine states and their respective CMs were present in the meeting. West Bengal, the 10th state, was represented by Mamata accompanied by Chief Secretary and Health Secretary. However, her comments were not sought.

Claiming she had gone to the meeting prepared to flag several issues, Mamata claimed the PM never asked about the availability of beds, vaccine or oxygen or about the status of the black fungus infection in Covid patients.

# Domestic vaccine needs to get priority over exports: MEA

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, MAY 20**

Despite several neighbouring countries facing a shortage of vaccines promised by India, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday that priority would be given to domestic needs.

Answering a spate of questions in this regard, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi referred to a media interaction with the Foreign Secretary late last month where he had expressed confidence that in the next two to three months, there should be a "very, very significant increase" in the production and availability of vaccines.

The MEA spokesperson was asked about several neighbouring countries needing to urgently administer the second shot of India-made vaccine. He was also asked about China stepping in the breach by shipping millions of vac-



A health worker gives a dose of Covid-19 vaccine to a woman at a drive-in vaccination centre in Nagpur on Thursday. PTI

## INDIA-CHINA TIES AT CROSSROADS: JAISHANKAR

**New Delhi:** The relationship between India and China is at a crossroads and its direction depends on whether the neighbouring country adheres to various agreements on maintaining peace and tranquillity along the border, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday referring to the eastern Ladakh standoff. PTI

cines in the neighbourhood. Bagchi referred to Shringla's observations that India will have to make sure it has the necessary

capacity to cater to its domestic needs before resuming the promised but held-back doses of vaccines to neighbouring countries.

# Correct Delhi CM's tweet: S'pore to Facebook, Twitter

NEW DELHI, MAY 20

The Centre today indicated that it might not come to the defence of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, who may face action under a Singapore law for linking a Covid strain to the island country.

The Singapore Government has issued "General Correction Directions" to Facebook and Twitter. Under this, these companies will be required to carry a "Correction Notice to all end-users in Singapore" who use the app that "there is no new 'Singapore' variant of Covid. Neither is there evidence of any variant that is extremely dangerous for kids".

The notice is not directed at the Delhi CM or Indian social media, but aims at safeguarding Singaporeans from false information. Singapore's anti-misinformation law, Protection from Online Falsehoods & Manipulation Act, allows criminal prosecution of foreign individuals indulging in propagation of fake news. — TNS

## IN BRIEF

### Narada case hearing deferred

**KOLKATA:** Citing unavoidable circumstances, the First Division Bench of the Calcutta HC failed to "assemble" on Thursday, leading to deferment of hearing in the case filed by the CBI against bail granted to TMC leaders in the Narada case. The Bench is hearing the CBI plea to transfer the bail applications from the special CBI court to the HC. TNS

### ED files PMLA case against Kalra

**NEW DELHI:** The ED on Thursday said it had registered a criminal case under various sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act against Delhi businessman Navneet Kalra and his associates for their alleged involvement in oxygen concentrator hoarding and black-marketing racket. TNS

### Jawan hurt in firing along WB border

**NEW DELHI:** A BSF jawan sustained a bullet injury in a firing by trans-border cattle smugglers in Cooch Behar district of Bengal on Wednesday. Sources in the BSF said the incident took place near the Putiabaromasia border outpost. TNS

## OBITUARY

Gurcharan Singh Chani (1951 - 2021)

# Artiste who spent his last years bringing cheer to ailing kids

NONIKA SINGH

**Z**INDAGI *Retire Nahi Hoti*... That was one of the many delightful and meaningful plays of eminent thespian and filmmaker Gurcharan Singh Chani. Alas, the deadly Covid can force many to retire from life prematurely and Chani too succumbed to its fatal reach.

National School of Drama (NSD) alumnus, though he studied theatre as deeply as his fellow students, the path he created for himself was markedly different. If as a student he was piqued by the question "theatre for whom", as a practitioner he found an answer and decided to dedicate it to the community and stage it right in the centre of the people.

Free of all isms, his plays were for, of and certainly by the people. Non-actors, ordinary men and women became stars of his plays, where he would take a song, a line, piece of poetry, toss it around and turn it into a play.

While the rich proscaenium theatre that NSDians so excel in never fascinated him, rich literature certainly did. In his theatre of protest and provocation one could often hear the poetry of radical poets like Avtar Pash. Returning to Punjab during times of militancy not only required courage, but also conviction in his beliefs.

As a professor of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune, he could easily have chosen an easy way out and opted for cinema as many of his contemporaries did. But not only did his home-state beckon, so did his beliefs which later became his cause celebre.

Chandigarh may have been his home for



the past several decades, but as the Sangeet Natak Akademi recipient became one of the city's most notable persons, world was his oyster. His documentaries on Indian arts and heritage, encapsulating the true spirit of India's majestic forts and more have that rare archival value. More recently, his documentary series on North-East celebrated the region's ethnic diversity and the vigour of the land.

Donning colourful turbans like an emblem, his zeal never waned. Forever a communicator, his past few years were also dedicated to bringing cheer to the ailing children. Through his numerous clowning acts, he and his "CEVA Drama Repertory Company" spread joy and laughter in children's wards in city hospitals.

Till last lockdown he believed in living in the moment and now the moment has frozen. But not that endearing smile which never left his lips, not even when nearly two decades ago he lost his mentor and teacher Balwant Gargi whose death he did not mourn but celebrated by throwing a party.

## Vijayan sworn in Kerala CM



Governor Arif Mohammad Khan presents a bouquet to Pinarayi Vijayan after he took oath as Kerala CM in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. PTI

## Village head shot in Bareilly

**Bareilly (UP):** A village head was on Thursday shot by some people here. Mohammad Ishtiyak (32), head of Pargawa village, was on a motorcycle

with his wife riding pillion when the incident took place, SP Rohit Singh Sajwan said. The incident is stated to be fallout of political rivalry. — PTI

# Tauktae-hit states told to restore essential services

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**NEW DELHI, MAY 20**

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba today directed the officials of the Cyclone Tauktae-affected states and union territory to restore telecom, power, roads, water supply and other infrastructures at the earliest with the help of Central agencies.

In an official release, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said Gauba, while chairing the meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC), reviewed the relief and rehabilitation efforts undertaken in the aftermath of the extremely severe cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea.

"During the meeting, issues related to the efforts carried out by the Navy and coast guard along with other agencies to rescue persons on three barges and one offshore drilling vessel of the ONGC

## YAAS: FISHERMEN ISSUED WARNING

The ships, aircraft and remote stations of the Indian Coast Guard have started warning fishermen and mariners in Bay of Bengal to return to the shores or take shelter at the nearest ports as cyclone Yaas is likely to intensify within the next 72 hours. TNS

## Rajnath lauds efforts of Navy, Coast Guard

were also discussed," it said. "Chief Secretaries of the states and advisors to the administrators of the union territories apprised the NCMC of the damage to infrastructure, crops as well as loss of life in the affected areas and the measures taken by them to restore telecom, power, roads, water supply and other utilities," the MHA said in the release.

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