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O₂ shortage kills 24 in K'taka hospital

Govt orders probe | Minister admits supply glitch | Claims not all deaths due to lack of oxygen

BENGALURU, MAY 3

In yet another hospital tragedy in the country in recent days, 24 patients, 23 of them Covid-infected, died at Karnataka's Chamara-janagar district hospital due to alleged oxygen shortage.

The government has ordered a probe and warned of stringent action against those found guilty. The incident evoked a sharp response from the Congress, with party leader Rahul Gandhi wondering "how much more suffering before the 'system' wakes up".

Alleging oxygen shortage, the family members of the deceased staged a demonstration at the hospital and raised slogans. Chamara-janagar district in-charge

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Relatives of deceased patients grieve at Chamara-janagar district hospital in Karnataka on Monday. PTI

PFIZER DONATES DRUGS WORTH ₹510 CR

Pfizer said on Monday it was sending Covid drugs worth over ₹510 cr to India as part of Covid treatment protocol, company's CEO Albert Bourla said.

NOT SHORT OF OXYGEN, CLAIMS MHA

The Ministry of Home Affairs on Monday claimed there was "no shortage" of the life-saving gas, but suggested it should be used "judiciously" by hospitals. **BACK PAGE**



IPL MATCH OFF AS 2 KKR PLAYERS TEST POSITIVE

As Kolkata Knight Riders' Varun Chakravarty (R) and Sandeep Warrier tested positive, the team's IPL match with Royal Challengers Bangalore, scheduled in Ahmedabad on Monday, had to be postponed.

SII GETS ₹1,732 CR FROM GOVT FOR 11 CR DOSES

The SII on Monday endorsed the government statement that 100 per cent advance of ₹1,732.50 crore has been released to the company on April 28 for 11 crore doses of the Covishield vaccine for May, June and July.

INDIA'S COVID BURDEN CROSSES 2 CR

Signs of plateau in Pb; cases rising in Hry, Himachal, J&K

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NEW DELHI, MAY 3

India's cumulative Covid burden on Monday night crossed the grim milestone of 2 crore with 23 states and UTs, including Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Chandigarh, continuing to see a steep daily rise in infections.

After daily cases dropped marginally for a second straight day to settle at 3,68,147, the government said there were early signs of the infection plateauing in 10 states and UTs, including Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,

3.68 LAKH
FRESH CASES

3,417 DEATHS
IN 24 HOURS

TOTAL DEATHS 2,18,959
ACTIVE CASES 34,13,642

tra, Jharkhand and Ladakh.

"Plateau of cases is being seen in Punjab, UP and also Uttarakhand, but these are very early signals. Continued efforts of containment are a must to preserve and build on these gains," Joint Secretary, Health, Lav Agarwal said.

He said there were still rising trends in daily cases in 23

states, which included Chandigarh, Haryana, HP, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Twenty-two states still had positivity rate of more than 15 per cent, which was a cause for concern, the Health Ministry said, reiterating that states with districts that had more than 10 per cent positivity rate should consider local lockdowns for 14 days to start with.

The government said two lakh people aged 18 to 44 years had been inoculated so far with 12 states having commenced the adult vaccination drive that began from May 1.

Covid duty for med interns: Centre

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NEW DELHI, MAY 3

To boost the availability of medical personnel for Covid management, the government on Monday postponed the NEET for PG medical admissions till August 31.

Health Ministry Joint Secretary Lav Agarwal said, "The decision has been taken so that medical interns prepar-

NEET-PG POSTPONED TILL AUGUST 31

■ The government on Monday postponed the NEET-PG for at least four months

■ The move aims at making a large number of qualified doctors available for pandemic duty

■ Also, final-year students will manage mild cases under the supervision of their faculty

ing for the exams can be made available for the pandemic response. Students will be given at least one month for preparation while announcing the revised date."

The government decided to allow final-year MBBS students to conduct tele-consultation and monitor mild Covid cases under the care of senior doctors. The decisions were taken at a meet chaired by the PM.

Prepare O₂ buffer stock, govt told

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NEW DELHI, MAY 3

As the oxygen crisis persists, the Supreme Court has asked the Centre to prepare a decentralised buffer stock of oxygen for "unforeseen circumstances" in collaboration with states to make it immediately available if the normal supply chain to any hospital gets disrupted for any reason.

'REVISIT VACCINE POLICY, MAY CREATE DISPARITY'

The Centre told to revisit its vax pricing policy, as it would prima facie result in a detriment to the right to public health.

A Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud also asked the Centre and states to "seriously consider" imposing a ban on mass gatherings and

super-spreader events.

The Bench said they should consider imposing a lockdown to curb the virus spread in the second wave in the interest of public welfare. In case lockdown measures were imposed, arrangements be made beforehand to cater to the needs of various communities, it said in its April 30 order that has been published now.

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MHA seeks report on post-poll WB violence



Mamata Banerjee with Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar in Kolkata. PTI

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

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KOLKATA, MAY 3

Violence unleashed allegedly by Trinamool Congress supporters against their political opponents in West Bengal has led to the loss of eight lives since last evening.

Alarmed by the incidents, the Ministry of Home Affairs has sought a report from the state government.

"The MHA has asked the West Bengal Government for a report on the post-election violence targeting opposition political workers in the state,"

Mamata's swearing-in tomorrow; Nadda to meet violence-hit

an MHA spokesperson tweeted. Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar had a lengthy discussion on the subject with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee when she called on him in connection with her oath ceremony at Raj Bhavan on May 5. "It is unfortunate that many lives have been lost, several injured, houses torched in the violence," Dhankhar tweeted.

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Take remarks in right spirit, SC tells EC

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

The Supreme Court today expressed its unwillingness to interfere with the Madras High Court's comments that the Election Commission should probably be booked on murder charge for the worsening Covid situation, saying it didn't want to demoralise high courts.

A Bench led by Justice DY Chandrachud said the media should be allowed to report oral observations made by courts as they "are a powerful

Says don't want to demoralise High Courts

PLEA ON MEDIA 'TOO FAR-FETCHED'

■ The SC termed as 'too far-fetched' the EC's plea of restraining media from reporting remarks made during court proceedings

■ Says media must be allowed to report oral observations by courts as it is a 'powerful watchdog in democracy'

watchdog in democracy". Terming the demand for restraining the media from reporting observations made during court proceedings as "too far-fetched", the Bench advised the poll panel to take

the high court's remarks in the right spirit.

The Bench reserved its order on the EC's plea challenging the April 30 order of Madras HC refusing to entertain its petition on the issue.

The HC had rapped the poll panel for failing to ensure compliance of Covid protocol during the polls. "We have to make sure HC judges and chief justices are independent to take views. We have to make sure that the media reports everything that happens in court," said the Bench. "The EC is a seasoned constitutional body meant to ensure free and fair elections. It has done a good job. It should not be rattled by the observations made," it added. — TNS

Rangers open fire, pact breached within 6 wks

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NEW DELHI, MAY 3

The agreement between military commanders of India and Pakistan to maintain a ceasefire along the IB was breached within six weeks after Pakistani Rangers fired from across the border in the Samba sector of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday.

A senior BSF official said initial information showed

that these were "small-scale violations." The agreement to maintain calm along the border on February 25 was supposed to be a catalyst in unfreezing India-Pakistan ties. It also led to a meeting between Indus Water Commissioners after a gap of over a year. However, Pakistan took a step back when it allowed and then cancelled plans to import cotton and sugar from India.

Hry faces O₂ crunch, rations supply to dists

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

With Haryana feeling pressure over curtailed supply of oxygen, the government today urged the Centre to step up supplies to meet the shortfall in its allocated quota.

The government has assigned daily quota of oxygen to all districts. Sources said the state was forced to rationalise the supply since it was getting way short of its sanctioned quota.

Besides, no supply has been received from the Roorkee plant, which provides 25 MT per day, for the past two days. The Panipat plant too has informed the government that they could give only 85 MT of oxygen against 100 MT. In view of the crunch, the Haryana administration has alerted hospitals to use oxygen judiciously for the next two days.

The sources said the CM was in touch with the Centre and had also sought allocation from alternative sources. They said that Panchkula, Jhajjar and Sonapat districts were "vulnerable" and hospitals there might face an acute shortage of oxygen if the allo-



LOW SUPPLY, KHATTAR REACHES OUT TO CENTRE

■ The state is getting 252 MT of oxygen against the requirement of 300 MT

■ There has been no supply from the Roorkee plant, which provides 25 MT per day, for the past two days

■ The Panipat plant has curtailed supply from 100 MT to 85 MT

cated quota did not arrive by Tuesday. Health Minister Anil Vij said the state was getting 252 MT of oxygen against the requirement of 300 MT. "There is no supply from Roorkee due to some technical and transportation issues. We are working on it," he said.

No doses, many Pb centres shut

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

Chaos was witnessed at Covid vaccination centres across Punjab today as a large number of people were turned away because of non-availability of the vaccine.

Vaccination centres in Bathinda were closed down as the stock had exhausted. Similar situation prevailed in Patiala, Sangrur, Barnala, Faridkot, Jalandhar, Amritsar and other places.

Bathinda district health officials directed NGOs and others to cancel all vaccination camps till further orders. The Civil Surgeon ordered

State expects 2 lakh vials to arrive today



that the first dose of vaccine should not be administered to anyone till the new stock arrived. The available stock was to be utilised for the second dose of vaccination only.

Patiala health officials also had to ask the beneficiaries

"to go back" after the vaccine stock exhausted on Monday afternoon. Sources in the Health Department said they didn't have even a single dose left with them, so no vaccination camp would be held in the district on Tuesday.

Patiala Civil Surgeon Dr Satinder Singh said only around 800 beneficiaries could be administered the shots on Monday. In Sangrur, only 190 doses of Covid vaccine were left in the stock, so the vaccination drive had to be stopped. In Jalandhar, the Health Department had to recall Covishield vaccine from private centres to keep

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11 ventilators with Muktsar govt hospitals, none used

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MUKTSAR, MAY 3

The government hospitals in Muktsar district have 11 ventilators, but are unable to operate even one.

Sources in the Health Department say seven ventilators are available at the Civil Hospital, Muktsar; two at the Civil Hospital, Malout; and one each at the Gidderbaha and Badal Civil Hospitals.

But these ventilators are of no use for the patients as in case of emergency they have to rush to private hospitals. The district has reported 166 Covid deaths so far.

Dr Ranju Singla, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Muktsar, said, "We don't have manpower, like anaesthetists, medical specialists and officers, required to operate the ventilators. We are now

NO ONE TO OPERATE THE MACHINES

“Since we don't have the required manpower to operate the ventilators, we plan to shift five ventilators to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital, Faridkot. Dr Ranju Singla, MUKTSAR CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

planning to shift five ventilators to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot.”

Asked whether the local staff would be able to run the

remaining six ventilators, she said, "If we get manpower, then only we will be able to run the remaining ventilators. Or we can give the remaining ventilators to any

private hospital, if demanded. In case of acute emergency, we can run only one ventilator, but are unable to maintain that."

She, however, claimed there was no shortage of oxygen at government hospitals. "We have oxygen support on all beds," she said.

Muktsar DC MK Aravind Kumar said the Civil Hospital was converted into a 100-bed Covid hospital today.

IN BRIEF

No space for vax nationalism: FM

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said there can't be any vaccine nationalism and that nations must share technology. — PTI

CBI books 'erring' cops in ISRO case

NEW DELHI: The CBI on Monday said it had registered an FIR against Kerala cops in the matter of alleged framing of space scientist Nambi Narayanan in the 1994 ISRO espionage case. — TNS

File plaint on threats, Maha tells SII CEO

MUMBAI: A Maharashtra minister on Monday said SII CEO Adar Poonawalla should lodge a police complaint in connection with the alleged threats that he had received, and assured probe into it. — PTI

Met dept issues yellow warning for Himachal

SHIMLA: The Meteorological Department here has issued a fresh yellow warning of thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds with speed of 30 to 40 kmph in mid and lower hills of HP on May 6 and 7. — TNS

Take closure orders back: Shopkeepers

SANGRUR, MAY 3

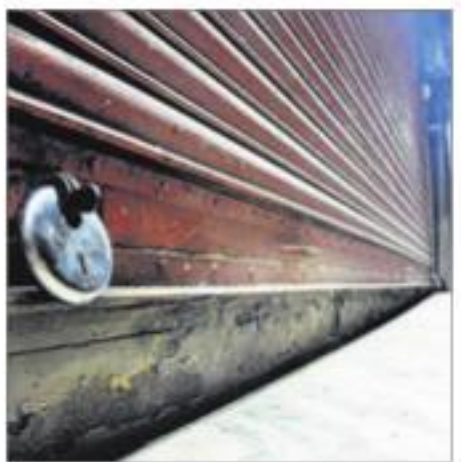
Shopkeepers protested the Punjab Government's order to close their shops and announced to intensify their agitation. "We are already under huge debt while the latest order to close our shops, would cause more losses. The Punjab Government should allow us to open our shops at least during daytime," said Babbu, a local shopkeeper.

Shopkeepers converged on the main market of Sangrur and demanded the with-

Threaten stir if not allowed to open shops

drawal of the latest decision.

We are incurring huge losses for over past one year as our shops remained close. We are paying rents and salaries of our employees. The government should allow the opening of shops from 9 am to 5 pm. We would announce our future course of action after a meeting," said Sarjiwan Jindal, a BJP leader and local shopkeeper. — TNS



Prescribe available injections, docs told

FARIDKOT, MAY 3

The state Health Department has recommended the doctors in all level 2 and 3 hospitals of the state to use dexamethasone or itolizumab injections in place of tocilizumab injection (400 mg), which is not manufactured in India and its availability in the country is low.

The number of Covid patients admitted in level 2 and 3 health facilities in government and private hospitals had increased sharply over the past few days, said Hussan Lal, Principal Secretary, Department of Health, in a letter today.

"It has been observed that doctors are prescribing injection tocilizumab to patients. It is a matter of common knowledge that this injection is not manufactured in India," he wrote.

The expert group, headed by Dr KK Talwar, has recommended that since the drug

F'kot hospital to raise capacity to 500 beds

was not available, the doctors treating critically-ill patients were advised to prescribe the drugs which were available in the market and equally effective. These drugs were dexamethasone and itolizumab injections.

All these three injections are used in a wide range of conditions for their anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressant effects.

Meanwhile, after the state government asked all level 2 and 3 government medical colleges and hospitals in the state to increase their bed capacity by 20 per cent for Covid patients, the Guru Gobind Singh Medical College Hospital in Faridkot has decided to increase its bed capacity from 400 to 500. — TNS



Health workers collect a swab sample of a roadside vendor in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Give aid to poor during curbs: AAP

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Punjab, has asked Capt Amarinder Singh to make arrangements to meet the domestic needs of people before a possible lockdown and provide financial assistance to the needy and poor families.

The AAP said the party would extend all possible cooperation to the Punjab Government and the people during the possible lockdown. In a statement issued from the party headquarters here on Monday, AAP

ADDRESS O₂ ISSUE

The AAP has urged Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to address the issue of shortage of oxygen by implementing a proper system of production and storage at Sri Guru Gobind Singh Refinery Phulokhari plant. Party legislator Baljinder Kaur has written a letter to the Chief Minister in this regard.

Punjab president and MP Bhagwant Mann said in view of the impact of the



SCANT REGARD FOR NORMS Covid protocols go for a toss at an overcrowded vegetable market in Maqsudan, Jalandhar, on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SARAJIT SINGH

Follow curbs or face total lockdown: CM

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday warned people against laxity in observing Covid-19 curbs and said if the situation did not improve, he would be forced to consider a total lockdown.

The Chief Minister said he had so far refrained from ordering a sweeping lockdown because it would hurt the poor the most and would lead to exodus of migrant labourers, plunging industries into chaos again. However, if the people did not stringently comply with the restrictions in place, harsher steps might have to be taken, he added.

Chairing a high-level virtual meeting to review the Covid situation on Monday, the Chief Minister today also



70% DOSES FOR CO-MORBID PEOPLE AMONG 18+

■ With the state getting only 3.30 lakh doses for the 18+ category from Serum Institute of India for May, the CM ordered 70% of the doses to be reserved for individuals with co-morbidities and the remaining for the high-risk category

■ He expressed concern over the fact that even for the 45+ age group, the vaccine was in short supply. The state expects two lakh doses to arrive on Tuesday for 45+

ordered a stop on all take-away deliveries from restaurants, which was being used by youngsters as a pretext to move out of their homes. Only home deliveries of food should be allowed, he directed the officials. He, however, gave permission for shops selling fertilisers to be open.

With the state getting an allocation of only 3.30 lakh doses of vaccine for the 18+ category from the Serum Institute of India for the

month of May. He also ordered 70 per cent of the doses to be reserved for individuals with co-morbidities, and the remaining 30 per cent to high-risk category — government employees, construction workers, teachers and other staff.

He expressed concern over the fact that even for the 45+ age group, the vaccine was in short supply. The state expects two lakh doses to arrive tomorrow

for vaccination of the 45+ category. Of the 33,46,500 Covishield doses received so far, a total of 32,91,045 has already been utilised.

In the 18-44 age group, the maximum allocation of 50 per cent has been prioritised for Group A of the most affected districts of SAS Nagar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Bathinda and Patiala. Another 30 per cent has been reserved for the Group B districts of

Hoshiarpur, Pathankot, SBS Nagar, Faridkot, Kapurthala and Gurdaspur.

Accepting the recommendations of the committee, the Chief Minister approved expansion of the list of comorbidities to include obesity (BMI >30), disabilities (e.g. spinal cord injury) and multiple co-morbidities determined to increase risk by a treating physician, in addition to those specified by the central government.

He directed the Health and Medical Education departments to get stadiums, gymnasiums and other such places ready to house patients. The directives came as Health Minister Balbir Sidhu said the situation was grim with only 300 beds now available at L3 level in the state.

No vaccine, drive halts in Fazilka dist

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, MAY 3

Amidst surge in Covid cases in the district, vaccination drive has come to an abject halt as the district ran out of stocks. No vaccination was done in the district hospital today. The Health Depart-

ment has also stopped the supply of vaccine to private hospitals leaving the beneficiaries who were to be administered the second dose high and dry.

Civil Surgeon, Fazilka, Dr Harjinder Singh said the department had not received the fresh consignment,

hence they had to stop the vaccination drive today.

"Stocks have been exhausted and we are awaiting fresh consignment. As soon as it reaches Fazilka, we will restart the process," said the Civil Surgeon. Fazilka is one of the worst-hit districts of the state as according to offi-

cial sources it witnessed 27 deaths and 1,042 positive cases during the last three days.

Dr Harjinder urged medical practitioners running private hospitals to refer patients having Covid symptoms to government hospital for testing to prevent further spread of the disease.



LIVES ON THE LINE People wait for their turn to get inoculated against Covid-19 in Patiala on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

F'kot NGO driver nabbed selling cylinders in Delhi

FARIDKOT, MAY 3

After a Faridkot resident was caught selling six oxygen cylinders at exorbitant prices in Delhi, the police have started investigating the source from where these cylinders were procured.

The cylinders were being "smuggled" in an NGO's ambulance, run by a retired

Sold these at ₹28K-₹35K each

principal of a girls' government senior secondary school in Faridkot.

The West Delhi's Paschim Vihar police arrested Kewal Singh of Faridkot, the driver on the ambulance, and recovered six oxygen cylinders. He was selling these at Rs 28,000 to Rs 35,000 each. The police have also arrested Vinay Kumar, a resident of Paschim Vihar, who had allegedly been getting the supply of cylinders from Kewal. — TNS

Shift civil surgeon's office: Bir Devinder

FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 3

Amid a surge in Covid cases, hospital beds are required for patients but the top floor of the Civil Hospital, Fatehgarh Sahib, has been occupied by the civil surgeon and his staff. The state government should immediately shift the office out of the hospital, Bir Devinder Singh, former Deputy Speaker, said here today.

He said he had written to the Secretary, Health, in this regard. The Civil Hospital SMO said the 100-bed facility had only 70 beds available due to the civil surgeon's office in one block. — TNS

8 yrs on, PGI centre in Ferozepur a non-starter

ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, MAY 3

Unprecedented spike in Covid cases juxtaposed with lack of proper facilities in state-run civil hospitals in this border region, there is public outrage against the inordinate delay in setting up of PGI satellite centre announced in 2013 during the fag end of the UPA-II regime.

While the PGI satellite centre in Sangrur, which was announced around the same time, has been constructed and the OPD operations have even started, the

Outrage in public amid rising Covid cases, crumbling health infrastructure

one in Ferozepur has apparently fallen victim to political slugfest. Even the AIIMS-Bathinda, which was announced much later, has already started operations.

On January 1, Congress MLA Parminder Singh Pinki claimed to have laid the foundation stone of the centre, but except the boundary wall the project has not gained momentum to date. Ferozepur MP Sukhbir Singh Badal had also

announced that the formal stone laying ceremony would take place on Baisakhi, but nothing moved on the ground.

An estimated Rs 490 crore is likely to be spent on the project, which will have 400-bed hospital besides medical college and auxiliary services.

The project remained in controversies over the selection of its site for almost six years and subsequently over acquisition of the land, which

delayed the work. In September last year, the request for proposal for its construction was issued and tenders were floated in the first week of October, but still the construction did not start.

"Around Rs 2,000 crore will be spent on this project, which will make it one of the biggest projects ever approved in the state," said MLA Pinki, blaming the BJP-led Centre for the delay. He said previously, the SAD-BJP government delayed the allotment of land and gave preference to Bathinda-AIIMS, and now the Centre was delaying it.

Educate villagers about Covid protocols: NGO

ABOHAR, MAY 3

Members of the Manav Sewa Samiti led by its women wing president Sunit Devi today launched a campaign to motivate villagers to follow the rules of nature and health-related guidelines. The NGO had served thousands of food packets to

migrants and other affected people last year.

Samiti said to save human life, NGOs should cooperate with health workers and other departments. Many people in rural areas were still illiterate. They have to be educated about washing hands, use of sanitiser and social distancing. — OC



Cops seal a street declared a containment zone in Abohar.

Abohar's Nai Abadi containment zone

ABOHAR, MAY 3

The police today sealed Nai Abadi across the railway station here after the district authorities declared it a containment zone. The area with 50,000 population is first to be put under restrictions for movement in the town. Senior Medical officer Dr Gagandeep Singh said as many as 24 persons had succumbed to the virus in the past 30 days. — OC

Centre rejects Asr firm plea to sell Remdesivir locally

GS PAUL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, MAY 3
The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has shown its inability to 'relax' norms when it comes to manufacture and sale of anti-viral Remdesivir in the domestic market.

Remdesivir is the first drug to show improvement in Covid patients during clinical trials. However, it witnessed an acute shortage. The 100 mg vial of the drug costs around Rs 3,000-Rs 3,500, but the vendors have been black-marketing the drug six times its price. As there has been a sudden spike in its demand, the Centre has restricted the export of Remdesivir injection and importing Remdesivir Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API).

To curb it, Amritsar-based Kwaliti Pharmaceuticals had approached the CDSCO, seeking exemption in norms by breaking the patent

CAN'T GO BEYOND NORMS, SAYS GOVT

“To manufacture Remdesivir and import the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, the firm would need to obtain New Drug permission under the drug rules, 1945. This is a time-consuming and cumbersome process.”
Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

COMPANY APPROACHES STATE AUTHORITIES

“I am pained to see people dying due to Remdesivir shortage. Now, I have approached the Punjab Food and Drugs Administration to at least cater to local patients. My firm has the capacity to produce 50,000 injections a day.”
Ramesh Arora, MD, KQUALITY PHARMACEUTICALS

reserved with the US-based Giload Sciences for its manufacture and sale in India.

Turning down the firm's submission, the CDSCO has conveyed that for manufacturing Remdesivir and importing the API, the firm would need to obtain New Drug permission under the drug rules, 1945. This is a time-consuming and cumbersome process.

At present, seven firms in the country — Mylan, Hetero, Jubilant Life Sciences, Cipla, Dr Reddy's, Zydus Cadila and Sun Pharma — are licensed to manufacture Remdesivir.

Kwaliti Pharmaceuticals imports Remdesivir API under advanced licence through unregistered sources from China and exports the finished product to 70 coun-

tries. But the firm has no legal rights to sell it in India.

MD Ramesh Arora said after CDSCO's refusal, he has approached Food and Drugs Administration, Punjab, to at least cater to Punjab patients. "I am pained to see the current situation. Many are dying due to Remdesivir shortage, but I am helpless despite having the capacity to meet the demand. If the state government allows, I can instantly meet the demand of the drug in Punjab. The raw material weighing 5-7 kg is lying unused. It can be used to make 65,000-70,000 injections," he said.

Zonal Drug Licencing Authority official Karun Sachdeva confirmed the acute shortage and irregular supply of the drug. "In Amritsar, 400-500 injections are required daily. Sometimes, we receive over 100 injections, but today we got just 16 injections," he said.

HC: Specify policy on priority to Covid heroes

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3
The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the Union of India and the State of Punjab to specify whether policy/instructions were in place for providing priority treatment to Covid-19 warriors. For the purpose, Justice Jasgurpreet Singh Puri set a week's deadline.

The direction came on a petition filed against the Union of India and other respondents by Chanchal Singh through counsel Salil Dev Singh Bali. Appearing before the Bench through videoconferencing, Bali submitted the petitioner was a Covid warrior. He acquired kidney disease when he was posted in a laboratory after the epidemic's onset. Although the petitioner was enrolled in kidney transplant patients' list by the PGI, it was not in consonance with the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules, 2014, he contended. The counsel further submitted that the petitioner, being a Covid-19 warrior, ought to have been giv-



GOT INFECTED IN LAB

■ The petitioner, Chanchal Singh, said he acquired kidney disease when he was posted in a lab after the epidemic's onset

■ Claiming to be a Covid warrior, he said he ought to have been given priority over other patients.

en priority over other patients. Issuing notice of motion, Justice Puri asserted: "The counsel for respondent — Union of India as well as Pankaj Gupta, Additional Advocate-General, Punjab, shall seek specific instructions as to whether there is any policy for providing any priority treatment to the Covid-19 warrior." — TNS

Man fakes firm name, sells injection for ₹40K

FEROZEPUR, MAY 3
Notwithstanding stringent instructions from the government not to indulge in unethical practices and black marketing of Covid-related drugs, several such instances are still coming to the fore.

In one such case, a local private hospital has accused an unidentified person of committing fraud by selling an injection at an exorbitant price using the name of the hospital's pharmacy. In a complaint to the SSP, Dr Kamal Baghi, managing director of the hospital, said a man was indulging in the illegal sale of Covid-cure injections at a cost of Rs 40,000 each in the NCR on behalf of their hospital. "The name of our hospital is Anil Baghi Hospital whereas the man was selling drugs in name of Anhil Baghi Hospital to fool the patients," claimed Baghi.

"The fraudster tried to sell the injections to a person who was known to me. Before transferring the money against the purchase of injections, he cross-checked with

MD FILES COMPLAINT

■ In a complaint to the SSP, Dr Kamal Baghi, MD, Anil Baghi Hospital, said a man was illegally selling Covid injections in the NCR on behalf of their hospital

■ "The fraudster was using the name of Anhil Baghi Hospital to fool patients," he said



me. I realised that someone was trying to sell the injections illegally by using our firm's name," Baghi claimed. "The accused tried to contact another person known to me. I have shared with the police the information and the account number where he asked customers to deposit money," he said, urging the police to register a case. — OC

BKU: Scrap laws or face WB-like defeat

OUR CORRESPONDENT

LUDHIANA, MAY 3
Expressing satisfaction on the results of Assembly elections in West Bengal, the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) (Lakhowal) has sounded a note of warning to the Centre to accept the demands of agitating farmers lest the saffron party should suffer more such humiliating defeats in elections to be held in the future.

BKU general secretary Harinder Singh Lakhowal said senior BJP leaders had gone all out to hand over

lands of farmers to big business houses through the anti-farmer laws.

The BKU leader said there have been 11 rounds of talks between the farm leaders and government functionaries during the course of the farmers' stir without any conclusion simply because of the negative attitude of the BJP leadership.

He said PM Modi, his senior Cabinet colleagues and the BJP leadership ought to read the writing on the wall after being rejected by the West Bengal electorate.



A labourer spreads wheat at a grain market in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

70% more wheat lifted so far: Centre

₹17,495 crore credited to state farmers' accounts

292.52 LMT PROCURED	
State	Quantity
Punjab	114.76 LMT
Haryana	80.55 LMT
MP	73.76 LMT

already been transferred directly into the accounts of farmers of Punjab."

Officials said of the total purchase of 292.52 LMT wheat, major contributors were Punjab-114.76 LMT (39.23%), Haryana-80.55 LMT (27.53%) and Madhya Pradesh-73.76 LMT (25.21%).

A sum of Rs 17,495 crore in Punjab and Rs 9,268.24 crore in Haryana had been transferred directly into farmers' accounts corresponding to procurement up to April 30.

This is the first time farmers of Punjab and Haryana are receiving payments directly into their bank accounts against sale of their wheat. The two states have been the epicentre of farmers' protest against the three central farm laws.

Proning Process

(Lying with Stomach down)

Helpful in increasing Oxygen level for COVID-19 Patients

“If you are COVID-19 patient and quarantined at home, then you can improve your oxygen level with proning. Your awareness will help you in fight against Corona.”

- Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

COVID-19 Proning for Self-care

- PRONING is the process of turning a patient with precise, safe motions, from their back onto their abdomen (stomach), so the individual is lying face down.
- Proning is a medically accepted position to improves breathing comfort and oxygenation.
- It is extremely beneficial for COVID-19 patients with compromised breathing comfort, especially during home isolation.

Importance of Prone Lying

- Prone positioning improves ventilation, keeps alveolar units open and breathing easy.
- Proning is required only when the patient feels difficulty in breathing and the SpO2 decreases below 94 (less than 94).
- Regular monitoring of SpO2, along with other signs like temperature, blood pressure and blood sugar is important during home isolation.
- Missing out on hypoxia (compromised Oxygen circulation) may lead to worsening of complications.
- Timely proning and maintaining good ventilation could save many lives.

POSITIONING OF PILLOW

- One pillow below the neck
- One or two pillows below the chest through upper thighs
- Two pillows below the shins

For Self-Proning

- You will need 4-5 Pillows
- Regular alterations in lying position
- Don't spend more than 30 minutes in each position

30 minutes to 2 hours
Lying on your belly

30 minutes to 2 hours
Lying on right side

30 minutes to 2 hours
Lying on left side

30 minutes to 2 hours
sitting up

Then back to first position
Lying on your belly

Avoid Proning in conditions like

- Pregnancy
- Deep venous thrombosis (Treated in less than 48 hours)
- Major cardiac conditions
- Unstable spine, femur or pelvic fractures
- Avoid proning for an hour after meals
- Maintain proning for only as much time as easily tolerable.

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Upasana booked for shooting sans approval

ROPAR, MAY 3
After actors Jimmy Shergill and Gippy Grewal, the Punjab Police today booked Upasana Singh for shooting without permission at Morinda today. Ropar SSP Akhil Chaudhary said a case had been registered against the actor and others accompanying her under vari-

Seen filming at Morinda sugar mill

ous Sections of the IPC, besides relevant sections of the Epidemic Disease Act and Disaster Management Act. Chaudhary said the police got information that Upasana along with nearly a dozen crew members was shooting for a Punjabi film at the Morinda sugar mill. A police team reached the spot and asked the crew to furnish the required documents for the shoot. After they failed to do so, a case was registered against the offenders. — TNS

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For edu reforms, govt sets up panel of VCs

Committee to submit report within 60 days

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 3
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday constituted a committee of vice chancellors to work out examination reforms and review curriculums, and to scale up the quality of higher education in the state in line with the advances taking place across the world. The committee, under the chairmanship of the VC, GNDU, will also look into introduction of new courses and digital education and will submit its report within 60 days.

Underlining the need to keep up with the transformation taking place globally in education, the Chief Minister tasked the committee with drafting a plan to bring the state's education system on a

IN TUNE WITH GLOBAL EDUCATION CHANGES: CM

- CM Capt Amarinder Singh tasked the committee with drafting a plan to bring the state's education system on a par with the world
- New and relevant courses should be identified to ensure that the students are in tune with the changes taking place in global education, he said
- The Chief Minister directed that all new colleges in the state must start classes from academic session 2021-22



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Reviewing the functioning of the Higher Education and Languages Department, he directed the Secretary, Higher Education, to speed up the

recruitment process for filling up 931 posts of assistant professors in government colleges.

The meeting was informed that Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur State University of Law at Tarn Taran and Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University at Patiala had started functioning from their transit campuses from the current academic session. Besides, Amity University had also been set up through the Amity University Punjab Act, 2021.



Guest teachers protest at Mata Sundri University Girls College, Mansa.

Not paid, Mansa varsity guest faculty holds protest

MANSa, MAY 3
Guest faculty (assistant professors) of constituent college, Mata Sundri University Girls College, Mansa, affiliated to Punjabi University, Patiala, staged a protest in front of the college campus over non-payment of salaries for the last 14 months. They raised slogans against the college authorities and Punjabi University and demanded that their pending salaries be released at the earliest.

Manpreet Singh, a guest faculty at the college, said, “We have been taking classes of students

even during and after the lockdown last year, but did not get our salaries till now. We have not received salaries since March 2020. Bringing the matter to the college authorities and holding protests did not yield any result so far. Our salaries are meagre as compared to the permanent staff members and we have not been getting that either.”

Barinder Kaur, principal of the college, said, “We have forwarded records of the guest faculty to the university authorities and they can only tell the exact status of the salary payment now.” — TNS

3 arrested for trafficking

ABOHar, MAY 3

Two women and a suspected client were held as City-1 police in charge Tejinderpal Singh last night raided a house in Anand Nagari here.

A case was registered under the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act and Disaster Management Act and the accused were arrested. — OC

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Pak intruder shot by BSF

FEROZEPUR, MAY 3

The BSF have shot a Pakistan national in the Khalra area of Tarn Taran district along the International Border.

Sources in the BSF said on the intervening night of May 2 and 3, personnel of the 103 Battalion observed some suspicious movement inside the Indian territory.

Rangers deny intrusion, refuse to take back body

The BSF troops challenged the intruder but he failed to respond and was subsequently shot. On search, some Pakistan currency was recovered from the spot, said BSF officials.

Later, the BSF officials approached the Pakistan Rangers, asking them to take back the body. However, the Rangers denied any such intrusion and refused to take back the body. Later, the body was handed over to the police at Khalra for legal formalities. — OC

Cong leaders get fake ‘Kishor’ calls, plaint filed with DGP

Gang members posing as CM’s adviser seek money for ticket

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, MAY 3
“Prashant Kishor (PK) is calling you repeatedly, but you are not taking his calls. He wants to have your CV to finalise the Congress candidate from Sunam,” Jagmohan Sharma, general secretary, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee, told Daman Thind Bajwa, a party candidate from Sunam in the last Assembly elections.

Daman panicked for a second thinking not taking PK’s calls might damage her chances of getting the ticket. Her husband Harman Bajwa, however, asked her to call on the number provided by Sharma.

“Initially, I thought the person on the other side of the phone was PK and replied to his queries as he is the principal adviser to CM Capt Amarinder Singh and a known political strategist. But

SOUGHT ₹7 LAKH

“A person, posing as Prashant Kishor on the phone, promised a Congress ticket from Sunam if I paid ₹7 lakh.

Daman Thind Bajwa, CONG LEADER

WILL PROBE MATTER

“We will conduct investigations as it is a serious matter.

Vivek Sheel Soni, SANGRUR SSP

after having spoken to him for some time, I realised there was something fishy as a person like PK would never indulge in loose talk or demand money,” said Daman, while showing her complaint to the DGP and SSP in this regard.

The person posing as PK first talked of resume sent by another

er Sunam leader and even shared his details. Harman, sitting by Daman’s side, asked her to get more details from the “fake PK”. Finally, when the suspect promised her the ticket from Sunam on the condition that she dropped Rs 7 lakh in Jalandhar, the couple realised they were being targeted by a gang active in Punjab. “After checking with seniors, a trap was laid, but the gang members stopped taking calls and switched off their mobiles. Some other Congress leaders have also received similar calls. Whether they paid money or not, it’s a matter for police to investigate,” said Daman.

Sharma, Congress leader from Ludhiana, confirmed he got a call from an individual who identified himself as PK. “I only conveyed his message to Daman to call him,” he said. Kishor could not be reached for comment.

6 days on, three Patiala jail escapees still evade arrest

PATIALA, MAY 3

Almost six days after three inmates escaped from the Patiala Central Jail, the police grope in the dark as despite raids none of them could be arrested.

Lodged in the Koratine barack, the trio escaped early on Wednesday morning following laxity on part of jail officials. The police are investigating as to how they managed to scale a 10-ft inner wall and then the outer wall that is over 14 ft high.

Sources said the authorities had got “limited clues so far”, primarily due to the poor placement of CCTV cameras inside the jail premises. The missing convicts are alleged mastermind of the escape Sher Singh of Vanike village in Amritsar, Inderjeet Singh Dhiana of Ranipur village, Komboa in Kapurthala, and Jaspreet Singh Noopi of Roonpaga.

On November 16, 2009, Harpreet Aulakh, a UK-based NRI and father of two, got his

Poor placement of CCTV cameras hampering probe



THOROUGH INVESTIGATION NEEDED

“Which route did they take and who helped them scale the 14-ft outer wall? It needs a thorough probe. A top officer

wife Geeta murdered after she sought to end their marriage. Geeta was attacked in London by two hired killers, Jaswant Singh Dhillon of Ilford and Sher Singh, a teenager from Southall. They both were sentenced to 22 years in jail. Sher Singh was recently shifted to the Patiala prison and is considered the mastermind of the jailbreak.

A top officer probing the case said there was no clue yet as to how they managed to flee.

To execute their escape, the inmates broke out of the bathroom of their cell. Despite the presence of jail guards, the three managed to get away without being noticed. “The cell from which they escaped has a watch tower, but it seems it was left unmanned,” a source inside the jail confirmed.

Patiala SSP Vikram Jeet Dugal said his teams were probing the case and the accused would be arrested soon. — TNS

GNDU unveils online courses for diaspora

AMRITSAR, MAY 3

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday digitally launched online programmes/ courses started by Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar, for the Punjabi diaspora. Reviewing the functioning of the Higher Education and Languages Department, the Chief Minister also ordered the immediate release of Rs 5 crore for establishing a language award to promote Punjabi.

He said the online courses would go a long way in helping youths learn Punjabi language. “This endeavour would also keep Punjabi youth abreast the state’s glorious cultural heritage, thus connecting them with their ancestral roots,” he said. — TNS

Jakhar: Cong’s revival will start from state

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

After the debacle of the Congress in the Assembly elections to five states — especially West Bengal and Assam — the revival of the grand-old party would begin from Punjab in the 2022 Assembly elections, said PPCC Chief Sunil Jakhar on Monday.

At the launch of “service to humanity” help centre titled “Farz” for Covid-hit families at the PPCC head office here, Jakhar said now the responsibility of the state Congress had increased further. “Our victory would prove to be the first step towards the Congress’ resur-

NO TO POLITICS OF HATE

“People are rejecting the politics of hate and understanding the corporate-influenced policies of the NDA.

Sunil Jakhar, PPCC CHIEF

gence as the Modi government was working against farmers and minorities, people had started distancing themselves from BJP,” he said. — TNS

MOGA, MAY 3

A 50-year-old ASI died by suicide at his government residence adjoining the police post at Lopo village in the district today. The police officer shot himself with his service revolver over alleged harassment for bribe by an SHO.

ASI Satnam Singh, a resident of Jaimal Wala village, was deputed at the Lopo police post, falling under the Badhni Kalan police station. He was posted there around six month ago.

In a suicide note recovered from the spot, it was alleged Badhni Kalan police station SHO Karamjeet Singh had been demanding Rs 50,000 from the ASI. The SHO was allegedly threatening the ASI to reopen investigation into a criminal case, pending before a local court for closure of proceedings. The case file was with the ASI and he was pursuing it in court.

The SHO had been pressuring him to get Rs 50,000 from a panchayat secretary against whom a criminal case was registered six years ago.

Later, he was given a clean chit by cops. A plea to close the proceedings in the case was pending before court, the ASI wrote in the suicide note

■ SHO Karamjeet Singh has been booked for abetment to suicide and placed under suspension



ASI Satnam Singh, deceased

SHO BOOKED, SUSPENDED

Besides his wife, the deceased leaves behind two sons and a daughter. The elder son is married, while the younger one lives in Australia. A police official said the victim was taken to the district hospital at Moga where the doctors declared him brought dead.

SSP Harmandeep Singh Gill said a case under Section 306 of the IPC had been registered against the SHO. The SHO, who was yet to be arrested, has been placed under suspension. A departmental inquiry would be initiated against him, said a senior police official. — TNS

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65-yr-old patient jumps to death

REWARI: A 65-year-old Covid patient, Yudhveer of Sector 4 here, ended his life by jumping off the third floor of the Civil Hospital on Monday. He was a retired SDO of the power corporation. “Yudhveer was admitted to the Covid ward of the hospital on April 29. He jumped off the building after being discharged from the hospital in the morning,” said Dr Saravjeet Thapar, SMO. Sources said the victim was mentally upset for the past sometime. TNS

Covid care centre at Civil Hospital

KURUKSHETRA: Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Sandeep Singh has directed PWD officials to get two floors of an under-construction Civil Hospital in Pehowa ready within three weeks. Once the floors are built, a Covid care centre will be opened there. He visited the site on Monday to inspect the construction of the hospital. “An oxygen plant with a capacity of charging 45 cylinders will be installed for Rs 40 lakh in the new building of the Civil Hospital.” TNS

2L cases in April, Gurugram worst-hit

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3 Haryana, where a week-long lockdown started on Monday to curb the spread of Covid, added nearly 2 lakh cases and about 1,300 fatalities between April 1 and 30.

Gurugram, which is the worst-affected district, contributed 59,540 cases during April. Faridabad, Hisar, Karnal and Sonapat districts also fuelled the sharp increase in infections.

Data issued by the Health Department showed that as on April 1, Haryana's total Covid case count was 2,92,409, which rose to 4,87,978 on April 30, a jump of 1,95,569 cases.

The total fatalities increased from 3,164 to 4,216 during the period, it showed.

Meanwhile, half of the state's 22 districts have been placed in the red category, which means these districts have a positivity rate of more than 6 per cent.

As per the WHO guidelines, the desirable positivity rate is less than 2 per cent. If it is more than six per cent, it is

Positivity rate in 11 districts critical



NOT ENOUGH TESTING

“Higher positivity rate means that the state is not doing enough testing to trace and isolate Covid patients. This, in turn, is resulting in the surge.” DOCTOR

TRANSMISSION RATE: 1.4

With the surge in cases, the transmission rate, also termed as reproduction rate, has also shot up to 1.40, the highest since the onset of the pandemic in March last year. “The transmission rate of 1.4 means that each group of 100 patients is infecting 140 healthy people,” said an expert.

COVID METER		
Cases	12,885	
Critical	1,425	
Active	1,04,722	
Deaths	140	
WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS		
DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Gurugram	3,037	9
Faridabad	1,805	4
Sonepat	1,185	4
Hisar	1,156	17

<< A woman gets the jab in Sector 31 of Gurugram on Monday. S CHANDAN

considered critical.

Only Nuh and Charkhi Dadri have the desirable positivity rate of less than 2 per cent, whereas nine other districts have a positivity rate more than desirable but less than critical.

Meanwhile, in the past one week (April 26 to May 2), the state reported 90,569 new cases and 719 deaths. The two figures are the highest ever over the seven-day period ever since the virus broke out in the state.

The daily positivity rate remained more than 26 per cent last week. At 6.89 per cent, the cumulative positivity rate is in the critical zone.

Of the 11 districts with critical positivity rate, Faridabad has the highest positivity rate

of 11.34 per cent followed by Gurugram (10.44 per cent).

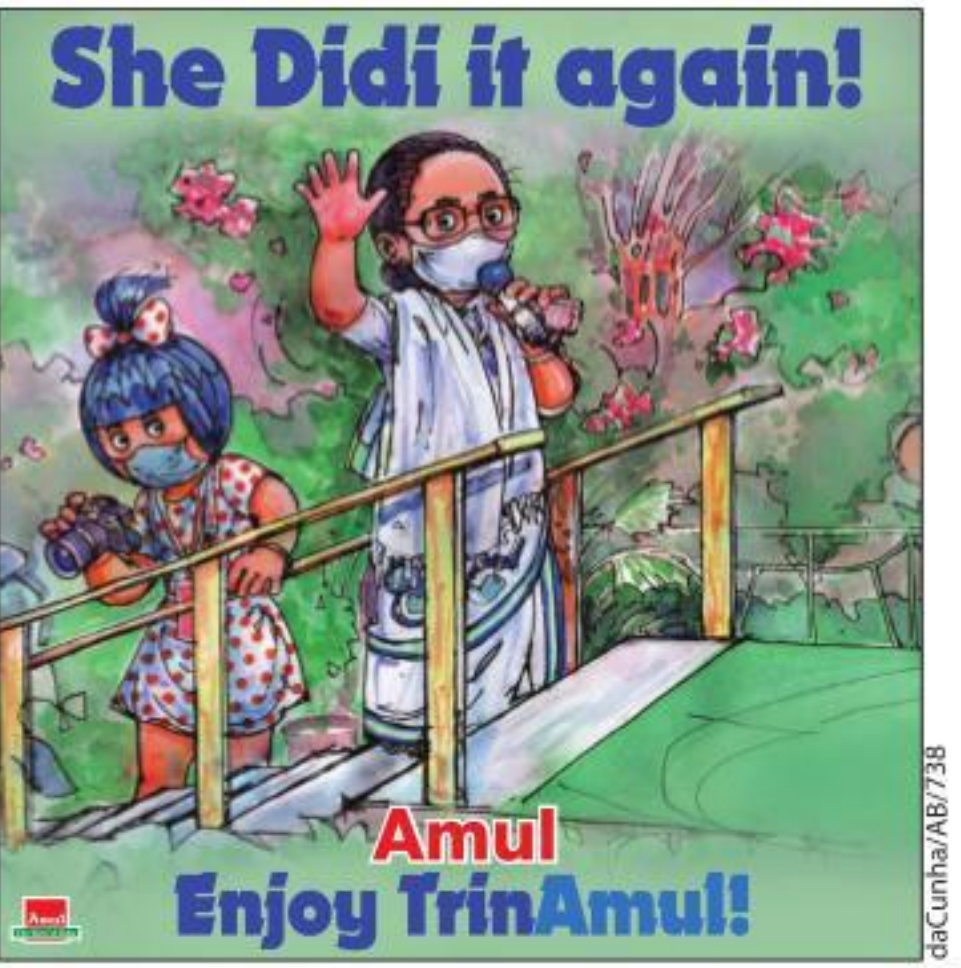
Panipat (8.29 per cent), Panchkula (7.79 per cent), Karnal (7.5 per cent), Sonapat (7.42 per cent), Ambala (6.72 per cent) and Rewari (6.6 per cent) are the other districts with critical positivity rate.

“Higher positivity rate means that the state is not doing enough testing to trace and isolate Covid patients. This, in turn, is resulting in the surge,” said a doctor requesting anonymity.

Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, however, said the state was already testing more than 50,000 people every day.

“The state plans to increase the testing by rapid antigen testing (RAT) kits,” he added.

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Kingpin held in ‘fake’ Remdesivir scam

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, MAY 3

The Panipat police have arrested the kingpin for selling allegedly fake remdesivir injections.

Earlier, six members of three gangs have been arrested and 32 fake remdesivir injections recovered last week.

The main accused has been identified as Pardeep, a resident of Sector 13/17, Panipat, who runs chemist shops in the district, Delhi and Haridwar.

SP Shashank Kumar Sawan said the primary probe reveals that the accused used to buy injections from an Uttarakhand resident for Rs 12,000 per vial and then sold it between Rs 15,000 and Rs 30,000.

The accused also revealed that he had already sold 650 injections of 750 vials brought in black market. Of these, Pardeep gave 100 injections to his nephew Sumit, 150 to Saksham and 40 to Keshav for black marketing.

On April 27, the police had nabbed three youths from Panipat on the charges of black marketing of remdesivir injections and recovered 19 vials from their possession. They were taken on police

MAN NABBED FOR O2 BLACK MARKETING

Faridabad: A man, Sachin of Sector 3 here, was allegedly caught selling an oxygen cylinder in black here on Monday. The accused works as an AC repair mechanic. He was nabbed while accepting ₹45,000 for an oxygen cylinder, which costs between ₹6,000 and ₹8,000. He has been booked under the Essential Services Act and the National Disaster Management Act, 2005. TNS

remand. During the remand period, the accused revealed that they had purchased the seized vials from Pardeep.

On completion of the remand of Sumit, Saksham and Keshav, they were produced in the court and were sent to judicial custody. Accused Pradeep has been taken on four-day police remand.

During investigation, it also came to light that the wrapper of the seized vials is quite different from the original injection and looked fake. The public is requested to beware of such gangs involved in black marketing and immediately inform the police, the SP added.

Beds available on portal, not in hospitals

SUNIT DHAWAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 3

The Haryana Government had launched a web portal covidharyana.in last month to provide the information regarding the availability of hospital beds for Covid patients across the state.

The portal shows that a number of hospital beds, including oxygen and non-oxygen beds, ventilators and ICU beds, are available in all districts of the state at any given time.

However, even the critical patients who reach the hospitals are told that there are no beds. The hapless family members and other attendants of the patients keep on wandering from one hospital to another, but most of them



SITUATION DYNAMIC

“There's a gap between fast-changing availability of beds and updation of the portal. The situation is dynamic and the bed availability keeps on changing fast. Efforts are on to ensure real-time updation of the portal.”

Amit K Agrawal, DY PRINCIPAL SECY TO CM

fail to get any bed.

Some patients lose their lives in their cars or ambulances while making rounds of government as well as private hospitals, leaving their families in a state of helplessness and despair.

“I have served at the PGIMS all my life, but if I require a bed at the institute today, I am not sure whether I will get it or not,” laments Dr Ranbir Singh Dahiya, a former professor of surgery at the Rohtak PGIMS.

Meanwhile, as per the government portal, 5,066 hospital beds, including 3,106 oxygen beds, 1,569 non-oxygen beds, 391 ICU beds and 244 ventilators, were available in Haryana at 7 pm on May 3.

Pvt hospitals to face action for fleecing

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

Health Minister Anil Vij has said strict action would be taken against hospitals found overcharging for facilities or any other medical assistance from Covid patients in the state.

Vij said the rates of beds and other facilities had been fixed for the Covid patients undergoing treatment in private hospitals of the state. At present, 42 private hospitals in the state are treating Covid patients.

The government has fixed the rates at Rs 10,000 for isolation beds in the NABH and JCI accredited hospitals, Rs 15,000 for ICU beds without ventilators and Rs 18,000 per day for ICU beds with ventilators. Similarly, in non-NABH accredited hospitals, the rates have been fixed at Rs 8,000 for isolation beds, Rs 13,000 for ICU beds without ventilators and Rs 15,000 per day for ICU beds with ventilators.

GOVT RATES

- NABH and JCI accredited hospitals: The fixed rates are ₹10,000 for isolation beds ₹15,000 for ICU beds without ventilators and ₹18,000 per day for ICU beds with ventilators
- Non-NABH accredited hospitals: The rates are ₹8,000 for isolation beds, ₹13,000 for ICU beds without ventilators and ₹15,000 per day for ICU beds with ventilators
- Private labs: The Covid test rates are ₹450 for RT-PCR, ₹500 for rapid antigen and ₹250 for ELISA

Vij said the Covid test rates for private labs had also fixed at Rs 450 for RT-PCR, Rs 500 for rapid antigen and Rs 250 for ELISA.

A three-member committee has been constituted for the distribution of tocilizumab injection as per the requirement for patients admitted to government and private hospitals.

150 posts of nurse vacant at PGIMS

ROHTAK, MAY 3

A team of the Jan Swasthya Abhiyan Haryana, a network of organisations engaged in health awareness and advocacy, today visited the PGIMS here to inspect the working of the clinical department and wards. Satnam Singh, state convener of the abhiyan, said: “The situation in the PGIMS is worsening by the day. Many doctors, nurses, technicians and other members of the staff have tested Covid-positive.”

Suresh Kumar, state co-convenor of the abhiyan, pointed out another problem the PGIMS was facing. “The hospital is facing shortage of nurses. For a 2,050-bed hospital, 3,100 nurses are required as per the norms of the Nursing Council of India. But only 1,225 posts of nurse are sanctioned. Of them, around 150 posts are lying vacant. The need of the hour is to fill the vacant posts and sanction 1,900 posts of nurse urgently.” — TNS

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਢਾਚਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਉਸਾਰੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ/ਲੇਬਰ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਜ਼ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਕੋਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਜ਼ ਮੰਗੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ, ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕੋਰੀਜ਼ੰਡਮ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
ਸਹੀ:- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ), ਪਸਕ, ਟਾ:- ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਪੋਰਟਸ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।
DPR/Pb/4239

HP COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
34 SDA COMPLEX KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-9
Telefax :- 0177-2620998
INVITATION FOR QUOTATIONS
The undersigned hereby invites quotation(s) for hiring of various types of **Taxis** from reputed taxi operators/Taxi Unions/Travel agent/Service provider/Taxi Owner etc. and for **Photography** during workshops/seminars from photographers/Photo studios etc. for the financial year 2021-23 (Two years). Interested parties may submit their rates in the prescribed format latest by 11:00 am of 19/05/21 which will be opened on same day at 3:00 pm before the designated committee. The detailed terms & conditions & format are available on our official website www.himcoste.hp.gov.in.
(Nishant Thakur) HPAS Joint Member Secretary
DPR/HP/53

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR
LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB
NIT No. 14/2021
No. S.E(AW)/NIT/140 Dated: 28.4.2021
The Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites tenders on online two bid system from eligible bidders as under.
Sr. No. Name of work Est Amt Months
1. Hiring 9 Nos of Taxis/Cars for officers of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar on Rent for one year. 49.70 Lakh 12
Last Date of submission of tender till dated 18.05.2021 upto 12.00 PM and Opening of Technical Bid: 18.05.2021 at 03.00 PM.
• EMD: 2% of Estimated Amount.
• For further specification, terms & Conditions, Kindly visit : <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
• Name of work/Corrigendum/Addendum and Amendment shall be published in the above said website only.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Auto Workshop), Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. DPR/Pb/4220

Municipal Council, Malerkotla, Sangrur-148023
Phone No. 01675-253043, E-mail: eomcmkl@yahoo.in
www.mcmalerkotla.org
ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ
eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-tender: LGM/COUNCIL/2021-22/2
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਵੇਕੀ ਗਰੰਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਭੁਭਲ ਬਿੰਡ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ 111.82 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ 29 ਕੋਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕੰਟਰੈਕਟਰਜ਼/ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਜ਼/ਭਰਮਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਨਿਧਿਤਾ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸੋਢਿਓਲ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-
Sr. No. Online Sale Start of Bidding Documents Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Documents Opening of Technical Bids
1. 30.04.2021, 05.00 PM 21.05.2021, 05.00 PM 24.05.2021, 09.00 AM
ਕੋਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਫਿਟਨੈਸ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ eproc.punjab.gov.in ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉੱਪਰ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> 'ਤੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਫਿਜ਼ੀਟਲ ਸਿਗਨਚਰ 3 ਕਲਾਸ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ 97811-66104 (ਆਫਿਸ ਹੋਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ), 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284, (ਸਾਈਟ ਹੋਲਪਲਾਈਨ ਨੰਬਰ), ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਹੋਲਪਲਾਈਨ: eproc@punjab.gov.in ਹੈ।
ਨੋਟ: ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸੋਧ ਹਵੇਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਕੇਵਲ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ ਉੱਪਰ ਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
ਸਹੀ:- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ। ਸਹੀ:- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ। ਸਹੀ:- ਮਿਊਨਿਸਪਲ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਮਾਲੇਰਕੋਟਲਾ। DPR/Pb/4222

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANUR
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
E-tender No. 4/MC Banur/2021/DATED 30-April-2021
Department inviting work:- Municipal Council, Banur
Name of work:- Development works
Cost of work/Earnest Money:- 39.92 Lac./Separate each work
Date of opening of bid:- 21/05/2021
For detailed terms and condition of the notice inviting tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and helpline No. : 0172-2791226, 2791326
Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.
Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Banur
DPR/Pb/4244

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR
E-TENDER NOTICE
No. H/ Dated:
Municipal Corporation, Amritsar invites tenders on online two bid system from eligible bidders for "Sterilization of stray dogs".
Estimate Amount: Rs. 45.00 Lacs
EMD: 2% of Estimated Amount for Company/Firm/Agency/Contractor etc. and 1% in case of Co-op & L/c Societies submitted through e-payment only.
Last Date of submission: 18/5/2021 up to 04:00 p.m.
Technical Bid will be opened on Next Working Day.
For details, terms and conditions kindly visit <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Sd/- Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.
DPR/Pb/4231

Municipal Council, Adampur, Jalandhar
ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ, ਜਲੰਧਰ
Email-id: mccadampur38@yahoo.com, mccadampur38@gmail.com
Phone No. 0181-2753256, 0181-5090259
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ
ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ
<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਫੁੱਲ ਗਾਹੀ ਖ਼ੁਫ਼ੇ 121.22 ਲੱਖ ਦੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਮਿਊਨਿਸਪਲ ਫੰਡ ਅਤੇ PUEIP Phase-II ਵਿਚੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:-
Sr. No. Description Date Time
1. Sale of Bid Documents from 07.05.2021 10.00 AM
2. Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Document 27.05.2021 05.00 PM
3. Date & Time Opening of Technical Bid 28.05.2021 10.30 AM
4. Date & Time Opening of Financial Bid 28.05.2021 02.00 PM
ਬਾਕੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਵੇਖਣ ਲਈ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪੋਰਟਲ 'ਤੇ ਜਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।
DPR/Pb/4238 ਸਹੀ:- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ।

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, ZIRAKPUR
(Distt. S.A.S. Nagar)
ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ (ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ)
ਨੰਬਰ: 181 ਮਿਤੀ: 03.05.2021
ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਕਿਸ਼ਨਪੁਰਾ ਦੀ ਹੱਦਬਸਤ ਨੰ. 54, ਰਕਬਾ ਕਿਸ਼ਨਪੁਰਾ, ਖੇਵਟ/ਖੜੋਲੀ ਨੰ. 8/8, ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰਬਰ-13(3-13), 12(4-0), 13(4-0), 14(4-0) ਵਿਚ 13 ਬਿਧੀ 11 ਬਿਸਤਰੀ 6.40 ਬਿਸਵਾਸੀ ਦੇ ਈਰੋਇ ਦੀ ਨਗਰ ਐਨਲਾਈਨ ਸਹੀਧੀ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਸੇਰ ਧਾਰਾ 192 ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮਿਊਨਿਸਪਲ ਐਕਟ, 1911 ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਸੀ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ. (ਸਮ)-2020/2946, ਮਿਤੀ 14.10.2020 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅਨ-ਬਿਡਿੰਗ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ।
ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. ਸੀ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ. (ਸਮ)-2021/164, ਮਿਤੀ 12.01.2021 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਲੋ-ਆਊਟ ਪਲੈਨ ਡਰਾਈਂਗ ਨੰਬਰ ਐਮ.ਸੀ./ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ/2870, ਮਿਤੀ 24.12.2020 ਦੀ ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਹੀਧੀ ਦੀ ਵਧਾਈ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਸਹੀਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸ਼ੁਯਾ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਹੱਦ ਤਾਂ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਸ ਨਿਮਨਲਿਖਤ ਆਦਿ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਹੀਧੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ ਦੀ ਡਰਾਈਂਗ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦੇਖੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪਾਪਰ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ-ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸ਼ੁਯਾ ਆਦਿ 'ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।
DPR/Pb/4237 ਸਹੀ:- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਜ਼ੀਰਕਪੁਰ।

NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Haryana Regional Office, Plot No. 03, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh
Telephone: 0172-5116803, Fax: 2604033, Email: haryanaa@nabard.org
e-TENDERING NOTICE
NABARD invites e-tenders from minimum seven years experienced agencies/contractors for Housekeeping Services for its office (Sector 34-A) and 70 Officers flats (at MHC, Manimajra) Chandigarh. Last date of submission of tender is 25.05.2021 (by 15:00 hrs.)
For downloading tenders documents/applications and information, please visit our website www.nabard.org or CPPP <https://nabard.eproc.in/> -Sd/- General Manager, NABARD

FARIDKOT IMPROVEMENT TRUST
e-Tender Notice
NIT No. 01/e-Tender/LG-IT Faridkot/2021-22
The Faridkot Improvement Trust, Faridkot invites online bids for 6 Nos. various development works:-
Online availability of tenders for bidding:- 05.05.2021
Closing Date and Time:- For Sr. No. 1 to 6:- 26.05.2021 up to 2:00 p.m.
Opening Date and Time:- For Sr. No. 1 to 6:- 26.05.2021 at 4:00 p.m.
For detail logon to:- www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall published on the above website only.
Sd/- Trust Engineer, Improvement Trust, Faridkot.
DPR/Pb/4225

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE					
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/ NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE/ CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/AUTH
1	HSVP PANCHKULA	HIRING OF PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES AT HSVP HQ, PANCHKULA	CLOSING DATE: 10.05.2021	60 LACS	https://etenders.hrynic.in
2	CDLU SIRSA	SUPPLYING/INSTALLATION/TESTING/COMMISSIONING OF SERVERS IN UNIVERSITY DATA CENTRE AT CDLU SIRSA. + 2 OTHER WORK	30.04.2021 19.05.2021	189 LACS	cdlu.ac.in

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 23, DATED: 04.05.2021
PCMM/COFMOW's Office invites e-Bids for the following STORES Tenders:
Tender No. Brief Description Closing Date
OP-407570 Optical Digital Upright metallurgical Microscope. 05.05.2021
OP-109160 CNC Hydraulic Press Brake, Cap-400 Ton. 10.05.2021
OP-108161 Hydraulic Press Brake, Cap-200 Ton. 13.05.2021
OP-7207015B Procurement of VPIP. 17.05.2021
OP-712730 AC DC Tig Welding Plant. 17.05.2021
OP-406971 Cargo Type X-Ray Baggage Scanner Machine. 21.05.2021
OP-407172 X-Ray Baggage Scanner Machine 21.05.2021
Bidders may visit the website www.irps.gov.in to download the tender document and submit their e-Bids. No manual offers shall be accepted.
CORRIGENDUM, DATED: 04.05.2021
Following corrigenda have been issued to e-Tenders already uploaded on the website www.irps.gov.in
Tender No. Corrigendum No. Closing Date
OP-407481 Corrigendum No. 01 10.05.2021
OP-808271 Corrigendum No. 02 24.05.2021
OP-808371 Corrigendum No. 02 25.05.2021
Bidders may visit the website to download the details mentioned in the corrigendum and submit e-Bids accordingly.
"Serving Customers with Smile"

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Make lockdown count

Utilise it to boost supplies of oxygen, drugs and vaccines

WITH the second wave of the Covid pandemic intensifying across the country, putting the already fragile healthcare set-up under greater strain, state governments are resorting to week-long or weekend lockdowns in a bid to break the chain of transmission. While Punjab has imposed stricter curbs on movement till May 15, a lockdown is in force in Haryana throughout this week. Going a step ahead, Odisha has declared a 14-day lockdown from May 5. Considering the chaotic experience of the two-month-long nationwide lockdown that played havoc with millions of lives and livelihoods last year, the Centre does not seem to be keen on a similar move this time, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently dubbing it as the last resort. However, the clamour for drastic steps is growing, with the Indian industry itself urging the government to curtail economic activity in order to save lives.

Anthony Fauci, the chief medical adviser to the Biden administration, has suggested that there should be a shutdown for a few weeks in India to curb transmission of the virus. But he has hastened to add that this period should be utilised to ramp up supplies of oxygen, drugs and PPE kits, besides energising the vaccination programme. Almost every day, patients are dying due to oxygen shortage in some part of the country. Though it's a race against time, work on sanctioned oxygen plants should be expedited to reduce the shortfall and save as many lives as possible.

Another cause for concern is that India has managed to fully inoculate barely 2 per cent of its population since the vaccine roll-out in mid-January. Many states are running out of stocks at a time when the vaccination drive has been extended to cover all adults. Though India accounts for one in every two global cases each day, its daily testing rate is just 1.24 tests per 1,000 people, less than half of America's rate. All these issues need prompt resolution. A lockdown will be of little use if things go back to square one, or worse, once it ends. The whole exercise should be aimed at dealing with, and not merely delaying, the inevitable.

Ending Covid loot

Fix rates, curb extortion, rope in volunteers

DIVERSITY brings out the best in people, and the worst. As the country tackles the Covid-19 nightmare, there have been umpteen instances of people and organisations going out of their way to help out. However, it's the deluge of reports of gross overcharging and extortion that is hugely upsetting and problematic. Be it for oxygen cylinders, Remdesivir injections, or ambulances charging Rs 8,000-10,000 just to cover a distance of 4-5 km. From Rs 500-1,000 in normal days and Rs 2,000-3,000 with oxygen facility, the rates in some cases have touched an astonishing Rs 40,000. Plain loot, no checks, no sense of remorse, take it or leave it. What choice does the patient's family have?

It would be incorrect to say that the healthcare system has collapsed. It hasn't, it is overwhelmed, but is still pretty much functional thanks to the dedicated staff. Falling short of ambulances and workforce, however, is inexcusable. An emergency-like situation demands drastic measures. Seeking aid is no sign of weakness; have faith in people, recognise their capacity to help get a grip on a situation fast going out of control. The Centre's move to rope in MBBS passouts and final-year students is a step in the right direction. An appeal should also go out for volunteers and material requirements — from the civil society at large, or youngsters and other citizens eager to offer their services, be it at helpdesks, to address distress calls, monitor and supply medicines and essential deliveries, arrange transportation, ensure timely and dignified last rites. Anything to ease the load of the frontline workers.

How difficult would it be to fix ambulance rates, which could be a tad higher than normal times given the increased workload and consequent risk that drivers and support staff are facing? Ensure a nodal desk to take cognisance of any report of overcharging, with strict action. As in Noida, where the police forced the ambulance driver to return Rs 42,000 that he charged a patient to cover just 25 km. Or the Jalandhar authorities announcing to reward those presenting evidence of Covid loot.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Rather than being your thoughts and emotions, be the awareness behind them. — Eckhart Tolle

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1921

HAKIM AJMAL KHAN'S ADDRESS.

THE Presidential address which Hakim Ajmal Khan delivered at the Punjab Provincial Conference at Rawalpindi was impressive. It is a noteworthy fact that during the last few years a remarkable change has come over the speeches of our public men. Self-reliance and self-help are their distinguishing characteristics. The note of mendicancy is conspicuous by its absence both from the speeches of our public men and from the resolutions passed at popular gatherings. The appeal is always for justice. This healthy change is a clear indication of the fact that the soul of India has become self-conscious and that it is becoming increasingly clear to Indians that political freedom is to be attained by their own exertions and not by depending on the generosity of their rulers. And whatever may be the opinion of the practicability or the desirability of the non-co-operation movement, the fact has to be admitted that the change noted above has been accelerated as a result of, of not actually caused by, this movement. Hakim Ajmal Khan, like an eminent physician that he is, begins by a diagnosis of the widespread unrest that one witnesses to-day. He refers to the Punjab tragedy and the Khilafat question as being the basic causes that are at the bottom of the present agitation. In speaking of the Punjab question, the President said that while they were asked to forget the martial law events, nothing had been done in the way of punishing the guilty officials. Lord Reading, who had been speaking of justice ever since his appointment to the Viceroyalty, had also disappointed them by repeating the set formula of forgive and forget during his Punjab visit. The speaker voiced the sentiments of not only those who were present at the Conference but also of all patriotic Indians when he said that the redress of the Punjab wrong was a condition precedent to all talk of forgiveness.

In the midst of life & death

Will humankind learn from the crisis, and live with love and gratitude?



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Man's main concern is not to gain pleasure or to avoid pain but rather to see a meaning in his life.

— Viktor E Frankl

A FRIEND dies; a student narrates the horrifying experience of arranging an oxygen cylinder for her Covid-infected mother; a colleague passes through traumatic hours with severe breathing difficulty before a bed is arranged in a suburban hospital — the city I live in is crumbling. Neither the glitz of the malls symbolising the affluence of the aspiring class in neoliberal India nor the narcissism of our political masters is of any help. We smell death; we find ourselves amid unbearable pain and suffering; and we are broken and wounded. How much can we bear?

Well, there are moments when we long for some scientific answer to this question. A medical expert's opinion, a mathematical model predicting the shape of the curve of infections and death; or a specialised research on the power of the vaccines to minimise the severity of the disease: yes, science makes us alert, and possibly gives us the means to win the war against the virus. Yet, our inner restlessness refuses to wither away. There are moments when we become terribly angry, and blame the morally bankrupt and irresponsible political class for spreading the virus — the way they declared India's 'success story' to combat the virus so early, allowed the Kumbh mela to happen, or encouraged large gatherings and rallies at the time of the recent elec-



TOUGH GOING: Neither the glitz of malls nor the narcissism of our political masters is of any help in this hour of national crisis. PTI

It will be tragic if the survivors choose to play the same game with an illusory notion of egotistic pride and immortality of their 'success stories'.

tions. Yet, despite this anguish, we realise our helplessness. Or who knows we deserve what we are, and in the prevalent politics we see nothing but our own shadows?

At this intense moment of pain and suffering, we also long for some sort of spiritual answer. Possibly, it is a quest for a meaning, an urge to understand the truth of existence, or a journey to the interiority of our consciousness. To begin with, let us reflect on impermanence. It is true that intellectually and theoretically we all know that the world we see, touch and perceive is impermanent; everything is changing. Yet, because of our blind attachment, we refuse to accept this impermanence. When life appears to be a picnic party, we tend to feel that fun and pleasure will go on forever. Or, for that matter, we are so attached to our egos that with the continual presentation of narcissistic selves, we tend to give the impression that we are immortal — beyond suffering, sickness and death. It is sad

that even though we have mastered techno-science and cultivated instrumental rationality, seldom do we try to learn the art of living with this sense of impermanence. Is it that we need a pandemic to confront this fundamental truth of our earthly existence: the body I am so attached to (imagine the growth of beauty/fashion industry in our times) might not even get a dignified space at the chaotic crematorium; or despite having all sorts of medical insurances, you might not get a bed in the hospital, and just die without the presence of loved ones? It is not easy to accept this harsh truth of impermanence. Yet, we might experience something deep and profound with the acceptance of impermanence.

Possibly, we begin to learn the meaning of gratitude. Things are impermanent; yet, for some time we have got an opportunity to find ourselves in this world amid this blue sky, these mountains, forests and rivers, or amid the presence of the

loved ones. And to live is to live with this sense of gratitude. This is like seeing ourselves as humble wanderers or seekers, not egotistic conquerors. Again, ironically, it is the pandemic that is forcing us to realise the meaning of this forgotten virtue. These days after a traumatic night filled with the ever-flowing news of death and loss, when you see the rising sun in the morning what else can you do? With folded hands, you articulate your prayerful gratitude: 'I am still alive; I can hear the whisper of trees, the chirping of birds, or I can see the tender face of my child'.

And finally, with gratitude begins the abundance of love. Who knows tomorrow you and I can be merged with the statistics of Covid-related death? Isn't it the time to give our best to each other and love deeply and intensely? Who knows today might be our last day? Why do we destroy this moment when we are alive with such bitterness, negativity, envy and jealousy? Possibly, the suffering that the pandemic has caused has also a meaning. It is conveying a message: there is no hypothetical 'tomorrow'; to live is to live here and now, and at this very moment with a deep awareness of impermanence, love and gratitude.

The pandemic too is not permanent. Science will equip us with better medicines and vaccines to win this 'war'; or the political class will come forward with more advanced 'economic' solutions to take this technocratic/consumerist world to 'normalcy'. However, the moot question is whether humankind will learn something deep from this crisis, redefine the rhythm of life and death, and live with tenderness, humility and boundless love and gratitude. It will be really tragic if the survivors choose to play the same game with an illusory notion of egotistic pride and immortality of their 'success stories' before they are shattered by yet another catastrophe.

Roaring route to deafness

RAMESHINDER SINGH SANDHU

JUST minutes before 4 am, our young guest from Germany, staying with us at my maternal village home, panicked. 'Is there any emergency?' he asked, worried. Baffled, we suddenly roused, trying to understand what had happened. He quickly referred to the day's first prayer, emanating from the loudspeaker of a gurdwara nearby. It was his first morning.

We laughed, explaining it was prayer time, which took place every morning and evening. Minutes later, another two temples commenced, snatching away the dawn's silence. So is the case, where loudspeakers are used to their maximum, not only by temples of my village, but wherever

er they are. It's not that I am against spirituality or any religion, but what about our environment?

Once, when a relative, requested one of the religious sites in his village for keeping the volume low during the school examination season, the priest there got so offended that he purposefully underlined this during a prayer talk, labelling the uncle as anti-religious. Thankfully, he wasn't named.

Noise, however, is everywhere, wherever you go — originating from various sources. Road is one of the biggest culprits, where our favourite pastime of honking is always on. Interestingly, international travel writers, never forget mentioning it in their columns on India, some recommending packing ear plugs. And as if horns earlier were not that blaring,

most of us have replaced them with excessively loud ones, leaving alarms of ambulances and fire engines far behind. Who cares for silent zones?

Like garbage trucks, vegetable sellers too, don't mind the clamour, a majority of whom show up, announcing their deals through loudspeakers. Despite the night ban on noise, deafening DJs continue to be heard, and we know it well, how it goes for our ears, when we are part of the same parties. Ask the elderly, their answers will echo a different pain. With construction happening in almost every corner or woodwork, the irking noise goes on to give us company.

What an irony that when we go abroad, we appreciate their noise-free environment, and fail to carry lessons to our home country. Aren't

we building a road to deafness on our own, or say crafting a recipe for it, again with our own hands? After eyes, do we want to suffer from ear problems next? Many are, even at a young age. A quick glimpse at any ENT clinic will confirm. No wonder, several online platforms have begun advertising hearing aids, worn not only by old, but also young models, even teenagers. Let's not overlook the fact that ear problems not only slowly lead to deafness, but also attacks the brain, if several studies are to be believed.

We must heed to the popular adage, 'Prevention is better than cure'. What are we waiting for? Both the government and the people will have to play a vigorous role, and, of course, we will end up helping ourselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get back to business

Mamata Banerjee's mercurial temperament would not stand her in good stead to fill the vacuum as the face of the Opposition on a sustainable basis ('The woman in white'). In politics, hubris must melt into humility. Coming events cast their shadow vis-a-vis governance and welfare. With the election rivalries over, now the focus must shift to synergy in 'business', relegating Centre-state frictions and party politics to the back seat. The national challenge to tame the Covid monster ought to be the foremost priority. The Election Commission of India, too, needs to earnestly rework the model code of conduct vis-a-vis new experiences gained during the recent elections.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

No EVM row now

We have had many debates over the manipulation of EVMs by the ruling dispensation. But now, with Mamata Banerjee winning the Bengal battle, no one will talk about the role of the EVMs, because the BJP has lost the election. The issue arises only when the BJP wins. So should we now believe in the EVMs, and put this matter to rest?

AJAY SACHDEVA, LUDHIANA

Constitutional federalism

The results of the West Bengal Assembly polls are a tribute to the wisdom of the people of the state. Being a mainstream national party does not mean bulldozing the regional or states' sentiments. The

10 years, with no great record in crucial areas of governance and development. Corruption was a major issue. Credit goes to Mamata as she protected her territory, and the BJP can derive solace from becoming the principal opposition party in the state, at the cost of a decimated Congress and Left parties. While this verdict cheers the regional satraps across the country, the distress in the Congress has deepened further.

N SADHASIVA REDDY, BENGALURU

Gross failure

The heart of every sane person bleeds today on seeing the plight of the masses and the country itself ('Indian state has failed'). The system has collapsed in Atmanirbhar Bharat, as today patients have to fend for themselves as far as beds, medicines, oxygen and ventilators are concerned. Many states could not start the inoculation of people above 18 years due to the shortage of vaccines. The country is also facing a shortage of doctors. Are we paying all sorts of taxes and donating generously to the PM Cares Fund, etc., to die like this? The administration has failed miserably in improving the health-care system of the country.

DV SHARMA, MUKERIAN

Failed the people

With reference to 'Good governance, RIP' (*The Sunday Tribune*), neither any government nor any party can be exonerated on account of their failures during the pandemic. All have failed even to offer solace to the kin of dying patients in hospitals due to the lack of medical equipment, medicines, etc. Elected persons are not there to only claim salaries, perks and pensions. They are not supposed to oversee their own welfare. Their election by the people has made them responsible for the welfare of the people, and they have failed.

SUKHDEV SINGH, PATIALA

Bengal provides an opening, shows a path



YOGENDRA YADAV

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THE Assembly election verdict provides an opening to everyone who believes in the idea of India. A much-needed opening in these dark times when our democracy, federalism and indeed our republic are shrinking by the day. But we can seize this opportunity only if we recognise what it is not, if we acknowledge that we have not earned it yet, if we are wise to what is not to be done.

The consequences of West Bengal's verdict are truly momentous, beyond the normal calculus of electoral politics. In normal times, a popular chief minister getting a third term is not unheard of. In a normal election, the increase in the Bharatiya Janata Party's vote share — from 10 per cent to 37 per cent — would be considered a giant leap. Normally, a political party has every reason to celebrate its arrival as the real opposition party in a state with 77 seats, up from just three in the last election.

But Bengal 2021 was not a normal election. This was the most audacious political heist attempted in recent times. Bengal was the final frontier that the BJP needed to cross to consolidate its hegemony. And it chose this election to launch an all-out attack. It threw everything into it: money, media, organisational machine and, of course, Narendra Modi.

And it threw every caution and norm to the winds — from the sanctity of the Election Commission to the neutrality of the security forces and Covid norms. The triumphalism of its leaders was unmatched, duly echoed by the *darbari* media. Yet, it was defeated. Not just defeated, but duly humiliated.

A modern-day *Ashvamedha yagna* has been interrupted, a magic show disrupted in the middle of a trick. Just think of what would have happened if the BJP had actually succeeded in capturing Bengal — the celebrations, the claims, the fear. Our republic has reclaimed that much space within a day.

At this juncture of history, an interruption like the Bengal result can open unanticipated possibilities. We are in the middle of one of the worst-tackled pandemics, one that has forced even die-hard *bhakt*s to entertain second thoughts about this regime. We are not out of the lockdown-induced economic meltdown yet, and it could only get worse with the raging second wave. And we have a historic farmers' protest that refuses to be cowed down.

In this context, a verdict like this one exposes the vulnerabilities of the Modi government, wakes up its credulous supporters and emboldens the resisters. Results from Kerala and Tamil Nadu can consolidate oppositional spaces. Bengal's verdict can break the spell that has had the country in thrall for the last seven years. This could be the beginning of the end of the Modi juggernaut.

It could. It need not be so. It all depends on how we respond to this opening. The first step is to recognise what this verdict is not. While it shows the limits to dividends of communal polarisation, it is not a rejection of communal politics. If anything, the Bengal election has rekindled



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the pre-Partition communal fire that the state will have to deal with for a long time. Besides, mobilisation of anxious Muslim voters against the BJP is hardly a sign of secular politics.

Nor is it a verdict against the Modi government for its many acts of commission and omission during the Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown. The biggest public health crisis of post-Independence India was not an electoral issue anywhere, except Kerala.

As in the case of demonetisation, the people have not yet connected the consequences to the cause, their economic plight to the incompetent economic policies pursued by the Modi government. The Left Democratic Front's victory in Kerala had little to do with popular acceptance of the Left ideology. And in all fairness, while the farmers' organisations led to a vigorous no-

vote-for-BJP campaign, this verdict does not demonstrate farmers' rejection of the three farm laws. Not as yet.

We must approach this opportunity with a modest admission that this reversal for the BJP was the product of many quotidian factors that do not add up to a grand story of reclaiming democracy. In Bengal and Kerala, the popularity of the incumbent chief ministers was a key factor. It was not a verdict on good governance. If that was so, the All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) should have been routed. CM Sarbananda Sonowal, too, should not have come back to power in Assam. Mamata Banerjee's governance record has also been moderate, at best. But some popular schemes did make a difference to the voters.

And let's face it, deft election management played a key role in the Tri-

namool Congress's victory in West Bengal and the BJP's victory in Assam. These routine factors may not work against the BJP every time.

It's time we publicly acknowledge the harsh truth about who this opportunity is not for. There can be many claims about who the real winner is: Mamata Banerjee or Prashant Kishor, Pinarayi Vijayan or the Left parties, Himanta Biswa Sarma or Sarbananda Sonowal. But there cannot be two opinions about the real loser today: the Indian National Congress.

The grand old party did not miss an opportunity to ensure it misses out on a regular opportunity to come back to power in Kerala, in the first Assembly election after Rahul Gandhi became an MP from the state. Similarly, in Assam, it allowed the BJP to come back to power despite massive anti-CAA protests in the state a

year ago. It ceded power in Puducherry and sank to irrelevance in West Bengal. The message is as clear as it gets: the Congress in its current form cannot lead India in a battle to reclaim democracy.

Again and again, state elections have punctured the myth of Modi's invincibility. Yet, the myth persists because the disaffection at the state level fails to translate into a national sentiment. The 2021 verdict is different. It provides a clear opening and shows a path. If this is followed by the BJP's defeat in Uttar Pradesh in early 2022, it would certainly be the countdown for the end of the Modi regime.

Modi can be defeated, but not by the Congress, not by routine opposition unity, and not by knee-jerk anti-Modism. Here is an opportunity. And a challenge. Everyone who seeks to reclaim our republic must take this up.

Views are personal

Barelvi assertion looks ominous for Pakistan



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Since the majority of the Sunnis in Pakistan are Barelvis, the TLP has a vast reservoir of support that is matched by the large Barelvi network of mosques and shrines that it has succeeded in tapping into. Several events since 2017 have catapulted the TLP into limelight and allowed it to capture the imagination of the people. They include its stunning maiden performance in the 2018 General Election when it emerged as the fifth largest party in terms of vote share.

THE three-day upsurge of the Barelvi assertion, led by the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) witnessed in the major cities of Pakistan in mid-April, seems to have subsided, at least for the moment. While it lasted, it led to clashes between the TLP and security forces, leading to the death of several people, including police personnel, injuries to scores, arrests of many more and damage to property.

What was ominous was that several police personnel were held hostage by the protesters (subsequently released) and clips on social media that went viral showed soldiers fraternising with the protesters and warning of taking matters into their own hands.

The TLP was formed in the wake of the 2016 execution of Mumtaz Qadri, a police guard, who killed the then Punjab Governor Salman Taseer for sympathising with Aasiya Bibi, a Christian accused of blasphemy in January 2011. The founder was Khadim Husain Rizvi (1966-2019), a former employee of the Punjab Auqaf Department. Rizvi used a mixture of earthy Punjabi abuses, humour, fiery rhetoric and poetry of Mohd Iqbal and Sultan Bahu to attract people. His catchy slogan was: *Gustakh-e-rasul ki aik saza, sar tan sey juda* (there is only one punishment for the blasphemer, beheading). His son, Saad Rizvi, succeeded him in November 2019.

The Barelvis are the followers of Ahmad Raza Khan Barelvi (1865-1921) of Bareilly in India. Their trademark is popular sufism, a cult of shrines, and a profound reverence for the Prophet.



PREDICAMENT: The danger for Pakistan is that if the issue of the sketches of Prophet Muhammad in France is not resolved, the Barelvi upsurge could escalate. AP

This distinguishes them from the austere and literalist Wahabis and Deobandis. They are generally regarded as adherents of a gentler, more moderate approach, except when it comes to *khatm-e-nabuwwat* (finality of the Prophet-hood) and *tauheen-e-risalat* (blaspheming the Prophet). While both these elements are a fundamental matter of faith for all Islamic sects, it is the Barelvis who have operationalised them due to their philosophy of *Aashiq-e-Rasool*, or a 'Lover of the Prophet'.

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Apart from the movement around Qadri, several events since 2017 have catapulted the TLP into limelight and allowed it to capture the imagination

of the people. These would include its three-week-long agitation in 2017, blocking the main route between Islamabad and Rawalpindi due to a perception that the *khatm-e-nabuwwat* oath of legislators was being watered down by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) government. Then came its stunning maiden performance in the 2018 General Election when it received 2.2 million votes for the National Assembly, making it the fifth largest party in Pakistan in terms of vote share and the third in the critical province of Punjab.

This was followed by the Supreme Court's acquittal of Aasiya Bibi in October 2018 of the charges of blasphemy that led to another TLP agitation, forcing the Imran Khan government to capitulate and set a dangerous precedent for the future.

Finally, the current protests are a fol-

low-up to another capitulation of the Imran Khan government in November 2020 over sketches of Prophet Muhammad in France. The government had to sign an agreement with the TLP that it would take a decision in Parliament regarding the expulsion of the French Ambassador within three months, a deadline that was subsequently extended till April 20.

Subsequently, however, the government expressed its inability to 'implement' the agreement and arrested Saad Rizvi on April 12 in a pre-emptive swoop that led to countrywide protests and violence. The government again capitulated and agreed to present a resolution in Parliament regarding the expulsion of the French Ambassador, though it also banned the TLP under the Terrorism Act. This, however, is unlikely to dent the fervour and street power of its followers or the sentiments of millions who sympathise with its ideology.

Another factor has been the role of the military, which, since the 1980s, has promoted the rival Deobandis and Wahabis for use as jihadis in Kashmir and Afghanistan. Now, however, given the international attention on terrorism, the Barelvis have been brought to the foreground as a balancing force. The military also found the Barelvis useful in eroding the support base of Nawaz Sharif in the 2018 elections, especially in Punjab, at a time of heightened civil-military tension.

Pakistan's predicament is, according to the country's media reports, that disrupting relations with France would be a near disaster. Quite apart

from how the EU would react, France has an important position in the IMF that is bailing out Pakistan; it is the headquarters of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on whose grey list Pakistan has been since 2018; 30 per cent of Pakistan's Air Force is French (Dassault Mirage III and the Dassault Mirage V); all five of Pakistan's attack submarines are French.

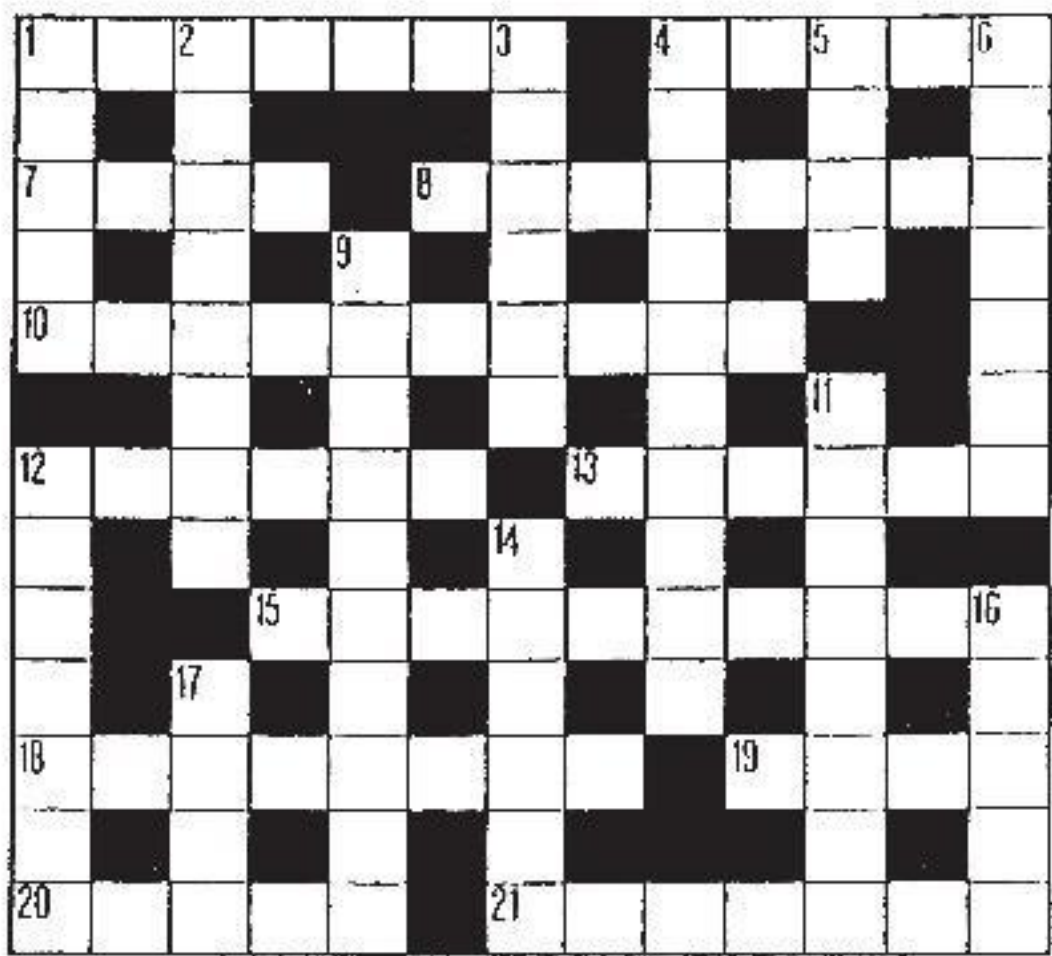
Not surprisingly, the government has sought a compromise: a private member's resolution was introduced in the National Assembly, but only seeking a debate on the French Ambassador's expulsion. At the time of writing, the Assembly has not been able to come to a conclusion due to procedural issues.

The danger for Pakistan is that if not resolved, the issue could escalate. Banned terrorist outfit Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has offered support, as has the mainstream religious party Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam of Maulana Fazlur Rehman. Others, too, could join the bandwagon. The TTP has publicly threatened to take revenge for "each drop of blood of the TLP members." This is, perhaps, the first time that a Deobandi organisation (TTP) is trying to forge an alliance with an exclusively Barelvi organisation (TLP) for non-political purposes.

Another issue for the future is that if the ban continues (though speculation is rife that it won't), would the TLP remain within the system or opt for the path of militancy and violence? This could have grave consequences for Pakistan.

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QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Half the time, 9 Embroid, 10 Koala, 11 Oats, 12 Colander, 14 Differ, 16 Carrot, 18 Inimical, 19 Ache, 22 Hoard, 23 Bravura, 24 Years gone by.
Down: 2 Ambit, 3 Flow, 4 Hollow, 5 Take away, 6 Meander, 7 Second sight, 8 Carry the day, 13 Bewilder, 15 Frigate, 17 Gasbag, 20 Crumb, 21 Main.

ACROSS

- Selfless courage (7)
- Betrayer of a friend (5)
- Class of things (4)
- Incentive (8)
- Snobbish (5-5)
- Contemptibly small (6)
- Kindly (6)
- Perfectly executed (10)
- Right through the range (4,1,2,1)
- Of exalted rank (4)
- A water lily (5)
- Lockjaw (7)

DOWN

- Temporary obstacle (5)
- Act of retaliation (8)
- Formal proposal for debate (6)
- Start before due time (4,3,3)
- Uninteresting (4)
- Keep up (7)
- Certainly (2,3,5)
- Obsession (8)
- Attentive (7)
- An exit (3,3)
- A people's distinctive spirit (5)
- A fortified sweet wine (4)

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CALENDAR

MAY 4, 2021, TUESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2078
- Shaka Samvat 1943
- Vaisakh Shaka 14
- Vaisakh Parvishde 22
- Hijari 1442
- Krishan Paksha Tithi 8, up to 1.11 pm
- Shukla Yoga up to 8.21 pm
- Shravan Nakshatra up to 8.26 am
- Moon enters Aquarius sign 8:44 pm
- Panchak start 8:44 pm

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:02 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:36 HRS



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Chandigarh	37	26	
New Delhi	39	25	
Amritsar	38	26	
Bathinda	40	25	
Jalandhar	38	24	
Ludhiana	39	24	
Bhiwani	41	25	
Hisar	40	22	
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Shimla	25	09	
Srinagar	27	11	
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2,630 cases, 43 deaths

SHIMLA, MAY 3
As many as 2,630 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 107,121. Besides, 43 persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours.

Sixteen deaths were reported in Kangra, six in Hamirpur, five in Solan, four each in Una and Shimla, three each in Sirmaur and Mandi and one each in Chamba and Kinnaur.

Kangra was the worst-hit with the highest ever 717 cases, followed by Bilaspur 400, Shimla 399, Una 256, Sirmaur 252, Chamba 204, Hamirpur 132, Solan 108, Kullu 92, Kinnaur 27, Mandi 24, and Lahaul and Spiti 19. The number of active cases rose to 21,788. — TNS

NORTHERN RAILWAY		
1st Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. as mentioned below (Open Tender).		
S. No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of work
1.	01-2021-Metalsing JRC	Blasting and Metaling of open web Girder members in Bridge workshop Jalandhar Cantt.
2.	02-2021-General Painting	General Painting of Bridge No. 17 BHR/L-JAT Section & other various bridges under jurisdiction of SSE/Br./MPTK
3.	03-2021-General Painting	General. Painting of Bridge No. 84 JUC-FZR Section under jurisdiction of SSE/Br./MJUC
Item Modified		
Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Date of availability of tender documents on www.iimps.gov.in	03.05.2021	04.05.2021
Bidding Start Date	09.05.2021	10.05.2021
L. No. 80-भस्पा/30/पुरा/Invitation Dated : 03.05.2021		956/21
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**HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula

ANNOUNCEMENT
It is for the general information of all the candidates that due to the prevailing conditions caused by the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), health consideration & lockdown restrictions, the Haryana Public Service Commission has decided to defer all the examinations scheduled for 21.05.2021, 22.05.2021 & 30.05.2021 (list enclosed). As and when the Commission decides to conduct these examinations, the information will be made available on the Commission's website hpsc.gov.in. It will however be ensured that the candidates are given a notice of at least 15 days before rescheduling any deferred examination.


Dated: 03.05.2021

Sd/- Deputy Secretary,
Haryana Public Service Commission,
Panchkula.

List of Examinations deferred			
Sr. No.	Advertisement No.	Name of the Examination	Date of Exam
1.	2/2021	Dental Surgeon (Class-II) in Health Department.	21.05.2021
2.	1 (10) of 2018 & Corrigendum Dated: 12.08.2019	Senior Manager (Estate) in Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana).	22.05.2021
3.	2 (1) of 2019	Deputy Director (Projects) (Group-A) Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
4.	5 (xi) of 2018	Deputy Director of Agriculture and equivalent (Class-I) m Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
5.	5 (viii) of 2018	Assistant Statistician Statistical Officer/Agriculture Statistical Officer/Field Officer (Statistics)/ Assistant Statistical Officer/ Research Officer (Statistics) (Class-II) in Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
6.	1 (8) of 2018	Manager (Utility) in Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana).	22.05.2021
7.	3 (1) of 2019	Deputy Director (Statistics) in Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
8.	5 (xii) of 2018	Assistant Agriculture Engineer (Class-II) in Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
9.	1 (6) of 2018 & Corrigendum dated 15.05.2019	Manager (P&A) in Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana).	22.05.2021
10.	1 (13) of 2018 & Corrigendum dated 10.05.2019	Manager (Estate) in Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana).	22.05.2021
11.	2 (2) of 2019	Deputy Director (Industrial Promotion) (Group-A) in Industries & Commerce Department, Haryana.	22.05.2021
12.	5 (1) of 2019	Assistant Engineer (Agri.) (Class-II) in Haryana Seed Development Corporation.	22.05.2021
13.	3/2021	HCS (Ex. Br.) & other Allied Services-2021.	30.05.2021
Dated: 03.05.2021		Sd/- Deputy Secretary, Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula.	

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**

CORRIGENDUM



SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL	2021_HBC_165821_1	REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD BACKWASH PIPELINE OF PSF & PPSF VESSELS FROM FILTERED WATER TANK TO DM PLANT OF 02X300 MW DCRTPP, HPGCL YAMUNA NAGAR START DATE 24.03.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 18.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023707 xendmplant.dcrtp@hpgcl.org.in
2	HPGCL	2021_HBC_165961_1	SUPPLY OF HOT END BASKET START DATE 25.03.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 13.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023873 xenproc1@yahoo.com
3	HPGCL	2021_HBC_161426_1	REPAIR OF BOILER FEED PUMP RECIRCULATION VALVE (BFP-RCV) TRIM SET ASSEMBLY OF UNIT-11 START DATE 02.03.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 17.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	9355061841 xentg2.dcrtp@hpgcl.org.in
4	HPGCL	2021_HBC_162473_1	SUPPLY OF CVT START DATE 05.03.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 13.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023873 xenproc1@yahoo.com
5	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD.	2021_HBC_160915_1, 2021_HBC_161259_1	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION WAS 30.04.2021 AT 11.00 HRS IS FURTHER EXTENDED UP TO 12.05.2021 AT 11.00 HRS	www.vitaIndia.org.in	9729875323 milkplant@vitaambala.com
6	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP. MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD.	2021_HBC_169407_1,2021_HBC_16 9426_1,2021_HBC_169497_1, 2021_HBC_169504_1	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION WAS 30.04.2021 AT 2.00 HRS IS FURTHER EXTENDED UP TO 12.05.2021 AT 11.00 HRS	www.vitaIndia.org.in	9729875323 milkplant@vitaambala.com
7	HVPNL	NIT NO 4/AMB/220 KV SHAHBAJ/ 2021-22 DATED 15.04.2021	THE TENDER WAS TO BE OPENED ON DATED 30.04.2021. NOW DATE EXTENDED UP TO 07.05.2021 DUE TO NON TURNING UP MINIMUM BIDDERS I.E. 3 NO. BIDDERS	www.hvnpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvnpn.org.in
8	HPGCL	2021_HBC_166928	REPAIR OF ROOF OF NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF HYDEL COLONY, BHUKALAN START DATE 02.11.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 10.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	9355869377 xenrehydel.dcrtp@hpgcl.org.in
9	HPGCL	2021_HBC_163662_1	SUPPLY INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF CONTINUOUS AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING SYSTEM (CAQMS) START DATE 23.03.2021 EXTENSION DUE DATE 13.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	9355061856 xenomdl@dcrtpp.org.in
10	HPGCL	2020_HBC_149589_1	MOTOR FOR LOP START DATE 02.11.2020 EXTENSION DUE DATE 13.05.2021	etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023873 xenproc1@yahoo.com

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Demand for oxygen beds rising in Solan

AMBIKA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MAY 3

The health authorities are facing a major challenge in effective contact tracing with the limited staff and increasing oxygen requirement as 28 per cent to 35 per cent of the samples test positive in Solan district daily and death rate is 0.8 per cent.

The fact that the positivity rate is about 8.5 per cent while the rate of recovery has plunged to 85 per cent, bottlenecks like the unavailability of oxygen beds and ambulance, untimely referrals and budgetary constraints are the key issues of concern, said health officials.

On an average, 24 patients require oxygen on a daily basis. As against three patients, who were on oxygen support on April 1, the number reached 60 till April 30. There is a dire need for 100 D-type oxygen cylinders each at MM Med-

PAUCITY OF CYLINDERS

■ There is a dire need for 100 oxygen cylinders each at MM Medical College and ESIC Hospital, Katha

■ As against three patients, who were on oxygen support on April 1, the number rose to 60 on April 30

■ The consumption of oxygen cylinders has risen from 2 on April 1 to 232 on April 30

ical College and Hospital as well as the ESIC Hospital, Katha, while the makeshift hospital at Nalagarh and the Regional Hospital require 50 more cylinders, according to a meeting held with Health Minister Rajiv Saizal here today.

The rest of the district requires 250 cylinders. There are 40 oxygen concentrators and 570 cylinders in various hospitals.

The daily consumption of D-type oxygen cylinders had increased from 2 on April 1 to 232 on April 30. As many as 280 cylinders were

consumed yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner KC Chaman said SDMs had adequate funds for securing refilled oxygen cylinders. The issue of providing more staff to ensure effective contact tracing would be taken up with the government.

As many as 146 Covid patients are admitted to various hospitals while 2,478 are in home isolation.

Saizal attributed the rising deaths to co-morbidities like diabetes, hypertension, kidney ailments, etc. He said efforts were afoot to ramp up health infrastructure.

About 88 oxygen beds of the 130 at MM college, ESIC, Katha, and two other centres at Nalagarh are occupied while all 12 ventilator beds at MM hospital are in use.

The Health Department has proposed to provide 10 ICU beds in the makeshift hospital at Nalagarh to cater to the rising number of critical patients.

Shanta favours lockdown in Kangra dist

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, MAY 3

Former Chief Minister Shanta Kumar today said that the state government should immediately impose a lockdown in Kangra so that the lives of people could be saved. He added that the Covid-19 situation in the district was alarming as about 600 cases were being reported daily and most of the hospitals were full.

The BJP leader, in a press note issued here, said that in the past fortnight, the situation in Kangra had worsened. "Not only Covid cases but also the number of deaths have gone up in the district. Therefore, stringent measures are needed to tackle the grim situation and check the spread of the virus to the community level. Otherwise, the situation will go out of control like in Delhi where the health infrastructure has totally collapsed," he added.

Court dismisses doc's plea against transfer

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SHIMLA, MAY 3

A government servant is the holder of a status. Once, a person accepts the status, he no longer remains a simple individual only, but an integral part of governance.

This was held by the High Court while dismissing a petition filed by a doctor challenging his transfer order issued on April 27. He had been transferred on deputation to the makeshift hospi-

One more oxygen plant for Hamirpur

HAMIRPUR, MAY 3

The district will have one more oxygen plant with capacity of 120 litter per minute (LPM) to be installed at District Ayurvedic Hospital. The district already has one oxygen plant at Dr Radhakrishnan Government Medical College and Hospital having capacity 300 LPM but it is yet to be made operational.

The delay in making the existing oxygen pant operational has not only raised questions on the functioning of the administration but also on the insensitive approach of the authorities.

Meanwhile, a team identified the site for the oxygen plant at District Ayurvedic College. It is learnt that the oxygen plant was okayed by Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, and would be installed at a cost of Rs 30 lakh.

Devashveta Banik, Deputy Commissioner, said that the oxygen plant at the medical college would be operational in the next two days and then there would be no shortage of oxygen in the district. — OC

Cabinet to take a call on promoting Class X students

SHIMLA, MAY 3

A final decision on promoting Class X students enrolled in various government schools across the state will be taken by the Cabinet at its meeting scheduled on May 5.

Though the government has been contemplating cancelling the exams and promoting the students the matter will finally be placed before the Cabinet at its meeting scheduled for May 5. Sources in the Education Department revealed that as far as the Class XII students are concerned the government could adopt a policy of wait and watch since the CBSE too has put on hold a decision on class XII exams.

It is most likely that the Cabinet could give nod to the proposal of the HP Board of School Education regarding the cancellation of class X examination. Since health experts have indicated that there is likely to be a major surge in May, the chances of



holding the matriculation exams seem bleak.

In view of the delay in decision the students are in a dilemma as the Covid situation going from bad to worse. A major increase, both in the daily positive cases and fatalities, is being witnessed daily.

A total of 1.26 lakh regular students will be taking the class X exams if at all they are held. As far as class XII is concerned, there are a total of 10,00,982 students besides about 14,000 enrolled under open school.

So far, only one exam each has been held, both for Class X and Class XII. The exams had to be postponed as the cases suddenly rose. — TNS

Health infra in Chamba to be upgraded, says Thakur

Says oxygen plant to start functioning in a week

OUR CORRESPONDENT

CHAMBA, MAY 3

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said that the state government would ensure the availability of the best health infrastructure for Covid patients in the district that has difficult geographical conditions. He reviewed the Covid situation in the district at a meeting with officers here

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presides over a meeting to review the Covid situation in Chamba on Monday.

type cylinders. He added that the PSA Oxygen plant in Chamba would start functioning within a week and it would meet the demand of the life-saving gas in the district.

To facilitate smooth transportation of cylinders, district-wise mapping of oxygen manufacturers would be done so that oxygen could be supplied to the needy district from the nearest point. He urged the elected representatives of the panchayati raj institutions (PRIs) and urban local bodies (ULBs) to help the administration in taking care of

patients in home isolation. Thakur said that the government would ensure adequate staff in health institutions of the district by hiring them on the out-sourced basis. He added that adequate men and machinery and MRI and CT Scan facilities would be provided at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba.

Deputy Commissioner DC Rana said that Covid patients in the district were being treated at six places having a total bed capacity of 275. He added that efforts were being made to add 105 more beds.

beset with an overwhelming load of Covid patients and are exhausted".

It said, "The state is fighting the grimtest battle against Covid, which is nothing short of a disaster, and, therefore, it is imperative that the frontline workers are made to work on a rotation basis or else the health system is likely to collapse."

The Bench observed, "This is rather an unfortunate case where a doctor, who had

been ordered to be posted at a Covid makeshift hospital on deputation, has, instead of joining and protecting precious human lives, filed an instant writ petition, assailing the order."

The only ground for assailing the order of deputation was that the petitioner in 2018 had met with an accident and remained hospitalised for five months, therefore, be unable to serve at the place of deputation.

Farmers worried as storm, intermittent rain lash state

SHIMLA, MAY 3

Freak weather conditions continued to prevail in the hills and valleys of Himachal as thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds accompanied by intermittent showers lashed the region for the third consecutive day.

Farmers and fruit growers are a worried lot as local MeT office has issued fresh yellow warning of thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds with speed of 30 to 40 kmph in mid and lower hills on May 6 and 7 and predicted wet spell in the region over the next six days.

Stormy conditions and rain are harmful for standing wheat and apple and stone fruit crops as Rabi crop is yet to be harvested in mid and higher hills while the harvested crop lying in the open has been damaged due to rains. A severe thunderstorm accompanied by sharp showers swept Shimla and its surrounding areas. Dark clouds overcast the sky, reducing visibility drastically disrupting vehicular traffic.

Widespread to moderate rains lashed several parts of the state. Narkanda was the wettest with 34.5 mm while

Shimla and Bangana received 27 mm and 19 mm rains followed by Kotkhai 19 mm, Bajura 16 mm, Sangraha and Rajgarh 14 mm, Kandaghat and Hamirpur 8 mm, Mandi 7 mm and Janjehli 6 mm.

The day temperatures dropped by few notches. Una, which was hottest on the region, recorded a high of 37.6 degree, followed by Nahan 32.5 degree, Bhuntar 30.5 degree, Solan 29.5 degree and Shimla 23.0 degree while Keylong and Kalpa in tribal areas recorded a high of 20.5 degree and 17.1 degree. — TNS



Srinagar MC employees disinfect a road to tackle the Covid crisis at Lal Chowk on Monday. PTI

3,733 fresh Covid cases, 51 deaths

SRINAGAR, MAY 3

Jammu and Kashmir on Monday recorded 3,733 fresh Covid-19 cases, taking the tally to 1,87,219, even as 51 fatalities over the past 24 hours took the death toll to 2,421, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 1,294 were from the Jammu division and 2,439 from the Kashmir division of the UT, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest of 1,136 cases, followed by 584 in Jammu district and 296 in Pulwama district.

The number of active cases has reached 34,567 in the Union Territory, while 1,50,231 patients have recovered so far, the officials said.



A man receives the first shot of Covid vaccine in Srinagar. PTI

The death toll in the Union Territory due to the pandemic rose to 2,421 as 51 fresh

deaths — 35 in the Jammu region and 16 in the Valley — were reported in the past 24 hours. — PTI

Labourer loses life in mishap

SRINAGAR, MAY 3

One person was crushed to death on Monday by a train in Kakapora of Pulwama district. The police said 30-year-old Mohammad Iqbal Dar, who was working as a labourer with the IRCON, was crushed by the train at '44 point' in Kakapora.

"He died on the spot. His body was taken for completion of legal formalities and inquest proceedings under Section 174 of the CrPc have been initiated. After completion of legal formalities, the body will be handed over to the family," the police said. — IANS

O2 shortage kills 24 in K'taka...

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Minister S Suresh Kumar, however, maintained all the deaths did not occur due to oxygen shortage. "It's not appropriate to say all the 24 deaths were due to oxygen shortage. These deaths occurred from Sunday morning to this morning. The oxygen shortage happened in the wee hours of Monday—from 12.30 am to 2.30 am," he said.

Kumar said he had ordered a death audit report to find out what these patients were suffering from, whether they had any comorbidities and in which condition they were brought to the hospital.



Kin of one of the victims waits in Chamaranaganagara. PTI

According to him, there was a stock of 6,000 litres of liquid medical oxygen (LMO), but there was a

need for oxygen cylinders.

"The cylinders were supposed to come from Mysuru, but there was some glitch," he said.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa warned of strict action against those found responsible for the incident and also expressed shock over the deaths.

Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders, including former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, hit out at the ruling BJP over the deaths. "Died or killed? My heartfelt condolences to their families. How much more suffering before the 'system' wakes up?" Gandhi tweeted. — PTI

Pb centres...

its vaccine drive running. Until Saturday, 100 to 150 centres were administering Covid vaccine in Jalandhar, but the number has now come down to only a few.

The vaccination drive has been suspended indefinitely in Ropar district. Health officials said they had only around 700 doses of vaccine this morning. The stock exhausted within a few hours, so they had no option but to return jab-seekers.

Gurdaspur, Amritsar and Pathankot districts also faced acute shortage of vaccine.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh today ordered that 70 per cent of the doses be reserved for individuals with co-morbidities and the remaining for the high-risk category of employees and workers in the 45-plus age group. The state expects to receive two lakh vaccine doses for the 45-plus category tomorrow morning.

taking the baby's body, the parents ran away from the hospital," he said.

"Our efforts to trace them have failed so far and we have kept the body in the hospital mortuary.

"If the parents do not turn up, we will cremate the body with all the SOPs," Singh added. — IANS

MHA seeks report on WB violence

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said among those killed was a woman from North 24 Parganas.

Left Front convener Biman Bose alleged CPM cadre Kakali Khetrapal and ISF worker Hasanuzzaman were killed by TMC supporters. In Madhyamgram, TMC supporters damaged 10 houses.

Parents leave Covid positive baby's body at Jammu hospital

JAMMU, MAY 3

In a shocking incident, parents of a two-month-old dead Covid positive baby abandoned the body at a hospital in Jammu district and fled, an official said on Monday.

SMGS Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Dara Singh said the parents ran

away from the hospital.

"The baby was admitted to the hospital on Sunday with congenital heart disease and other problems. The baby, who had tested positive for Covid-19, expired and the parents were told to test themselves for the virus. Instead of getting themselves tested or

3 officials dismissed over 'anti-govt actions'

JAMMU/SRINAGAR, MAY 3

Three government officials, including an assistant professor, were dismissed from service over alleged anti-state activities in Jammu and Kashmir, drawing strong criticism from PDP president Mehbooba Mufti who said the government had "misplaced priorities" during the pandemic.

It's the first such action after the administration formed a committee last month that is empowered to look into allegations of involvement in anti-state activities against government employees and recommend dismissal.

The separate orders against Abdul Bari Naik, assistant professor, Government Degree College, Women, Udhampur; Nazir Ahmad Wani, naib tehsildar, Pulwama-II; and Idrees Jan, teacher at Government Middle School, Kralpora (Kupwara), were uploaded by the General Administration Department (GAD) on its website on Monday.

According to the identical orders, the dismissal of the three officials was directed by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on April 30 under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution. It said it was not expedient to hold an inquiry in these cases. The orders said the Lt Gov-



ernor was satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of the information available that the activities of Naik, Wani and Jan were such as to warrant their dismissal from service.

The orders said the Lieutenant Governor was satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the state, it was not expedient to hold an inquiry in their cases. Officials said the three officials were named in separate FIRs and also underwent detention.

Naik, a resident of Kulgam, was arrested in March from his rented accommodation in Udhampur, where he was posted about a fortnight back, in connection with four pending cases about radicalisation of youth in his south Kashmir hometown, the officials said.

Similarly, they said two FIRs are registered against Jan, a resident of north Kashmir Kupwara district, in police station Kralpora for allegedly inciting people to violence in 2010 and 2016. He had also undergone four months of detention under the Public Safety Act.

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti tweeted, "In the middle of a pandemic, the Centre should focus on saving lives instead of firing govt employees on flimsy grounds in Kashmir. No wonder its misplaced priorities have converted India into shamshanghats & kabristans. The living continue to suffer & the dead are deprived of dignity."

J&K Apni Party president Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari also termed the expulsion as an unfortunate and avoidable decision that has deprived a poor family of its livelihood in highly pressing times. — PTI

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PHONE NO. 0172-2756468, 2756467

This Institute has to make purchases through Rate Contract and Annual basis as per the details shown in the table below. The manufacturer and their authorized dealers/distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

Tender Enquiry No.	Item Name	Due Date
233	Foam Soap Dispenser and Pouches (Rate Contract for two years)	27.05.2021 at 12:30 PM
234	Glutaraldehyde 2.45% (Annual Purchase)	27.05.2021 at 12:30 PM
235	Surface Disinfectant (Annual Purchase)	28.05.2021 at 12:30 PM
236	Disposable Packaged Drinking Water Bottles (Rate Contract for one year)	28.05.2021 at 12:30 PM
237	Diagnostic Catheter and Side Arm Sheath (Rate Contract for two years)	28.05.2021 at 12:30 PM

The Tender Form and specification of the products are available on the website www.pgimer.edu.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. The Tender will be received manually on or before due date and time as mentioned against each item in the table above at Procurement Branch (Indigenous), 'C' Block, 2nd Floor, Central Store, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh. (Telephone Number: 0172-2756468, 2756463, 2756467). These shall be opened on the same due date at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized intending tenderer. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form shall be summarily ignored. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof.

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Reference No. HPMC/Mktg/Cartons/Trays/2020-21-

Expression of Interest (EOI) for empanelment of Manufacturers/ Suppliers for purchase of Telescopic Corrugated Fibre Board (CFB) Cartons, Separators, Trays and other allied items for Apples Season 2021-22.

Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited for supply of Telescopic Corrugated Fibre Board (CFB) Cartons, Separators and Trays for packing of Apples from the reputed suppliers at HPMC Nigam Vihar Shimla-2 during the year 2021-22. The last date of receipt of offer is 20th May, 2021 up to 1:00 PM. The bid will be opened on the same day through video conferencing with the interested parties at 3:00 PM. The document details are also available online on the website of HPMC i.e <https://hpmc.in> or can be obtained from the office of HPMC on any working day between 10:00 AM. to 5:00 PM. The interested suppliers are required to submit their offers in the format with requisite documents to Managing Director HPMC 3rd Floor Nigam Vihar Shimla-2, (HP). HPMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reasons. All bids should be received either by speed post courier and no bids shall be accepted by hand.

-Sd- Managing Director

HARYANA GOVERNMENT ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS DEPARTMENT Notification

No. The ,2021

Whereas the Governor of Haryana is of the opinion that archaeological sites and remains ancient and historical monuments specified in column 1 of the schedule given below requires protection under the Punjab Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act. 1964 (Punjab Act 20 of 1964);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (I) of section 4 of the Punjab Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1964 (Punjab Act 20 of 1964), the Governor of Haryana hereby proposes to declare the ancient and historical monuments specified in column 1 of the schedule given below, to be protected monuments and the archaeological sites and remains specified in columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of said the schedule to be protected area.

Notice is hereby given that the proposal shall be taken into consideration by the Government on or after the expiry of a period of two months from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, together with objections or suggestions, if any, which may be received by the Principal Secretary to Government, Haryana, Archaeology and Museums Department, Chandigarh from any person with respect to the proposal before the expiry of the period so specified:-

SCHEDULE							
Name of ancient and historical monuments	Name of archaeological sites and remains	Name of village/ City	Name of Tehsil and District	Revenue Khasra/Kila number under protection	Area to be protected	Ownership	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Qila Zafargarh	Qila Zafargarh	Qila Zafargarh	Julana, Jind	1531	K - M 2 - 16	Forest Department Haryana	The fort is located in village Qila Zafargarh, near Jind-Rohtak road (NH-352) at Tehsil Julana, District Jind. The rulers of Jind Princely state built this small fortress. It was mainly used by the rulers for the storage of arms, civil supplies and training of the horses. Though the building was built as an outpost, the local people call it Qila. The citadel-shaped building is now absolutely abandoned. Its inner chambers are still surviving. The fort building has already lost its main gate and tower posts while walls on three sides have survived with repairable damages. It is made of small bricks (Lakhori) and still has the famous courtyard (baradari) used by the king at that time.

Sd/- Dr. Ashok Khemka,
Principal, Secretary to Government Haryana,
Archaeology and Museums Department.

NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM-1

Tender notice No 19/DEN JUDW/2021-22 dated 24.04.2021 work of Replacement of worn out ACC sheets with new colour coated profiled sheets in four wheeler wagon shop at JUDW in the section of SSE W II JUDW under DEN JUDW was published for & on behalf of president of India acting through of CWM JUDW and date of opening of tender was 29.05.2021 which is revised as 28.05.2021.the same has created on web site www.irops.gov.in. all other tender conditions will remain the same. 957/2021

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File No: PWD-BR307/23/2020-1BR31/170249/2021 Dated: 19.04.2021

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (B&R III Branch)

Whereas preliminary notification No. PWD-BR307/25/2020-1 BR349715/2020, Dated 15.07.2020 was issued under Section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 for acquisition of the land specified in the SCHEDULE annexed hereto, for the public purpose namely for construction of Rajpura-Bathinda Double Line Project of Ambala Division of Northern Railway. This Notification was published in the Punjab Government Gazette Dated 15.07.2020 and in two daily Newspapers "The Tribune" (English version) dated 11.10.2020 and "AJIT" (Punjabi Version) dated 11.10.2020. The Public Notice regarding the substance of this notification in local language (Punjabi) was published in the locality as per Rapat No. 114 (Village Handiaya-C) on Dated 10.11.2020 and Rapat No. 94 (Village Khuddi Kalan) Dated 05.11.2022 of the Roznamcha Waqai of the Patwar Circle, in the office of District Collector, Barnala and Tehsil Barnala. This notification was also uploaded on the website of District Barnala

Whereas the Governor of Punjab is satisfied that the land specified in the SCHEDULE annexed hereto, is needed by the Government at public expenses for public purpose, namely "for construction of Rajpura- Bathinda Double Line Project of Ambala Division of Northern Railway".

The Social Impact Assessment Study for the project was carried out by the State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Punjab, under Section 4 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act 2013 and the same was reviewed by the Expert group, the recommendations of which have been accepted by the Government of Punjab. As per the Social Impact Assessment report no person is uprooted as a result of acquisition of the scheduled land. Therefore, in this connection Rehabilitation and Resettlement Scheme is not required.

This declaration is made under the provisions of Section 19 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 to all whom it may concern and under the provisions of Section 21 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 the Land Acquisition Collector-Cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Barnala is hereby directed to take possession of the said land.

Plan of the land may be inspected in the offices of the Land Acquisition Collector-Cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Barnala.

SCHEDULE							
The details of the land to be acquired are as below:-							
Village – Handiaya-C(58)							
Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area K-M	Re-marks
1.	Barnala	Barnala	Handiaya-58	132/19 Min	Chahi	2-0	
2.				11 Min	Chahi	2-0	
3.				12 Min	Chahi	0-1	
4.				133/17 Min	Chahi	0-16	
5.				24 Min	Chahi	0-1	
6.				137/25 Min	Chahi	0-2	
7.				138/21/3 Min	Chahi	0-2	
8.				22/2 Min	G.M.	1-2	
9.				178/1/1 Min	Chahi	2-11	
10.				1/2 Min	Chahi	0-7	
11.				2/1 Min	G.M.	0-7	
12.				179/5/2 Min	Chahi	1-8	
TOTAL AREA						10-17	

Village – Khuddi Kalan(57)							
Sr. No.	District	Tehsil	Village & H.B.	No. Khasra	Type of Land	Area K-M	Re-marks
1.	Barnala	Barnala	Khuddi Kalan-57	175/15/2 Min	Chahi	1-8	
2.				16 Min	Chahi	1-11	
3.				17/1 Min	Chahi	2-5	
4.				176/1/1 Min	Chahi	0-5	
5.				198/6/2 Min	River	0-3	
6.				14/2 Min	River	1-13	
7.				15 Min	Chahi	2-18	
8.				17/1 Min	Chahi	0-11	
9.				17/2 Min	River	0-11	
10.				18 Min	Chahi	4-1	
11.				199/2/2	Chahi	0-16	
12.				3 Min	Chahi	4-10	
13.				4 Min	Chahi	5-15	
14.				5 Min	Chahi	1-10	
15.				7 Min	Chahi	0-19	
16.				8 Min	Chahi	0-6	
17.				9 Min	Chahi	1-12	
18.				9/1 Min	G.M. Rasta	0-2	
19.				199/10/1 Min	Chahi	2-11	
20.				11/1 Min	Chahi	0-7	
21.				275 Min	G.M.	0-10	
22.				Rasta	G.M. Rasta	3-12	
TOTAL AREA						37-16	

SUMMARY			
Sr. No.	Village & H.B.	Additional Area	Remarks
		K.M. Acre	
1.	Handiaya-C (58)	10-17	1.35625
2.	Khuddi Kalan (57)	37-16	4.7250
	TOTAL	48-13	6.08125

Area of Total Additional Land to be Acquired in two Villages 48 Kanal 13 Marla

Vikas Pratap, IAS
Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab
Department of Public Works (B&R).
DPR/PB/4216



GLOBE TROT



CURIOUS KANGAROO: A kangaroo looks at the lensman at Hellabrunn Zoo after its re-opening in Munich, Germany. REUTERS

Over 26 killed as boat capsizes in Bangladesh

DHAKA: An overcrowded speedboat ferrying over 30 passengers defying the Covid restrictions capsized after hitting a stationary cargo vessel in the Padma river on Monday, leaving at least 26 people dead. The accident occurred at the old Kanthalbari ferry terminal in Shibchar upazila of Madaripur at around 8 am. Search is under way for more bodies. PTI

Indian-origin teacher in Singapore faces abuse charges

SINGAPORE: An Indian-origin primary school teacher in Singapore has allegedly hurt her domestic help with a hot ladle, a district court heard here on Monday. Nachammai Selva Nachiappan, 39, and her 41-year-old husband, Arunachalam Muthiah, are facing multiple abuse charges involving their maid Hla Hla Miang, 37. PTI

Embattled Nepal PM Oli to seek trust vote on May 10

KATHMANDU, MAY 3 Nepal's embattled Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli will seek a vote of confidence from Parliament on May 10 in his bid to stay in power.

President Bidya Devi Bhandari, on the recommendation of Oli, summoned a Parliament session on May 10 to obtain a vote of confidence in his government, according to an official statement on Sunday.

Oli, 69, requires at least 136 votes in the 275-member House of Representatives, the lower house of Parliament, to win the confidence motion as four members are currently under suspension. During a Cabinet meeting on Sunday, Oli said that he would try to win the trust of Parliament to stay in power, Nepalese media reported.

Oli's decision comes amid the current chaotic state of political affairs in the country that emerged since the



NEPAL GROUNDS ALL DOMESTIC, INT'L FLIGHTS

Kathmandu: The Nepal government has decided to halt all domestic flights from Monday midnight and all international flights from Wednesday midnight until May 14. The move aims at curbing the spread of Covid-19. IANS

Prime Minister's controversial move to dissolve the House of Representatives in December last year.

"The PM will seek a vote of confidence on May 10," Lila Nath Shrestha, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, told the Kathmandu Post. "This is just a day-long session."

POLITICAL CRISIS

■ Nepal plunged into a political crisis on Dec 20 last year after the House was dissolved and fresh polls announced on PM KP Oli's recommendation

■ Move sparked protests from a section of the NCP led by PM's rival Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', also the party's co-chair

Shrestha said Oli wants to take a vote of confidence to take the political process which has been stuck now, forward. The government believes it will win the vote of confidence. If not, the process will move forward for the formation of a coalition government.

"This is also an opportuni-

ty for other parties to form the government otherwise the country will move in the direction of the snap poll," he said.

Nepal plunged into a political crisis on December 20 last year after President Bhandari dissolved the House and announced fresh elections on April 30 and May 10 at Oli's recommendation of Oli, amidst a tussle for power within the ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP). The move sparked protests from a large section of the ruling party. In February, the apex court had reinstated the dissolved House of Representatives.

Oli repeatedly defended his move to dissolve the House of Representatives, saying some leaders of his party were attempting to form a "parallel government". — PTI



A healthcare worker takes a nasal swab sample in Bangkok. REUTERS

Oz defends move to sanction India travel

SYDNEY, MAY 3

Australia on Monday defended its decision to penalise its own citizens entering the country within two weeks of being in Covid-ravaged India, saying it had "strong, clear and absolute" belief the move was legal.

Health Minister Greg Hunt pointed to the alarming surge of Covid cases in India and the pressure on Australia's health system as reasons to pause travel until May 15. Australia's quarantine hotels have seen a 1,500% spike in Covid cases from India since March, raising questions about pre-departure testing in India and leading to this "agonising decision," Hunt said.

"It's a high-risk situation in India," Hunt told a televised news briefing in Melbourne.

The Australian Human Rights Commission lambasted the decision, urging lawmakers to immediately review the restrictions. The Commission will approach the government directly with its concerns, it said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Australia has expanded its Covid vaccine eligibility to include all people 50 and older. Until Monday, eligibility had been limited, in most cases, to people 70 and older, as well as those with frontline jobs or med-

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	5,91,107
BRAZIL	4,07,775
MEXICO	2,17,233
UK	1,27,539
ITALY	1,21,433

WORLDWIDE TILL MAY 3, 11 PM

TAIWAN LATEST TO BAN ARRIVALS FROM INDIA

■ Taipei: Taiwan on Monday became the latest nation to ban arrivals from India

■ The move comes after the Indian variant reached at least 17 countries. REUTERS

ical conditions. Health authorities say AstraZeneca shots for those 50 and older will be available immediately at special clinics, although people will have to wait another couple of weeks before they can get the shots at the clinics of their regular doctors. About 2.3 million vaccine doses have been administered among Australia's population of 26 million. — Agencies

Differences with China hard to reconcile: NZ

WELLINGTON, MAY 3

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern took a tougher stance on China's human rights record on Monday, saying it was getting harder to reconcile differences as China's role in the world grew.

While her language remained moderate when compared with that of many other leaders, it still marked a significant shift for the country. Ardern in past speeches has often avoided direct criticism of China.

New Zealand has been trying to strike the right tone on China in recent weeks after finding itself on the defensive with its Five Eyes (New



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has in the past avoided direct criticism of President Xi Jinping-led China. FILE

BEIJING NAVY BLOCKS PHILIPPINES' SHIPS

Manila: The Philippine government has protested the Chinese coast guard's harassment of Philippine coast guard ships patrolling a disputed shoal in the South China Sea, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Monday. The feud between the two nations has escalated despite President Rodrigo Duterte's friendly stance toward China. AGENCIES

Zealand, the US, the UK, Australia and Canada) security allies by resisting speaking out in unison with them

against China on certain human rights issues.

In her speech to the China Business Summit in Auckland

on Monday, Ardern said New Zealand had raised "grave" concerns with China on human rights issues. — Agencies

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$
₹73.95	₹89.21	₹102.90	₹0.68	₹11.41	₹60.13	₹57.27	₹55.60	₹9.51

BSE

63.84
48,718.52

NSE

3.05
14,634.15

GOLD

₹45,360
Mumbai (MCX)

SILVER

₹67,500
Mumbai (MCX)

April factory orders, output rise at slowest rate in 8 mths

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

India's manufacturing sector activity was largely flat in April, as rates of growth for new orders and output eased to eight-month lows amid the intensification of the Covid crisis, a monthly survey said on Monday.

The seasonally adjusted IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was at 55.5 in April, little changed from March's reading of 55.4.

"The PMI results for April showed a further slowdown in rates of growth for new orders and output, both of which eased to eight-month lows amid the intensification of the Covid crisis," said

STEEP INCREASE IN INPUT COSTS

■ The seasonally adjusted IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was at 55.5 in April, little changed from March's reading of 55.4

■ In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion while a score below 50 denotes contraction

■ On the prices front, survey participants also signalled a steep increase in input costs, the quickest since July 2014, and upward revisions to selling prices



Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at IHS Markit.

Lima also noted "the surge in Covid cases could dampen demand further when firms' financials are already susceptible to the hurdle of rising global prices," Lima said. — PTI

T Rabi Sankar takes over as RBI Dy Guv

MUMBAI, MAY 3

T Rabi Sankar on Monday assumed the charge as new Deputy Governor of the RBI for a period of three years, the central bank said.

Sankar has filled the vacancy created after the retirement of BP Kanungo on April 2. The other three Deputy Governors are Michael D Patra, Mukesh Kumar Jain and Rajeshwar Rao.

Sankar was Executive Director of the RBI before being elevated to the post of Deputy Governor. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet cleared Sankar's appointment as the new RBI Deputy Governor on Saturday. — PTI

Farm credit stagnant in Punjab for 3 yrs

VIJAY C ROY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 3 Despite high concentration of banks in Punjab, credit growth to farm sector is almost stagnant in the past three years.

According to data, it witnessed a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 0.84% from FY18 to FY20. The state has over 6,300 bank branches comprising public, private, cooperative and regional rural banks.

According to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard), decline in investment credit to agriculture and low offtake to mechanisation are some of the reasons behind low cred-

CREDIT FLOW (IN ₹ CRORE)				
Sector	FY18	FY19	FY20	CAGR FY20 vs FY18
Agriculture	86,790	88,344	88,997	0.84%

it growth. As per data, the total credit flow to agriculture sector was Rs 86,790 crore in FY18. In FY19, it saw a marginal hike with offtake touching Rs 88,344 crore. In FY20, total credit flow to the farm sector was Rs 88,997.

"Investment credit to the farm sector is declining which is one of the reasons for stagnation in credit growth. Secondly, bankers have a misconception that agriculture mechanisation and other investment opportunities have reached a saturation

point. That's why credit growth is stagnant. However, there are a lot of opportunities in precision farming, dairy farming and horticulture. These are the areas which require support from the banking side," said Dr Rajiv Siwach, CGM, Nabard, Punjab Regional Office.

Investment credit leads to capital formation in agriculture through asset creation. It induces technological upgrade resulting in increased production and incremental income to farmers and entrepreneurs. It intends to create income-generating assets in sectors such as agriculture and allied activities. A decline in investment credit also leads to decline in farmers' income.

THE TRIBUNE CORPORATE BROADBAND

NFL to install oxygen plants in four districts

To augment the oxygen availability amid the Covid crisis, NFL has ordered four oxygen plants to be installed at government hospitals in four districts - one each in Noida, Gorakhpur, Lucknow in UP and Bhopal in MP.

Red Chief to launch advt campaign with Vicky Kaushal

Footwear brand Red Chief will launch its advertisement campaign with its brand ambassador Vicky Kaushal. Red Chief shoes are available through its network of 3,000 plus multi-brand outlets, 180 plus exclusive stores and e-commerce platforms.

M&M to acquire 100% shareholding in Meru

M&M has entered into definitive agreements with shareholders of Meru Travel Solutions Private Limited (Meru) to buy their respective stakes in Meru and increase its current shareholding to 100%. It would buy 44.14% shares from True North and others for Rs 76.03 crore and 12.66% shares from Neeraj Gupta and Farhat Gupta for Rs 21.63 crore.

Big Bazaar starts biggest 'Home Delivery Sale'

Big Bazaar has launched biggest 'Home Delivery Sale' from May 1 to 9. It will enable customers to shop and save from home and goods will be delivered within two hours.

Vedanta Group pledges ₹150 crore for Covid

Vedanta Group chairman Anil Agarwal has pledged Rs 150 crore to help the country fight against the second wave of Covid. Last year, the group spent Rs 201 crore. Vedanta will also create additional capacity of 1,000 critical care beds in 10 cities.

S Chand Group unveils new app Mylestone

S Chand Group has launched app Mylestone. It is a complete curriculum solution that empowers the entire

school ecosystem. It offers seamless integration with existing Mylestone curriculum. Students, teachers, schools and parents will have live access to all aspects of education.

SafexPay eyes expansion in Qatar

SafexPay is eyeing expansion in Qatar markets post its entry among the top 11 fintech startups at QFTH by Qatar Development Bank. The Qatar Fintech Hub has announced the final list of successful fintechs to join Wave 2 of its incubator and accelerator programmes.

Sany India introduces four new truck cranes

Sany India has embraced the Bharat CEV Stage IV norms and launched four new truck cranes — STC250C, STC450C, STC600C and STC800C. These cranes will be manufactured at state-of-the-art plant at Chakan in Maharashtra.

Myprotein unveils range of healthy delectable products

Myprotein has unveiled a range of health products. The gooey filled cookie is set to change your snacking game forever. Sugar-free sauce in a sweet chilli flavour is low in fat and contains up to five calories per serving.

Reliance ramps up production of oxygen

Reliance Industries has ramped up production of medical oxygen to 1,000 tonnes per day, making it India's largest producer of medical-grade liquid oxygen. It now produces over 11% of India's total production of medical-grade liquid oxygen.

Motia Group holds Covid vaccination camp

Motia Group recently held Covid vaccination drive at its camp site Motia Blue Ridge, Peer Muchalla, Zirakpur. As many as 400 people were vaccinated during the drive.

PepsiCo Foundation partners with SEEDS for vaccination

The PepsiCo Foundation has partnered with Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)

to launch community relief outreach programme. As part of the pact, SEEDS will drive Covid vaccination for people and set up care centres.

Glenmark Pharma unveils Ryaltris-AZ nasal spray

Glenmark Pharmaceuticals has launched Ryaltris-AZ nasal spray for the treatment of moderate to severe allergic rhinitis in India. It will provide patients a convenient, cost-effective treatment option.

Rasna launches immunity boosting syrup concentrates

Rasna has unveiled syrup concentrates with immunity boosters. At a time when the world is discussing 'building immunity' to combat the Covid, it has taken the lead to launch a Rs 2-a-glass fruit-based drink.

Dr Munjal elected president of Haryana State Dental Council

Dr Gaurav Munjal of Ambala and Dr IK Pandit has been unanimously elected president and vice-president, respectively, of Haryana State Dental Council. While Parveen Sethi was elected registrar, Dr Puneet Talwar, Dr Vipul Bhatia, Dr Atul Sharma and Dr Viridhi were elected members of the executive committee.

Mankind Pharma to donate ₹100 cr for frontline workers

As the country continues to grapple with the second wave of Covid, healthcare and frontline workers are racing against time to contain its spread. Many dedicated heroes have lost their lives in the process. As a responsible organisation, Mankind Pharma is standing alongside the families of these heroes and will donate Rs 100 crore to support them.

LIC emerges 3rd strongest global insurance brand

LIC of India has emerged as the third strongest insurance brand and the 10th most-valuable insurance brand globally, according to the Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021 ranking, prepared by London-based Brand Finance that tracks brand value of MNCs across the geographies and sectors.

Two KKR players, three CSK contingent members positive

Covid bursts IPL bubble

NEW DELHI, MAY 3 Covid-19 has breached the IPL bio-secure bubble, with two Kolkata Knight Riders players — Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier — testing positive for the dreaded virus. Adding more worries to the organisers of the league, three members of the Chennai Super Kings contingent — chief executive Kasi Viswanathan, bowling coach L.Balaji, and a bus cleaner — also tested positive.

Tonight’s match between KKR and Royal Challenges Bangalore, scheduled in Ahmedabad, was postponed after spinner Chakravarthy and pace bowler Warrier tested positive. The new date of the match will be announced later.

These are the first Covid-19 cases within the IPL bubble since the tournament started. Earlier, a few players had tested positive before the tournament started and they were allowed into the tournament after they had recovered and served a quarantine period. Warrier has not yet got a game in the IPL so far, while Chakravarthy has been an integral part of the team and has picked up seven wickets in seven games.

‘All others negative’ “Varun Chakravarthy and Sandeep Warrier were found to be positive in the third round of testing in the last four days. All other team members have tested negative for Covid-19,” said a statement from the IPL.

Chakravarthy and Warrier have been isolated from the rest of the KKR contingent. “The Medical Team is in continuous touch with the duo and are monitoring their health. Meanwhile, the Kolkata Knight Riders have now moved towards a daily testing routine to identify any other possible cases and treat them at the earliest,” the IPL statement said. Close and casual contacts of Warrier and Chakravarthy are also being determined.

KKR’s last match was against Delhi Capitals in Ahmedabad on April 29, and the Delhi players too would be on radar now. “Now, the Delhi Capitals players (who

‘Sandeep fine, Varun under weather’ Difficult times, but I’m happy to report that both Varun and Sandeep are doing well. We have taken all the precautions that are necessary. Sandeep, in particular, is doing fine. No temperature, no other symptoms, and he is feeling good. Varun is still a little under the weather, but better than yesterday and both of them are in good spirits. *Venky Mysore, KKR CEO*

BRIEFLY

GUWAHATI Archer Talukdar in ICU after testing positive for Covid-19 World Cup gold medalist Jayanta Talukdar was being treated in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for low oxygen count a week after he was diagnosed with Covid-19, his father Ranjan Talukdar said. An Arjuna Award winner, Talukdar has also won two Asian Games team bronze medals.

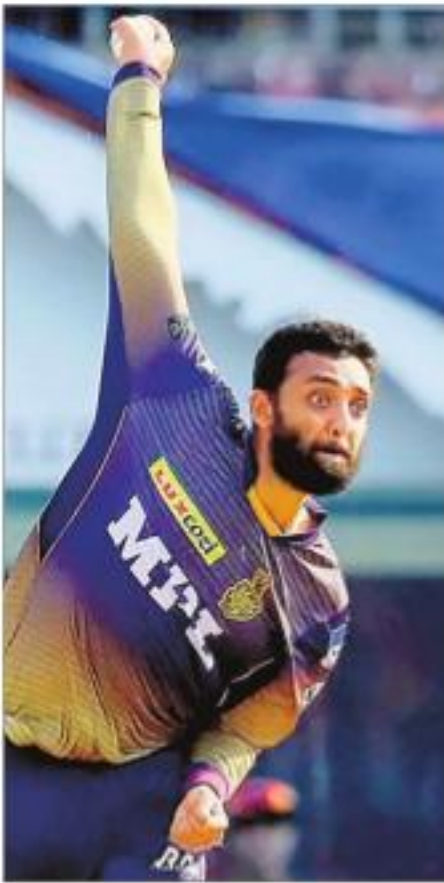
MADRID Messi keeps Barcelona in title hunt Lionel Messi came through for Barcelona again, keeping the Spanish league’s title race wide open. Messi scored two second-half goals on Sunday — including his 50th from a free kick — as Barcelona came from behind to beat Valencia 3-2 and get within two points of leaders Atletico Madrid ahead of their key match at the Camp Nou Stadium next weekend.

DUBAI NZ replace England as top-ranked ODI team New Zealand have overhauled world champions England as the number one side in the One-day International (ODI) rankings, the Interna-

Earlier in IPL...

Players and coach who tested positive, recovered and rejoined their teams

- Devdutt Padikkal of Royal Challengers Bangalore tested positive for Covid-19 on March 22, when the tournament was more than two weeks away
- Delhi Capitals’ Axar Patel tested positive in early April, days after he had checked into the team hotel in Mumbai on March 28 after providing a negative Covid-19 report
- KKR’s Nitish Rana too tested positive after joining the team in Mumbai in early April
- Kiran More, part of the Mumbai Indians’ coaching set-up, tested positive in early April, just days before the IPL was to start on April 9



Varun Chakravarthy has played in all seven matches, taking seven wickets, for KKR this season. IPL

are currently in Ahmedabad) will also have to be tested and every member of the team contingents that came in contact with Chakravarthy and Warrier will also be contact-traced through the app watch that has been given to everyone,” a BCCI official said.

As per the IPL protocol, any close contact of an infected person has to isolate for six days and return three negative tests on days 1, 3 and 6.

Out of bubble

It is believed that Chakravarthy had left the bio-bubble to visit a hospital for a scan on his injured shoulder, and that he might have been exposed to the virus then. He had left the bio-bubble under the IPL’s green channel — under this process, a player is taken in a vehicle (which is in the bubble with a driver), clad in PPE, to the hospital. The treatment is done by medical personnel in PPEs and masks, after which the player returns in the same vehicle.

Also, it was reported that some groundsmen at Delhi’s Arun Jaitley Stadium, which is due to host Mumbai Indians vs Sunrisers Hyderabad on Tuesday, also tested positive for the virus. However, Delhi and Districts Cricket Association chief Rohan Jaitley is reported to have said “none of the groundsmen on duty” are among them. — TNS, agencies

CA donates \$50K for Covid relief in India

NEW DELHI: Cricket Australia has donated \$50,000 to UNICEF Australia’s India Covid-19 Crisis Appeal, to help in relief work as the country deals with a record Covid-19 surge. Later in the day, Kolkata Knight Riders’ Australian fast bowler Pat Cummins said he has allocated his \$50,000 donation to the UNICEF initiative. A week ago, Cummins had announced the \$50,000 donation towards the PM Cares Fund for oxygen supplies to help India in its fight against the virus. Cricket Australia will also raise more funds in partnership with its players’ association and UNICEF. The funds raised by CA will be donated to UNICEF Australia and will be used in various relief initiatives in India. “UNICEF Australia’s India Covid-19 Crisis Appeal is procuring and installing Oxygen Generation Plants in hospitals to treat seriously ill patients, providing testing equipment in heavily impacted districts and supporting the distribution of Covid-19 vaccine via the COVAX initiative,” Cricket Australia said in a statement. TNS

IPL commentator Slater escapes to Maldives

NEW DELHI: Former Australia opening batsman Michael Slater, who was here as part of the IPL’s commentary team, has left India and is reported to be in the Maldives, where he must remain before he is allowed to fly into Australia. After the Australian government banned flights from India, around 9,000 Australians are stranded in India. These include several current and former cricketers — numbering around 40 — who are part of the IPL as players, support staff or commentators. Slater today lashed out at Australian prime minister Scott Morrison for not allowing Aussies stranded in India to return to their country. “If our government cared for the safety of Aussies they would allow us to get home. It’s a disgrace!! Blood on your hands PM. How dare you treat us like this. How about you sort out quarantine system. I had government permission to work on the IPL but I now have government neglect,” he tweeted, adding: “And for those who think this is a money exercise. Well forget it. This is what I do for a living and I have not made a penny having left early. So please stop the abuse...” TNS



NORTHERN RAILWAY

Walk-in-interview for engagement of CMPs for COVID Isolation ward of Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi on contract basis

No. 752E/Contract/COVID/NRCH/2021 Dated : 03.05.2021
Sub : Walk-in-interview for engagement of Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) for COVID Isolation Ward in Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi on contract basis as below:-

ITEM NO.	CATEGORY	SPECIALTY	NO.OF POSTS	PLACE OF POSTING
01.	CMP	(Specialists Medicine/Anesthesia/ Pediatrics/Critical Care/ENT)	Ten (10)	NRCH, New Delhi
02.	CMP	(Specialist) Microbiologist	Three (03)	NRCH, New Delhi
03.	CMP	(General Duty Medical Officer)	one (01)	NRCH, New Delhi

Note:- 1. Duration of engagement will be up to 27.10.2021 or earlier with a notice period of 15 days.

Note:- 2. Depending on administrative exigencies, Railway Administrations have reserved the right to modify number of vacancies and place of posting. In case, sufficient Specialists are not available, posts will be filled by GDMOs.

Note:- 3. Term/period of the contract is further extendable as per requirement for each category of CMPs if such directions are received from Railway Board.

Reservation will be as under:

ITEM NO	CATEGORY	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	TOTAL
01	CMP Specialist	01	Nil	02	01	06	10
02	CMP (GDMO)	01	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
03	CMP Specialist (Microbiologist)	-	-	-	-	03	03

Note :- In case reserved candidates are not available, reserved posts will be filled by UR candidates because the appointment is to be done in Emergency for COVID-19 pandemic.

The reservation will apply as per rules in vogue. The actual reservation of vacancies would depend upon the prevailing sanctioned strength at the time of engagement. In case, required number of reserved slots are not filled in, it will be open to fill the seats with unreserved candidate in terms of Rly Bd’s directives issued vide No. 77 E (SCT) 15/18 date 22.7.1977 in view of emergency.

Date, Time & Venue of Document verification, Walk-in Interview & Medical Examination:- The interested candidates can appear in Walk-in-interview at the following venue:-

Date	Time	Categories	Venue
Every Thursday of May-2021 starting from 06.05.2021	10:00 Hrs. to 14:00.	CMPs	Auditorium, Northern Railway Central Hospital, Basant Lane, New Delhi

The candidates should bring with them, RT-PCR report conducted within 48 hours, a candidate without RT-PCR report shall not be interviewed/entertained.

Medical Examination of ONLY selected candidates will be held.

Note :- Candidates should submit their application in duplicate on prescribed proforma enclosed herewith latest by **09:00 AM on the date of interview at AUDITORIUM** for Documents Verification, and walk-in-interview.

In case, it is not possible to interview all candidates on nominated day, they will be interviewed on next working day/days. Thus, the candidates should make their own arrangement for lodging/boarding and should come prepared accordingly.

Remuneration:-

S. NO.	CATEGORY	SALARY PER MONTH
1	CMP (Specialists)	Rs. 1,40,000/-
2	CMP Specialist (Microbiology)	Rs. 1,40,000/-
3	CMP (GDMOs)	Rs. 1,25,000/-

Consolidated remuneration at the rate of Rs.1,25,000/- for General Duty Doctor and Rs.1,40,000/- for Specialist Doctors per month will be admissible, if Govt. accommodation is not provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, an amount equivalent to House Rent Allowance payable to a fresh entrant to Group ‘A’ Jr. Scale and License fee of Railway accommodation so provided, shall be deducted from the monthly remuneration payable to the CMP.

This may also be noted that above remuneration shall be paid to CMPs deployed in Covid Wards and flu clinics. CMPs deployed in General wards shall be entitled for remunerations @ Rs. 75000/- PM for GDMOs and 95000/- PM for Specialists.

Age Limit

Candidate should not have completed more than 53 years of age for Item No. 1, 2, 3 as on 04.05.2021 (Date of Advertisement). However, age relaxation of 05 years for SC/ST and 03 years for OBC candidates is admissible.

Terms and Conditions:-

Engagement of Doctors would be on contract basis initially for a period up to 27.10.2021, further extendable as per administrative requirement & on the basis of assessment of performance of CMPs as well as the situation of COVID-19 Pandemic if such instructions are received from Railway Board. However, services of these doctors can be terminated even before 30.06.2021 giving 15 days notice on either side. Railway Administration reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time during the contract by giving 15 days notice or payment of 15 days remuneration without assigning any reason whatsoever. The services rendered as contractual staff is a stop gap arrangement and will not confer upon them any right for regularization or permanent absorption in the Railway. The engagement shall be purely on contract basis for a period of six months of earlier with a notice period of 15 days.

Essential Educational Qualification

(i) **For General Duty Doctors:** MBBS degree (with completion of internship) from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council.

(ii) **For Specialist Doctors:** MBBS degree and Post Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma in subject concerned from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council. (Specialist - Pulmonary Medicine, General Medicine, Anesthesia, Critical Care Medicine)

(iii) **For CMP Specialist (Microbiologist) Educational Qualification:-**

(a) MBBS degree and Post graduate Medical degree from recognized institute i.e Doctor of medicine (Microbiology) or Diplomate National Board (Microbiology) or MSC (Medical Microbiology) with doctor of Philosophy (Medical microbiology/Virology).

(b) **Experience**

Preferably with minimum 6 months’ experience of working in molecular virology/molecular methods/molecular lab.

Experience

(c) For specialist Medical Practitioners, three-year experience is essential. For General Duty Doctors, the candidate with experience will be given preference. Contract is liable to be terminated, if the Contract Medical Practitioner is found to be mentally or physically incapacitated.

Note :-

(i) Candidate should bring their Application form along with original and attested copies of all certificates & mark-sheets. No TA/DA is admissible.

- (ii) The offer of engagement to selected candidates shall be issued subject to availability of vacancy as per requirement in Northern Railway Central Hospital located at New Delhi on “as is where is basis”. Administration reserves the right to change the posting as per administrative needs. The CMP Specialist Doctors so selected shall also have to carry out general duties as and when required by Railway Administration in addition to their specialty work.
- (iii) If posts of specialists not filled up, the vacancies may be filled up by General Duty Medical Practitioners temporarily.
- (iv) The number of notified vacancies may be changed as per requirement of the administration.
- (v) The notification can be downloaded from Northern Railway’s websites **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html**
- (vi) After approval of the panel by competent authority, the panel will be uploaded at NR’s websites **www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html**. Suitable candidates will be intimated through speed-post, Telephone calls and e-mail/ SMS to report at Northern Railway’s Central Hospital New Delhi for posting. The candidates who do not report at the assigned date and time will forfeit their chance of contract engagement and vacancies may be filled up from the next empanelled candidate.

Enclosed : As above.

Application format for Walk-in-interview for engagement of Contractual Medical Practitioners (CMPs) for Covid isolation wards at Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi on contract basis

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS OR GENERAL DUTY DOCTORS

(Kindly indicate)

Whether applicant is Ex Railway/Central/State Govt. Doctors/Ex SM

(Kindly indicate)

Specialist Doctors may indicate if he/she wants to be empanelled as a General Duty Doctors also- Willing/Not willing (Kindly indicate)

The Medical Director,
Northern Railway Central Hospital
Basant Lane
New Delhi.

Latest passport size photograph of candidate duly self attested half on photo and half on application

1. Name (in block letters) :
2. Father’s/Husband’s name (in block letters) :
3. Permanent Address :
4. Postal Address :
5. Email address in very clear words :
6. Mobile No. & DOT (with STD code) : Mobile No.
DOT No. (With STD code) :
7. Date of Birth :
Age as on 04.05.2021 (..... Years Months-Days)
8. Category to which belongs :
SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR/
Ex-Serviceman (Please write)
9. Nationality :
10. Have you worked in Railways as a CMP, :
if yes, give details
11. Educational/Professional Qualifications :

Examination	Year of Passing	Medical College & University	No. of attempts	Percentage
High School/equivalent				
Intermediate/equivalent				
MBBS Part I				
MBBS Part II				
MBBS Part III				
Aggregate % in MBBS				
PG (MD/MS/Dip.) All are taken to be PG equivalent (Kindly indicate discipline)				

12. Registration No. of Medical council _____ State where registered _____

13. Experience, if any
14. Attested documents required along with the original, are as under:-
- Two recent passport size photograph
 - Certificate indicating date of birth (High school/equivalent)
 - MBBS Degree with mark sheets (All parts) and Certificate of any higher Medical Qualifications, if any, of Recognized University (For the candidates applied for General Duty Doctors)
 - Mark-sheets and certificate of PG along with MBBS Degree with mark-sheets of all parts (For candidates applying for Specialist Doctors).
 - Internship completion certificate.
 - Registration certificate of Medical Council of States/India.
 - House job certificated/EWS, Ex- Serviceman, if any.
 - Certificate in support of caste in case of SC/ST & OBC issued by the appropriate authority.
 - Attested copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) in case of Retired Railway Doctors and Ex- Central/State Govt. Staff only.

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information given herein is found false or incorrect or concealed, the contract will be liable to be terminated and any civil/criminal legal action can be taken against me for this. I understand that I am not eligible for any TA/DA for this interview.

Place : _____

Date : _____

Signature of the Candidate

Note: This application can be given at the time of walk-in-interview. It will thereafter be initiated by the officers taking interview and kept in record for subsequent proceeding.

AIIMS chief: CT scan not needed in mild cases, can cause cancer

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 3
Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS-New Delhi, today cautioned mild Covid patients against going for repeated CT scan, saying it could raise the risk of cancer and was need-less in mild conditions.

“There is no need for CT scan in mild Covid cases. Patches in lungs will appear even if the disease is mild. Research shows that in 30-40 per cent of asymptomatic Covid patients, patches in lungs appear but get resolved naturally. A CT scan equals 300-400 chest X-rays. The International Atomic Energy Commission has shown how CT scan in younger age lead to greater cancer risk in later life. We know of mild Covid patients repeating CT scan every three days. You are only exposing yourselves to harmful radiation,” Guleria said, advising people against need-less blood biomarker tests unless medically advised.

He said sometimes even a minor wound would show high levels of markers, which was due to normal body response to inflammation. “Steroids are needed only in moderate disease after five days of illness. We have seen people who took steroids early in the disease, enabling viral replica-tion and severe infection. The timing of medicines is the key to

EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL RAYS

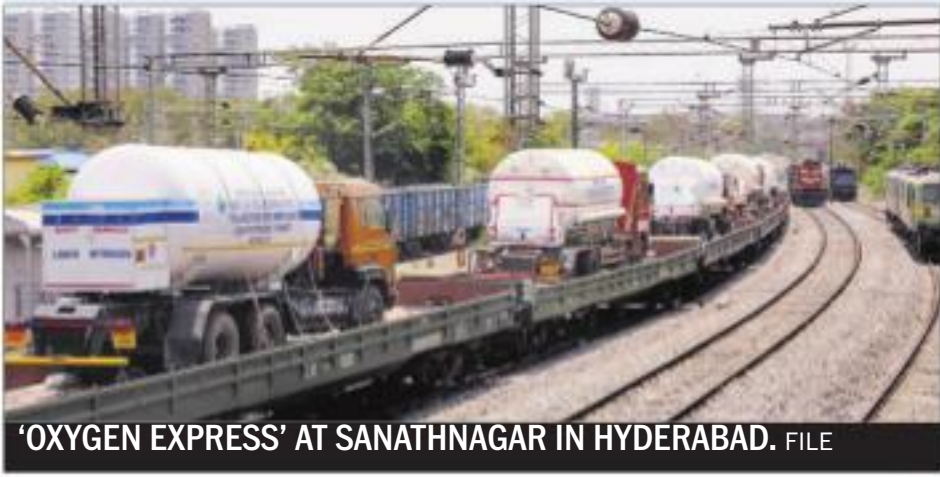
“Patches in lungs will appear even if the disease is mild. There is no need for CT scan in mild Covid cases. A CT scan equals 300-400 chest X-rays. You are only exposing yourselves to harmful radiations.

Randeep Guleria, DIRECTOR, AIIMS-NEW DELHI

205 TONNES OF OXYGEN TO REACH DELHI TODAY

The Railways on Monday said it would deliver its biggest consignment of 205 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen (LMO) to New Delhi by Tuesday morn-ing. In an official state-ment, the Railways said, “While 120 tonnes of LMO in an ‘Oxygen Express’ with six tankers will be delivered to Delhi from Durgapur in West Bengal, 85 tonnes in four tankers

will be delivered to the national capital from Hapa in Gujarat.” The Railways has so far delivered around 1,125 tonnes of LMO in 76 tankers to various states. Twenty ‘Oxygen Express’ trains have already com-pleted their journey and seven more loaded with around 422 tonnes of LMO in 27 tankers are on way to their destina-tions, it said. TNS



‘OXYGEN EXPRESS’ AT SANATHNAGAR IN HYDERABAD. FILE

treatment,” said the AIIMS chief, noting that the main therapy for Covid was oxygen, steroids and anticoagulants taken at the right time and experi-

mental therapies like Remdesivir, plasma and Tocilizumab were used in extreme cases because they were not proven to reduce death rate.

Not short on O2, do not panic: Govt

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), which is co-ordinating the supply of oxygen across the country, today claimed there was “no short-age” of the life-saving gas, but suggested it should be used “judiciously” by hospitals and medical practitioners.

Briefing media at a daily press conference on Covid manage-ment, Additional Secretary in the MHA Piyush Goyal said multiple efforts were being made to enhance production and trans- portation of oxygen to hospitals and patients. “It is very impor- tant for all hospitals to ensure judicious use of oxygen. Efforts are being made in this direction and we are getting positive results,” the MHA official said and appealed to people not to get “jittery about lack of oxy- gen”. Goyal was speaking to reporters in the presence of Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Union Health Ministry, and Dr Randeep Guleria, AIIMS Director. The country has been struggling with a massive sec- ond wave of the pandemic, with lakhs of patients and their family members anxiously scouring for oxygen, beds, cylinders, medicines and other medical facilities. — TNS

Didi may emerge as rallying point for anti-BJP forces

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MAY 3
Having returned to power in West Bengal with an emphat-ic victory, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday disclosed her plan to hold a mega rally at Kolkata’s iconic Brigade Parade Ground with various anti-BJP parties to mount a challenge to the gov-ernment in the Centre.

Talking to mediapersons at her Kalighat residence, Mama-ta said in view of the Covid sit-uation prevailing in the coun-try she decided against organising big functions to cel-ebrate the third straight victo-ry by TMC in the Assembly elections. “When the Covid threat subsides, we will organ-ise a rally at Brigade to cele-brate our victory, which would

WILL HOLD RALLY

“When the Covid threat subsides, we will organise a rally at Brigade to celebrate our victory, which will be also attended by leaders of other parties.

Mamata Banerjee, WB CM

be also attended by leaders of other parties,” Mamata said. The TMC supremo said top leaders of various parties opposed to the BJP were also congratulating her. They included Punjab Chief Minis-ter Amarinder Singh, former Haryana Chief Minister



Sole seat lost, Kerala BJP’s biggest setback

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 3
Kerala has given the BJP its biggest setback in the 2021 Assembly elections. The party lost the sole seat, Nemom, it had won for the first time in the southern state in 2016. CPM’s V Sivankutty defeated senior leader Kummanam Rajasekharan, who had resigned from the post of the Meghalaya Governor in March 2019 to give electoral



SAFFRON CAMPAIGN FAILS TO BEAR FRUIT

Despite a high-decibel campaign revolving around Sabarimala Temple, religious sentiments, love jihad and gold smuggling scam, the BJP not only lost the vote share, but its top candidates, including state chief K Surendran and ‘Metro Man’ E Sreedharan, too failed to make a mark.

politics a shot.

Buoyed by Nemom, the party tried to amplify gains, play-

ing up the controversy over the Sabarimala Temple. The 2021 elections saw top leaders

In Assam, BJP tasked with striking balance

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

Assam may have given the BJP a lot to cheer, but it is still facing a tricky challenge to strike the right balance of power between its two Assam strongmen — Sar-bananda Sonowal and Himanta Biswa Sarma.

While incumbent CM Sonowal is credited with help-ing the BJP retain Assam on account of his work, populari-ty and clean image, Sarma is seen as someone who helped the party gain strength ever since he joined in 2014. Spec-ulation is rife over Sarma being shifted to the Centre and Sonowal being anointed the CM, or vice-versa.

Observers say much can be deciphered from the party’s hesitancy in naming its Chief Minister’s face in the run-up to 2021 Assembly polls. —TNS

Must engage chemical units to tap O2 generation: Expert

ADITH TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 3
With Delhi hospitals gasping for medical oxygen, India’s leading field expert R Venu-gopal on Monday said the state must urgently engage chemical industries to explore options for oxygen generation and storage and plan for the future as oxygen would be needed till the number of Covid patients dropped below 100 in every state.

Credited with turning Ker-ala, a high Covid burden state, from oxygen deficient to oxy-gen sufficient in a year, Venu-gopal, Deputy Chief Con-troller of Explosives at the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO), a central body, said he began fast-tracking medical oxy-gen production and distribu-tion in the state in March 2020 when Europe was still reeling under the crisis.

As PESO’s nodal officer for medical oxygen in Kerala and Lakshwadeep, Venu-gopal oversaw a multifold augmen-tation of oxygen for Covid patients in the state.

“Between May 1, 2020, and May 1, 2021, liquid medical oxygen supply in Kerala has risen from 34 metric tonne to 121 MT (four times), oxygen



R Venugopal

‘EVERY STATE MUST PLAN FOR FUTURE’

R Venugopal, who turned Kerala from an oxygen defi-cient to an oxygen sufficient state in a year, says every state must plan for the future as O2 will be needed till the number of patients drops below 100 in each state.

supply through cylinders from 22 MT to 68.42 MT, and daily medical oxygen produc-tion from 189 MT to 219.77 (16 pc),” he told *The Tribune* in an interview today.

He said an advisory was sent on March 23, 2020, to all oxy-gen filling stations, air separa-tion unit (ASU) plants and manufacturing plants in Ker-ala to run facilities 24x7.

“We held stakeholder meet-ings and three regular week-ly reviews and found that half of the ASU plants were not working to full capacity.

Hospital supply chains were improved in discussion with oxygen filling plants. The main problem of power inter-ruptions at ASU plants was fixed. Gaseous oxygen sup-ply through cylinders were achieved and hospitals were hand-held to rectify oxygen storage pipelines and plug leakages,” Venugopal said. In a move which all states could still replicate, Venugopal said he held meetings with chemical industries of the region to explore more avenues of production of LMO and gaseous medical oxygen and got BPCL refinery to tap gaseous oxygen. Kerala also limited the production of industrial oxygen, diverting it to medical oxygen last year and suspended it altogether recently amid Covid surge.

Asked what Delhi and oth-er states struggling with oxygen must do, the expert said gaseous oxygen pro-duction must be increased in ASU and fertiliser units. “This gaseous oxygen can be filled in cylinders and sent to all hospitals. States should cease all industrial oxygen cylinders, inert gas cylinders and convert them to medical oxygen cylinders as per the SOP PESO has provided,” he said.

Open appeal for oxygen not right way: Kiwi PM

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern today con-firmed there was indeed a patient in the New Zealand High Commission who required emergency treatment but conceded that an open pub-lic appeal for oxygen cylinders was not the right way for its New Delhi mission to go about it.

The New Zealand High Commission and the Philip-pines Embassy had put out tweets seeking emergency

supplies of oxygen and had tagged Indian Youth Con-gress President BV Srinivas, who had rushed volunteers with cylinders to both the missions. This led to a Twitter spat between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh after the latter retweeted visuals of oxygen cylinders being given by Youth Congress volunteers to both missions and asked “is the MEA sleeping”. — TNS

Navy Chief briefs PM on O2 supply

NEW DELHI, MAY 3

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was today apprised by the Navy of the quantum of liquid of oxygen Indian war-ships have loaded from vari-ous countries, while the Delhi Government asked the Min-istry of Defence to hand over the oxygen supply manage-ment to the Army.

Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia has written to the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for Army assistance in tackling the pandemic. The Delhi Government wants the Army to handle supplies and transportation of oxygen. Modi interacted with Chief Admiral Karambir Singh to review the Navy’s role in tackling Covid. The PM has already reviewed the working of the Army and the IAF — TNS

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1.	HVPNL	PROVIDING OF ADDITIONAL 100MVA, 220/132KV T/F AT 220KV S/STN. HVPNL, CHORMAR. (NIT NO. 02/XEN/TS/SRS/2021-22 DATED 03.05.2021)	03.05.2021 12.05.2021	24.97 LACS	https://www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
2.	HVPNL	CREATION OF 132 KV DOUBLE BUS-BAR ARRANGEMENT ALONG WITH 132 KV BUS-COUPPLER BAY AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL, BEHAL (TENDER ID- 2021. HBC. 159561. 3). (NIT NO. 28/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 RE-TENDER DATED 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	7.21 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
3.	HVPNL	PROVIDING 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK 10.872 MVAR ON 40/50 MVA 132/33 KV T/F T-5 AT 220 KV S/STN. HVPNL ISHARWAL (TENDER ID- 2021. HBC. 159550. 2). (NIT NO. 27/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 DATE OF RE-TENDER 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	1.69 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
4.	HVPNL	REPLACEMENT OF OLD & OBSOLETE 5.040 MVAR 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK WITH 10.872 MVAR ON 40/50 MVA 132/33 KV T/F T-3 AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL DADRI-II (TENDER ID- 2021_HBC_159539. 2). (NIT NO. 26/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 DATE OF RE-TENDER 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	2.07 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
5.	HVPNL	PROVIDING 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK 5.436 MVAR ON 20/25 MVA 132/33 KV T/F T-3 AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL BADHRA (TENDER ID- 2021. HBC. 159532. 2). (NIT NO. 25/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 DATE OF RE-TENDER 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	1.77 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
6.	HVPNL	PROVIDING 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK 10.872 MVAR ON 40/50 MVA 132/33 KV T/F T-3 AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL LOHARU (TENDER ID- 2021_HBC_159530. 2). (NIT NO. 24/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 DATE OF RE-TENDER 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	1.61 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
7.	HVPNL	REPLACEMENT OF OLD & OBSOLETE 4.032 MVAR 33 KV CAPACITOR BANK WITH 10.872 MVAR ON 40/50 MVA 132/33 KV T/F T-1 AT 132 KV S/STN. HVPNL DHIGAWA JATTAN (TENDER ID- 2021_HBC_159504. 3). (NIT NO. 23/TS/BHW/2020-21 DATED 11.02.2021 DATE OF RE-TENDER 29.04.2021)	11.02.2021 06.05.2021	2.00 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
8.	HVPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF CAPBANK (1X5.436 MVAR) AT 132KV S/STN. BHADSON. (CIVIL WORKS). (TENDR NO. 03/CWK/11/2021-22, DATED:- 30.04.2021)	30.04.2021 12.05.2021	Rs. 2100.00 FOR General, Rs. 1050.00 For Registered Society	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
9.	HVPNL	RAISING THE HEIGHT OF BOUNDARY WALL AT 66KV SUB-STATION HVPNL BARWALA (NIT NO. 10/2021-22/XEN/TS/PKL DATED 30.04.2021)	30.04.2021 10.05.2021	6.69 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
10.	HVPNL	PROVIDING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF RESIDENTIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS REST HOUSES INCLUDING, WATER SUPPLY, SEWERAGE SYSTEM, STORM WATER, DRAINAGE SYSTEM, ROAD & PATH, AT 66KV S/STN. POWER COLONY, INDUSTRIAL AREA, PHASE-II, PANCHKULA AND GUEST HOUSE AT SECTOR-12A, PANCHKULA (NIT NO. 12/CCD-286/VOL-XIII DATED: 30.04.2021)	30.04.2021 17.05.2021	Rs. 88269/- FOR General, Rs. 44135/- Society	www.hvpnl.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
11.	MC ROHTAK	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF D.I. 9 LINE SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB TO JAT BHAWAN, WARD NO. 11, ROHTAK. + 1 OTHER WORK	30.04.2021 10.05.2021	71.29 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmcrohtak@gmail.com
12.	MC ROHTAK	PROVIDING AND LAYING WATER LINE SHYAM HALWAY TO BOOSTING STATION AT CHARA MANDI, ANAJ MANDI (PALLIKA COLONY), WARD NO. 18, ROHTAK. (RE-CALL)	30.04.2021 06.05.2021	32.29 LACS	www.etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmcrohtak@gmail.com
13.	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE RANIA	RFP FOR DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF WASTE AND ROAD/STREET SWEEPING AND LIFTING OF GARBAGE FROM WARD NO 1,2,3,14,15	CLOSING DATE 13.05.2021	90 LACS	Etendring.hry.nic.in	secymcrania@gmail.com
14.	MC SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH ALONG MADERSA IN IDGAH COLONY WARD NO. 20 M.C SONEPAT. + 9 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 21.05.2021	225 lacs	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	cemcsonepat@gmail.com
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1	PWD B&R, SIRSA	CONSTRUCTION OF WORKSHOP & LABORATORY BLOCK IN THE CAMPUS OF CH. DEVI LAL GOVT. POLYTECHNIC AT NATHUSARI CHOHTA IN SIRSA DISTT. (BALANCE WORK) + 2 NOS. OTHER WORKS	04.05.2021 18.05.2021	265.38 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666222959 pwd-eepd2-sirsa@hry.nic.in				
2	PWD B&R, SIRSA	WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF CONNECTING LINKS TO PWD ROAD AT CHAUTALA IN SIRSA DISTT. (VT) (ROAD ID 10758) KM 0.00 TO 2.94 IN SIRSA DISTRICT (ID 10758)	30.04.2021 17.05.2021	99.26 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666220530 pwd-eepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in				
3	PWD B&R, ROHTAK	SPECIAL REPAIR OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE IN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE AT GURYANI IN REWARI DISTRICT + 6 OTHER WORKS	03.05.2021 24.05.2021	38.72 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274253703 pwd-eepd-rewari@hry.nic.in				
4	PWD B&R, SIRSA	CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM BANWALA TO RISALIA KHERA ROAD KM. 0.00 TO 2.70 IN SIRSA DISTT. + 4 OTHER WORKS	30.04.2021 17.05.2021	731.95 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666220530 pwd-eepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in				
5	WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT YAMUNA NAGAR	PROCURING FOOD ITEMS REQUIRED UNDER ICDS IN YAMUNANAGAR DISTRICT	30.04.2021 17.05.2021	177 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8168823480 dpoynr.wcd@gmail.com				
6	WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT YAMUNA NAGAR	FOR TRANSPORAION OF SNP REQUIRED UNDER ICDS IN YAMUNANAGAR DISTRICT	30.04.2021 17.05.2021	EMD 50000	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8168823480 dpoynr.wcd@gmail.com				
7	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, SIRSA	UPDATING OF WATER WORKS, RENOVATION, CONST. OF BOOSTING STATION, DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INCLUDING FHCT IN VILLAGE BUPP (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION.	30.04.2021 12.05.2021	144.06 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9255200014 ee3sirsa@phedharyana.gov.in				
8	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, PALWAL	PROVIDE FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION (FHCT) TO VILLAGE TIKRI BRAHMAN DISTT. PALWAL (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION) ESTIMATED COST RS. 32.88 LAKH (CATEGORY-II). LAYING OF 100 MM ID D.I. PIPELINE, PROVIDING HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION WITH 15 MM G.I. PIPE CLASS-B AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.05.2021	36.55 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	eepalwal@gmail.com				
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ, PANIPAT	RETENDER LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT WITH 5 YEAR O & M OF THE PROJECT AFTER COMPLETION + 10 OTHER WORKS	04.05.2021 11.05.2021	336.57 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9355815400 prexeeng.pnp@hry.nic.in				
10	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	LAYING PVC PIPELINE FOR DEWATERING OF FLOOD WATER FROM LOW LAYING AREA OF FIELDS OF VILLAGE KAHNAUR, JAITHPUR AND SUNDANA INTO DRAIN NO. 8 AT RD 179800-L + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 10.05.2021	37.76 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896410404 xensampla@gmail.com				
11	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	INTERNAL CLEARANCE OF GANDHRA DRAIN FROM RD 0 TO 51500 + 17 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 10.05.2021	39.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896410404 xenwsdnrtk@gmail.com				
12	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, JIND	REMODELING OF W/C AT OUTLET RD 14520/R BHAKLANA MINOR + 10 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 12.05.2021	36.51 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9464040970 xenwsjd@gmail.com				
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ, KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE & ILPB STREETS	04.05.2021 25.05.2021	110.03 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	prexeeng.krk@hry.nic.in				
14	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, PANCHKULA	SUPPLY OF DIFFERENT SIZE BEARINGS OF SKF/IFAG/NBC/ARB MAKE	04.05.2021 19.05.2021	6.1 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722582542 xenproc@gmail.com				
15	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, AMBALA	INTERNAL CLEARANCE OF MAHESH NAGAR DRAIN 0-6000 AND RD 15000-42000 + 6	04.05.2021 10.05.2021	56.6 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2981541 xenwsdivnamb588@yahoo.co.in				
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