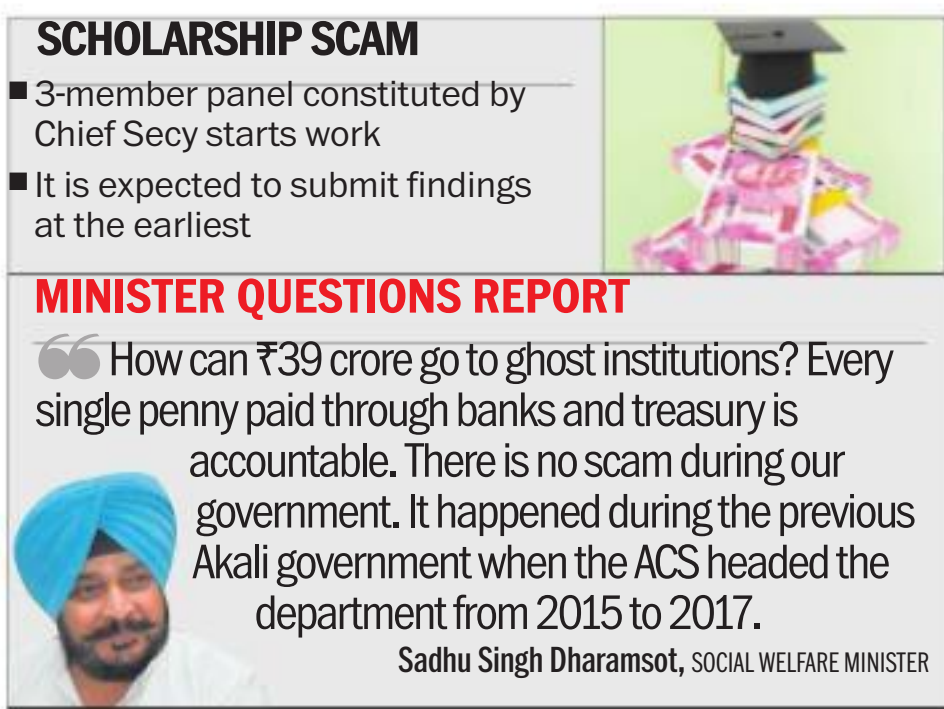


Govt steps up damage-control efforts

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Days after being cornered by the Opposition in the alleged SC post-matric scholarship scam, the Congress government has stepped up its efforts to counter the reports on the disbursal of funds.

On the other hand, a three-member committee of officers constituted by the Chief Secretary to probe the matter started its work today. It is expected to submit findings at the earliest. Social Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot today questioned the report on the scam submitted by his Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Kirpa Shankar Saroj.



Questioning the report in which his name has figured, Dharamsot, in a press conference, said he was being framed and he was not even aware about the probe being conducted by his

department officials and had not been kept in the loop. "I have not even been provided a copy of the inquiry report by my ACS," said the minister. Reposing faith in the

Chief Minister, Dharamsot said he had full trust in the inquiry being conducted by the Chief Secretary, as the truth would come out. Though the minister could not explain as to how he could be framed in his own government, he said the ACS had not made any effort to track the trail of the scholarship amount.

"How can Rs 39 crore go to ghost institutions? Every single penny paid through banks and treasury is accountable. There is no scam during our government. It happened during the previous Akali government when the ACS headed the department from 2015 to 2017," Dharamsot claimed.

On the name of Deputy Director Parminder Gill figuring in the scam and the allegation that he stalled his suspension, the minister said he had asked the ACS to provide documents for his suspension. "Till date I have not been given the reply by the ACS", said Dharamsot, adding that if any officer within his department had violated any rule in disbursal of the funds, he would have to face the music.

Political Secretary to the CM Capt Sandeep Sadhu, who was present in the press conference, defended the minister. "Let the Chief Secretary's report be submitted, truth would come out", said Sandhu.



SAD workers burn an effigy of Sadhu Singh Dharamsot in Bathinda.

SAD protests, seeks minister's dismissal

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGARH SAHIB, SEPTEMBER 2 Workers of the SAD and the Youth Akali Dal (YAD) led by Didar Singh Bhatti, SAD halqa in-charge for Fatehgarh Sahib, and Raju Khanna, in-charge, Amloh constituency, today staged a protest against Social Welfare Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot for his alleged involvement in the multi-crore SC scholarship scam. They also burnt his effigy in front of the DC office.

The protesters raised slogans against the state government and sought the minister's dismissal and a CBI probe against him. While talking to the media, Bhatti and Khanna claimed that it was clear that the minister was involved in the scam as the Additional Chief Secretary of his own department had indicted him.

They said the SC community comprised around 32 per cent of the state's population and Dharamsot had "embezzled" around Rs 64 crore which were meant for the community students and the funds



should be transferred to the students.

Bathinda: Youth Akali Dal workers burnt the effigy of the minister outside the District Administrative Complex in Bathinda on Wednesday. They demanded his resignation. The protest was headed by YAD district president Gurdeep Singh Kotshamir and district rural president Gardaur Singh.

Abohar: Defying prohibitory orders issued under Section 144 of CrPC and the Disaster Management Act, some workers of the Youth Akali Dal on Wednesday staged a protest to against the minister. They raised slogans against him and demanded his dismissal from the Cabinet

After attack on Raina's kin, focus back on robbers' gang

GURDASPUR/ PATHANKOT, SEPT 2 After a long hiatus, the dreaded 'Kale Kachhewala' gang of criminals is back in Punjab with the latest example being that of the attack carried out by five persons on the relatives of cricketer Suresh Raina in Sujampur of Pathankot district on the intervening night of August 19 and 20.

SSP Gulneet Khurana, who is personally supervising the high-profile case, said apart from a Special Investigative Team (SIT) formed by the Pathankot police, several smaller teams, too, had been constituted. He added that three teams had been rushed to neighbouring Himachal Pradesh to crack the case.

"Two persons — Ashok Kumar and his son Kaushal Kumar — have died after being attacked by the gang. Ashok's wife Asha Rani and son Apan are still critical. They are unable to give a statement. We had to rely on statements given neighbours to know how many gangsters actually were involved. Prima facie it appears that five persons took part in the attack," he said.

Officers claim the gang, mainly comprising unemployed youth belonging to certain tribes, including the Dhanaka and Padri groups, targets houses in less populated areas like the one in which Raina's kin lived in Sujampur.

"It is a well-organised gang. Miscreants also don police uniforms to befool their intended targets. They often wear dark coloured undergarments," said Gurdaspur SSP Rajinder Singh Sohal. — TNS

₹50L relief, job for Rajouri martyr's family

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced an ex gratia relief of Rs 50 lakh, along with a government job to a family member of Subedar Rajesh Kumar of 60 SATA Regiment. The soldier was martyred on the intervening night of September 1 and 2 as a result of the unprovoked firing by Pakistan army in the Rajouri sector (J&K).

Paying homage to the martyr and extending his sympathy to the bereaved family, the CM said Subedar Rajesh Kumar laid down his life fighting for the country and the nation would not forget his supreme sacrifice. — TNS

Parties use protests to kick-start drives

RAVI DHALIWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURDASPUR, SEPTEMBER 2 The scholarship scam has come in handy for political parties to remain in the lime-light by holding protests over the issue here.

Local leaders not only burnt effigies of Cabinet minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, but also held discussions among themselves on the emerging political scenarios for Gurdaspur, Dinanagar, Qadian, Fatehgarh Churian, Batala and Dera Baba Nanak.

The Gurdaspur district SAD unit is scheduled to hold rallies later this week while the BJP too has taken to the drawing board to plan its strategy. Sources revealed that the party leadership would choose Sujampur, which is said to be a



MERE EYEWASH: CONGRESS

- The Congress dubbed the protests as a mere eye-wash
- "It is all fluff and no substance. I am sure that these parties will not be able to sustain the momentum because there are still 18 months to go before the state goes to the polls," said Cabinet minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa

BJP stronghold with sitting MLA and former Deputy Speaker Dinesh Singh Babbu representing the seat for three

consecutive terms now, to make a start.

AAP leaders claimed the party had chosen Majha to

trigger their campaigns as it was in this region where it had fared the worst in the 2017 polls. "We did well in Malwa and to a certain extent in Doaba too, but were a big flop in Majha. This is precisely the reason the leadership has started canvassing from Majha," said a leader.

Batala SAD MLA Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal said the scam had come at the right time for parties to commence poll drives. "I have asked workers, particularly from villages, to reach the city in a big way for the campaign. What is wrong in that? It is akin to killing two birds with one stone. It is not a bad idea at all," he said.

The BJP is tied in knots. Although party leaders say they will be holding rallies, there was uncertainty about their planning.

Ludhiana man set to become officer in Australian Air Force

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 A decade after Tajinder Kumar landed in Australia and took up a job as a wash-room cleaner, he is set to become a commissioned officer with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

After spending the early days in a foreign land cleaning toilets in a shopping mall and facing language as well as cultural barriers, he joined the RAAF as a recruit and certified in aviation maintenance.

Then in 2016, Tajinder won the Lipshur Family Bursary which provides sponsorship to enlisted personnel for a full-time undergraduate degree. This enabled him to pursue a degree in engineer-



FLYING HIGH

Indian Australian **Tajinder Kumar** will soon be inducted into the @AusAirForce as an officer, a long cherished dream he fulfilled thanks to his grit and determination, Australia's High Commissioner to India Barry O'Farrell tweeted

ing, which otherwise may not have been possible.

He will be graduating from the Officer Training School in Melbourne later this year.

Several persons of Indian origin already serve in the Australian military at various levels. India and Australia also have historical military ties and associations, having been part of the British Empire and troops of both countries serving alongside in various campaigns.

Tajinder belongs to Ludhiana and comes from a humble background. After finishing high school, he trained as a mechanical fitter at the Industrial Training Institute, but was unable to find a job locally.

Thereafter, he decided to move overseas and came to Australia as a skilled migrant. During his stint with the air force, he worked as an avionics technician on C-130 transport aircraft.

SC rejects cop's plea against denial of bail

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2 The Supreme Court has dismissed an anticipatory bail plea of Inspector Baljinder Singh, former SHO of Khanna Police Station, who is accused of making three persons stand nude in his cabin and passing casteist remarks.

"We are not inclined to entertain the Special Leave Petition under Article 136 of the Constitution. The Special Leave Petition is accordingly dismissed," a Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud said.

The accused inspector had challenged the Punjab and Haryana High Court's August 11 order rejecting his anticipatory bail plea.

"As the SHO, he is responsible for anything and everything that happens in his police station. From the evidence of SIT, it is evident that the police exceeded its mandate and tortured the complainant party. This is unacceptable in a society governed by the rule of law and needs to be dealt with a firm hand. Persons like the petitioner do not deserve any kind of discretionary relief at the hands of this court," the High Court had said dismissing his anticipatory bail plea.

The accused had contended that the HC's interpretation of facts and law was flawed as it failed to apply its mind and ruled against him without providing any valid reason.

7,000 'fake' pensioners get notices in Bathinda

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BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 2 Recently, the Department of Social Security issued 7,000 notices to "fake" pensioners to recover money from them in the district. In total, 70,137 fake pensioners had been identified by the department who had withdrawn Rs 162.35 crore in old-aged pension in the state.

In Bathinda, 8,762 fake beneficiaries were detected, who had withdrawn Rs 17 crore. Of them, 7,000 have been asked to pay back the pension amount they had got from the government within 15 days or else be prepared to face the police.

Jagraj Singh of Badiala

DIRECTED TO REPAY

- In Bathinda, 8,762 fake beneficiaries have been detected, who had withdrawn ₹17 crore
- Of them, 7,000 have been asked to pay back the pension amount they had got from the government within 15 days

village has been asked to return Rs 51,500. The notice states that it had come out during the probe that he had taken approval of pension by giving wrong details.

B Srinivasan, DC, said a committee led by the District Social Security Officer (DSSO) was constituted in notices had been issued to recover the money.

Bathinda DSSO

Teaswaspreet Kaur said, "In 2017, a survey was done, during which around 8,762 wrong beneficiaries were found in the district. We have issued notices to 7,000 such beneficiaries. Those remaining will also be served notices soon."

The highest numbers of fake pensioners were detected in Sangrur (12,573), followed by Bathinda (8,762), Amritsar (7,853), Muktsar (7,441) and Mansa (6,663).

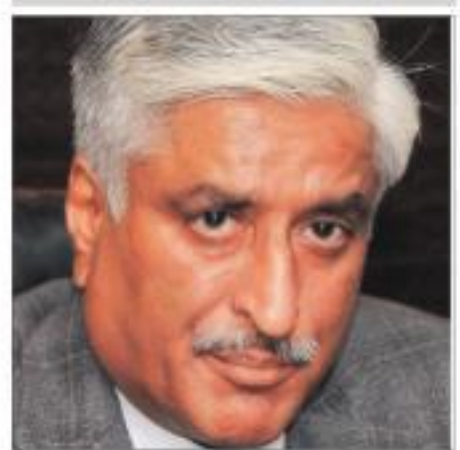
During the SAD-BJP tenure, political parties, including the Congress, had alleged that pension was not provided to original beneficiaries in Bathinda and only workers of Akali Dal were getting the benefit.

HC Judge recuses from hearing Saini's petition

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Punjab's former Director-General of Police Sumedh Singh Saini could not get any relief from the Punjab and Haryana High Court today in the kidnapping and murder case. His petition for declaring the probe to be "non est" and in violation of the Supreme Court order could not make any headway after Justice Amol Rattan Singh recused himself from hearing the matter.

Saini's anticipatory bail petition, filed today, is yet to come up for hearing. As the civil writ petition filed by Saini came up for hearing, Justice Amol Rattan Singh asserted that the matter be put up before another Bench after obtaining appropriate orders from the Chief Justice. "It is to be noticed here that the counsel for the petitioner has sought an early date. Consequently, the matter be put up before the Chief Justice immediately for assigning it to another Bench," Justice

Former top cop files 280-page bail plea



Ex-DGP Sumedh Singh Saini

Amol Rattan Singh added. Special Public Prosecutor SS Narula and CBI counsel Sumit Goel were present during the hearing. Punjab was represented by senior advocate Harin P Rawal, advocate Karan Bharihoke, along with state law officers Anusha Nagarajan and Diya Sodhi.

In his anticipatory bail application running into more than 280 pages, Saini submitted

that the court of Mohali Additional Sessions Judge Monika Goyal initially granted bail to the petitioner. Four more police officers were subsequently granted bail and the nature of allegations were considered in both orders.

But Mohali Additional Sessions Judge Rajnish Garg, while deciding the application for bail after addition of murder offence under Section 302 of the IPC, reviewed the finding as well as the observations recorded by Judge Monika Goyal in her earlier order dated May 11 on every count.

This, his counsel HS Deol submitted, was impermissible in law. He submitted the only reason given by the presiding officer was that the present bail application has been "filed after addition of offence under Section 302 of the IPC as certain more evidence has been collected by the investigating agency". — TNS

Court intervenes in transfer of Divisional Forest Officer

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 In an out of the ordinary order, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has interfered in the transfer of a Divisional Forest Officer while observing that the order, prima facie, violated the guidelines prescribed by the Punjab Government.

"Though this court would ordinarily be chary of interfering with a transfer, the impugned order of transfer is, prima facie, in clear violation of the guidelines prescribed by the Punjab Government," Justice Sanjay Kumar asserted.

Issuing a notice of motion, Justice Kumar also ordered stay on the operation and effect of the order dated August 19 "insofar as it pertains to the petitioner".

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice by Wilbert Samson through counsel Krishan Singh Dadwal. The Bench was told that the



'Order prima facie violates state govt's guidelines'

petitioner, a Forest Service Officer in Punjab, was posted as the Regional Manager, Forest Corporation, Amritsar.

Dadwal added he was to attain the age of superannuation and retire from service in February 2022. Yet, he was transferred and posted as the Divisional Forest Officer (Training) at Hoshiarpur, vide an order on August 19 passed by the Punjab Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation.

Referring to state's transfer policy, Dadwal among other things contended officers

belonging to Group A and Group B were not to be transferred prior to the completion of two years at a station.

Such officers could be transferred even prior to expiry of two years if special administrative circumstances existed. The guidelines also prescribed that prior approval from the Personnel Department was required.

The guidelines also prescribed that three options were to be obtained, when an employee, going to retire in less than two years, was to be transferred. The guidelines were extended for 2020 on July 17.

"Admittedly, the guidelines have application to the petitioner, a Group A officer. However, no option seems to have been called for from him though he is to retire in less than two years. There is also no indication of any prior approval having been taken from the personnel department," Justice Kumar added.



Police caneharge the protesters in Patiala on Wednesday.

Contractual employees caneharged in Patiala

PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 2 Contractual employees of the Water and Sanitation Department were caneharged by the Patiala Police on Wednesday when they tried to march towards the residence of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

Around 20 protesters were rounded up by the police. The police stopped the protesters near the Polo Ground where they staged a demonstration. They have been demanding regularisation of their services.

Gurpreet Singh, president, Motivator and Master-Motivator Union, Punjab, said, "The government is neither regularising our jobs nor paying us. We demand that the government should immediately advertise jobs and recruit us."

Charanjeet Singh, SDM, said, "We fixed a meeting with them. However, the protesters showed unruly behaviour. Consequently, the police had to use force to maintain law and order." — TNS

At 106, state sees highest single-day rise in deaths

1,514 new infections take caseload to 56,989

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 In the highest single-day rise in deaths, 106 persons succumbed to Covid in the past 24 hours in the state. Besides, 1,514 fresh cases were also reported.

With this, the state toll has reached 1,618 and the number of cases has climbed to 56,989.

Ludhiana reported the maximum 18 deaths, followed by Jalandhar with 11 deaths, Bathinda 10, SAS Nagar nine, Gurdaspur and Amritsar eight each, Ropar seven, Patiala six, Ferozepur and Hoshiarpur five each, Fatehgarh Sahib and Fazilka three each, Faridkot, Sangrur and Tarn Taran two each, Muktsar and SBS Nagar one each. At present, there are 15,629 active cases in the state and 39,742 have recovered from the disease so far.

Ludhiana is still the worst-affected district with 242 cases, followed by Bathinda 163, Jalandhar 171, Patiala 160, SAS Nagar 112, Amritsar 99, Faridkot 64, Muktsar 63 and



Health workers conduct a survey in containment areas in Abohar.

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	11,160	444	Moga	1,524	21
Jalandhar	6,951	180	Fatehgarh Sahib	1,150	35
Amritsar	4,249	175	Tarn Taran	842	33
Patiala	6,594	174	Kapurthala	1,332	57
Sangrur	2,267	90	Fazilka	969	16
SAS Nagar	4,045	92	SBS Nagar	760	19
Gurdaspur	2,466	59	Faridkot	1,283	16
Bathinda	2,622	37	Barnala	1,233	21
Hoshiarpur	1,630	51	Ropar	951	18
Ferozepur	1,908	34	Muktsar	1,056	10
Pathankot	1,343	24	Mansa	654	12
Total positive	56,989		Deaths		1,618

Fazilka 56, SAS 211, Jalandhar 158, Patiala 120, Amritsar 111,

Faridkot 110, Gurdaspur 104, Bathinda 64 and Muktsar 60.

Govt cuts test rates

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 The government today reduced the rates for Covid tests. Now, even private labs would not be able to charge more than the rates fixed by the government.

Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said the government had fixed a maximum of Rs 2,400 for RT-PCR test and reduced the charges for the Rapid Antigen Testing from Rs 1,000 to Rs 700 inclusive of GST and other taxes.

Whereas it has been left for

the private labs to fix rates for collection of samples from houses, the ICMR-approved 45 private labs are doing Covid testing in the state. The minister said apart from this, 600 government hospitals in the state were doing free Covid testing.

He said despite the symptoms, people inform health institutions late therefore tests get delayed and this was the main reason for the deaths due to the virus. — TNS

Minister slams rumour-mongers

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Even as he appealed to the people of the state not to risk their lives by delaying Covid-19 testing, Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today asked the DGP to initiate stern action against anti-social elements spreading misinformation about testing and treatment of the disease.

Home isolation restrictions eased

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today appealed to the people of the state to come forward and get themselves tested for Covid-19. He said the government had relaxed the norms for home isolation. Patients who have been clinically assigned as very mild/ pre-symptomatic/ asymptomatic cases by the treating medical officer could opt for home isolation. However, the requisite facility at their residence for self-isolation and also for quarantine of family contacts must be available, he maintained.

Elderly patients, aged more than 60 years, and those with comorbidity, such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, chronic lung/ liver/ kidney disease, cerebro-vascular disease etc, shall be allowed home isolation only after

Patient must procure a kit containing pulse oximeter, thermometer

proper evaluation by the treating medical officer, he said.

The minister said the patient needed to give an undertaking that there was adequate facility available for home isolation, like a separate room and toilet. The patient must procure a kit containing pulse oximeter, thermometer, Tab vitamin-C and Tab Zinc. A caregiver should be available 24 x7. A communication link between the caregiver and the hospital is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation. COVA App should be downloaded on mobile and it should remain active at all times. The patient would have to monitor his/her health and check oxygen saturation thrice a day.

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PUNJAB GOVERNMENT EASES NORMS FOR HOME ISOLATION

CRITERIA FOR ALLOWING HOME ISOLATION

- Any case clinically assigned as a very mild/pre-symptomatic/asymptomatic case by the treating medical officer.
- Have the requisite facility at their residence for self-isolation and also for quarantining the family contacts.
- Eligible patient has the option of giving undertaking for availability of facilities for home isolation at their residence at the time of giving samples and the patient would be assessed by Medical Officer at the site of sampling regarding fitness for home isolation. If he/she turns out to be COVID-19 positive, will continue in home isolation and there would be no need to bring the patient at hospital provided he/she continue to be asymptomatic/mild symptomatic
- Elderly patients aged more than 60 years and those with co-morbid conditions such as Hypertension, Diabetes, Heart disease, Chronic lung/liver/ kidney disease, Cerebro-vascular disease etc shall only be allowed home isolation after proper evaluation by Medical Specialist
- Patient will have to give an undertaking that there is adequate facility available for home isolation like a separate room and toilet
- Patient must procure a kit containing at least pulse oximeter, thermometer, Tab vitamin C and Tab Zinc
- A care giver should be available to provide care on 24 x7 basis. A communication link between the caregiver and hospital is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation.
- The care giver and all close contacts of such cases should take Hydroxychloroquine prophylaxis as per protocol and as prescribed by the treating medical officer.
- Download COVA App on mobile and it should remain active at all times (through Bluetooth and Wi-Fi)
- The patient shall agree to monitor his/her health and check oxygen saturation and temperature thrice a day, maintain record and regularly inform his health status to the District Nodal Officer for monitoring home isolation, who will facilitate further follow up by the surveillance teams.

DURATION OF HOME ISOLATION IS FOR 17 DAYS AND DEEMED ENDED IF NO SYMPTOMS FOR 3 DAYS.

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3. Patient must stay in the identified room and away from other people in home, especially elderlies and those with co-morbid conditions like hypertension, cardiovascular disease, renal disease etc.
4. Patient must take rest and drink lot of fluids to maintain adequate hydration .
5. Follow respiratory etiquettes all the time.
6. Hands must be washed often with soap and water for at least 40 seconds or clean with alcohol based sanitizer.
7. Don't share personal items with other people.
8. Clean surfaces in the room that are touched often (tabletops, door knobs, handles, etc) with 1% hypochlorite solution.
9. The patient must strictly follow the physician's instructions and medication advice.

CARE GIVERS MUST FOLLOW ALL THE GUIDELINES OF GOVERNMENT INCLUDING WEARING & DISPOSAL OF MASK, HAND HYGIENE, EXPOSURE TO PATIENT/PATIENT'S ENVIORNMENT AND CARE OF THE PATIENT AND FAMILY MEMBERS (Detailed instructions available on cova app, website pbhealth.gov.in)

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I, Mohan Lal Sehpal resident of House No. 178, Sector 10, Panchkula, Distt. Panchkula Haryana do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my original Sale Deed Sr. No. 71, Dated 10.06.2010 registered with the office of Sub Registrar Salcete/ Margao in respect of Hotel Lucky Store Unit of Hafizabad Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. has been lost. (CL20036115)

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Vinay s/o Late Ravinder Nath r/o # 2692, Jourian Bhattian, Patiala changed my name Vinay to Vinay Saiopal. (CL20036138)

I, Manjeet Kaur w/o Dalbir Singh r/o VPO Pandori Ran Singh, Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name Manjeet Kaur to Manjit Kaur. (CL20036038)

I, Rupinder Singla son of Ramkaran Singla, r/o 17B/243, Ward No. 7, near Civil Hospital, Sangrur Road, Dhuri, Sangrur, Punjab - 148024, have changed my name to Rupinder Garg for all purposes. (CL20035934)

I, Inderbir Kaur Aulakh w/o Akashdeep Singh Aulakh residence 9, Ajit Nagar, Patiala state that names Indervir Kaur, Inderbir Kaur, Inderbir Kaur Aulakh are mine. I'll be known Inderbir Kaur Aulakh for all purposes. (CL20036002)

I, Harbhajan Kaur w/o late Prem Singh r/o GNM Complex Sector 3, Parwanoo, Distt. Solan HP, my son Sarabjeet Singh Bajwa his wife Satinder Kaur Bajwa is out of my control. I disown them from my moveable immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them own risk. (CL20036053)

I, Lal Bahadur s/o Jagar Singh r/o Harigarh Kingan, Teh Guhla (Kathail) Haryana, declare that my son Satyajeet Singh is out of my control. I dispossess him from my all moveable and immovable properties. I and my family will not be responsible for his acts and conducts. (CL20036081)

I, Sarishtha Devi W/o Late Sh. Baldev Singh Service No. 3969302W, Rank Ex Hav R/o VPO Barial, Tehsil Jawali, District Kangra HP. My daughter name is wrongly entered as Ranjna Devi in my husband service record whereas her correct name is Rajni Kumari. Please concerned note. (CL20036129)

I, No. 13745473X Rank Ex NK Harnam Singh s/o Nanak Chand, Village Taperh, P/o Bharoli, Tehsil Jawalamukhi, District Kangra, HP, declare that my daughter Sumatra Kumari date of birth wrongly entered in my Army service record as 04.10.1985 whereas her correct date of birth is 10.03.1985, vide affidavit No. 14AA 847788 dated 28.08.2020 before Executive Magistrate, Patiala. (CL20036129)

Human rights body for criminal action against SAD leaders

MISSING 'SAROOPS'

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 2

The Punjab Human Rights Organisation (PHRO) led by Justice Ajit Singh Bains (ret'd) has demanded criminal proceedings against officials concerned and SAD leaders for misguiding the 'sangat' on the number of 'saroops' damaged in a fire incident at Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan, Gurdwara Ramsar Sahib, in 2016.

In what could put the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) in a peculiar situation is an official note regarding the 'saroops' that were damaged in the fire. The official note, presented by the then assistant supervisor of the Publication Department Kanwaljit Singh in February 2020, had mentioned that 80 saroops were damaged, either directly in the fire or due to water sprinkled over them in an attempt to douse the flames. Besides white 'rumale', sheets and mattresses were

'SGPC CONCEALED TRUTH'

“We fear that to save the SAD leadership from the wrath of the 'sangat' prior to the 2017 polls, the truth was concealed by SGPC officials. Soon after the fire incident, the in-charge of the Publication Department had recorded his statement about five damaged 'saroops', whereas the official records say no less than 80 were damaged.

Surjit Singh, ACTIVIST, PUNJAB HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATION

also damaged. Since the 'saroops' could not be used for the 'parkash' ceremony, these were cremated at Goindwal Sahib. The note was endorsed by former Chief Secretary Roop Singh and marked to the deputy secretary, SGPC, for noting on ledgers.

Apparently, to console the Sikh sentiments, the SGPC had then declared that just five 'saroops' were damaged in the fire that had occurred during the intervening night of May 18-19, 2016.

Roop Singh, who had resigned on moral grounds, said the note was from Kanwaljit's side and he had just forwarded it for

further process.

When Kanwaljit, nearing his retirement on May 31, 2020, had revealed the disappearance of 267 'saroops' (which were revised to 328 after probe), the SGPC had snubbed him. On June 27, SGPC's senior vice-president Rajinder Singh Mehta had claimed that 14 saroops and not 80 were damaged in the 2016 fire incident.

Surjit Singh, a PHRO activist, said they wanted to know why and on whose behest the truth was being concealed. “We fear that to save the SAD leadership from the wrath of the 'sangat' prior to the 2017 polls, the truth was concealed by SGPC officials.

13-yr-old girl married off, kin detained

MOGA, SEPTEMBER 2

There were reports of a child marriage as a 13-year-old school-going girl was married to a 30-year-old man at Chogavan village in Moga district. The relatives of the girl were reportedly taken into custody.

She was married off by her maternal grandfather at a relative's house in Tarn Taran district. After a few days of the marriage, when the girl came back to Chogavan village, locals found that the girl was married. An anganwari worker took up the issue with the sarpanch who informed about it to the local police.

The police reached the spot and allegedly took her husband, maternal grandfather, mother-in-law and a few other relatives into custody. The incident was also brought to the notice of the Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Department. — TNS

Now, ASHA workers asked to transport Covid testing kits

MANAV MANDER

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, SEPTEMBER 2

The Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) are waging a double battle, against low remuneration and collecting data for Covid survey amidst non-cooperative attitude of the people. Now, to further add to their woes, they have been asked to pick Covid testing kits from camps and return them in the evening at their respective hospitals and dispensaries, and they are not being paid any transportation charges for the same.

Balbir Kaur, an activist, said: “We are being paid Rs 1,000 for the door-to-door survey for Covid and now, we are being asked to transport the kits as well, without being paid any extra charges.”

The ASHA workers, at many places, have refused to carry out this work as they are not being paid extra.



ASHA workers protest low wages. FILE PHOTO

Activists working in Sanhewal said it was practically impossible for them to do the task. They were at one end of the town and picking and dropping the kits meant rushing to that place, which was practically not possible.

Rajveer Kaur, district president of ASHA Workers Union, said activists had been asked to do the work which actually did not come under the survey. So, many workers had refused to do it.

“Many people do not cooperate and some even hurl

abuses when we go to their homes for collecting data,” Balbir added.

Civil Surgeon Dr Rajesh Bagga said the ASHA workers had been asked to transport the kits under their survey duty for which they were being paid Rs 1,000 by the government.

“According to my information, the ASHA workers at some places have been asked to pick and drop the kits since the camps are being held at containment and micro-containment zones,” he said.

Burning issue



Farmers under the banner of the BKU (Sidhupur) seek withdrawal of stubble-burning cases filed against their counterparts in Bathinda on Wednesday. PAWAN SHARMA

'Khalistani flag' hoisted again in Moga

MOGA, SEPTEMBER 2

Once again, a 'Khalistani' flag was hoisted at the Sub-Divisional Magistrate's Office at Baghapurana, in Moga district, on Wednesday. The police immediately swung into action and removed the flag.

Meanwhile, Inderjit Singh and Jaspal Singh, who had hoisted a 'Khalistani' flag at the Mini-Secretariat in Moga on August 14 revealed during interrogation that they were planning to go to Pakistan via Nepal and they had also planned to hoist the 'Khalistani' flag at some places in Delhi as well. Their accomplice, Akashdeep Singh, was arrested by the police two weeks ago.

Inderjit and Jaspal were likely to get US\$2,500 in Nepal while Rs 20,000 was sent to the former through Moneygram, which he received from a local money exchanger. — TNS

Farmers raise issue of overflowing drain

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, SEPTEMBER 2

Farmers from Bahawalbasi, Kerakhera, Kailash Nagar and Dhani Sucha Singh villages today disrupted traffic for over six hours to highlight the problems being faced by them due to the overflowing Abulkhurana drain.

The overflowing drain and incessant rains have ravaged the standing cotton and other crops in 40 villages in the Balluana Assembly constituency of Abohar subdivision.

Sukhchain Singh, a farmer, said the district administration had last month directed the drainage administration to clean all drains. However, the officials concerned did not pay heed to the issue.

Paramjeet Singh, another farmer, said crops worth Rs

Cotton and other produce destroyed in 40 villages

500 crore were damaged due to a similar situation in September 2015, and subsequently, then Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal was forced to visit some of the affected areas and announce compensation. The former CM was told by the officials that the proposal to widen the drain had been gathering dust in the state headquarters for the past 12 years.

The sit-in was lifted at 4.30 pm after SDM Jaspal Singh Brar said Punjab State Power Corporation Limited had been told to install three more transformers to facilitate pumps to drain out the water from affected fields.

HC questions FIR on anonymous plaintiff

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asked the Punjab Director of Vigilance Bureau to explain the registration of an FIR against a retired employee on the basis of an anonymous complaint regarding alleged variations in her date of birth certificate, after describing the action as “quite disturbing”.

The direction by Justice Mahabir Singh Sindhu came on a petition filed by Amarjit Kaur against the State of Punjab. The Bench observed it was quite disturbing that the FIR had been registered against the petitioner on July 16 for cheating and other offences under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, and 471 of the IPC at the Vigilance Bureau police station in Ludhiana.

Justice Sindhu observed she retired from service on November 30, 2016. The allegations against her were that in 1968, when she was VI standard student her date of birth was recorded as January 6, 1957. But it was mentioned as November 29, 1958, in class VIII.

Justice Sindhu further observed the paper-book revealed that six depart-



mental inquiries were conducted against the petitioner, but she was exonerated on all occasions and now the FIR was registered on the basis of some anonymous complaint.

Faced with the situation, the state counsel sought time to seek instructions for taking corrective measures in the matter. Fixing November 17 as the next date of hearing, Justice Sindhu added: “Let Director of Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, file his affidavit disclosing the reasons for registration of the present FIR on the basis of anonymous complaint at such a belated stage, before next date of hearing”.

The petitioner was also asked to join investigation. In the event of her arrest, the arresting officer was directed to admit her to interim bail till the next date of hearing on her furnishing adequate bail and surety bonds. — TNS

Reduce probation period: Health workers

BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 2

Members of the Health Workers' Sangharsh Committee staged a protest at the Civil Hospital, Bathinda, and burnt an effigy of the Health Minister, alleging that the department had failed to

honour its promises made regarding regularisation of female health workers and reducing the probation period of newly-appointed male health workers. The union will protests till September 8. — TNS

BRIEFLY

ASI thrashes shopkeeper, sent to Police Lines

Ropar: An Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) has been sent to Police Lines after a video of him thrashing a shopkeeper went viral on social media. Vishnu Bhatnagar, general secretary, District Sweets Shop Owners Union, said ASI Balwant Singh entered his shop along with other cops and started hitting his brother with a cane. The eyewitness said earlier the police personnel had thrashed several vendors near the Civil Hospital. DSP Talwinder Singh said the ASI has been sent to Police Lines. TNS

Customs Dept seizes 1-kg gold at Amritsar airport

Amritsar: The Customs Department has confiscated one-kg gold after checking a flight at Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport here. According to information, the flight arrived from Dubai at 3.15 pm. During the routine checking, a gold bar weighing one kg, valued at Rs 51 lakh, was found underneath a seat. Customs' Commissioner AS Ranga said the gold bar was covered with a black adhesive tape sticking to the bottom of an unoccupied seat of the plane. The recovered gold has been seized under the Customs Act. TNS

IIT-Ropar ranked 2nd best institute in country

Ropar: Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, (IIT-Ropar) has been ranked second in the country after the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021 announced on Wednesday. The IIT-Ropar has been ranked in the scale of 351 to 400. Sarit K Das, Director, IIT-Ropar, said, “The force behind the success of IIT-Ropar is its state-of-the-art infrastructure, world-class research and highly qualified faculty.” TNS

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R&B CONSTRUCTION DIVISION NO. II, SGR.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No. 55/CDII/4803-13 of 2020-21
 For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:-

DATED: 01.09.2020.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/D/c. (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	M.H. of Account	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Face lifting and other Civil Works at U.C.H.C Batamaloos Srinagar	46.00	1100/-	92000/-	15 Days	4210 Medical District Sector	"AAV/BEE"

Position of AAA: Accorded
Position of Funds: Available

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, Bill of Quantities (B.o.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	02.09.2020 from 10.00 a.m.
3	Bid submission Start Date	02.09.2020 from 10.00 a.m.
4	Bid Submission End Date	08.09.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.
5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	09.09.2020 at 11.00 a.m. in the Office of Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division 2nd, Srinagar.

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division No. 2nd, Srinagar (Tender Inviting Authority) and Earnest Money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR (The date of Earnest Money/Bid security should be between the date of Start of bid and Bid Submission End Date) pledged to Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division No. 2nd, Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).

3. The date and time of opening of bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders, automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the Office of Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division No. 2nd, Srinagar (Tender Receiving Authority).

4. The Earnest Money in favour of unsuccessful bidder shall be released only after submission of Treasury Challan

5. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

6. The Earnest Money shall be forfeited, if:-

- Any bidder/ tenderer withdraws his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
- Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within the specified time limit.
- Failure of Successful bidder to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.

7. **Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.**

- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the “Downloads” option as well as from “Bidders Manual Kit” on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.
- To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get “Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)” as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved Vendor.
- The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the bid.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the Technical bid.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division No. 2nd, Srinagar and Earnest Money/Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR. (The date of earnest money/Bid security should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date) pledged to Executive Engineer R&B Construction Division No. 2nd, Srinagar must be uploaded with the documents of the bid. The original Treasury Challan (cost of tender document), CDR/FDR (Earnest Money/bid security) and relevant bid documents shall be obtained from the lowest bidder before the fixation of contract.
- Bidders are advised not to make any change in B.o.Q. (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar B.o.Q. manually.
- Any item or items of work beyond the allotted items necessitated at site if any shall be also paid on allotted appreciation/depreciation on the Estimated Rate.
- Price escalation and Taxes:-** The %age quoted by the bidder shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work. Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill as per the rates prevailing at the time of recovery.
- Bidders are advised to use “My Documents” area in their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
- In case of CRF and any other specified project, the relevant guidelines/standard bidding document shall be followed.**

No. 4803-13, Dated: 01.09.2020

DIPK-4901/20

Sd/- Executive Engineer, R&B Construction Division IInd, Srinagar.

1,792 new virus cases, 15 deaths

CHANDIGARH/GURUGRAM, SEPT 2 With each passing day, the state has been recording more and more cases of Covid. On Wednesday, the state recorded 1,792 new cases, the highest so far in a day. With this, the tally reached 68,218. Besides, 15 persons died of the virus, taking the toll to 721.

Two deaths each were reported from Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar and Fatehabad, while one death each was recorded in Faridabad, Ambala, Rohtak, Hisar and Sirsa.

Most of the cases were reported from Panchkula (216), Gurugram (184), Faridabad (152), Panipat (142), Karnal (130) and Kurukshetra (126).

Of the 184 persons infected in Gurugram, 18 are inmates of Bhondsi jail and as many are National Security Guard (NSG) commandos deployed in Manesar. The Health Department has started aggressive testing. — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	12,986	173
Gurugram	12,311	133
Sonepat	4,557	41
Ambala	4,016	34
Panipat	3,938	50
Rewari	3,662	21
Karnal	3,140	34
Rohtak	3,135	32
Panchkula	2,544	23
Hisar	2,536	16
Kurukshetra	1,971	36
Mahendragarh	1,841	1
Yamunanagar	1,809	22
Palwal	1,546	12
Bhiwani	1,521	12
Sirsa	1,474	19
Jhajjar	1,306	17
Kaithal	1,217	11
Fatehabad	997	11
Nuh	767	14
Jind	668	8
Charkhi Dadri	294	1
Total	68,218	721

Covid hits economy badly, revenue receipts fall by 31%

Lowest since 2015 | Borrowings, other liabilities stand at ₹10,612 cr

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Covid-19 has hit Haryana's financial health, as the state's revenue receipts in the current fiscal year (2020-21) are the lowest since 2015-16, but borrowings and other liabilities stand at Rs 10,612 crore. According to the CAG's state-wise monthly indicators, the state's revenue receipts till July this year stood at Rs 15,178.91 crore against Rs 22,221.01 crore last year, shrinking by 31.7 per cent.

The revenue receipts in 2018-19 were Rs 21,112.52 crore, in 2017-18, Rs 20,950.35 crore and in 2016-17, Rs 15,992.51 crore.

This financial year, GST collections were Rs 3,698.77 crore against Rs 5,362.09 crore last year, a reduction of 31 per cent.

THE SLUMP

Collection	2020-21	2019-20
Revenue receipts	₹15,178.91 cr	₹22,221.01 cr
GST	₹3,698.77 cr	₹5,362.09 cr
Stamps and registration	₹938.78 cr	₹2,244.61 cr
Sales tax	₹2,056.03 cr	₹2,920.82 cr
State excise duty	₹1,979.41 cr	₹2,649.23 cr

(FIGURES TILL JULY; TAKEN FROM CAG MONTHLY INDICATORS)

The stamp and registration fee collections were the worst affected with just Rs 938.78 crore against Rs 2,244.61 crore last year, a reduction of 58.2 per cent. The sales tax collection, including earnings from the sale of petrol and diesel, besides a few other items, this year stood at Rs 2,056.03 crore, 29.6 per cent less than the previous year. The state excise duty was Rs 1,979.41 crore against the previous year's Rs 2,649.23 crore, a reduction of 25.3 per cent.



The non-tax revenue, which includes collections from mining, transport, external development charges, has also seen a shortfall of 63 per cent this year, as only Rs 696.93 crore was collected. However, till July 2019-20, it was Rs 1,885.69 crore. Under capital receipts, the loans and advances recovered was just Rs 59.23 crore against last year's Rs 5,211.42 crore. The borrowings and other liabilities stood at Rs 10,612.99 crore, while it was Rs 7,383.79

To protect Rafale from bird-hits, notices issued to pigeon owners

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 Chief Secretary Keshni Anand Arora has ordered the officers concerned to address the complaint of the Ambala Air Force Station about the risk to the safety of newly inducted Rafale fighter aircraft from the presence of birds around the airbase. "I have directed the Ambala MC Commissioner and the Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Local Bodies, to resolve the matter with the Army authorities," she said.

The area close to the Air Force station falls under the military cantonment. Meanwhile, the sanitary inspector of the local body has issued notices to residents, who are breeding pigeons. Action would be taken against the residents if their pigeons flew within the 10 km radius of the airbase, the official said. Earlier, the Director General, Urban Local Bodies, had written to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ambala City; Municipal Commissioner of



Action to be taken if pigeons fly within 10 km radius of the airbase

Ambala, and the Executive Officer of Municipal Council, Ambala Sadar, for a

87 addicts ended life, 13 died of overdose in 2019

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 In all, 87 people committed suicide due to drug or liquor addiction while 13 died of overdose in the state in 2019, reveals the National Crime Record Bureau's (NCRB) report on 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India-2019'.

In 2018, 137 people had committed suicide due to drugs or alcohol addiction while 86 had died of overdose in Haryana.

However, in neighbouring Punjab, 102 committed suicide due to addiction and 45 people died of drug overdose in 2019. Also, 78 people lost their lives due to overdose and 55 committed suicide because of addiction in 2018. So, there were more suicides due to addiction in Punjab in 2019.

There were 4,191 suicides in Haryana in 2019, which is a jump of 18.2 per cent from

2018, when 3,547 people had taken their lives. In Punjab, there is a rise of 37.5 per cent in suicides as 2,357 ended their life in 2019 while there were 1,714 such cases in the previous year.

If we analyse the reasons, the highest number of suicides in Haryana in 2019 had taken place due to illness (753), family problems (649), marriage-related issues (317), professional or career problems (63) and the causes are not known in 587 cases.

Among marital issues, 60, including 43 men and 17 women, ended life due to non-settlement. Also, 20 suicides were due to extra martial affairs, which included 15 men and five women.

Mental illness was the reason behind 302 suicides in Haryana, while 422 cases were of prolonged illness. Meanwhile, 17 committed suicide due to issues in love affairs.

Ex-MLA used political clout to block drain: HC

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 The Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that a former legislator misused his political connections and influence to block a drain and dismantle pipes laid down by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). But despite the "gross illegal act", the authorities maintained silence, remained insolent towards protecting the citizens' interests, succumbed to political pressure and showed utmost servility towards the leader.

The assertion by Justice Fateh Deep Singh came on a petition filed against the

Union of India, Haryana, now-deceased MLA and other respondents by Amrik Singh through counsel Jagdish Manchanda.

He was seeking directions to the respondents to open a minor culvert "blocked" by respondent-MLA as crops belonging to him and other farmers were being damaged. The Bench was told that the petitioner and his family owned more than 168 kanals along the Ambala-Kaithal National Highway. But the respondent, who happened to be an MLA, closed the culvert by placing mud at the opening. As a consequence, accumulating water caused loss to the crops.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Rohru, Distt. Shimla, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rates, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the undermentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Starting Date for down-loading BID	E/ Money	Deadline for sub-mission of BID
1	Up-gradation of Sheel Ganga Nagar Kulgaon Kupri Methli road Km 0/0 to 10/0 (SH- ROFD Ravalli and CD works PCC Drain/M/T etc. Km 0/0 to 10/0)	Rs. 6,45,03,954/-	15.09.2020 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 680000/-	29.09.2020 1800 Hrs. 18 months

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. And any corrigendum uploaded in website.

DPR/HP/2604 **Executive Engineer, B&R Divn. HPPWD, Rohru.**

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW AUTOMATIC DE-COILING MACHINE

Tender is invited for the purchase and installation of one new automatic de-coiling machine required for De-coiling/straightening/cutting/bundling/packaging of the TMT coils at PSIEC distributship of TMT at Industrial Growth Centre Pathankot, Punjab. The new automatic de-coiling machine shall conform to the following minimum specifications:

Input material size	6mm-12mm TMT in Coils
De-coiling speed	Min. 100 meters per minute
Cutting length	1 meter up to 13 meters, adjustable
Cutting	Automatic at specified lengths
Cutting tolerance	As per BIS specification

The desirous parties may submit their tender in three sealed envelopes separately for Technical Bid & Price Bid. The master envelope should be sealed and marked "Tender for Purchase and installation of New automatic De-coiling Machine". The last date of tender is 10.09.2020 by 3 P.M. at the below mentioned address. It will be opened on the same day at 4 P.M. in the presence of tenderers. Other details are available on our website

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Managing Director,
Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation,
Udyog Bhawan, 18-Himalaya Marg, Sector 17,
Chandigarh. Phones: 0172-2702301/05
E-mail: info-psiec@punjab.gov.in
website: psiec.punjab.gov.in

DPR/Pb/71625

PUNSUP
PUNJAB STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
ਪਨਸਪ
ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ (ਪਨਸਪ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ 01.10.2020 ਤੋਂ 30.09.2021 (2020-21) ਲਈ ਮਿਡਡੇ-ਮੀਲ ਸਰੀਮ ਅਪੀਨ ਐਂਡ ਸੀਆਈ.ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਦੀਆਂ ਯੂਨਿਟ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਗੁਦਾਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਮਿਡਡੇ-ਮੀਲ ਸਰੀਮ ਅਪੀਨ ਕਟਕ ਅਤੇ ਚਾਰਜਜ਼ ਚੁੱਕ ਕੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਅੰਦਰ ਪੈਂਦੇ ਮਿਡਡੇ-ਮੀਲ ਸਰੀਮ ਅਪੀਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਰਿਕਲਚਰ ਆਦਿ ਸਾਰੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਅਨਾਜ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਆਦਿ-ਬੁਝਾਈ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰਕਰ ਅਨਾਜ ਦੀ ਮਾਤਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਥਿਤੀ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਸਾਧਨ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਐਂਡ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਣੇ ਹੀ ਵਰਤ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਿੱਜੀ 16.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਪਨਸਪ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ, 138 ਪਹਿਲੀ ਮੰਜ਼ਿਲ, ਐਂਡਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਫੋਟੀ ਬਾਰਾਦੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਲੈਣੇ ਸਾਣਗੇ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਬਿਆਨੇ ਕਮਾਨਡ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਬੈਂਕ ਰਾਹਵਾਨ ਰਹੀ ਲਈ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

1 ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ: 15.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 05.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ।
2 ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਦੀ ਕੀਮਤ	1000/- ਰੁ. ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਫਾਰਮ, ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਲਾਕ।
3 ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ: 16.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 01.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ।
4 ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ: 16.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 02.30 ਵਜੇ।
5 ਬਿਆਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਲਾਕ	50000/- (ਪੰਜਾਬ ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਰੁਪਏ)
6 ਇੰਕਿਰੀਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਲਾਕ	1 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ (50000/- ਰੁ. ਬਿਆਨੇ ਸਮੇਤ)
7 ਬਲਾਕ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ	ਪਟਿਆਲਾ-1, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ-2, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ-3, ਭੁਲਹੇਰੀ-1, ਭੁਲਹੇਰੀ-2, ਦਵੀਗੜ੍ਹ, ਭਾਦਲੋਂ, ਭਾਦਲੋਂ-2, ਬਾਬਰਪੁਰ, ਸਮਾਣਾ-1, ਸਮਾਣਾ-2, ਸਮਾਣਾ-3, ਰਾਜਪੁਰਾ-1, ਰਾਜਪੁਰਾ-2, ਘਨੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈਆਂ।

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ/ਵਿਆਝਾਈ ਦੇ ਟਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਆਨੇ ਕਮਾਨਡ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਦੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਮਿਤੀ 15.09.2020 ਤੱਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਰਕਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੇਨੇਜਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮ. (ਪਨਸਪ) ਪਟਿਆਲਾ, ਐਸਸੀਓ. 138, ਪਹਿਲੀ ਮੰਜ਼ਿਲ, ਐਂਡਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਫੋਟੀ ਬਾਰਾਦੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜੇਕਰ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਕਾਰਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੈਣੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣ ਤਾਂ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੰਮਕਾਰ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਉਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲੈਣੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੌਟਿਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਆਨੇ ਕਮਾਨਡ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਵਿਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਣੇ ਹੀ ਵਰਤ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨਿਯਮ/ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਨਾਲ ਪੈਨ ਨੰ. ਅਤੇ ਗਿਰਾਫ਼ਤੀ ਸੂਚੀ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਲਗਾਉਣਾ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨਿਯਮ/ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਆਦਿ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਪਨਸਪ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.punsup.gov.in ਉੱਤੇ ਵੀ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ, ਜਿੱਥੇ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੇਨੇਜਰ, ਪਨਸਪ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

DPR/Pb/71774

Withdraw toll hike: Cong

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 While condemning the toll hike in Haryana, Senior Congress leader and chief spokesperson of Indian National Congress Randeep Surjewala has urged the government to immediately withdraw the toll hike.

Surjewala said the toll has been increased for the second time during the Covid epidemic, which shows government's insensitivity towards the people. On the one hand, people of the country and the state are facing economic recession due to the pandemic but on the other hand, instead of providing some relief to them, rubbing salt into their wounds the government is issuing such Tughlaqi decrees, he said.

He pointed out that heavy tax was being levied by the state government in the form of road tax and it was also a matter of record that the Khattar-Chautala government of the state had been repeatedly increasing VAT on petrol and diesel for the last six years. — TNS

Fatehabad villagers refused to give samples

MAN TESTS +VE, BUT VISITS VAISHNO DEVI

Gurugram: Another Covid patient has violated quarantine norms by travelling to Vaishno Devi in Jammu with his family after testing positive and without collecting his test report. An FIR has been registered against him at Badshahpur police station. According to the complaint filed by Dr Jyoti Gupta, Medical Officer in-charge of UPHC, Fazilpur, a 56-year-old resident of Vipul Green Society in Sector 48 here got himself tested for Covid-19 on August 26 and left for Jammu with his family without taking the report. "We are trying to contact the family," said investigating officer Naveen Kumar. oc

Man booked for killing wife

MAHENDRAGARH, SEPTEMBER 2 A mason reportedly killed his wife and three children with an axe at their tin-shed hut in Narnaul on Tuesday and fled. The deceased have been identified as Aarti (29), two sons Arun (7) and Arvind (6) and daughter Sandhya (4). The police have booked a case of murder against the mason, Tulsidas of Madhya Pradesh. The reason behind the killings is yet to be ascertained. The accused is said to be a drunkard. The axe used in the crime was recovered. — TNS

MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY ROHTAK
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Extension of the Admission Date for the Academic Session 2020-21 (Adv. No. PR-6 of 2020)

This has reference to the Admission Notice already published in various leading newspapers.

It is notified for information of all concerned that last date for submission of online application form for admission to first Semester in Postgraduate Programmes and L.L.B. (Hons.) 3 year Programs being offered by University Teaching Departments and MDU-CPAS, Gurugram has been further extended up to 30.09.2020. Names of these Programs are available on the University website.

For more information, please visit University website i.e. www.mdu.ac.in. Updates/changes, if any, will be notified on M.D.U. website.

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ਦਫਤਰ ਵਾਈਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ-ਕਮ-ਵਾਈਕ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਟਰ (ਮਹਾਨਗਰ), ਤਰਨ ਤਾਰਨ

ਮਹਾਨਗਰ ਸਰੀਮ ਅਪੀਨ ਭਰਤੀ ਦਾ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਤਰਨ ਤਾਰਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਮਹਾਨਗਰ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਪੇਂਡੂ ਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰ ਗਾਰੰਟੀ ਸਰੀਮ (ਮਹਾਨਗਰ) ਅਪੀਨ 6 ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਤਰਨੀਕੀ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਮਹਾਨਗਰ (ਅਨੁਸੂਚਿਤ ਜਾਤੀ (Other) -1, ਅਨੁਸੂਚਿਤ ਜਾਤੀ (M & B) -2, ਸਾਬਕਾ ਫੌਜੀ-1, ਜਨਰਲ (EWS) -1 (ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ 1) ਜੋ ਕਿ ਨਿਰੋਲ ਠੇਕੇ ਦੇ ਆਦਿਪਾਤ 'ਤੇ 1 ਸਾਲ ਲਈ ਜਾਂ ਲੋੜ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਭਰਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਯੋਗ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਚਾਰਵਾਰ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਕਮਰਾ ਨੰ. 115 ਪਹਿਲੀ ਮੰਜ਼ਿਲ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕੀ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਤਰਨ ਤਾਰਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਯੋਗ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 04.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮਿਤੀ 10.09.2020, ਸ਼ਾਮ 4.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਅਧੂਰੀਆਂ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਮਿਥੀ ਭਰਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਚਾਰਿਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਦਾ ਰਾਮੇਟ, ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਯੋਗਤਾ, ਕੰਮ ਦਾ ਤਜਰਬਾ, ਅਸਾਮੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਰਾਖਵਾਨਕਾ ਉਮਰ ਹੱਦ, ਫੀਜ਼ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਨਿਯਮ 'ਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.tamtaran.nic.in 'ਤੇ ਇਲਾਜ਼ਯ ਹਨ। ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੇ ਵਾਸਨੀਕ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਰਾਜ ਦੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਬੋਰਡ/ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਰੋਗੁਲ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ, ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਨੋਟ: ਭਰਤੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਲਈ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਜਾਂ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਵਾਈਕ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ-ਕਮ-ਵਾਈਕ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਟਰ (ਮਹਾਨਗਰ), ਤਰਨ ਤਾਰਨ

DPR/Pb/71769

PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Thunag invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved and eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

Name of Work: Providing LWSS for Balichowki and multi village group piped water supply scheme for part of Balichowki block of District Mandi (HP) (SH- Construction of intake well, WTP 1.40 MLD, Pump houses 1st, 2nd & 3rd Stages, MBRS, SRs at various location, P/L/J/T of MSERW/GI rising main, gravity mains, distribution system, S/E of pumping machinery raw water stage, 1st, 2nd & 3rd stage automation including trial run for 90 days on full designed capacity)

Estimated Cost:-	Rs. 33,88,44,179/-
Earnest Money	Rs. 34,21,000/-
Cost of Tender Document:-	Rs. 2500/-
Time Limit:-	18 Months

Schedule of tendering:-

1. Site Visit	From 31/08/2020 to 04/09/2020 between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
2. Last Date of entertaining pre bid queries	04/09/2020 at 5.00 p.m.
3. Pre-Bid Meeting date	07/09/2020 at 11.00 a.m., in the office of Engineer-in-Chief Jal Shakti Vibhag Tuti Kandi Shimla (HP)
4. Bid Submission start date	29/08/2020 at 10.00 a.m.
5. Bid Submission end date	11/09/2020 at 5:00 p.m.
6. Physical Submission of Earnest Money Deposit and Cost of Tender form if not submitted online.	14/09/2020 at 11:30a.m.
7. Opening of Eligibility criteria & Technical bid (Cover-I)	14/09/2020 at 11:30 a.m.
8. Opening of Financial Bid (Cover-II)	Date and place to be notified separately

The tender document can be downloaded from departmental website i.e. www.hiphg.org w.e.f. 29/08/2020 at 10:00 a.m. up to 11/09/2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Thunag Distt. Mandi.
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/2632

The Tribune

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Befitting reply

India seizes initiative as it thwarts Chinese incursions

THE tactical gains achieved by Indian troops in eastern Ladakh in recent days demonstrate the high level of military preparedness that is desirable at all times to confront a persistently hostile and provocative neighbour. India has managed to occupy several strategically important hilltops and other locations, thwarting the Chinese military’s brazen attempts to unilaterally change the status quo. India has often been held guilty of adopting a reactive rather than a proactive approach to national security. But the firm handling of the current situation through aggressive posturing, pre-emptive action and military build-up shows that the winds of change are blowing. The Indian Army has been quick to ramp up its presence around the southern bank of Pangong Tso lake, which witnessed a Chinese incursion on the intervening night of August 29 and 30, by deploying additional troops and bringing in more weaponry such as tanks and anti-tank guided missiles.

Even though China had lost an unspecified number of soldiers in the Galwan valley violence in mid-June, its evasiveness over the incident and the death toll has laid bare its embarrassment over being hoisted by its own petard. On August 31, the Chinese troops resorted to another misadventure even as the ground commanders of the two sides were holding discussions to defuse tensions. Such happenings underscore the gross mismatch between Chinese assurances and actions. No wonder, all the military and diplomatic talks held in the past two-and-a-half months have failed to produce any tangible outcome as the situation on the ground remains sensitive.

China has been harping on the normalisation of ties, though it has done precious little towards this end of late. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying has asked ‘both sides to stick to the facts and have goodwill to maintain overall bilateral relations’, while conceding that there are some communication issues. It’s imperative for India to keep all channels of communication open so that China finds it increasingly difficult to hide behind the smokescreen of lies and cover-ups. If India keeps acting resolutely, it will continue to have the upper hand on the ground as well as at the negotiating table.

Upholding civil rights

Released from jail, UP doctor has a message for govt

IN an affirmation of civil rights, the Allahabad High Court has ordered the release of Dr Kafeel Khan, who was in jail under the National Security Act for making an allegedly provocative speech at Aligarh Muslim University on the Citizenship Amendment Bill that led to the charge of promoting enmity between communities against him. The court, while holding his detention as illegal, said the incarceration was the result of ‘selective reading and selective mention of phrases’ and that there was no attempt in the speech to disturb peace and tranquility in the city of Aligarh. Dr Kafeel Khan has quoted instances from the Ramayana to remind the Uttar Pradesh Government that by insisting on punishing him, it was only resorting to child-like obduracy or *baal hath*—a possible allusion to an electoral fallout considering that he now wants to work for the flood-hit in Bihar and Assam, states where Assembly elections are due in the months ahead.

Not surprisingly, his release has been welcomed by the Opposition, with the Samajwadi Party raising the demand for the release of its leader Azam Khan, who is in jail on land-grab charges. Dr Khan has also told the government that it should perform ‘Raj Dharma’, a term the connotation of which has a familiar ring for the present BJP-led NDA government at the Centre for its use in another time, to underline the need for social harmony and inclusive politics. The doctor has also conveyed his apprehension of being implicated in another case in a reference to the prevailing law and order situation in the state.

Dr Khan, a paediatrician at a hospital in Gorakhpur, the constituency of the UP Chief Minister, had landed in trouble when he accused the government of institutional failure after many children died there due to lack of oxygen cylinders. The state government also needs to dispel the charge of political vendetta and restore the confidence of the people, shaken due to measures like the seizure of property of the anti-CAA protesters. The release of Dr Khan by the court could well provide a stepping stone.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The measures of war ought ever to look forward to peace. — **Alexander Hamilton**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1920

The “Gazette” and Ourselves.

REFERRING to our observation in a recent issue that in view of the fact that the alleged murderer of the Deputy Commissioner of Kheri had already been convicted more than once of such an offence as burglary, it was obviously premature to attach any excessive importance to his own statement that his motive was political, the *Gazette* had the following in its issue:— “Now that is a superficial and double-edged argument. Our friend must know that in 1919 a number of those composing the mobs and actually committing outrages was simply the wastrels and scum of the towns and in themselves could hardly be described as politicians. Yet they were incited by—shall we say, politicians in the background—to excesses. Incidentally, we believe, many of them in their affliction as convicted felons have been fortunate enough to secure, in some cases with success, the sympathy and advocacy of our contemporary as political offenders.” The answer is obvious. We know the argument is a double-edged one, but it will be time enough for the *Gazette* to remind us of this fact when it and its friends are careful enough to avoid the edge on their side. Does it not strike the journal that to represent ordinary criminals as being “political” is the surest way to excite sympathy for them in the general public? Take last year’s case. If the Government had been careful not to spread its net wide so as to catch every big fish in the Province, if it had scrupulously avoided confounding a lawful political agitation with the reprisals of a mob gone mad in anger, in excitement and in terror, and if it had treated the reprisals themselves as having no special political significance, as they would have been treated in such a country as England, the public sympathy for the authors of the excesses would have been much less than it was.

Imran’s diplomatic fiasco

One-point anti-India propaganda ruins Pakistan’s ties with the Arab world



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ONE of the main pillars of Pakistan’s worldwide anti-India diplomacy has been its efforts to malign India in Islamic countries, especially in the Gulf and across West Asia. It constantly sheds crocodile tears about a so-called ‘India-Israel axis’ and an anti-Islamic ‘Hindu-Jewish’ conspiracy threatening the Islamic world. The 53-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), which is significantly influenced by Saudi Arabia, is sought to be used to promote anti-India propaganda, particularly on J&K. This era is now ending, as India’s relations with the Islamic world, particularly with the oil-rich Gulf countries, including Iraq, have significantly improved. Like India, most Arab states favour a ‘two-state solution’ to the Israel-Palestinian issue. Moreover, these countries view Pakistan as an economic basket case, forever pleading for money.

It is, however, the arrogance and ignorance of Imran Khan, obsessed with denigrating India, that has ruined Pakistan’s relations with the Arab world. He has seriously upset Pakistan’s benefactors like Saudi Arabia and the UAE by seeking to strike deals with their Islamic rivals like Turkey, Iran and Malaysia. His efforts to make Kashmir an issue for collective action by the ‘Islamic ummah’ inevitably failed. He did not realise that over the centuries, the ‘umma’ has been afflicted with Persian-Arab and Arab-Turkish civilisational prejudices, apart from age-old Shia-Sunni rivalries. Imran inexplicably walked into a diplomatic quagmire by joining the efforts of 93-year-old Mahathir Mohammed of Malaysia and the arrogant Turkey



AT IT: Pakistan must learn that its efforts to condemn India are a recipe for economic disaster and political isolation.

India is seen by the Arabs as a diplomatically reliable and economically useful partner, and regional power.

President Recep Erdogan to set up a new Islamic grouping. He was, however, forced to pull back after Saudi expressions of strong displeasure.

Imran has little or no knowledge about the warm ties between India and the Arab states. He has led his country into a diplomatic bog. He was rebuffed on more than one occasion by Saudi Arabia on his pleas to convene a meeting of the OIC to take action against India. His loquacious Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi demanded that Saudi Arabia should immediately convene a meeting of the OIC foreign ministers. He pompously proclaimed: ‘If you cannot convene it, then I’ll be compelled to ask PM Imran Khan to call a meeting of the Islamic countries that are ready to stand with us on the issue of Kashmir, and support the oppressed Kashmiris.’

Imran seemed to have forgotten that Pakistan’s economy survives on annual doles from Saudi Arabia and the West. The infuriated Saudis responded immediately by freezing a \$3.2 billion oil credit facility, and demanded that Pakistan commence repaying a \$3 billion loan. All hell immediately broke loose in the

army’s GHQ at Rawalpindi, when the Saudi sanctions were announced. The Saudi ambassador headed to Rawalpindi for a meeting with army chief Qamar Jawed Bajwa, ignoring both Imran and Qureshi. He, thereafter, met opposition leaders in Lahore.

Imran has not learnt anything from the way PM Modi had visited and befriended Arab monarchies. Saudi Arabia and the UAE see India as a diplomatically reliable and economically useful partner. Their leading national oil companies have decided to invest \$60 billion in a major petrochemical project in Maharashtra’s Raigad district. At the same time, the Arab countries could not have been too pleased by the \$400 billion economic deal which Pakistan’s ‘all-weather friend’ China had negotiated with Shia-dominated Iran. They regard Iran as their principal security threat. Moreover, for many Pakistanis, relations with Saudi Arabia are sacrosanct, as it provides employment to millions of Pakistani workers. Imran seems to have forgotten that overruling Pakistan’s objections, the UAE had invited India’s then External Affairs Minister

‘If God wills, I will’

RK SABOO

AUGUST 26 was the birth anniversary of a very special person in my life — Mother Teresa. I first met her in 1976. She was the keynote speaker at a large conference that I was leading. There I heard her say what has stayed with me: ‘Give until it hurts.’ She added, ‘What you give may be a drop in the ocean, but without that drop the ocean is not complete.’ Mother was not internationally known then, but her simple words and work would move the world.

In 1981, I was assigned the task to persuade her to be a key speaker at the Rotary International Convention at Sao Paulo, Brazil. I met her several times to get her acceptance; each

time she replied, ‘Son, if God wills, I will.’ Time was slipping and I was getting nervous. I met her again in Delhi, and again it was: ‘If God wills, I will.’ Gathering courage, I said, ‘Mother, you are the only one who communicates with God. Why don’t you ask Him?’ She smiled and said, ‘I will come.’ I persisted, ‘My international president might not believe me. Can I have something in writing?’ Amused, she tore a leaf from an exercise book, wrote her confirmation and signed. Sensing my discomfort still, she put her rubber stamp and said with a smile, ‘Are you happy now?’ I was elated.

Like any good mother, she could be firm when required. When she arrived at Sao Paulo, the media thronged her, wanting to follow her

everywhere. But she wanted to visit the poorest slums in the city without the media. One young journalist adamantly kept trailing her, until Mother confronted her sternly, ‘I do not want you to exploit poor people. If you insist on following me, I will not go to my people. Is that your wish?’

My Sri Lankan friend shared another episode. An elegantly dressed man came to the Missionaries of Charity to meet Mother. He was told that she was at the back of the house, cleaning toilets. Seeing him, Mother thought that he was a volunteer and handed him a brush and pail, explained how the lavatories were to be cleaned and left. An hour later, slightly dishevelled, his expensive jacket now off, he found Mother again. He gave her an enve-

lope saying, ‘Mother, I have finished the toilets. I am director of the airline, where you ordered tickets. I wanted to bring them to you personally.’ That airline director repeated the story often, saying that the one hour he spent cleaning the toilets was the most important in his life.

In September 1997, I saw Mother for the last time, her body wrapped in a blue-bordered sari and the Tricolour. Thousands cutting across religions, castes and professions, stood patiently to pay their last homage to a saint. I was devastated. I felt she sensed my despair, and I thought I heard her whisper to me, ‘Child, I will be with you always. Look for me. And remember, the poor and the destitute are still here.’ These words, among her other teachings, are my treasures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State of economy

Apropos of the editorial ‘Lock-down contraction’ (Sept 2), India’s GDP contracted by 23.9% for the first quarter of the current fiscal, but the government is trying to distract the public by calling for the boycott of Chinese goods etc. An important point to be noted is as to how China’s GDP contracted only by 6.8%. Why is the government not discussing how China has absorbed the blow, despite the ban on major business companies by the other nations?

RITISH PANDIT, DEHRA GOPIPUR

LIC credo inspires

Refer to ‘Ramp up infrastructure to revive economy’ (Sept 2); the boost in demand needs review of certain decisions like freezing of the dearness allowance for employees which have to be withdrawn. DA is compensation for inflation and cannot be denied, and must be paid, the earlier the best, for reviving demand. To revive the economy, there is a strong case for adopting consumer-friendly ‘NAW’ (need, affordability and worth) approach of marketing of the goods and services. We should adopt the principle of ‘needonomics’, based on the credo of LIC of India — ‘Yogakshemam vahamyaham’ (your welfare is our responsibility). For

bringing socio-economic transformation, we need to propagate righteous income after paying taxes.

MM GOEL, KURUKSHETRA

Vacant PG seats

The report ‘12% PG seats vacant in med colleges’ (Sept 1) was worrying. Recently, BFUHS announced that 86 PG seats couldn’t be filled in seven medical colleges of Punjab. A country like India that has an acute shortage of specialist doctors, letting PG seats (may be of non-clinical subjects) go vacant is indeed criminal. This is a national loss and that too in these challenging times. It is the duty of the MCI and the Ministry of Health to make doctors aware of the importance of non-clinical or basic subjects, and in any case, if there are no aspirants for these specialities, the cut-off condition should be waived for these subjects. Some prestigious private colleges charge heavily even for non-clinical courses.

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

Juristic consideration

The sentence awarded to Prashant Bhushan by the SC is unfortunate. Imposing a fine of Re 1 on him is not only ridiculous in itself, but also smacks of stubbornness and vindictiveness, as it

has been stated that in case of non-payment of this fine, he will undergo three months’ imprisonment along with a ban on practising law for three years. Keeping in view the hard facts of the case, people were expecting juristic consideration and magnanimity from the Bench. Not to speak of the cogent reply by the accused and the forceful arguments of the defence lawyer, who taking cognisance of the meritorious contribution of Bhushan to the delivery of justice so far, had pleaded not to penalise him. It has eroded the esteem of the highest court.

YADWINDER DIRBA, SANGRUR

Probe would be in order

The contempt case against Prashant Bhushan has been disposed of by the Supreme Court by awarding him Re 1 as fine. Failing to comply with the verdict will evoke three-month imprisonment. Bhushan very respectfully agreed to pay the fine but would avail the option of filing a review petition against the punishment. Now, the whole episode has shifted to the main issue of prevailing corruption among judicial officials. It needs to be proceeded with by appointing a commission armed with comprehensive terms of reference to probe

the cases of those allegedly involved in corrupt practices while wielding immense judicial powers, and suggest ways and means to eliminate corruption in the higher echelon of judiciary. This will restore the unstinted public faith in our unbiased and incorruptible judicial system.

COL KULDIP S GREWAL (RETD), PATIALA

Forced retirement

Reference to the notification issued by the Centre on the periodic review of government employees for strengthening administration. It has been mentioned that the government may, at any time after an employee has attained the age of 50/55 years or completed 30 years of service, retire him prematurely in public interest, based on broad criteria to be followed by the review committee. One of the conditions is doubtful integrity. Also, those found to be ineffective shall be retired. This infers that those below 50 years are not corrupt, or have the licence to indulge in corruption. It will be the easiest tool to get rid of any government servant from service if one is not working according to the wish of his or her bosses. The government should reconsider the notification.

BRJU BHUSHAN, CHANDIGARH

Why Chinese envoy needs to see the mirror



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INDIA’S External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar surely knows better about the Himalayan frontier than the Chinese envoy parroting his Communist leaders’ line.

Just compare the factual or actual statement of the Indian minister with the unpalatable remarks of the envoy. “LAC stand-off surely most serious situation after 1962,” was Jaishankar’s incisive statement. However, Sun Weidong, the former Chinese ambassador to Pakistan (June 2013-October 2017) and now India, has a diametrically opposite take. He summarily brushes off India with these words: “It’s unreasonable to link the boundary question with normal bilateral cooperation... (India) should put the boundary question at an appropriate place in bilateral relations and not allow differences to disturb the relationship.” Despite the accuracy and logic put forth by the minister? How undiplomatic!

Will Sun Weidong clarify? What’s the appropriate time to take up the boundary question? Does he really believe every Indian is gullible and ignorant enough to accept the Chinese logic that “our normal bilateral cooperation” remains outside the boundary question? If so, how long should the violence-creating boundary question be

kept under the carpet? Is this to facilitate Chinese penetration of Indian territory unopposed? Or is it because of India’s failed boundary protection track record?

The real tragedy, however, starts with some Indians’ chronic myopia and their inexorable attraction towards foreign envoys, power, money, capital and goods. And then there are influential, though bruised and battered, Indian hosts seeking misguided foreign envoys who tell lies, and more lies, for their own country’s national interest.

Sun knows he can get away without a whimper, as he’s been doing with renewed vigour from July 30 with cryptic sermons (45 days after the Galwan massacre of Indian soldiers), using words like ‘new world order’, ‘economics’, ‘trade’, ‘commerce’, ‘win-win situation’.

Today, the envoy nevertheless needs to see the mirror and not mislead and take unethical advantage of democratic India’s inherent goodness. Thus, indisputably, the Chinese virus (aka Covid-19) originated from Wuhan. The World Health Organisation visited Han-land for investigation, but was not permitted to visit the ‘birthplace’ of the pandemic.

The Chinese trampling nevertheless began a decade ago. Beijing has given \$1.5 trillion loans/credits to 150 countries, but the debt too shot up: \$500 billion to \$5 trillion. Today, there are countries whose perilous economy stares stark at billions of mounting debt: Kenya (\$6.5 billion); Maldives (\$3 billion); Ethiopia (\$13.5 billion); Cameroon (\$5.7 billion); Pakistan (\$6.2 billion, plus CPEC \$62 billion); Angola (\$25 billion); Mozambique (\$2.2 billion); Republic of Congo



MISCONCEPTION: The situation is worsening owing to India’s terrible error of judgement of considering China a strategic partner.

One just has to compare the statement of the Indian External Affairs Minister with the unpalatable remarks of the ambassador. Will Sun Weidong clarify how it is ‘unreasonable to link the boundary question with normal bilateral cooperation’? Border and territory precede business and trade.

(\$7.3 billion); Zambia (\$7.4 billion) and Sudan (\$6.4 billion).

Coming back to the boundary question, one just needs to see the recorded Chinese mind, and application thereof: “select spot where resistance is weakest. Avoid or by-pass strong defence; to assault weak spot. Make detour... to attack rear or flank. Confuse enemy, and create chaos in their high command.” For India, it started in the 1950s. Has anything changed since then? In between, India cut off ties with China from 1962 to 1978, mostly under the redoubtable Indira Gandhi. Didn’t India progress and win the biggest 1971 war defying Red China? But post-Indira, India simply caved in with a unilateral act. In 1979, India’s Foreign Minister visited Chi-

na under the direction of the then PM. Deng Xiaoping lit up. India again exposed its weakness in 1988 when its Prime Minister visited Beijing.

Little wonder, within 11 years, India opened the door to China in 1999, preceded by a red-carpet welcome (1998) to the PLA chief. Unsurprisingly, the situation now is worsening owing to India’s terrible error of judgement of considering China a strategic partner. China is hell-bent on destroying the Indian economy. The Chinese virus has already inflicted a crippling blow on the entire Indian economy. In the Chinese calculation, India has to be made bankrupt and forced to queue outside Chinese banks and financial institutions, compelled to become another poor third-world country

and a duty-bound henchman.

Now, read Sun’s words again: “China’s traditional customary boundary line is in accordance with the Line of Actual Control (LAC) on the north bank of Pangong lake”! When did “China’s traditional customary boundary line” come into existence inside India? Before or after October 1950?

Sun says “China isn’t a strategic threat to India”. Yet, he threatens against “forced de-coupling” of the China-India relationship. Why? Because “our economies are highly complementary, interwoven, interdependent”. Bizarre indeed! The China-India economic relationship is a one-way monopoly profit for Beijing and a total loss for Delhi. The trade balance is adverse. Chinese investment is penetrating to destroy India’s industry and even critical security apparatus. It has forcibly captured strategic landmass, water resources, and attempting access to Indian Ocean through Delhi’s ports. The list is endless.

In *Self-deception: India’s China Policies* (2013), Arun Shourie describes the Chinese land-grabbing/expansionism — “Claim. Repeat the claim. Go on repeating claim. Grab. Hold. Let time pass. And they will reconcile themselves to new situations.”

There is another chilling fact that India should remember. Wang Yilin, chairman of a Chinese firm which supplies 10 per cent of the UK’s energy needs, reportedly said: “Deep-water rigs around the UK are China’s mobile national territory and strategic weapon.” The Indian External Affairs Minister is right. The Chinese envoy is wrong. Border and territory precede business and trade.

Domestic politics to set US priorities abroad



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Trump’s major desire is to bring back the US troops from foreign lands. The swing states in Mid-West and other Republican states such as Texas and the Southern states are the prime catchment area for the US army; a vast chunk of soldiers in war theatres, including Afghanistan, comes from here. Early in his tenure, President Obama was determined to bring back troops from Iraq. He succeeded in doing that.

THE US elections scheduled in November are being followed with keen interest across the world. As the political slugfest picks up, though much diluted by the spread of Covid-19, there will be a greater scrutiny of the foreign policy orientations of the two parties.

Foreign policy is never a neat calculus devised by professionals in isolation. The popular sentiment of the citizenry, particularly in a country with robust democratic credentials, weighs heavily on the ruling political party. In this connection, to better understand the future trajectory of the US foreign policy under either of the two parties, one may have to factor in the domestic landscape of the country and how the two parties will potentially respond to the same.

President Trump’s response to the many issues is an affirmation to the perceived views of his core constituency in Red states that seek a more muscular foreign policy. In the same vein, the Democratic Party is not immune to the views of its core vote bank. Take Iran for instance. President Trump terminated the participation of US in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action in 2018, popularly known as the Iran nuclear deal, and has imposed “maximum pressure” sanctions on Iran. A decision was taken to assassinate Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and he justified the assassination on account of alleged immediate security threats facing the country from Iran. Iran is seen by many Americans, particularly citizens of a particular age-group,



UNDER SCRUTINY: President Trump’s core constituency seeks a more muscular foreign policy which affirms his perceived views.

through the lens of the hostage crisis in 1979. Fifty-two American diplomats and citizens were held hostage for 444 days — from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981. Many attribute the electoral loss of President Jimmy Carter, a Democratic Party leader, to the impact of the hostage crisis. After 1981, no US President dared to engage Iran, fearing that this would be unpopular domestically.

President Trump’s major impulse is to bring back the US troops from foreign lands. The swing states in the Mid-West and other Republican states such as Texas and Southern states are the prime catchment area for the US army and a vast chunk of the US army soldiers serving in the war theatres, including Afghanistan, comes from this area. Early in his tenure, President Obama, who won

the critical mid-western states of Ohio and Wisconsin, was determined to bring back the troops from Iraq. He succeeded in doing that in Iraq.

On Afghanistan, the situation proved to be a bit tricky. After initial reservation, President Obama took time to agree to troops surge in 2009. In 2020, the Democratic Party foreign policy mandarins are in a quandary as they know from experience of the need to balance the two equations that is to bring back the troops. On the other hand, they don’t want the Taliban to fill the vacuum. The draft of the 2020 Democratic Party Platform is a reflection of this. It says, “Our war in Afghanistan is the longest war in American history, with the youngest US troops now fighting a war that was launched before they were even born.”

“The Democrats are committed to a

durable and inclusive political settlement in Afghanistan that ensures that the al-Qaeda isn’t allowed to reconstitute, the Islamic State (ISIS) isn’t allowed to grow, and the international community can help Afghans safeguard hard-fought gains, especially for women and girls.”

There are other tectonic internal demographic movement shifts taking place within the US. Some of the Southern states like North Carolina, Arizona, Georgia and Florida are at the cusp of becoming Blue. There is a net gain of the Democrats migrating from the North-Eastern states like New York, which are bastions of Democratic Party, to Red States. For instance, the migration is taking place to a liberal oasis like Austin in Texas. There is African-American migration to Atlanta, Georgia. This is referred to as the reverse migration as many African-Americans had originally moved from the South to North-East and the Mid-West from 1920-1970 due to factors such as the introduction of mechanical cotton picker, demand for wartime factory labour and also relatively freer environment for African-Americans. The present move to the South from North-East and Mid-West is on account of a friendly weather, new economic opportunities on account of tech giants and because it’s relatively cheaper to live in.

In the realm of economic trade policies, both parties are sensitive to the concerns of the electorate in swing states of the Mid-West that have a big stake in the future of manufacturing jobs in the US. President Trump’s

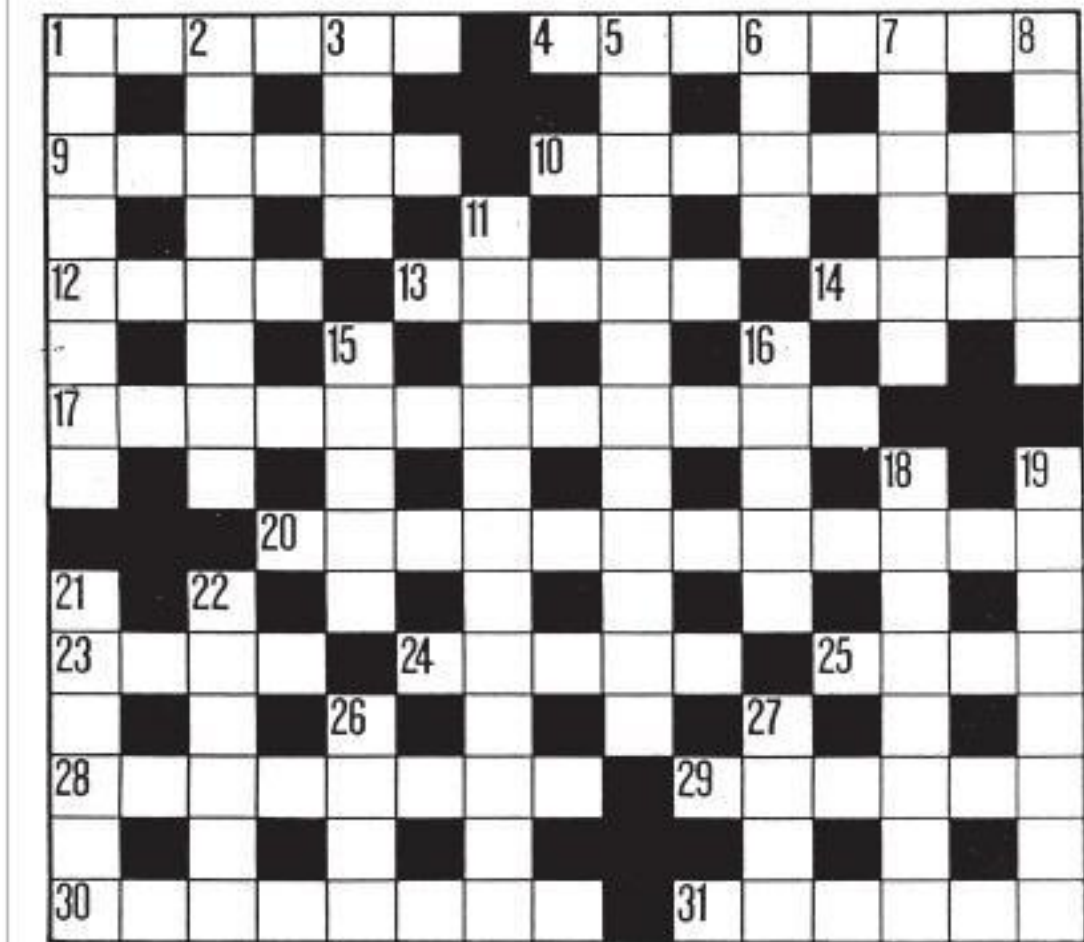
opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a reflection of his desire to appeal to the Mid-West electorate. This is not too different from what was finally decided by President Obama after his initial approval of the deal and he then succumbed to the opposition from the Democratic base.

Trump’s protectionism has proved to be tricky in an inter-dependent world. China’s reaction to his protectionist policy led to a trade war as Trump’s core base in the agricultural-dominant economies of the South bore the direct brunt of his protectionist policy. In retaliation to the imposition of high tariffs on Chinese goods, China stopped the import of corn, soybean and other commodities from the southern states like South Carolina. After an escalating trade war of over two years, President Trump had to renegotiate with China and both sides made compromises to resume trade.

In a summary of staff data obtained by the NBC News, the Biden campaign disclosed that 36 per cent of the senior advisors are people of colour. Many of them will be foreign born or second generation Americans. In contrast, the Trump campaign has about 25 per cent of its senior staff who are people of colour. A diverse team comes with the advantage of a greater personal understanding of foreign policy nuances.

Therefore, one of the important vectors influencing the US foreign policy in the next four years will be the varying domestic impulses that influence the design of policies of the party in power.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

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- Bhadrapad Parvishte 19
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- Shukla Paksha Tithi 1, up to 12:27 pm
- Dhriti Yoga up to 1:20 pm
- Purvabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 8:51 pm
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YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

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Jalandhar	32	27
Ludhiana	32	27
Bhiwani	34	26
Hisar	33	28
Sirsa	33	26
Dharamsala	27	18
Manali	27	14
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Srinagar	30	17
Jammu	31	26
Kargil	22	14
Leh	30	16
Dehradun	32	24
Mussoorie	22	16

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Two injured in Kazamishap

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MANDI, SEPTEMBER 2

Two of Spiti were critically injured when their car fell into a deep gorge on the Kaza-Shego road today.

Additional District Magistrate, Kaza, Gyan Sagar Negi said both were taken to the Community Health Centre, Kaza, but later shifted to Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Shimla. Investigations are on.

HPU gets nod to fill 80 posts

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SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 2

The Executive Council (EC) of Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), which met here today under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Sikander Kumar, approved to fill around 80 posts in teaching and non-teaching cadre.

The EC accepted the recommendations of the committee to regularise employees working in the university, Regional Centre, Dharamsala, and the facul-

ty of the UIT, the UIIS and BBA/BCA.

The meeting observed a two-minute silence to mourn the death of former President Pranab Mukherjee. The EC also approved the recommendations of the selection committee to appoint chairpersons to five chairs.

Dr Hari Mohan will head Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Chair, Dr Manoj Chaturvedi - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Chair; Dr Om Prakash Sharma - Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar

Chair; Dr Dinesh Sharma - Keshav Baliram Hedgevar Chair; and Prof Shree Ram Sharma will head Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee Chair.

The meeting was attended by Special Secretary (Education) Akshay Sood, Director, Higher Education, Dr Amar Jeet Singh, former Pro-Vice Chancellor NK Shard, former Dean of Studies VP Sharma, SS Chauhan, Dr Neera Walia, Dr Ashu Gupta and Bipin Kumar.

Teaching to continue in winter: Minister

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SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 2

Education Minister Govind Singh Thakur today said it had been decided to extend teaching days in schools so that studies did not suffer amid the pandemic and activities would be conducted during winter months and second Saturday holidays too to fill the gap.

He was chairing a meeting via videoconferencing with various experts and stakeholders on the report of a committee constituted by the Himachal Pradesh School Education Board, Dharamsala, for a 30 per cent reduction in the syllabus of the current academic session.

The minister said even during these teaching days, students would continue to get

ROADMAP AMID PANDEMIC

■ Students will continue to get teaching material through 'Har Ghar Pathshala' and other online mediums.

■ The examinations of schools with winter and summer vacations to be held simultaneously in March-end.

■ The practical examinations will be conducted in April after written tests.

teaching material through the 'Har Ghar Pathshala' programme and other online mediums. Priority would be given to teaching important topics of all subjects so that students could complete the prescribed curriculum, he added. To provide additional preparation time, the examinations of schools with winter and summer vacations would be held simultaneously in March-end. The practical examinations would be conducted in

April after written tests.

Several important suggestions had been received from the committee formed to implement the provision of a 30 per cent reduction in the syllabus of Classes IX to XII and providing a 30 per cent additional option in the question papers. The experts are of the opinion that students should be provided with a detailed knowledge of every subject so that they could prepare for competitive examinations in the future.

Tanda medical college among top institutes

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, SEPTEMBER 2

Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, has ranked among the top medical colleges in the country as per the rankings released by a leading magazine.

In a press statement issued here today, the authorities said the Tanda medical college bagged the 11th position among all medical colleges of the country.

The survey has been one of the most authentic reflection of the state and progress of colleges across the country. "It is indeed an honour for our institution to have made to the list of top medical colleges," said Bhanu Awasthi, Principal, Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College.

ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਮਿਤੀ 02.09.2020

ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਦਾ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰਬਰ 130/4-ਐਮ ਮਿਤੀ 31.08.2020 ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਬੋਲੀ ਰੱਦ ਹੋਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਬੋਲੀ ਤੀਸਰੀ ਵਾਰ ਮਿਤੀ 07.09.2020, ਸਮਾਂ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਮਿਨਿਸਟਰਾਥਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੌਕੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।

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DPR/Pb/71761

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

Notice to the Candidates for inviting objection on answer key for the post of PTI against Advt. No. 06/2006 Cat. No. 23 of Education Department, Haryana.

It is intimated that written examination for recruitment of PTI against Advt. No. 06/2006, Cat. No. 23 of Education Departments, Haryana was conducted on 23.08.2020 by the Commission.

The Commission has uploaded the answer key, on the website of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission i.e. www.hssc.gov.in. of the above said written examination. If any candidate has any objection regarding any answer, he/she may submit his/her query/objection. The candidate need to follow the steps given below:

1. Go to www.hssc.gov.in.
2. Click on "Inviting Objection for answer key (Advt. No. 6/2006)" button.
3. The objection raised by any candidate by any other means will not be entertained.

The candidate may submit his/her objection from **02.09.2020 to 04.09.2020 up to 5.00 p.m.** Thereafter no objection will be entertained by the Commission. The candidates are advised to clearly/specify the objection along with name of the Post, Advt. No., Category No., Date of Examination, Question Booklet series and question no. on which the objection is raised otherwise objection will not be considered. The objections shall be considered by the Commission and its decision in this regard shall be final and evaluation of the paper shall accordingly be done.

Candidates who have already filed objection from **28.08.2020 to 30.08.2020** shall also submit the objections again as the candidates have not filled question booklet series.

All candidates must submit the objections again as objections already filed from **28.08.2020 to 30.08.2020** via notice dated **27.08.2020** will not be considered.

Sd/- Superintendent,
For Secretary Haryana Staff Selection
Commission, Panchkula.

Dated: 02.9.2020
PRDH/82571

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No. HFWM(S-I)-1/2018-(Medicine Tender)- Dated : 25.08.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-tenders are invited for rate contract of MEDICINES/DRUGS for supply to IGMC & HOSPITAL, Shimla. The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>,
<https://www.igmcshimla.edu.in> from 25.08.2020 to 18.09.2020 up to 1.00 PM. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is 18.09.2020 upto 1.00 PM. The Tender will be opened on 18.09.2020 at 2.00 PM. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid websites only. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.

Sr. M.S.-Cum-Member Secretary,
RKS IGMC & HOSPITAL, SHIMLA.

DPR/HP/2643



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Extension of OTS Policy-2018 for loan & equity and investment portfolio of PAIC & its Subsidiaries.
As approved by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab the Board of Directors of Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited (PAIC), adopted the extension in the OTS Policy - 2018 up to **31.12.2020**, along with the following reliefs for Loan & equity and investment portfolio of PAIC & its Subsidiaries.

- Extension of OTS Policy-2018 up to 31.12.2020 due to COVID-19.
- Extension of outer date of repayment from 2 years to 2 and a half years for already approved OTS cases.
- Moratorium of three months on payment of installment in line with the RBI guidelines for already approved OTS cases.
- Revival of cancelled OTS due to default in the payment after receipt of total amount in arrears along with overdue interest and liquidated damages.

The extension of OTS Policy-2018 has been notified vide notification dated 05.08.2020 for implementation in PAIC. The OTS will remain open up to 31.12.2020 from the date of notification. The interested collaborators may contact PAIC Office for details of OTS or the same could be downloaded from PAIC's website: www.punjabagro.co.in under the link 'OTS-2018'.

DPR/Pb/71603

Managing Director

House gutted in Manikaran

KULLU, SEPTEMBER 2

A two-storey house was gutted in Deudhara village of BhRAIN panchayat of Manikaran valley yesterday. A fire broke out in the house made of wood at 8 pm. The villagers tried to extinguish the fire, which had immediately engulfed the entire house. However, the house turned to ashes. The fire extinguisher did not reach the spot on time due to the unmetalled road.

Kullu SDM Amit Guleria said 14 members of families of Revat Ram, Gitanjali and Raj Kumar were given blankets and ration for one month as instant relief. — OC

Three dead, 161 new Covid cases

STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	2,18,920
Recovered	4,716
Active cases	1,613
Positive cases	6,416
Deaths	43

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	514	3
Solan	1,492	10
Kangra	926	8
Chamba	441	4
Hamirpur	598	5
Sirmaur	928	2
Mandi	402	7
Bilaspur	361	-
Shimla	365	4
Kullu	285	-
Kinnaur	96	-
Lahaul & Spiti	8	-
Total	6,416	43

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 2

The state witnessed 161 cases and three deaths today, taking the number of Covid cases to 6,416 and deaths to 43. The highest number of 41 cases were reported from Kangra, 36 from Solan, 23 in Hamirpur, 15 in Kinnaur, 13 in Shimla, 10 in Una, nine in Chamba, seven in Sirmaur, three in Bilaspur and two each in Kullu and Mandi.

Two deaths in Baddi

A 37-year-old woman from Mahavir Spinning Mills, Baddi, who tested positive on August 31 and was referred to the MMU medical college, Kumarhatti, died last


evening. A 56-year-old man residing at the housing board colony, Nalagarh, who was referred to the PGI, Chandigarh, on August 31 after testing positive, also died last evening.

Woman succumbs in Una

A 56-year-old woman from Malahat village near Una city, admitted at Una district hospital on Monday with complaint of diarrhea, died today. Her sample for corona infection was taken on Monday and she was found infected.

25 Tanda docs +ve so far

As many as 25 doctors of Tanda medical college have been infected with coronavirus so far.



GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE/ CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSIIDC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF STREET LIGHTS SYSTEM IN PHASE-II, III & IV AT IMT, BAWAL.	03.09.2020 18.09.2020	38.54 lacs	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01284-264122 (hsiidcbawalia@gmail.com)
2	HSIIDC	ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (AMC) OF STREET LIGHT SYSTEM, IMT MANESAR FOR 2020-2021.	03.09.2020 24.09.2020	65.88 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	se.electrical.hsiidc@gmail.com
3	PANDIT LAKHMI CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, SECTOR-6, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF CAR PARKING SHEDS IN THE CAMPUS OF PLCSUPVA, ROHTAK + 1 OTHER WORK	28.08.2020 25.09.2020	22.49 LACS	http://plcsupva.ac.in/	9466628298 devenderrathore918@gmail.com
4	PT. B.D. SHARMA PGIMS ROHTAK	LONG TERM E-TENDER NOTICE NO. UHSR/PURCHASE/2020/10 DT. 01.09.2020 REGARDING PURCHASE AND RATE CONTRACT OF VARIOUS ITEMS. PREBID MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 11.09.2020 AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, DIRECTOR OFFICE, PGIMS ROHTAK.	01.09.2020 30.09.2020	-	www.uhsr.ac.in	01262-281311, purchase_section@gmail.com
5	CHAUDHARY BANISAL UNIVERSITY, BHIWANI	PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CONFERENCING SOLUTIONS AND SMART CLASS ROOM EQUIPMENT	28.08.2020 12.09.2020	20 LACS	https://cblu.ac.in https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416232069 computercentre@cblu.ac.in
6	GMDA, GURUGRAM	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 3 UNIT OF 30 MLD EACH WATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND APPURTENANTS INCLUDING ALL MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL WORKS, SUPPLY & FEEDING OF PAC, CHLORINATION, REPAIR OF RISING MAIN AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO AT WATER WORKS BASAL, GURUGRAM FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ALLOTMENT (3RD RE-CALLED), + 1 OTHER WORK	31.08.2020 21.09.2020	2157.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274-274623 xen3nfr2.gmda@nic.in
7	HARYANA SEHARI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN	JOB NO: 2781 E.E. HSPV DIVISION SONEPAT 2020-21 AUGMENTATION OF SEWERAGE NETWORK FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ESTATE, GREATER - KUNDLI, SONIPAT. "PROVIDING & LAYING OF 200 TO 630 MM O.D HDPE & 900MM & 1000MM I/D RCC NP-3 PIPE WITH BITUMEN COATED OF SEWER, CONSTRUCTION OF MANHOLE ETC. AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO". (INCLUDING THREE YEARS MAINTENANCE & DEFECT LIABILITY FREE OF COST) PHASE-I	CLOSING DATE 12.09.2020	591.70 Lacs	https://etender.hry.nic.in	01230-2233814 xensoniapat@gmail.com

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Tender Notice
E-Tenders / Manual tenders are invited only from the approved firms/boiler repairer as per Indian Boilers Regulation 1950 and have registered under GST ACT (capable of raising Tax Invoice) can offer their tender for the following repair works of Boiler No. HP-071 & HP-072. The tenders shall be received upto 1.00 PM on 18.09.2020 and will be opened at 2.00 PM on same day in the office of GM R&T Factory Bilaspur HP:

S.No.	Particular of Boiler Repair works	EMD
1.	a. Renew defective blow down pipe lines of boiler No. HP-071 & HP-072 in the prescribed manner as per Regulation 392, 394 & 395 of Indian boiler Regulation 1950. b. Engrave Registry Number of boiler No. HP-071 & HP-072 on boilers shell in the prescribed manner as per regulation 382 of Indian Boiler Regulation 1950. c. Scale coated internally in boiler No. HP-071 & HP-072 to be cleaned chemically in the prescribed manner	Rs.40000/- Through DD in favour 'HP State Forest Development Corporation Ltd) Payable at Bilaspur HP.

Telegraphic/Postal and conditional tenders will not be accepted. Tender form with detailed Term & Conditions can be obtained from the O/o General Manager R&T Factory Bilaspur HP after payment of Rs.600/- on any working day up to 17/09/2020. If needed, the negotiations will be held only with the lowest tenderer (L-1). For e-tender/s please log on to = www.hptenders.gov.in

General Manager



F. No. N-15/8/2020-NI
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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Appointment of Director, National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJ&E), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Government of India invites applications for the post of Director, National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, an autonomous body under the administrative control of this Ministry. Post carries pay as per Level 14 of Pay Matrix (Rs. 144200-211800) with admissible allowances and is to be filled up on Deputation/Short Term Contract initially for a period of 2 years which may be extended on yearly basis, after review of the performance, up to 5 years.
Detailed advertisement, eligibility conditions and application format etc. are available on the website of the Department www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in and on website of Department of Personnel & Training www.dopt.gov.in. The last date for receipt of applications would be 45 days from the date of publishing of advertisement in employment news.
(Navin Kumar)
davn 38117/11/0012/201 Under Secretary to the Government of India



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Any company/LLP providing Application Services in Punjab, Chandigarh and Panchkula urban area is required to register as OSP (Other Service Provider) with O/o Sr. DDG, Punjab LSA, DoT.
'Application Services' means providing services like tele-banking, tele-medicine, tele-education, tele-trading, e-commerce, call centre, network operation centre and other IT Enabled Services by using Telecom Resources provided by Authorised Telecom Service Providers.
'Company' means a company registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956, Companies Act 2013, including foreign companies permitted by RBI under the Foreign Exchange Management Regulations and registered under Part XI (Section 591 to 608) of the Companies Act, 1956 for setting up a place of business in India. 'LLP' means a firm incorporated and registered under Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 in India.
The details are available at www.dot.gov.in and <http://sarsalsanchar.gov.in/>.

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Power finally restored to poor man's house

The Tribune IMPACT

RAJIV MAHAJAN

NURPUR, SEPTEMBER 2

Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd (HPSEBL) restored the power supply to the kutchha house of Bakshish (61), physically and visually challenged resident of Nagrota village in Harsar gram panchayat of Jawali, yesterday.

The Tribune had carried his plight in these columns on August 24 under the head-

line, 'Differently abled man not on IRDP list'. Taking cognizance of the story, the Block Development Officer, Nagrota Surian, had visited his house and assured him that the electricity connection would be restored within one week. She had also directed the panchayat pradhan to include his name on the panchayat's IRDP list.

The electricity supply of Bakshish's house had been snapped five years ago after he had failed to pay his bill and since then he was using kerosene lamp. Kamal

Chowdhary, a local social activist, played a major role in fulfilling the formalities for the purpose. He and an assistant engineer, electrical subdivision, Jawali, shared the penalty amount imposed by the HPSEBL for not paying electricity bill by the villager. Following the intervention of local MLA Arjun Thakur, the authorities of the HPSEBL have reportedly waived the outstanding electricity bill payment.

His name had been struck off from the IRDP list after February 2018.

Four militant aides held in Budgam

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 2 Security forces have arrested four Lashkar-e-Toiba militant associates who were providing shelter and logistical support to active militants in the Budgam district, officials said.

The four were arrested during a cordon and search operation (CASO) from the Pethkoot area of Beerwah, Budgam. The police identified the four as Shakil Ahmad Wani, Showkat Ahmad, both residents of Pethkot Beerwah, Aqib Maqbool Khan of Chedbug Budgam and Ajaz Ahmad Dar of Cherwani Chharsharief.

“This group was associated with the banned terror organisation, LeT, and was involved in providing shelter and logistical support to active terrorists in the area,” a police officer in Budgam said.

During the CASO, some ammunition, including AK-47 rounds (24), five detonators and other incriminating material have also been recovered, he said. The police have registered a case against the four. — TNS

15 more deaths in J&K; toll 732

Congress shuts party headquarters due to worsening of situation in UT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 2 With 641 new cases, 274 in the Jammu division and 367 in the Kashmir province, the Covid count in J&K reached 38,884 during the past 24 hours.

Fifteen deaths — five in Jammu and 10 in the Valley — were reported during the same period, taking the toll to 732 in the UT.

Meanwhile, 595 patients recovered and were discharged from various hospitals (92 in Jammu and 503 in the Valley). With 595 patients recuperating on Wednesday, recoveries in J&K reached 30,079.

According to the official bulletin issued on Wednesday evening, out of the 38,884 positive cases — 8,053 were active cases, 30,079 had recovered and 732 died (75 in the Jammu division and 657 in the Kashmir valley).

The bulletin further said out of the 9, 96, 481 test results available,

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	4,67,207
Persons completing surveillance	3,66,216
Samples tested	9,96,481
Negative results	9,57,617
Positive cases	38,884
Patients cured	30,079
Total deaths	732

9,57,617 samples had tested negative.

Meanwhile, keeping in view the worsening Covid situation in the Union Ter-

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	-VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	2,235	26
Srinagar	9,599	225
Anantnag	2,389	51
Baramulla	2,862	100
Shopian	1,704	28
Kupwara	2,135	49
Budgam	2,580	62
Jammu	3,576	50
Udhampur	849	03
Ganderbal	1,521	24
Kulgam	1,944	37
Pulwama	2,700	55
Samba	738	03
Rajouri	920	05
Kishtwar	269	01
Kathua	951	04
Ramban	661	01
Reasi	423	00
Poonch	450	04
Doda	445	04
Total	38,884	732

ritory, the Congress on Wednesday decided to close the party headquarters in Jammu and Srinagar for one week.

The Congress took the decision two days after its political opponents, the BJP, shut its headquarters in Jammu and party office in Srinagar for 10 days.

“All Congress colleagues and others are hereby informed that the Congress headquarters in Jammu and Srinagar are hereby closed for all kinds of routine activities for a period of one week from today in view of the worsening Covid-19 situation,” Ravinder Sharma, chief spokesman of the J&K Congress, stated in a press note.

In the past one week, Jammu has witnessed a surge in Covid cases. The fatalities due to the contagion have also increased. The BJP office was shut down on Saturday for 10 days after some senior leaders tested positive for the virus.

On Tuesday, former ministers Sunil Sharma from Kishwar and Shakti Raj Parihar from Doda, and vice-president Dr Narinder Singh tested positive for the virus.

RAMBAN MISHAP Baglihar dam gates to be closed today

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 2 Three days after eight passengers travelling in a Tempo Traveller went missing after the vehicle rolled down into the Chenab in Mehar area along the Jammu-Srinagar highway, the Ramban district administration today pressed Army divers into service to find the missing persons.

However, after a day-long rescue operation, no success was achieved due to the high level of water in the river.

“So far, no progress has been made. We had planned to close the gates of Baglihar dam to reduce the level of water in the river, but it couldn’t be done today. Two of the three gates of dam will be closed tomorrow, and then the search operation will be resumed,” Ramban SSP Haseeb-ur-Rehman told *The Tribune*.

Centre urged to help KP youth set up businesses in Kashmir

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 2 Displaced Kashmiri Pandits (KPs) have urged the Centre to give economic incentives to the youth of the community so that they can set up businesses in the Valley. They said it would also help in facilitating their return to the Valley.

“It is important for the Centre to provide incentives to the industry and special concessions to the migrant Kashmiri Pandit youth to set up businesses. Generating employment in the Valley can greatly help the youth to return to their roots,” said J&K Peace Forum chairman Satish Mahaldar during a webinar with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday evening.

Mahaldar said the Valley-based business leaders had expressed willingness to help the youth of the “distressed” KP migrant community during the webinar organised by the Peace Forum.

“If the Kashmiri Pandits



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman interacts with J&K Peace Foundation members via videoconferencing in New Delhi. PTI

are willing to set up micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) industry or otherwise, we are ready to support them and will also provide them employment opportunities subject to the condition that the state and Central government support them,” said Mohammad Ashikh Shekh, president of the Kashmir chapter of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mahaldar said top industrial bodies from Jammu and Kashmir demanded a separate industrial policy

for the Union Territory during the webinar that was held to present a “ground report of the situation”.

Sitharaman said the Centre was keen to listen and understand the ground situation as that helped in formulating policies. “We are interacting with all the stakeholders in the industry and we have been benefited from this. We want to keep our ears close to the ground and based on the inputs from various stakeholders, policy changes are made,” she said.

CRPF official shoots himself

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 2 An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) allegedly committed suicide by shooting himself with his service weapon in the Bhaderwah area of Doda district on Wednesday.

The deceased ASI was identified as Amrit Bhardwaj (52), a resident of Bharlipur village in Assam.

“ASI Amrit Bhardwaj of 33rd Battalion of the CRPF shot himself with his service rifle on the premises of Police Complex. His body has been shifted to a mortuary in Jammu from where it will be taken to his native place tomorrow,” Raj Singh Gouria,



Security personnel wait outside the emergency ward of Sub-District Hospital in Bhadarwah on Wednesday. PTI

Superintendent of Police (SP), Bhaderwah, said.

The ASI took the extreme step after he returned to Battalion headquarters at

Kotli from his night shift.

“He was taken to Sub-District Hospital, Bhadarwah, where doctors declared him brought dead,” the SP said.

1,100-kg ‘lahan’ destroyed

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 2 The Excise Department on Wednesday destroyed 1,100 kg of ‘lahan’ during different raids carried out to curb the menace of distillation and sale of illicit liquor in different areas of Kathua district.

A team of the Eradication Wing, Jammu, raided the Barnoti, Upper Suktechak, Sandeshpur and Hariachak areas of Kathua district and recovered 1,100 kg of ‘lahan’, raw material of illicit liquor. The ‘lahan’ was destroyed on the spot. — TNS

Soz for white paper on domicile certificates

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 2 Former Minister Saifuddin Soz today urged the government to issue a white paper on the issuance of domicile certificates in the UT.

“J&K has explained its position that of the 12.5 lakh domicile certificates issued by it, 99 per cent of the beneficiaries happened to be permanent residents of the state. However, the people will like to know as to who constitutes the remaining 1 per cent of the beneficiaries? I urge the UT Administration to issue a “white paper” indicating particulars of those who are not state subjects, yet they got the certificates. That procedure alone can allay the fears of the people,” Soz said in a statement.

He alleged that the government had issued the certificates in “hot haste”.

“The people of the state are entitled to know the particulars of the persons who are not permanent residents, yet they got the domicile certificates. The UT Administration has explained further that these certificates have been issued for jobs only. It means that UT Administration has no objection in giving the domicile certificates to non-state subjects also. Since the UT Administration has issued the domicile certificates to such a large number of people in hot haste, the process must have involved recklessness of sorts. The perception of the people is that the UT Administration is a stop-gap arrangement and that the Centre should not have amended the Domicile Law in the absence of public support,” Soz said.

Stop MC from grabbing temple land: Retd judge to court

DINESH MANHOTRA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 2 Suresh Kumar Sharma, a retired District and Sessions Judge, on Wednesday approached the court to restrain the BJP-led Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) from ‘grabbing’ a prime piece of land of Jammu’s ancient and historic Panchvaktra Mahadev temple, the worth of which is in crores. It has been alleged that the JMC’s move would benefit some private players.

Sharma was appointed as the caretaker by the J&K High Court to manage the affairs of the temple under order dated 12-12-2008.

In his application to the court, Sharma pointed out that the temple was the oldest constructed temple of Jammu, with a rare Dogra heritage value and significance. It had been highly revered by the people of this region for centuries. Furthermore, the temple had around 25 kanals of land in the heart of the city, a portion of which was under the possession of tenants, read the application.

After various attempts by different influential entities to usurp the property of the temple, the High Court had appointed Sharma, who was posted as the Registrar Judicial of the High Court of J&K at the time, as



The Panchvaktra Mahadev temple in Jammu.

the caretaker of the temple.

Without taking Sharma, the caretaker, into confidence, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd in joint collaboration with the BJP-led JMC

invited bids for multilevel car parking system and commercial complex at the property of the temple on public-private partnership (PPP) model. The applicant claimed that the JMC has fraudulently

claimed that the temple’s property belonged to it.

“The mala fide intent of the authorities to pass off the aforesaid property of the temple as that of the JMC is evident. Besides, they’re also thinking of constructing a parking space without any right or authority to do so,” the applicant said, adding that, “This nefarious design of the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) and the above-mentioned authorities has aroused the sentiments of public in general and devotees in particular.”

He appealed to the court that appropriate directions may be issued to the authorities concerned to safeguard the property of the temple.

Omar chairs NC meeting

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 2 Omar Abdullah, vice-president, National Conference, chaired a party meeting of south zone functionaries here today, where the cadre reiterated to work towards the restoration of J&K’s special status. “The meeting continued for five hours and saw active participation of each and every functionary,” an NC statement said. — TNS

L-G inaugurates 20 projects in Pulwama

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 2 Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha today visited Pulwama district in south Kashmir and inaugurated 20 development projects worth Rs 40.86 crore and laid the e-foundation stone for seven projects of public importance worth Rs 13.47 crore.

An official statement said the visit was a part of the continuous development review and

public outreach programme for taking a first-hand appraisal of the issues pertaining to people and making an overall assessment of the development needs of the district.

The L-G also chaired a meeting to review the development scenario in the district.

Dr Raghav Langer, District Development Commissioner, briefed the L-G about the governance and public delivery system, besides the status of

the ongoing development projects, implementation of welfare schemes, scenario of health, education, agriculture, horticulture, R&B, PHE, irrigation and flood control, rural development department, social welfare and other sectors.

The L-G impressed upon the officers to remain connected with the people and inculcate team spirit and cohesiveness in the public delivery system and remain sensitive

to the issues of the people.

Delegations of the block development council and urban local bodies representatives, panches and sarpanches, representatives of political parties, delegations of saffron growers, fruit growers and vegetable growers, civil society members and representatives from the Gujjar and Bakerwal community were among others who met the L-G on the occasion.

ਦਰੱਖਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਲਈ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਅਧੀਨ ਸੜਕ ਪਹਿਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਛਾਪਾ (ਪਹੀੜ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ) ਸੜਕ ਉਪਰ ਰੋਲਵੇ ਪੁਲ ਦੀ ਉਸਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਅਉਂਦੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਦੇ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹਰੇ 34 ਦਰੱਖਤਾਂ (5 ਤੁੜ, 8 ਡੱਕ, 21 ਫੁੱਟਕਲ) ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 18.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਗ ਲੈਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ 25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਬਤੌਰ ਪੇਸ਼ਗੀ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਾਉਣੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਦਾ 1/4 ਹਿੱਸਾ ਮੌਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਸੁਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਬਕਾਇਆ ਰਕਮ ਕੱਟੇ ਦਰੱਖਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚੁੱਕਣ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਬਾਕੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨਾਲ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਉਪ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

DPR/Pb/71707

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male person aged about 55 years, Height 5'-6", wheatish complexion, wearing black pent and white shirt, was found unconscious near Guga Mari Mandir, PGI, Chandigarh on 26.08.2020. He was admitted in GMSH-16 vide CR No. 20200243158, where he was declared brought dead by the duty doctor. In this regard, a DDR No. 18, dated 26.08.2020 has been lodged in Police Post-PGI, Chandigarh. The legal heirs of deceased are not known. His photograph is given above.

If anyone having any information/clue about the whereabouts of the deceased, please inform to Police Post PGI, Chandigarh on Ph. No. 0172-2760004, 2755100, Police Station Sector 11 on Phone No. 9779580911, 0172-2760002, 2747066 or Police Control Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.



Chandigarh Police

HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan invites e-tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors/firms for the following work through e-tendering process:

Sr. No.:-1

Name of work:- Improvement & Up-gradation of Drinking Water Supply Scheme to Solan Town from Giri River (SH:- C/O 7.36 MLD Water Treatment Plant at Gaura).

Estimated cost:- 4,08,94,604/-

Earnest Money:- 4,41,500/-

Time of Completion:- 12 Months

Tender ID:- 2020_HPPIPH_40222_1

Cost of form:- 2500/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e- tendering up to:- 08.09.2020 up to 11.00 a.m.

The tenders forms and other detailed can be obtained from website <http://hptenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/2640

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION BAYS NO. 67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA – 134151 Website: www.hssc.gov.in

Public Notice

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advt. No. 12/2019, dated 20.07.2019 & other connected corrigendum/notices, which were published in the various newspapers and also available on HSSC Website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in, vide which online application forms were invited for various posts of Skill Development and Industrial Training Department.

It is notified for the information of candidates regarding Advt. No. 12/2019, the Commission has decided to withdraw the corrigendum dated 11.08.2020, 14.08.2020 & 18.08.2020. The break-up of the posts will remain same as per Advt. No. 12/2019 Dated 20.07.2019. Other terms & conditions will remain same as per Advt. No. 12/2019.

Place: Panchkula

Dated 02.09.2020

Sd/- Superintendent, For Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

PRDH/82565

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online item rate bids are invited by the Executive Engineer JSV Division Padhar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Cost of tender form	Time
1	Providing WSS to PC habitation of CV Footakhal, Hiun, Pundal etc. in GP Gawali & Siun etc. in Tehsil Padhar Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, joining, testing and carriage of MSERW pipe 150mm dia from RD 5070 to 9352= 4282 Rmt) in Gravity main)	79,18,892	1,11,700	800/-	Three Months

1. Last date of filling/uploading the tender is 04/09/2020 up to 5.00 PM which shall be opened on dated 05/09/2020 at 11.30 AM.

2. Tender Documents and other detail instruction can be downloaded or views online from the petrol <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual.

Executive Engineer, JS Division Padhar.

HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/2636

TENDER NOTICE

Services of Publishers-cum-Printers from Mohali and Chandigarh are required by Directorate, Defence Services Welfare, Punjab, Sainik Bhawan, Sector 21-D, Chandigarh for publication of (a) Special News Bulletin (approximate 85 pages per copy)- One thousand copies (b) Token Flags- Thirty eight Lacs (c) Lapbel Badges- Two thousand. Interested parties are invited to interact with this office for obtaining information on quality and quantity of material by 10 Sep, 2020 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Thereafter, sealed quotations are invited by 17 Sep 2020 by 11 AM alongwith Bank Draft of Rs. 1000/- as refundable security in favour of Director DSW-cum-Secy RSB (FDF) payable at Chandigarh. Quotations will be opened for further negotiations on 17 Sep 2020 Thursday at 12 PM, at this Directorate.

Issued by

Director Defence Services Welfare-cum Secretary Rajya Sainik Board Punjab Punjab Sainik Bhawan Sector 21-D, Chandigarh.

DPR/Pb/71297

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਣ ਅਤੇ ਜੰਗਲੀ ਜੀਵ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਫ਼. ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਚਿੜੀਆਘਰ ਛੱਤਬੀੜ ਈਮੇਲ:- mczpchhatbir@gmail.com ਰੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਸਾਲ 2020-21 (ਸਮਾਂ 01.10.2020 ਤੋਂ 31.03.2021 ਤੱਕ) ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਜੂਲੋਨੀਕਲ ਪਾਰਕ ਛੱਤਬੀੜ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜੂ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਿਨੀ ਜੂ ਬੀੜ ਤਲਾਬ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਨਵਰਾਂ/ਪੰਛੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਖੁਰਾਕ ਦੀ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਠੇਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ 'ਤੇ ਮੋਹਰਬੰਦ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਚਿੜੀਆਘਰ ਛੱਤਬੀੜ ਜਾਂ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਜੂ ਦਿਓਰਜ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਰੁ. 500/- ਦੀ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੋਹਰਬੰਦ ਲਿਫਟ ਵਿਚ ਪਾ ਕੇ ਮੋਬਰ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਜੰਗਲੀ ਜੀਵ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪੁੱਜੇ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਕਮ-ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਜੂਲੋਨੀਕਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਛੱਤਬੀੜ, ਵੀ.ਪੀ.ਓ ਛੱਤ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੇ ਜਾਣ, ਜਿਸ ਉਪਰ ਇਹ ਸਿਰਲੇਖ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਵੇ "ਵੀਡ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੇ ਠੇਕੇ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ"।

ਹਰੇਕ ਆਈਟਮ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਦਰਸਾਏ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮੋਬਰ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਜੰਗਲੀ ਜੀਵ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪੁੱਜੇ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਅਤੇ ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਚਿੜੀਆਘਰ ਛੱਤਬੀੜ, ਐਸਏਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਬੈਂਕ ਡਰਾਫਟ/ਐਚ.ਡੀ.ਆਰ. ਦੀ ਸ਼ਰਲ ਵਿਚ ਰਕਮ ਬਿਆਨਾ ਸਹਿਤ ਟੈਂਡਰ 22.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਾਣ, ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਉਸੇ ਦਿਨ ਮਿਤੀ 22.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.30 ਵਜੇ ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਚਿੜੀਆਘਰ ਛੱਤਬੀੜ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਮਿਤੀ 07.09.2020 ਤੋਂ 21.09.2020 ਤੱਕ ਸਵੇਰੇ 09.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 05.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਲਏ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵਿਸਥਾਰਪੂਰਵਕ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ chhatbirzoo.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕੋਰੀਜੈਂਡਮ/ਸੋਧ ਅਖ਼ਬਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ, ਉਹ ਕੇਵਲ ਉਕਤ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਮੋਬਰ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਜੰਗਲੀ ਜੀਵ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪੁੱਜੇ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਕਮ-ਵੀਲਡ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਐਮ.ਸੀ. ਜੂਲੋਨੀਕਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਛੱਤਬੀੜ

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GLOBE TROT



WALK FOR EQUALITY: People take part in a meditation walk in support of 'Black Lives Matter' in Portland, Oregon. REUTERS

Lawsuit filed to keep Kanye West off Virginia ballot

RICHMOND: A law firm with ties to prominent Democrats has filed a lawsuit attempting to keep rapper Kanye West off presidential ballots in Virginia. Attorneys for Perkins Coie filed a lawsuit in Richmond on behalf of two persons who say they were tricked into signing an "Elector Oath" backing West's candidacy. Under the state law, a candidate must have 13 electors pledge their support for a candidate to appear on the ballot. AP

New US sanctions on ICC prosecutor, her top aide

WASHINGTON: The Trump administration has imposed sanctions on the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and one of her top aides for continuing to probe war crime charges against Americans. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the move as part of the administration's pushback against the tribunal, based in The Hague, for investigations into the US and its allies. AP

Biden goes all out to woo US Hindus

Launches initiative to address problems of 2 million members of community

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 2

The Biden campaign has announced the launch of "Hindu Americans for Biden" as part of its efforts to attract over 2 million members of the community in the US and address their issues, including hate crimes. Indian-American Congressman from Illinois, Raja Krishnamoorthi, is scheduled to address the first meeting of "Hindus for Biden" on Thursday, the organisers said on Tuesday. The move from the Biden campaign comes over a fortnight after the Trump campaign on August 14 announced the formation of the "Hindu Voices for Trump". In the November 3 presidential election, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his Indian-American running mate Kamala Harris will challenge incumbent Republican President Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence. This is, perhaps, for the

DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WISHES JAINS

■ Presidential candidate and former US Vice-President Joe Biden greeted the Jain community on the concluding day of Paryushans and Das Lakshan festival. "May we all find peace and reconciliation in our lives."

■ Michhami Dukkaddam and Kshamavani!" Biden said in a tweet.

■ Paryushana is an annual eight to ten-day period of fasting and meditation for Jain worshippers. Over 150,000 Jains live in the United States. PTI



TRUMP EMERGES FAVOURITE, TO WIN ANOTHER TERM: BETFAIR EXCHANGE

■ US President Donald Trump has overtaken Democratic rival Joe Biden to stand as the favourite to win the 2020 election on Europe-based betting exchange Betfair, the exchange said on Wednesday.

■ Betfair Exchange said four bets were placed, of which three were on Trump, while the biggest stake of the campaign so far, a 50,000-pound bet, was placed on the Republican nominee.

■ These bets in part aided Trump to take the lead, after being neck-and-neck with Biden, completing a stunning recovery in the betting markets. REUTERS



first time in the history of the US presidential elections that the two major political parties have made an outreach coalition for the Hindus in the country.

The development is being seen as a sign of the growing political prominence of Hindus in America. Hinduism is

the fourth largest faith in the US, representing approximately one per cent of the US population in 2016. There have been official coalitions for Muslims and Jews in the past.

"The diversity of the Hindu American community can't be understated and we wanted to make sure that their concerns

are addressed directly through, among other things, events like this," said Murali Balaji, co-chair of "Hindu Americans for Biden". "We are highlighting the Biden campaign's commitment to the Hindu American community, one of the most loyal constituencies of the

Russia asks for copious details of Navalny tests

MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 2

Russia has asked Germany to provide exhaustive details of medical tests conducted on Alexei Navalny, a Russian opposition politician lying in a coma in Berlin after a suspected poisoning in Siberia last month, a newspaper reported on Wednesday.

Russian newspaper RBC said the general prosecutor's office had asked Germany's justice ministry for information on Navalny's treatment, including test results for drugs and poisons. — Reuters



Afghanistan frees 200 Taliban prisoners to push peace talks

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 2

Afghanistan has freed nearly 200 Taliban prisoners to spur long-delayed peace talks, as a team of negotiators readies to fly this week to Qatar's capital, Afghan officials said on Wednesday. The prisoners formed part of a group of 400 jailed "hard-core" Islamist separatists whose stalled release had appeared set to delay talks between the government and the insurgent group to end nearly two decades of war. "The Afghan government has released another batch of the remaining Taliban prisoners and the work is still under way to move the prisoner exchange process forward,"



Around 120 inmates still in jails

Sediq Sediqqi, a spokesperson for President Ashraf Ghani, said in a statement.

He did not give the exact number, however. Two officials said the release from the main jail in the capital Kabul took place on Monday and Tuesday,

at the same time that the Taliban freed six Afghan special forces. About 120 prisoners remain to be freed in line with Taliban demands, including six whose release some Western governments, including Australia, have objected to.

"We want to finish the prisoner swap so we could start the peace process as soon as possible," said a senior government official. A source said it could be completed by Wednesday. A government-mandated negotiation team is likely to fly on Thursday to Doha, said Fraidoon Kwazon, the spokesman for Abdullah Abdullah, the head of the High Council for National Reconciliation. — Reuters

Covid curbs back in parts of Manchester



Students at a primary school in Barnton, Britain. REUTERS

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 2

The British Government re-imposed local restrictions in parts of the Greater Manchester area in northern England on Wednesday, just as they were being lifted, the latest in a series of abrupt reversals. Health Secretary Matt Hancock said social distancing measures would remain in place in the boroughs of Bolton and Trafford, contrary to his announcement on August 28 that they would be lifted on September 2. "Following a significant change in the level of infection rates over the last few days, a decision has been taken that Bolton and Trafford will now remain under existing restrictions," Hancock said in a statement. The restrictions, which

Study: Steroids cut death rate among Covid patients

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 2

Treating critically ill Covid-19 patients with corticosteroid drugs reduces the risk of death by 20%, an analysis of seven international trials found on Wednesday, prompting the WHO to update its advice on treatment. The analysis — which pooled data from separate trials of low dose hydrocortisone, dexamethasone and methylprednisolone — found that steroids improve survival rates of patients sick enough to be in intensive care. "This is equivalent to around 68% of patients surviving after treatment with corticosteroids, compared to around 60% surviving in the absence of corticosteroids," the researchers said in a statement. The WHO's clinical care lead, Janet Diaz, said the agency had updated its advice to include a "strong recommendation" for use of steroids in patients with severe and critical Covid-19. — Reuters

TRACKING COVID

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	1,89,154
BRAZIL	1,22,681
RUSSIA	17,414
UK	41,504
SPAIN	29,152

WORLD METER TILL SEPTEMBER 2, 10 PM

have been in place in Greater Manchester since July 30, mean among other things that residents cannot meet people from outside a narrowly defined social bubble in homes, either indoors or in gardens. — Reuters

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN 元	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD 元
₹73.03	₹86.64	₹97.58	₹0.69	₹10.72	₹56.02	₹53.62	₹53.65	₹9.44

Australia slips into recession

CANBERRA, SEPTEMBER 2

Australia's economy suffered its sharpest economic contraction since the Great Depression due to the pandemic, with data released Wednesday confirming the country is in its first recession in 28 years. The economy shrank 7% in June, the biggest contraction since records began in 1959, the government reported. Prime Minister Scott Morrison told Parliament: "This is a devastating day for Australia." The country is now in recession for the first time in 28 years following a 0.3% drop in the first quarter of the year, since it has logged two straight quarters of contraction. "Today's national accounts confirm the devastating impact on the Australian economy from Covid," Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said. — AP

Govt imposes cap on key export benefit under MEIS

Decision to seriously hit traders, says exporters' body

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

The government's decision to cap export incentives under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) at Rs 2 crore per exporter on outbound shipments made during September-December, 2020 is going to "seriously" affect traders, FIEO said on Wednesday. Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) president Sharad Kumar Saraf said exports that will be made during September-December, 2020 are based on the orders, which have already been negotiated much earlier, factoring the existing MEIS benefit. These benefits are part of

₹2 CRORE CEILING PER EXPORTER: FIEO

■ Export incentives under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme have been capped at ₹2 crore per exporter on outbound shipments made during September-December, 2020

■ The exporters' body also expressed concern over the financial outlay of ₹5,000 crore given for exports during September-December, 2020 with the condition that if claims exceed this limit, the ceiling may further be revised downwards

the export competitiveness and therefore the sudden change will affect the exporters' financially as buyers are not going to revise their prices upward, he added. "However, the sudden imposition of a cap of Rs 2 crore per IEC (Import Export Code), on MEIS benefit of exports made during September 1 to December

31, 2020, is going to seriously affect exporters, whose numbers may not be very large, but their contribution to exports warrant a revisit to the imposition of the cap," Saraf said. The government on Tuesday capped export incentives under the scheme at Rs 2 crore per exporter on outbound shipments made during the period from September 1 to December 31, 2020. He also expressed concern over the financial outlay of Rs 5,000 crore given for exports during September-December, 2020 with the condition that if claims exceed this limit, the ceiling may further be revised downwards. "This will create huge uncertainty as those eligible for a cap of Rs 2 crore will not be able to factor even such benefits in their exports. Clarity is also required whether any change in the MEIS rate will be notified for those who are not affected by the cap if the amount of Rs 5,000 crore is exhausted," Saraf said. — PTI

IN BRIEF

MUMBAI
Bridgestone rolls out doorstep service
Tyre maker Bridgestone India on Wednesday launched contactless doorstep service for all tyre-related requirements, including ranging wheel alignment, balancing or fitting of new tyres, across 20 cities in the country. The service also allows consumers to track the vehicle during the tyre servicing period, Bridgestone said. PTI

NEW DELHI
Happiest Minds IPO to open on September 7
IT services firm Happiest Minds Technologies Ltd on Wednesday said its initial public offering (IPO) will start on September 7, and the price band has been fixed at Rs 165-Rs 166 per equity share. The offer, which will close on September 9, comprises a fresh issue of Rs 110 crore and an offer for sale aggregating up to 35,663,585 equity shares, the company said. PTI

‘Unbreakable’ Nokia 3310 turns 20, fans nostalgic


NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

The iconic Nokia 3310 has turned 20 and fans were hit with nostalgia and could not hide their love for the strongest and one of the most popular mobile phones on various social media platforms. The Nokia 3310 was unveiled on September 1, 2000, had a dark blue body, emitted a deep green light from its tiny screen, and housed a charming game called "Snake". An entire generation grew up loving the iconic Nokia 3310. Then came the Nokia 1100 in 2003, a sturdy affair with an in-built torch which quickly became the best-selling consumer electronics device of its time. That was the 'Golden Age of Nokia' with hardly a competitor in sight. In 2016, HMD Global got the licence to sell Nokia-branded devices for the next 10 years. As people realised that it was the birth anniversary of Nokia 3310, they took to Twitter. "@Nokia 3310 was announced. It sold very well, being one of the most successful phones with 126 million units sold worldwide and being one of Nokia's most iconic devices. The phone is still widely acclaimed and has gained a cult status due to

THE ICONIC PHONE

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its durability," tweeted @ValaAfshar. "On this day in the year 2000 Nokia 3310 was released. One of the best phones ever released if I say so myself," said another user. Being a feature phone, Nokia 3310 can perform few tasks such as calling, SMS, calculator, stopwatch, etc. "The Nokia 3310 is 20 years old today. I feel my bones turning to dust," a user mentioned. Priced at Rs 3,310, the feature phone made a comeback in June 2017 in a completely new Indian market which was inundated with cheaper Chinese smartphones and several feature phones. — IANS

Direct selling industry emerges saviour for youth

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 2
Amid rising unemployment and layoffs during the pandemic, the direct selling industry has become saviour for youth in the region. According to direct sellers, they have witnessed a tremendous upsurge in people exploring business opportunities, especially from the youth below 35 years of age. The northern states, including Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarak-



“Those who lost job during the pandemic have opted for direct selling business as an alternative. Though it's difficult to quantify the number at the moment, definitely the industry has witnessed an upsurge in enrolment”

— Vivek Katoch, DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AFFAIRS (ASIA), ORIFLAME INDIA

hand, contribute over 25% to total sales of the direct selling industry and lakhs of people are engaged in the direct selling business. Anshu Budhraj, CEO, Amway India, said, "We have

seen a tremendous interest in business model from the under-35 category, who would otherwise opt for flexible roles in the gig economy ecosystem, a trend as per the present peculiar circum-

stances. As many as 64% of new registrations are under the under-35 category." Oriflame India director Vivek Katoch said, "In April and May, the industry witnessed disruption. How-

ever, June onwards the industry not only witnessed an upsurge in direct selling associates but also in sales. The industry has seen a paradigm shift from offline to online sales with more and more consumers shifting to online platforms for purchases." According to the sellers, the direct selling industry is the only industry in the country to have successfully emerged as the dark horse which has remained largely unaffected by the pandemic.

Achinta Banerjee, senior vice-president (sales), Amway India, said, "The surge is owing to unique business model that allows members to own and operate their own business and have a steady source of income through guided entrepreneurship. As the Indian employment landscape undergoes massive changes, with work-from-home and flexible working hours becoming reigning trends, the gig economy is set to become the preferred model of choice."

Nagal first Indian to win a round at Grand Slam in seven years

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 2 Sumit Nagal became the first Indian tennis player to win a singles round at a Grand Slam in seven years when he downed American Bradley Klahn in the US Open first round, setting up a contest against world No. 3 Dominic Thiem. Returning to the Flushing Meadows where he took a set off Roger Federer last year, the Indian got past the local rival 6-1 6-3 3-6 6-1.

Somdev Devvarman was the last Indian to win a main draw match at a Major, at the US Open in 2013.

“I qualified for a junior Slam in 2013 here and then the men’s and now to win my first round here means a lot. I enjoy playing here and it has worked out in my favour a few times,” Nagal said.

“It was not easy to walk inside the court knowing this match is more in your favour. I was definitely nervous and especially playing for my first Slam win but I did the things I was supposed to and kept my composure.”

Need for system
Devvarman, who retired in



LUCKY SEVEN

January 2017, had reached the second rounds of Australian Open, French Open and US Open in 2013 apart from playing a second round at the Wimbledon in 2011.

After Devvarman, Indian tennis saw the rise of Yuki Bhambri, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Prajnesh Gunneswaran but none of them could win a main draw round. Ramkumar did not even qualify for a main draw in many attempts. Saketh Myneni lost in the first round of the US Open in 2016.

2013

The last time an Indian won a main draw match at a Major. Somdev Devvarman had reached the second round at the US Open

Nagal said Indian tennis should have done better and partly blamed it on the not-so-helpful “system” as well. “In one way, yes (happy for Major win), but in another way, we could do so much better. We have so many people playing this sport, we have great talent but no system, which

makes me feel sad,” the 23-year-old said.

Ready for Thiem

Up next for him will be Austria’s top player Thiem, who advanced when his Spanish rival Jaume Munar retired before the start of the third set. Thiem was leading 7-6(6) 6-3 when Munar found it difficult to continue as he injured his knee during the second set.

“I am ready and excited to play him. It’s going to be fun and I will see where I stand in terms of my tennis level,” Nagal said. — PTI



Three-time champion Kim Clijsters (above, left) fell at the first hurdle in her second comeback when Ekaterina Alexandrova rallied for a 3-6 7-5 6-1 victory to reach the second round. It was the end of the road for former champion Venus Williams (above, right), who made a slew of errors in a 6-3 7-5 defeat by Karolina Muchova. USTA, USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS



OTHER RESULTS

MEN’S SINGLES

Daniil Medvedev bt Federico Delbonis 6-1 6-2 6-4; Matteo Berrettini bt Go Soeda 7-6(5) 6-1 6-4; Roberto Bautista Agut bt Tennys Sandgren 6-4 6-4 7-6(3); Milos Raonic bt Leonardo Mayer 6-3 6-2 6-3; Andrey Rublev bt Jeremy Chardy 6-4 6-4 6-3; Karen Khachanov bt Jannik Sinner 3-6 6-7(7) 6-2 6-0 7-6(4)

WOMEN’S SINGLES

Garbine Muguruza bt Nao Hibino 6-4 6-4; Sloane Stephens bt Mihaela Buzarnescu 6-3 6-3; Aryna Sabalenka bt Oceane Dodin 7-6(1) 6-4; Victoria Azarenka bt Barbara Haas 6-1 6-2; Madison Keys bt Timea Babos 6-1 6-1; Sofia Kenin bt Yanina Wickmayer 6-2 6-2; Johanna Konta bt Heather Watson 7-6(7) 6-1; Elise Mertens bt Laura Siegemund 6-2 6-2; Amanda Anisimova bt Viktoriya Tomova 7-5 7-5

It will be difficult for Messi to remain with Barcelona, says his father

BARCELONA: It will be difficult for Lionel Messi to remain at Barcelona after he made public his desire to leave the Spanish club, his father and agent Jorge Messi said today as he arrived in the city to negotiate his son’s future. After flying in on a private jet, Jorge Messi is

expected to meet club president Josep Maria Bartomeu to discuss his son’s future, Spanish media reported. A club spokesman declined to comment. “I don’t know, I know nothing,” Messi’s father told Spanish TV channel Cuatro when asked if the 33-year-old would

leave the club. But when pressed if it would be hard for him to remain, he said “yes”. And asked how he sees Messi’s future at Barcelona, he replied “difficult, difficult.” He dodged questions on whether Manchester City would be a good option for his son. REUTERS



The pack rides during the fifth stage of the Tour de France. AP/PTI

Penalty costs Alaphilippe yellow

PRIVAS (FRANCE): Julian Alaphilippe lost the overall lead in the Tour de France to Adam Yates after being handed a 20-second penalty for illegal feeding at the end of Stage 5, won by Wout van Aert today. Van Aert was fastest

in the sprint at the end of the 183km ride from Gap that featured no breakaway, an almost unprecedented scenario in normal racing conditions in the modern era. Alaphilippe finished safe in the bunch but snatched a bottle about 17km from the line, breaking Tour rules which state that feeding is illegal within 20km of the finish. REUTERS

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI Vinesh Phogat recovers from Covid, tests negative

India’s top woman wrestler Vinesh Phogat has recovered from coronavirus, returning negative tests twice, but remains in isolation for precautionary purpose.

NEW DELHI Sindhu withdraws from Uber Cup

World champion P V Sindhu has pulled out of next month’s Thomas and Uber Cup Finals due to “personal reasons” and could also miss the subsequent Super 750 tournaments in Denmark. The Thomas and

Uber Cup Finals, scheduled to be held from October 3 to 11.

KOLKATA

East Bengal gets investor, to make bid for ISL

East Bengal finally got an investor with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announcing a joint venture of the century-old club with city-based Shree Cement company.

MANCHESTER
Pak sign off tour of England with series-tying T20 win
Pakistan signed off their cricket tour of England with a five-run win in their third and final T20 International to draw the

series 1-1, with veteran batsman Mohammad Hafeez setting up victory with a 52-ball 86. Hafeez helped Pakistan to 190/4 after being put into bat. England needed 12 off the final two balls and although Tom Curran struck a six off the first, he swung and missed off the last delivery. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

TENNIS
US OPEN
STAR SPORTS SELECT 8:30PM

CYCLING
TOUR DE FRANCE
EUROSPORT 3:30PM

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice						
Sr. DEEG/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.						
Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender after 15:00 Hrs.	Website Particulars
251-Elect-T-11-2020-21	Electrical work in C/w Construction of new service building & Relay huts in connection with Remodelling of Sahnewal Yard for the work of Eastern Dedicated freight Corridor in the section of ADENAL DH.	4885312.06	97700.00	90 days	25.09.2020 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect/T/Notice No. 18-Elect/2020-21 Dated : 02.09.2020						
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ਸ਼ੁੱਧੀ-ਪੱਤਰ
ਮਿਤੀ 01.09.2020 ਨੂੰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਲਮਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਛਪੇ ਉਕਤ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਨੰ. 1 ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ-ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਆਈਟਮ ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵ ਰੇਟ ਨੂੰ ਰੁ. 1.00 ਲੱਖ ਦੀ ਬਜਾਏ ਰੁ. 2.00 ਲੱਖ ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਬਾਕੀ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ।

“Him Suchna Avam Jan Sampark”
Executive Engineer,
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District Kangra, H.P. — 176053.

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MATCH STATS		
NAGAL		KLAHN
124	RANKING	129
1	ACES	10
5	DOUBLE FAULTS	5
80	1ST SERVE IN (%)	63
77	WIN 1ST SERVE (%)	63
61	WIN 2ND SERVE (%)	44
6/17	BREAK POINTS WON	1/2
10/15	NET POINTS WON	19/29
17	WINNERS	32
17	UNFORCED ERRORS	40
Match duration: 2hr 12min		
<< Sumit Nagal plays a backhand against Bradley Klahn. COURTESY: USTA		

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Williams plays a backhand. AP/PTI

MURRAY READY FOR LONG HAUL

Andy Murray’s mental toughness has never been in doubt but his victory over Yoshihito Nishioka in the first round delivered the surest sign yet the Scot is also physically capable of going the distance at a Major once more. The 33-year-old, who has twice had hip surgery, battled back from two sets down to win 4-6 4-6 7-6(5) 7-6(4) 6-4 in his first singles appearance at a Slam since the 2019 Australian Open. “At the beginning, I was so apprehensive of playing a long match... but when I went two sets down I had to put the after-burners on,” Murray said.



Andy Murray reacts after defeating Yoshihito Nishioka. AP/PTI

MATCH STATS		
MURRAY		NISHIOKA
14	ACES	8
13	DOUBLE FAULTS	5
57	1ST SERVE IN (%)	67
77	WIN 1ST SERVE (%)	71
47	WIN 2ND SERVE (%)	57
4/6	BREAK POINTS WON	5/16
38/58	NET POINTS WON	23/37
59	WINNERS	57
77	UNFORCED ERRORS	50
Match duration: 4hr 39min		

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE FORCE NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Commandant, 51st Bn, ITB Police Force/Invites on behalf of The President of India online item rate bid system for following works:-

NIT No. ITBP/51BN/GRAIN SHOP/2020-2340-43 Dtd. 29.08.2020

Name of Work:- Supply of dry ration for grain shop 51st Bn ITB Police Patiala (Pb) and Thq, Sec-29, CHD.

Estimated Cost :- Rs. 6000000.00

Earnest Money :- Rs. 1200000.00

Period of Completion :- 06 Months

Last date and time of submission :- 21.09.2020 (12.30 Hrs) of bid

Note: The tender form and other details can be obtained from the website (www.itbp.gov.in & www.eprocure.gov.in).

Sd/- **Brij Mohan Singh**
Commandant
51st bn 1TB Police, Patiala.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online bids on item rates/lump sum basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Fatehpur Himachal Pradesh on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time	Cost of Form (in Rs.)
1	Providing Functional household tap (FHTC) connections in Villages Khor, Nigal, Anoh, Barla, Kohliari etc. through proposed LWSS Khor Nigal in Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra under JAL JEEVAN MISSION (SH:- Providing Jaying Jointing and testing of GI pipe 50 mm dia & Providing of centrifugal pumping machinery at headworks.	7,34,360/-	14,700/-	Three Months	250/-
2	Providing functional household tap (FHTC) connections in Villages Khor, Nigal, Anoh, Barla, Kohliari etc. through proposed LWSS Khor Nigal, Anoh in Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra (HP) under “Jal Jeevan Mission” (SH: Construction of RCC Sector storage tank 60 KL Capacity with 5 mtrs. Staging height at Node-4)	7,98,000/-	15,960/-	Three Months	250/-

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering is **05.09.2020 up to 11.00 A.M.** The tender forms and other detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the website www.hpiph.org

“Him Suchna Avam Jan Sampark”
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Fatehpur
District Kangra, H.P. — 176053.

DPR/HP/2634

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH.	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL
1	HVPNL, KARNAL	CREATION OF ONE NO. 132 KV BAY AT 220 KV S/STN.UNISPUR TO ACCOMMODATE 2ND CIRCUIT OF EXISTING 132 KV UNISPUR-KIRMICH S/C LINE ON D/C TOWERS.(SURFACE DRESSING, SUPPLY AND SPREADING OF CRUCHED BAURI) (CIVIL WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 07.09.2020	Rs. 5,900.00 for General, Rs. 2,950.00 for Registered Society	www.hvpnl.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
2	HVPNL	SCRAPPING AND PAINTING OF STRUCTURE AT 66 KV S/STN. HVPNL, YAMUNA NAGAR INCLUDING LABOUR & MATERIAL	CLOSING DATE 08.09.2020	2.77 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
3	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENTS FOR OIL TESTING LABS	29.08.2020 28.09.2020	EMD 6.28 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
4	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF ACSR PANTHER CONDUCTOR	01.09.2020 30.09.2020	6.70 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
5	HVPNL	PROCUREMENT OF MARSHALING KIOSK-300TB, STAINLESS STEEL	01.09.2020 30.09.2020	26.42 LACS	www.hvpnl.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpnl.org.in
6	THE SONIPAT COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS LTD.; SONIPAT	A) INSTALLATION OF NEW TUBEWELL. B) PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMP, MOTOR 20 H.P. SUBMERSIBLE CABLE, P.V.C. PIPE 9 INCH 45KG. STAR DELTA STARTER AND SWITCH ETC. + 2 OTHER WORK	31.08.2020 07.09.2020	1 LAKH	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9728310002 sonipatsugar@gmail.com
7	KARNAL SMART CITY	TOTAL 1 NO. WORK OF BACK HOE LOADER IN KARNAL CITY UNDER KARNAL SMART CITY PROJECT	28.08.2020 04.09.2020	—	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	smartcitykarnal@gmail.com
8	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, KATHAL	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND UP-KEEPING OF ALL 10218 POINTS IN MC, KATHAL AREA + 1 OTHER WORK	31.08.2020 09.09.2020	43.70 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	96717-90078 himanshu_jatka@gov.in
9	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF HALL OF AGRAWAL BHAWAN REWARI (MAP LAD) SCHEME	OPENING CLOSING DATE 07.09.2020	21 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app	9728025011 secymc.nrw@gmail.com
10	HPGCL, HISAR	NIT NO. 317/RGTPP/MM-II/TOE-4354 DT. 19.08.2020 SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 2 NO. BATTERY BANK AT RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 15.09.2020	88,600/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023551 mm2.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
11	HPGCL, HISAR	NIT NO.318/RGTPP/MM-II/TOE-4404 DT. 25.08.2020 SUPPLY OF HT TRAVELING CABLE AT RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR	OPENING CLOSING DATE 21.09.2020	7,670/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8222023551 mm2.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
12	HPGCL, HISAR	NIT NO. 01/EMD-/IRGTPP/2020-21 DT. 18.08.2020 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF PREVENTIVE/ROUTINE/ BREAKDOWN MAINTENANCE OF PLANT LIGHTING, HT/LT SWITCHGEAR, TRANSFORMER, MOTORIZED ACTUATOR AND CABLES CONNECTED WITH THE SAME FOR 2X600 MW RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO YEARS EXTENDABLE FURTHER UP TO 3 MONTHS	OPENING CLOSING DATE 09.09.2020	3.12 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9315164619 xenemd1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
13	UHBVN, PANCHKULA	SCANNING/DIGITIZATION OF THE PHYSICAL PAGES I/C RETRIEVAL OF RECORD IN ELECTRONIC FORM, SEARCHABLE PDF AND DATA ENTRY IN EXCEL TEMPLATE BASED ON ACTUAL NUMBER OF PAGES DIGITIZED AS PER SCOPE OF WORK	CLOSING DATE 14.09.2020	22.50 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com
14	UHBVN, SONEPAT	HIRING OF 1 NO. OUTSOURCED OFFICE VEHICLE TYPE I.E JEEP WITH HARDTOP ALONG WITH DRIVER FOR THE SDO (OP) SUB- URBAN SUB-DIVISION UHBVN, GANAUAR + 2 OTHER WORK	OPENING DATE 09.09.2020	EMD 18000/-	www.uhbvn.org.in	0130-2981149 xenopusonipat@uhbvn.org.in
15	H.S.A.M. BOARD, FARIDABAD	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE BURAKA TO DADKA (ID-8105) (BALANCE WORK RISK & COST SH. RAHISH KHAN CONTRACTOR) TIME LIMIT FOR 5 MONTHS + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 14.09.2020	EMD 7.32 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2019@gmail.com
16	HARYANA SEEDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.	TOMATO, ONION, OKRA (BHINDI), CHILLY, CAPSICUM, CAULIFLOWER, CORIANDER, MUSKMELOON, BABYCORN AND GARLIC VARIETIES (G-50 & G-282) VEGETABLE SEEDS ON CONSIGNMENT BASIS.	02.09.2020 15.09.2020	EMD 1 LAKH	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896076876 cmpshdc@gmail.com
17	HSAMBOARD, KARNAL	SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE PATHERA TO BUDHANPUR (H-3934) + 1 OTHER WORK	08.09.2020 21.09.2020	53.22 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	1842220964
18	H.S.A.M. BOARD, GANAUAR	CONSTRUCTION OF OFFICE OF HARYANA INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL MARKETING CORPORATION LIMITED (HIHMC), AT HIHM, GANAUAR (HARYANA)	28.08.2020 11.09.2020	55.02 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenihihm.hsamb@gmail.com
19	HARYANA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION, PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF 28490 MTs CAP. GODOWNS (EXCEPT ROOFING), CC ROAD OFFICE BLOCK AND GUARD ROOM INCLUDING E. I WORK ON HSAMB MANDI LAND AT HODAL (DISTRICT PALWA) + 45 OTHER WORKS	04.09.2020 18.09.2020	1170.65 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2578830 secyhw@hry.nic.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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BJP to bargain hard, seek 120 seats

BIHAR ELECTIONS Former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi-led HAM-S to join NDA today

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

Amid the tussle for a better share among the NDA allies, the BJP is believed to have been preparing a list of 120 seats to contest in the upcoming polls to the 243-member Bihar Assembly, say sources.

The party, which is fighting the elections with allies JD-U and LJP under the leadership of incumbent Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, wants to shortlist at least 120 constituencies which it believes it can win and then approach the negotiating table with this list, they explain.

“The core committee of the state is working on the list. The BJP is keeping a watch on all the 243 seats, examining its own possibilities and also assessing the ground strength of the allies as chief JP Nadda wants state leaders and MPs to work not only for ensuring victory of their party’ candidates but also



Ticket seekers wait in a queue to submit their biodata at the JD-U office in Patna on Wednesday. PTI

the nominees of the NDA allies and project a perfect picture of unity in the elections,” the sources say.

At the same time, leaders also admit that there will be a tussle over seats, which is “natural”. Eventually, the JD-U may end up with 115-120 seats, the LJP 25-30 and the BJP 95-105.

Jitan Ram Manjhi-led Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), which left ‘mahagathbandhan’ (grand coalition) last month, will formally join the NDA on Thursday and it will have to be adjusted.

Significantly, the HAM-S has formed an alliance with the JD(U). “We have forged an alliance with JD(U) and

have become a part of the NDA. There has been no discussion about seat-sharing,” Manjhi was quoted as saying. The former CM is believed to be seeking 10 seats. However, it remains to be seen how and from whose kitty HAM-S is accommodated.

The BJP is leaving no stone unturned to win back

LJP ‘UPSET’ OVER MOVE

New Delhi: With Manjhi’s expected entry into the NDA, the latter’s ally Lok Janshakti Party has called a meeting of its state parliamentary board next week. With the LJP’s worsening relations with CM Nitish Kumar, party sources said the main agenda on September 7 will be whether to put up its candidates against the JD(U). We are definitely considering it, an LJP leader said. Chirag Paswan declined to comment on the matter. PTI

Bihar with Nadda himself leading brainstorming sessions and strategy meetings.

Meanwhile, the CPI, the CPM and the CPI (ML) are pressuring the Congress and the RJD of ‘mahagathbandhan’ to finalise seats for them for the upcoming state polls. This will help prepare better for the polls, a Left leader said.

Civil servants to get skill training

Govt okays Mission Karmayogi for reforms in bureaucracy

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The government today approved a proposal of the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) to launch Mission Karmayogi, a skill programme for civil servants with a focus more on role of officials than the rules provided for them.

Announcing it, Union Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said, “This is the biggest human resource development reform in the government.”

A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be created to provide technological support for the training programmes, the minister said, adding that the aim was to provide set of skills to civil servants to serve in the direction to ensure ease of living life for people in general and also ease of doing business in the country.

Later, Minister for DoPT



Union Ministers Prakash Javadekar (R) and Jitendra Singh in New Delhi on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

Jitendra Singh said there would be an HR council, chaired by the Prime Minister, which will also comprise select Union ministers and CMs. It will also have eminent thought leaders (noted academics and global leaders) and civil services leadership, he added.

“This scheme is based on the government’s vision on how a civil servant should be. A civil servant of today,

in order to meet the challenges of the world, will have to be imaginative and innovative, proactive and polite, professional and progressive, energetic and enabling, transparent and tech enabled, and constructive and creative,” said DoPT Secretary C Chandramouli, who gave a detailed presentation on the mission during the press briefing.

ED arrests alleged hawala dealer

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday said it had arrested alleged hawala dealer Naresh Jain in a money laundering probe linked to hawala transaction deals worth several crores. Officials in the agency said Jain had been arrested under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Over 600 bank accounts and overseas transfers of over Rs 11,000 crore are under scanner of the agency, officials said. —TNS

70-km front...

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budging. India has been pressing for restoration of the April status quo ante. As of now, the PLA has asked the Indian Army to withdraw from the mountain tops. Both India and China lay claim to these peaks. The alignment of the LAC has not been demarcated on ground and both sides have overlapping claims across the 826-km stretch in Ladakh.

Since China started its aggression in May, all peace-related agreements signed between the two sides since 1993 have been violated. Chinese attempts to unilaterally alter the LAC have been thwarted by India.

More states oppose Centre’s options to meet GST shortfall

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

The Centre’s attempt of providing two options to give back states their GST dues failed to take off after more Opposition chief ministers wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi while the BJP-ruled states of UP, Gujarat and Bihar have sought an extension of one week’s deadline to submit their preferences.

On Wednesday, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and West Bengal’s Mamata Banerjee wrote to the PM asking him not to go ahead with plans of transferring GST compensation burden on states. They also mentioned the dire straits of state finances due to a massive revenue shortfall.

Earlier, the CMs of Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry and Tamil Nadu had written to the PM while the Chattisgarh CM had written to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Besides, Punjab, Maharashtra and



Kerala, WB write to PM against transferring burden to states

Rajasthan have also expressed their opposition.

Kerala suggested a third option which entailed the Centre borrowing the full amount on their behalf and the states extending the cess to recoup the amount.

The states have also toyed with the option of approaching the Supreme Court but want to first exhaust the political options of approaching the PM as well as discussing the issue again at the next GST Council meeting on September 19.

Mamata Banerjee accused the PM of undermining federalism and directed her party to hold three rounds of protest for the withholding of dues.



Dr Kafeel Khan in Mathura. PTI

Out of jail, Kafeel fears he will be framed again

LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 2

The UP Government was indulging in “Baal Hatth” or childlike-stubbornness instead of observing “Raj Dharma” and could frame him in another case, Dr Kafeel Khan said after being released from Mathura jail late on Tuesday night.

He was in jail since January after he delivered an allegedly provocative speech at the AMU during the anti-CAA protests in December 2019. Khan said he was apprehensive that the government may frame him in another case.

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav and the AMU Resident Doctors’ Association on Wednesday welcomed Khan’s release and termed it a “victory of justice”. —PTI

Sushant case: NCB arrests ‘drug dealer’

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 2

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has arrested an alleged drug dealer and detained another in connection with the drugs trafficking case linked to the case of actor Sushant Singh Rajput’s death, officials said on Wednesday.

The arrested man has been identified as Zaid Vilatra. Indian currency worth Rs 9,55,750 and foreign currency (\$2,081,180 British pounds and 15 dirhams), which the NCB claimed are “proceeds of drug peddling”, have been recovered from him.

“Zaid disclosed that he runs an eatery in Bandra which was not giving any pecuniary gains since lockdown. He also disclosed that he is into drug peddling, especially bud, through which he used to earn a substantial amount of money,” the NCB said. According to NCB, the best quality of bud is sold for Rs 5,000 per gram.

Zaid came under the scanner after the agency arrested two persons — Abbas Lakhani and Karan Arora — in another



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narcotics case on August 27-28 in Mumbai and recovered a bud consignment from them.

Lakhani had “linkages” with Zaid. The agency has also detained Bandra resident Basit Parihar after interrogating Zaid. Parihar is “learnt to have linkages” with the narcotics case registered against Rajput’s live-in partner Rhea Chakraborty and others. — PTI

381 suicides a day in 2019: NCRB data

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

The country reported an average 381 deaths by suicide daily in 2019, totalling 1,39,123 fatalities over the year, according to the recent National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data.

Besides, 36 security personnel under the command of the Union Home Ministry died by suicide in 2019, taking the number of such cases to 433 in six years, according to the data.

A 3.4 per cent increase was observed in suicides during 2019 (1,39,123 suicides) as compared to 2018 (1,34,516) and 2017 (1,29,887), the data showed.

The rate of suicide (incidents per 1 lakh population) rose by 0.2 per cent in 2019 over 2018, as per the data.

According to the NCRB statistics, which functions under the Union Home Ministry, the suicide rate in cities (13.9 per cent) was higher as compared to all-India suicide rate (10.4 per cent) in 2019.

For every 100 suicide deaths, 70.2 were male and 29.8 females, the NCRB, which collects data from police recorded cases, stated. Besides, of the 433 suicide deaths among the CAPF personnel during the six-year period, the least (28) number of cases was reported in 2018 and the maximum (175) in 2014, the data showed. — TNS

Mewat village turns ATM scammers’ hub

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being booked under easilyailable sections like IPC 420.

There are many cases in Hodal itself where it takes years to register a complaint. Two such complainants have written to the DGP saying their FIR had not been registered even after almost a month.

The fraudsters are learnt to be computer-savvy and aware of the functioning of the ATMs.

A few villagers took to the activity about 10 years ago when a majority of Mewat people had problems in operating ATM cards. They would pretend helping people withdraw money and swap cards instead.

Those expert in the “trade” even impart coaching to youngsters to clone cards and violate machines.

While Palwal SP Deepak Ahlawat did not respond to calls, a senior official said, “The problem of this village is similar to several others in Mewat — residents support criminals. They obstruct raids, hide them and even go on to negotiate with complainants before the accused reach court. They don’t use phone, which makes tracking them difficult. Most of the fraudsters operate outside the district and even the state.”

US-led allies attempt to outflank China in Asia Pacific trade, security

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 2

When PM Narendra Modi agreed at one day’s notice to deliver the keynote address on Thursday at the ongoing US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), it was another indication of the strategy brewing among a clutch of Asia-Pacific democracies to pool in their security and economic interests led by the US flag.

At present, India’s diplomatic engagements seem to be more Kremlin-oriented. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has travelled to Moscow for the second time in recent months, while Foreign Minister S Jaishankar will interact with his Russian and Chinese counterparts under the SCO and BRICS formats.

PM Narendra Modi to address third US-India Strategic Partnership Forum today

That will be overlapped by interactions seeking to put more punch into an economic and security answer to China. “Our strategy is to push back China in virtually every domain,” US Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun admitted at a USISPF session.

With the clashes at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), India appears to have signed on to a concept of Quad plus.

As Biegun revealed, Foreign Secretaries of six Asia Pacific countries have been in unprecedented weekly. The other countries are India, Japan, Australia, South Korea, Vietnam and New

Zealand, all of whom are informally called Quad Plus.

India, once touted to be the weakest link, has shed its inhibitions and is set to host its first in-person diplomatic engagement after the pandemic broke in March with a two plus two with the US.

The conversation between Mike Pompeo and Mark Esper with S Jaishankar and Rajnath Singh would set the tone for a Quad ministerial meeting later this year involving the External Affairs Ministers of the US, India, Australia and Japan.

The US Foreign Secretary also emphasised both legs –

security and economic — of a joint strategy will gradually seek to involve five democracies of the region and Vietnam. “We’re doing it in terms of outsized demands to claim sovereign territory, whether it’s in the Galwan valley of India on the India-China border or whether it’s in the South Pacific. We’re also doing it economically,” he had said.

His equal emphasis on the economic part would seek to bring back the balance from the present, heavy tilt towards the security side. As former NSA Shivshankar Menon wrote, “Where India and the US once collaborated on a wide range of issues in pursuit of common goals, they now cooperate on security to the exclusion of much else.”

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