

Burnt 'gutka' found; Muktsar cops start probe

MUKTSAR, APRIL 16
A partially burnt 'gutka' was found in a vacant plot on the Abohar road here last evening. A granthi of a nearby gurdwara informed the manager of Gurdwara Darbar Sahib here about the sacrilege incident, who then reached the spot along with the police.

Sumer Singh, manager, Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, said: "The gutka was found partially burnt in a vacant plot. I have informed the police about the sacrilege incident."

SAD (A) lodges protest at scene

for further action. Some burnt literature and worship material too has been found from the plot. It seems someone burnt the gutka by mistake along with some literature and then threw it in the vacant plot to avoid legal action."

Meanwhile, the SAD (Amritsar) lodged a protest at the spot, accusing the police of inaction. Later, a team led by local DSP went there and promised a fair probe. The Muktsar City police have registered a case against unidentified persons in this regard. —TNS

Act in sacrilege, firing cases, MLAs, ministers urge Capt

KOTKAPURA VERDICT Fear failure to restore people's faith to cost Cong dear

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16
As allegations of "shoddy" handling of the Kotkapura police firing cases has set off churning within the Punjab Congress, a group of Cabinet Ministers and MLAs today categorically told Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to act strongly against the perpetrators in the sacrilege and firing cases or else lose badly in the 2022 Assembly polls.



Sikh organisations protest the sacrilege incidents in Amritsar. FILE

It was pointed out that the quashing of the SIT investigations had cast aspersions on the party's resolve to take the perpetrators to task, resulting in leaders within the party like MPs Partap Singh Bajwa, Ravneet Singh Bittu and senior party leader Navjot Singh Sidhu questioning their own government to give justice to victims in the police firing cases. "The issue has brought us on a par with the Akalis," said a senior leader.

Though no formal decision was taken in the meeting, it

was decided to wait for the Punjab and Haryana High Court judgment before deciding the future course of action. Various options like challenging the HC order or appointing a new SIT chief were also discussed. It is learnt that the Chief Minister would be holding a briefing in the coming days.

The meeting was attended by PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar, senior party leader Lal Singh, Ministers Sukhjinder

SET UP NEW SIT: BAJWA

Chandigarh: Congress MP Partap Singh Bajwa on Friday said the High Court verdict in the Kotkapura case was a monumental failure of the Advocate General and his office. He said the government should constitute a new SIT in the case. Since the material collected during the probe was already with the government or the previous SIT. The new SIT would be able to complete its probe within a timeframe of one month and file challans, he added.

Vijay Partap Singh, the ministers and MLA sought to know the concrete way forward to tide over the crisis and restore faith of the people in the probe being done against the Akalis.

Seeking answers for the apparent administrative lapses that had led to the High Court quashing the investigations of the Punjab Police SIT and removing its chief IG Kunwar

Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Bajwa and Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria, MLAs Kiki Dhillon and Navtej Cheema, Advocate General Atul Nanda and DGP Dinkar Gupta, besides political secretary to CM Capt Sandeep Sandhu.

It is learnt that Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa and MLA Kushaldeep Dhillon were vociferous on the issue. "A blame game between the police and legal department has started," said a senior leader.

People feeling cheated: Sidhu

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PATIALA, APRIL 16
Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu today said the state government had cheated the people of Punjab by "failing to meet the two prime demands of strict action against drug kingpins and punishment for those involved in the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib".

Accusing his own government of defending the main accused, who were at the top of the hierarchy when the Bargari sacrilege took place and innocent men lost their lives, Sidhu said the system had failed us. "Despite prima facie evidence following the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report, the Punjab Government called a special session but failed to nail the culprits. Even after four years of the government, the FIR in the case does not name the accused cops or the then Chief Minister," Sidhu said, adding: "I will speak my mind as no Sikh would tolerate this. No one can fool us."

"When those involved in the crime have been identified, why is there no action? Why is there no chargesheet?" he asked at his ancestral residence in Patiala.

"The FIR is the foundation



Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO

HARD-HITTING POSERS TO OWN GOVT

- What kind of probe was done in the Bargari incident?
- Why is no one named in FIRs despite evidence?
- Jagdish Singh Bhola named top drug lords, including cops and political leaders. Why is there no action taken?

of any case. But here, there is no foundation. You may hire top lawyers, what can they do? How will you build the case?" Sidhu asked.

"There is not even a single name from the top in the FIRs, be it drugs or Bargari case, despite evidence and the commission's report. It was a government-appointed commission and SIT to probe the Bargari sacrilege issue," said Sidhu.

On the issue of botched-up probe in the drugs nexus, Sidhu again blamed the state government. "The report by the Special Task Force formed by the government in 2017 under a senior IPS officer brought from outside the state is yet to be made public and kingpins yet to be named," said Sidhu. "Why is the government silent on the findings of the report? Despite it being with the government, why is there no action against anyone? Even the officer was later shifted," Sidhu said.

Cong conspiracy exposed: SAD

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16
The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today said the conspiracy hatched by the Congress government to defame the party had been exposed with the quashing of the investigation carried out by the state in the Kotkapura police firing case. It had also been proved that the Congress had misused the issue for petty political gains, the SAD added.

SAD spokesman Daljit Singh Cheema said the Congress government had played with the sentiments of Punjabis by failing to nail the real culprits. "Four years have

4 YRS OF VENDETTA

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Daljit Singh Cheema, SAD LEADER

been wasted in indulging in a political vendetta against the SAD. Crores of public money has been wasted with Rs 5.50

crore doled out to private lawyers by the Advocate General. A malicious and biased investigation was also conducted by former SIT head Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh to implicate senior SAD leaders in the case. Despite misusing all resources at its command, the Congress government could not prove the involvement of a single SAD leader in any case".

Cheema said all this proved that the Congress government was not interested in nabbing the culprits but was all along indulging in conspiracies to defame the SAD as well as its religious institutions.

Ex-DGP Saini exempt from appearance in firing case

FARIDKOT, APRIL 16

The court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Faridkot, on Friday exempted former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini from personal appearance before the court here in the Kotkapura police firing case of October 2015.

The court allowed exemption to Saini after his counsel asserted that the probe conducted by the SIT in the Kotkapura firing case was quashed by the High Court on April 9. Opposing this move, the public prosecutor claimed that the ground for allowing

exemption to the former DGP was devoid of any merit. However, allowing exemption from personal appearance for today, the court directed the counsel for Saini to ensure the presence of former DGP before the court on May 10 and asked him to produce the High Court order about quashing of the investigation in the Kotkapura police firing case.

The SIT has so far submitted total nine chargesheets in the courts in both the Bebhal Kalan and Kotkapura police firing cases. —TNS

Plaint against BJP leaders

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, APRIL 16

AAP's legal cell has filed a complaint against BJP general secretary Ram Madhav and Gujarat Deputy CM Nitin Patel in the court of Judicial Magistrate for allegedly using derogatory language against protesting farmers.

In the complaint, it claimed Madhav and Patel had used derogatory language against farmers, terming them anti-national, Maoists, Khalistanis, separatists, etc. It said farmers Rashpinder Singh and Amrinder Singh had filed a defamation complaint against both leaders and recorded their statements. —OC



Farmers garner support for the proposed April 18 rally. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Admn in fix as unions plan rallies amid Covid

AMRITSAR, APRIL 16

Cocking a snook at the state government's directions against holding social, religious or political gatherings in the face of the Covid-19 threat till April 30, farm organisations have announced 'kisan rallies' in Amritsar.

While the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) has scheduled a congregation on April 18 at Bhagtanwala grain market, a group of farmers under the banner of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has announced an identical programme at Kukkranwala village in Ajnala the following day.

Terming these programmes illegal, Amritsar DC Gurpreet Singh Khaira said any violator of the directions would be liable to face legal action.

Nonetheless, Punjabi actor Sonia Mann, who has been participating in the farm struggle at the Delhi borders under the umbrella of SKM, today announced a 'kisan mahasabha' at the Kukkranwala village stadium on April 19.

DC TALKS TOUGH

There are clear directions that no gathering will be allowed. If the organisers violate the rule of law, they will face action.

Gurpreet Singh Khaira, AMRITSAR DC

Asked about the Covid threat, the daughter of Baldev Singh Mann, a Left activist killed by militants in the 1990s, said if the government was so conscious about the health of its citizens, how could it ignore the cause of farmers and elders who had been so vulnerable at the Delhi borders struggling against the farm laws. She claimed prominent farm leaders, including Balbir Singh Rajewal and Joginder Singh Ugrahan, have given their consent to participate in the programme. KMSC state general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said farmers were never afraid of curbs in the garb of Covid.



Farmers cover their produce with plastic sheets at the grain market in Patiala. RAJESH SACHAR

Wheat growers await e-payment

SANGRUR, APRIL 16

Despite claims of payment for wheat purchase within 48 hours, four days after selling their crop and submitting blank bank cheques and fulfilling other formalities, many farmers of the district have yet to get their payment.

"I sold my crop on April 13 and have still not received the payment. Neither my arthiya nor officers concerned of purchase agencies are giving any satisfactory reply," said Nanak Singh, a farmer from Thalesa village. Another farmer, Gurabhish Singh, said he had

been waiting for the past three days for the payment.

"I have been waiting for the release of the payment since April 13. We know that this year government has introduced a new system for the

direct payment, but it must direct its officers to take effective steps for the quick release," said Gurmail Singh, another farmer from Mangwal village.

Some senior officers said since Punjab farmers had been receiving direct payment for the first time and there's a change in the established system, there was bound to be some initial hiccups. The e-payment software started working properly from Thursday and in the past 24 hours, authorities have released a total of Rs 9.20 crore. —TNS

Bid to scuttle stir: Leaders

BATHINDA, APRIL 16

Farm unions have condemned the Union Government's statement asking farmers to vacate protest sites at the Delhi border in the wake of Covid-19 spread, terming it nothing more than "pressure tactics" to end the agitation against the three agricultural laws.

BKU Ugrahan president Joginder Ugrahan said after other ploys failed to work, the government in the garb of Covid now wanted to sabotage the movement, but won't succeed as farmers were resolute in their struggle.

Ugrahan said: "There are reports in the media that the government, citing the pandemic, will first ask farmers

If the government resorts to any coercive action against farmers, it must be prepared to face the consequences.

Balkaran Singh Balli, FARMER LEADER

to peacefully vacate the sites and if they do not comply, it will explore the alternative of using force to remove farmers. But farmers are firm in their resolve and won't leave the protest venues till three laws are repealed by the government.

Rift in Cong over choice of mayoral nominees in Pathankot

RAVI DHALIWAL

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PATHANKOT, APRIL 16
Fissures have erupted among the newly elected Congress municipal councillors, forcing the leadership to postpone a meeting that was to be held to nominate Pathankot's mayoral candidate.

Earlier, five-time councillor Panna Lal Bhatia was considered the probable choice.

However, this is no longer the case even as the postponement has yanked the door wide open for other aspirants, particularly Nitin Laddi Mahajan and Gaurav Wadhera, to press their claims.

The meeting was allegedly postponed as the leadership feared the councillors would defy the party whip asking them to back Bhatia. "This would have left the party red-

WRONG DECISION WILL HIT VOTE BANK

Pathankot is primarily an urban seat. Around 90% voters for the Assembly seat are based in the city. A wrong choice will mean a major loss of the vote bank. Congress leader

faced. Hence the deferment," said a councillor. Sources say unanimity was not emerging on Bhatia's name as a majority of the councillors were not backing him. Incidentally, all

three — Bhatia, Wadhera and Mahajan — are considered to be close to MLA Amit Vij.

On his part, the legislator is busy balancing caste equations to avoid any electoral embar-

rassment in the 2022 Assembly polls. "Pathankot is primarily an urban seat. Around 90 per cent voters for the Assembly seat are based in the city. A wrong choice will mean a major loss of the city's vote bank for him," said a Congress leader.

The PPCC is keen to weigh caste factors before finalising the candidate in this Hindu-dominated town. "Both Wadhera and Bhatia may be in the

reckoning but neither the PPCC nor the MLA can ignore Mahajan because the community to which he belongs has nearly 35,000 votes in this Assembly seat. The legislator will be playing with fire if he ignores this fact," said a senior leader. Sources say the final decision on Mayor, Senior Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor has been left to PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar.

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Negative test despite symptoms a worry

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JALANDHAR, APRIL 16

After having temperature for a few days, Sunny Verma (42) was taken to a private hospital where he was tested for Covid. His report came negative. He was referred to another hospital where he was admitted, but his condition deteriorated and he died after three days. All through his treatment his Covid report (he was tested twice) remained negative.

Kulwant Singh from Chabbewal took to Facebook to narrate a similar ordeal. His father — who tested negative for Covid — was admitted to a private hospital and died a few days later. Kulwant also made a complaint to the Jalandhar DC in this regard.

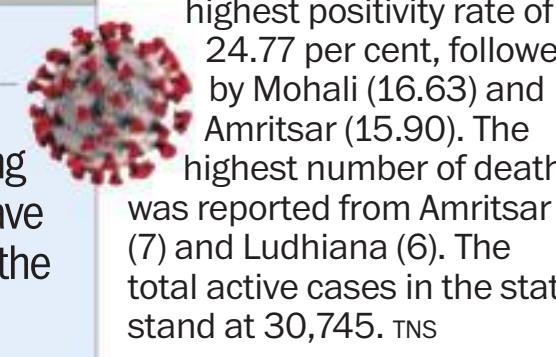
Persisting Covid symptoms despite patient testing negative has made doctors worried and the administration is flooded with complaints. Doctors say as per ICMR guidelines, the treatment for Covid can't be initiated unless a person tests positive.

Rishi Verma, brother-in-law of Sunny Verma, said, "Before being admitted to the hospital,



DC TAKES UP ISSUE WITH CHIEF SECY

There are many cases where a patient has tested negative despite chest and CT scans showing presence of Covid. Both patients and hospitals have complained to us. The issue has been brought to the notice of the Chief Secretary. Ghasyam Thor, DC



3,915 CASES, 51 DEATHS

Chandigarh: Punjab continued to be on the edge with 3,915 new Covid cases and 51 deaths. Ludhiana and Mohali continued to take the state tally up with 598 and 560 cases, respectively. Bathinda, which witnessed 266 fresh cases, has the highest positivity rate of 24.77 per cent, followed by Mohali (16.63) and Amritsar (15.90). The highest number of deaths was reported from Amritsar (7) and Ludhiana (6). The total active cases in the state stand at 30,745. TNS

HARSIMRAT TESTS +VE

MP Harsimrat Badal has tested +ve for Covid. She had held some meetings with SAD workers in Bathinda on Thursday

my brother tested negative. After being admitted, the RT-PCR test also came out negative, yet he was kept in a Covid ward. However, he was cremated without Covid protocol."

Another patient said, "My

AAP SEEKS DETAILS OF COVID RELIEF FUND

Chandigarh: The AAP has raised questions over the CM Covid Relief Fund. In a statement issued from the party headquarters on Friday, AAP state president Bhagwant Mann said the state government had not made public the total amount that came to the CM Covid Relief Fund and also sought details of where the funds had been spent so far. TNS

father was tested for Covid and his report came negative. He walked to the hospital and was normal on the first day, but within two days he died. Doctors told us he died of typhoid." Dr Rajesh Baskar, state nodal

officer Covid, said, "The accuracy of the RT-PCR samples depends a lot on the quality of the nasopharyngeal sample being taken. An inappropriately taken sample is bound to test negative. Also, timing mat-

ters. Hospitals should treat a patient as a Covid suspect if they display symptoms despite testing negative."

He added, "So far we have no doubts regarding the specificity of the RT-PCR tests. If such incidents increase, the issue will be raised."

Dr BS Johal of Johal Hospital, Jalandhar, said, "In at least 20% cases, symptoms are seen in a patient despite RT-PCR report testing negative. In these patients, symptoms are present, CT scan findings are suggestive of Covid, but the patient tests negative. This is happening because in the new strain, patients' throat and nasal swabs at times prove inadequate to establish Covid."

Dr TP Singh, nodal officer, Covid, Jalandhar, said, "While RT-PCR never had 100% specificity, 60 to 70% accuracy in its results has been sufficient to detect Covid. There seems to be an anomaly in a few cases, but the number is too little. Some seasonal allergies or medical histories might be playing a part in their health conditions. It is too early to comment whether protocol should be changed or enhanced for such cases."

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IELTS centres protest closure

BATHINDA, APRIL 16

Owners of the IELTS centres staged a protest against district administration following the closure orders till April 30 in wake of the Covid surge.

The centre owners took out a protest rally. Rupinder Singh said, "The administration's decision to close down the IELTS centres is unfortunate as no other district has taken such a measure." — TNS

Will attend urgent cases: Advocates

FAZILKA, APRIL 16

Members of the District Bar Associations, Fazilka and Jalalabad, on Friday decided to appear in courts only for urgent and bail-related matters and other cases shall be kept in abeyance due to the Covid surge.

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Year on, construction workers await relief

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PATIALA, APRIL 16

Even after a year, hundreds of construction workers in the state haven't received financial assistance, which was meant to fight the financial onslaught of the Covid-induced lockdown. The aid was announced for registered construction workers last year. Workers have been running from pillar to post to get the aid as the department has failed to transfer the due amount to their bank accounts.

The state government had announced two installments of Rs 3,000 to allay the economic impact of the lockdown. The Tribune found that around hundreds of workers in the home district of the CM — the ex officio chairman of the Punjab Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board — have not received the amount. Local dealing officials claimed they had sent multiple reminders to the state Labour Department in this regard.

Ranjit Kaur of Thuhi village said, "The government has failed to protect the construction workers from financial burden of the lockdown. I wrote to the Nabha Labour Inspector in July, but I have not received any amount till now." Vijay Walia, an activist fighting for the construction workers, said, "The CM, who is the chairman of the labour board, should have checked whether the grants have reached genuine beneficiaries or not."



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VK Janjua, Principal Secretary, Labour Department, said, "A majority of the workers have already received the amount. I will ask officials concerned to immediately transfer the amount to the workers."

3 from MP nabbed with 30 illegal pistols

AMRITSAR, APRIL 16

Busting an interstate module of weapon suppliers, the Amritsar rural police have arrested three Madhya Pradesh residents and confiscated 30 illegal weapons from their possession. Those arrested have been identified as Crore Singh, Ram Singh Patwa and Chander Pal.

According to the police, the suspects used to supply weapons to different parts of Punjab, besides neighbouring states. The suspects were nabbed from Burhanpur district during a special operation. The arms seized included 25 .32 bore pistols, five .30 bore pistols and 32 magazines, besides an Alto car and a bike.

DGP Dinkar Gupta said acting on specific inputs, a police team from Amritsar rural led by Majitha ASP Abhimanyu Rana and DSP (Detective) Gurinder Nagra arrested Crore Singh and Chander Pal near the Burhanpur bus stand on April 10.

Ten .32 bore pistols and 10 magazines were recovered from their possession, while third suspect Patwa was nabbed near Gurdwara Badi

Interstate module supplied weapons across Punjab



Weapons seized by the police.

Sangat in Burhanpur, along with 15 .32 bore pistols, five .30 bore pistols and 22 magazines.

Patwa said the consignment had been supplied to him by Rahul, an MP-based weapons manufacturer and smuggler, whose name has cropped up in similar seizures by the Punjab Police in the past six months. — TNS

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AAP: Changing school books will hit sellers

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16

Criticising the decision of the state government to change around 35 school books for the academic year 2021-22, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) senior leader and Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema said the decision was against the rules and this would cause considerable financial loss to booksellers and agencies.

Cheema alleged that it had come to his notice that the Education Department of Punjab had taken several decisions in violation of educational rules in the past, which was causing great harm to those who were feeding their families by selling books.

He said just 15 days before the new academic session, the Education Department has decided to change about 35 books of different classes. Cheema claimed that the owners of book agencies and booksellers had lost lakhs of rupees due to this decision. He said the government should withdraw this decision immediately.

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Three held with illicit liquor, lahan

TARN Taran, April 16

The district police and excise department, in a joint operation, raided six places and recovered 66,570 millilitre illegal liquor, 3,680 kg lahan and an apparatus of working still. Three suspects were arrested, while three others fled.

A team from the Sarai Amanat Khan police station and excise department seized 37,500 ml illicit liquor from the house of Veer Singh at Haribanspur village, who fled the scene. They also recovered

Police, excise teams raid 6 spots in Tarn Taran

22,320 ml illicit liquor and 1,140 kg lahan from the house of Karanjit Singh the same village, who was arrested.

The Sarhali police in a raid at Jawanda Kalan village seized 150 kg lahan from the residence of Dilbag Singh Baga, who fled the scene.

Also, a raid by the Goidindwal Sahib police at Lalpur village

led to the recovery of 60 kg lahan and an apparatus of working still from the house of Gurmit Singh, who fled the scene. The police seized 6,750 ml illicit liquor from Bohar Singh of the same village. The suspect was arrested.

During a raid at Feloke village, the police seized 50 kg lahan from the house of Gurdev Singh, who was arrested.

Meanwhile, the suspects have been booked under Sections 61, 1 and 14 of the Excise Act. — OC

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Property 2: RTD NO. 5883 being 30 % share of Residential House No.1133 Sector 19-B Chandigarh measuring 192.5 sq. yards owner Sh. Rajeev Kumar. Boundaries: H.NO. 1134, West - H.NO. 1132, North - Road, South - Main Road Dividing Sector 19 & 27 Sector.

Property 3: Registered Mortgage of land measuring 9 Bigha 14 Biswas Khetawat No 177/181 H.B.No.77 Situated at village Goel Jamala Tehsil Nalagarh Distt Solan (H.P.) in the name of Smt. Vanita Kumari and Smt. Reeta Kumari.

Property 4: Registered Mortgage 31 Bigha 2 Biswas Land and building khasra number 743(3.00) 744 (0-14), 745 (0-09), 746(0-18) 747(0-14), 750(0-11), 748(0-07) 749 (0-12), 751(3-19), 752 (0-15), 753 (1-02), 754 (0-05), 755(0-17), 786/757(16-17) and 759 (0-02) as comprised in Khetawat no. / Khatauni No. 301/327 Situated at Village Dattowal H.B. No. 137 Tehsil Nalagarh Distt. Solan (H.P.) Measuring 9895.00 sq ft Hotel Hill Paradise in the name of Sh. Rajiv Kumar S/o Sh. Rajinder Pal and Sh. Raman Kumar S/o Sh. Dilbagh Chand.

Property 5: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot RTD NO.1322 [09.09.2019] 16.04.2021 covering Plot situated at Indira Colony Near Preet Nagar kiln area Village Dobetta Nangal measuring 0k-17.5 M being 1/12 share of Land 10 k-10 M bearing Khasra No. 1215 (3-15), 2898/1207 (2-04), 2873/1391 min (2-4), 2873/1391 min (1-3) and Land 0k-6.5 m being 20/243 share of Land 4 k-1 m Khasra number 1390 (4-1) Total Land 1k- 04 m Situated at village Dobetta Nangal in the name of Smt. Savitry Devi W/O Sh. Balwinder Singh.

Property 6: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot RTD NO. 1525 covering Plot situated at Indira Colony Near Preet Nagar kiln area Village Dobetta Nangal measuring 0k-14 M bearing Khasra No. 1323 (3-17), 2053/1324 (0-03), 2054/1324 (0-13) Khetawat/ Khatauni 223/433 situated at village Dobetta Nangal in the name of Smt. Savitry Devi W/O Sh. Balwinder Singh measuring 14 marla in the name of Smt. Savitry Devi w/o Balwinder Singh.

Date: 17.04.2021 Place: Mohali Authorised Officer

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SALE NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization & Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI) read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of UCO Bank (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 25.05.2021 and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder

Sr. No.	Branch Name Name of Authorized officer & Contact No.	Name of Borrower & Guarantor	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Amount due as per Notice c) Date of Possession	a) Date & Time of inspection of Property b) Last date & Time of submission of EMD & Document c) Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price Earnest Money Bid Increase Amt
1.	NAKODAR	BORROWER : M/s Doaba Agriculture Services And M/s Seva Enterprises	a) 13.04.2020 b) Rs. 87,78,498.02/- as on 03.04.2020 plus pending interest and charges of M/s Doaba Agriculture Service Rs. 1,02,41,262.43/- as on 03.04.2020 plus pending interest and charges of M/s Seva Enterprises c) 25.03.2021	a) 18.05.2021 between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM b) Or on or before 24.05.2021 before 4.30 P.M. c) 25.05.2021 between 01.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.	For Property.no. 1: Rs. 46,52,400/- Rs. 4,65,240 Rs. 10,000 For Property.no. 2: Rs. 87,53,000/- Rs. 8,75,300/- Rs. 10,000/-
	MR. DEEPAK KUMAR 99883-65757				

Description of Immovable Property: 1. All Part and Parcel of Commercial Shops measuring 07 marlas-2 Sarsahi being 65/4230 share of land/ Property Measuring 23K-10Mls covered by old K/K No 44/48 new K/K No 57/50/60 No Khasra 9/112/2 (2-15)23(3-00)20/2(2-1-07)3(4-13)4(7-1)5/1 (2-11)6/2(2-03) owned by Sh. Rajesh Kumar Tandon S/o Krishan Kumar Tandon S/o Mohan Lal Tandon R/o Mohalla Tandoor Nakodar, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar situated in the area of village Meera Pur Tehsil Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar HB No 32 Police Station Nakodar Vide deed no 134 Dated 09/04/2008. Bounded by : East: Road, West: Property of Mr. Aggarwal, North: Road, South: Noormahal Road

2. All Part and Parcel Land measuring 1k-14mls-1sarsahi being 307/405 share of land measuring 02k-05mls bearing Khatkhatauni

No old 5045/5935 new K/K No. 1695/1982, Khasra No 123/6/3(2-05) in the name of Mr. Rajesh Kumar Tandon S/O Sh. Krishan Kumar Tandon Resident of Mohallah Tandoor Nakodar Tehsil Nakodar, Distt Jalandhar Situated at Ashok Vihar Colony, -Nakodar Hadbast No. 31. Property is transferred by Sh. Krishan Kumar Tandon in Favour of Sh. Rajesh Kumar Tandon vide Transfer deed no. 654/1 dated 06.07.2016. Bounded by: East: House of Iqbal Singh, West: Gali, North: House of Ranjit Singh, South: House of Narinder Kumar Tandon.

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Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet by 24.05.2021 before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction. 6. Platform (<https://www.mstcecommerce.com>) for e-Auction will be provided by e Auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata- 700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/ 411/ 413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process at e-auction service provider's website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com>. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-Auction on the portal. 7. 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Hooda's discharge plea in AJL case dismissed

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16

The court of CBI Special Judge Dr Sushil Kumar Garg today dismissed the discharge application of former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda in AJL plot re-allotment case.

Also, the court framed charges against him under Section 120-B (for criminal conspiracy) read with Section 420 of IPC (for cheating) and Section 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act (for abusing official position for pecuniary advantage for others).

M/s AJL, which got the plot, will also face trial.

Another accused Motilal Vora, a Congress leader and former chairman of M/s AJL, was also an accused but died recently. Hooda's counsel SPS Parmar said they would study the order and then decide about approaching the HC.

The case pertains to the re-allotment of a resumed institutional plot to M/s AJL in Sector 6, Panchkula, in 2005 by then CM BS Hooda at odds prevalent in 1982, allegedly causing a loss of Rs 67.65 lakh to the state exchequer.

The plot was resumed in 1992 as AJL didn't carry out construction as required under the rules. The appeal of the company was dismissed in 1995 and its revision petition in



Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda comes out of the CBI court in Panchkula on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

COURT FRAMES CHARGES

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1996. In 1997 and 1998, the company approached then CM Bansi Lal for restoration of the plot but he refused to intervene as the matter had achieved finality with dismissal of revision petition.

During the arguments, CBI counsel Kanwar Pal Singh told the court after the Congress came to power in Haryana in 2005, the then chairman of M/s AJL, Motilal

Vora and the then CM BS Hooda hatched a conspiracy for the restoration of the plot.

He pointed out that Vora didn't make any request from 2002 to 2005 for the restoration of the plot though he became chairman in 2002. Hooda became CM on March 5, 2005, and Vora requested the restoration of the plot on April 7, 2005. Hooda re-allotted the plot on August 28, 2005.

Cases rising, farmers must call off stir: CM

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16



REMAIN VIGILANT

“I urge farmers to end the stir during this hour of crisis. There may be some differences of opinion, but right now, there is a dire need to remain vigilant,” he appealed to farmers during his “Haryana Ki Baat” programme broadcast live today.

He further said it was everyone's democratic right to agitate, but the immediate concern was to protect everyone from the deadly virus.

Khattar clarified that the industry would not be closed. “Unlike last year when industrial units were shut during the lockdown, no such restrictions will be imposed this time. We have learnt from the last year's experience. Necessary steps will be taken for containing the spread of the virus,” he said.

The Chief Minister said

SKM: Open jab centres at protest sites

SONEPAT, APRIL 16

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) today demanded that the government should start vaccination centres and provide related facilities at the protest sites.

“We appeal to the farmers to follow the necessary norms and guidelines like wearing masks and doing their bit to stop the spread of the virus. At the same time, we also request the government to fulfil its responsibility by starting vaccination centres and providing necessary facilities at protest places,” the SKM said today after a meeting over the future course of action of their stir.

This is for the first time that the union has made such a demand. Earlier, farmer leaders used to say they were not “afraid of Covid” and “won't take jabs”.

SKM member Darshan Pal Singh said efforts were being made to create an atmosphere of fear among the farmers by spreading fake news, but the farmers would continue their fight in all conditions. — TNS

migrant labourers and workers residing in the state should not panic. “The government will ensure that all workers and labourers do not face any trouble. All possible help will be extended to them.”

On the health infrastructure, he said oxygen cylinders, ICU beds, ventilators, masks and PPE kits were available in adequate numbers in all hospitals across the state. — TNS

Namaz disrupted in Gurugram again; 2 booked

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, APRIL 16
Two persons allegedly tried to disrupt namaz being offered in a ground in Sector 46 here today.

Those offering namaz later lodged a complaint against the accused at the Sector 50 police station.

According to the complaint filed by Abdul Hasib of Gandhi Colony (Sector 39), Dinesh Bharti and Sudhir disrupted the namaz, inciting communal disharmony.

“The accused came to Sector 46 in a Gypsy (HP 52B 6919). They threatened those offering namaz there. Earlier also, the same persons had disrupted namaz in Sectors 39 and 40,” Hasib said in his complaint.

The accused have been booked under Sections 153A and 34 of the IPC. The police said action would be initiated against them after verifying the facts.

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Student ends life, principal booked

GURUGRAM, APRIL 16
The principal of a private school in Bhondsi and his brother have been booked on the charge of abetting the suicide of a 16-year-old girl student on April 9, the police have said.

As per the complaint registered by the deceased's uncle, the principal had allegedly humiliated and beaten up the girl for bringing a mobile phone to the school. She was a student of Class X in Vivek Bharti Senior Secondary School.

Was 'scolded' for bringing mobile phone to school

“She returned home upset and did not talk to anyone. She was crying constantly,” the complainant said. Before she reached home, her family had received a call from the principal, who said that he had recovered a mobile phone from her possession and that it was prov-

ing to be a distraction. “The next day (April 9), the principal called us and asked us to shift my niece to another school. We tried to resolve the matter, but the principal was adamant on rustication her,” the complainant said.

He further said, “A few classmates of my niece told us that the principal not only humiliated her, but also abused her in front of the class.”

Principal Manoj Raghav claimed the charges were baseless. — OC

Defence Secy calls meeting on airport

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 16

The construction of a civil airport at Ambala is set to take wings with the Union Government finally calling a high-level meeting of all stakeholders in New Delhi on April 28.

To be chaired by Union Defence Secretary, the meeting would explore the possi-

bility of setting up of the civil enclave (civil airport) at the Air Force Station, Ambala.

The civil airport is the brainchild of Haryana Home Minister and Ambala Cantonment MLA Anil Vij, who had been pleading for the establishment of the civil airport on the land a substantial portion of which falls under the jurisdiction of the Air Force Station, Ambala.

Vaccination & Covid Appropriate Behaviour

The only solution to contain COVID

Govt. of Punjab logo

Wash Hands

Use Soap

Avoid Crowds

Use Mask

Avoid Hand Shake

Use Disinfectant

“COVID-19 pandemic resurgence is assuming alarming proportion day by day. In view of these circumstances and to save precious lives, we have set a target of 2 lakh vaccinations per day for the population above the age of 45. Similarly, the sampling rate is being increased to a minimum of 50,000 per day from the existing 40,000. But, these goals can only be achieved with your cooperation and support.

COVID vaccine is completely safe and secure. I have also taken the second dose. You all should get vaccinated without hesitation or fear.”

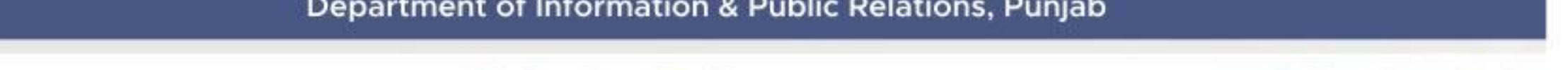
Capt. Amarinder Singh
Chief Minister, Punjab

TEEKHA LAGAO PARIVAR BACHAO

STATES WITH HIGHER VACCINATION RATE, REFLECT DECLINING MORTALITY RATE

STATE/U.T.	PER MILLION VACCINATED	DEATH RATIO
Kerala	1,53,980	0.41%
Mizoram	1,09,410	0.25%
Arunachal Pradesh	1,02,700	0.33%
Maharashtra	93,490	1.63%
West Bengal	85,020	1.65%
Punjab	71,860	2.69%

Department of Information & Public Relations, Punjab





Commuters walk through rain in Shimla on Friday. AMIT KANWAR

INTERMITTENT RAIN AT SHIMLA, DALHOUSIE

■ Intermittent rain lashed a few parts of the state on Friday. Shimla and Dalhousie received 3 mm to 5 mm of rainfall, besides Bhuntar, Mandi and Sundernagar.

■ The Met office has warned of thunderstorm and lightning accompanied by gusty winds in isolated areas in Bilaspur, Shimla and Solan on April 17

Challenge you to initiate probe: Kaul Singh to CM

Tribune News Service

MANDI, APRIL 16

Agitated by the political attack made by him yesterday, senior Congress leader Kaul Singh Thakur today said that by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has become egoistic because of his official power. Kaul Singh said that the Chief Minister should be decent but in the association of IPH Minister Mahender Singh Thakur, he is behaving in an arrogant way.

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THAKUR'S CHARGE

The Chief Minister had targeted senior Congress leader Kaul Singh Thakur by saying that he had amassed huge property disproportionate to his known sources of income.

disproportionate to his known sources of income, which irked Kaul Singh.

Addressing a press conference here today, Kaul Singh said that, "The Chief Minister was compromising on corruption after he took the charge of CM office. Health scam occurred in the state during

Covid period but he did nothing to punish the guilty. Masks and sanitizers were sold at high prices and medicines, oximeters and ventilators were purchased on high prices. Despite that the Chief Minister had remained mum.

Kaul Singh challenged the Chief Minister to initiate inquiry against him over corruption allegations. "If the Chief Minister has sufficient evidence against me that I have disproportionate property, then why he has been silent for the last three years. I dare him to initiate an inquiry against me to prove his allegations," he said.



Congress leaders with Mayor Punam Grover, Deputy Mayor Rajiv Kaura and other councillors.

Cong outwits BJP, grabs Solan MC's top posts

AMBHIKA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, APRIL 16

Congress candidates Punam Grover and Rajiv Kaura were elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor, respectively, of the Solan Municipal Corporation here today.

Grover defeated BJP's former municipal council president Pawan Gupta. Congress candidates polled nine votes as against eight polled by the BJP nominees Manish Kumar and Shailender Gupta for the mayor and deputy mayor's posts.

In a bid to attain the majority figure of nine, the BJP projected an independent candidate Manish Kumar, who was suspended from the party last year, as its candidate for the mayor's post. The party, however, failed to muster

Punam Grover elected Mayor; Rajiv Kaura her Deputy

majority votes. The BJP could win merely seven of the 17 seats while the Congress won nine and one seat was bagged by an independent.

The BJP was confident of bagging at least the Mayor's post through cross-voting. Its plan, however, was foiled as the Congress cleverly chose Punam Grover as Mayor and promised the post to Saradar Singh after half term.

Likewise, they chose Rajiv Kaura as Deputy Mayor while having a tactical understanding to give the post to others later.

The Congress has emerged

stronger with this victory as its senior leaders like Harshwardhan Chauhan, Rajinder Rana and others successfully managed to keep all nine councillors at a secluded place at Shoghi. They arrived just before the poll and gave no opportunity to the BJP to poach their members.

HPPC president Kuldeep Rathore, while addressing mediapersons, alleged that the BJP tried to lure their elected councillors by offering them crores but their members did not succumb to their pressure. He said this victory will pave way for their comeback in the next year's Assembly elections. "The BJP's loss in the civic body polls is the writing on the wall as they captured urban and civic bodies through manipulation across the state."

Adequate medicines, oxygen beds: Thakur

SHIMLA, APRIL 16

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said that there was adequate availability of medicines and oxygenated beds in the state. He chaired a high-level meeting here to review the Covid-19 situation and took stock of various arrangements.

"There is adequate availability of medicines, oxygenated beds, masks and sanitizers in the state," he said. He directed the Health Department to enhance the capacity of oxygenated beds in the hospitals.



11,87,275 doses of Covid vaccine provided so far

Thakur said that so far, 13,60,794 persons had been screened for Covid through RT-PCR, rapid antigen tests, True-Nat and CV-Nat and the testing rate in the state was 194,399 persons per 10 lakh.

He said that he was touring various districts to take stock of the situation. Besides, he was communicating with the representatives of PRIs, urban local bodies and various organisations to make efforts to bring public awareness regarding prevention of the virus.

Thakur said along with a dedicated helpline for Covid-19 patients in home isolation, the use of e-Sanjeevani and telephone number 104 was being encouraged. He instructed the doctors to contact Covid patients in home isolation for counselling. — TNS

842 Covid cases, 9 deaths in state

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, APRIL 16

As many as 842 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 74,195. Besides, nine persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours. Three deaths each were reported in Hamirpur and Shimla and one each in Una, Mandi and Sirmour.

The highest number of 212 cases was reported in Kangra, followed by 106 in Solan, 102 in Shimla, 100 in Mandi, 85 in Una, 77 in Lahaul and Spiti, 71 in Sirmour, 63 in Kullu, 17 in Bilaspur, eight in Chamba and one in Kinnar. The number of active cases rose to 7,711.



STATE TRACKER	
Samples tested	13,67,183
Recovered	65,291
Active cases	7,711
Positive cases	74,195
Deaths	1,155

Verdict in Gudiya case on April 28

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SHIMLA, APRIL 16

The Sessions Court will pronounce its judgment in the four-year-old Gudiya rape and murder case on April 28. The court heard the arguments of the defence and the prosecution on the DNA report and other evidence today.

The CBI stated that the DNA report was correct. The CBI had arrested Anil Kumar, alias Nilu, a woodcutter, in the case on April 13, 2018. The state forensic laboratory at Jhajjar had also pointed out that only one person was involved in the brutal crime and country liquor found on the spot indicated the involvement of a low profile person.

On July 4, 2017, a minor girl reportedly went missing while on her way back from school at Kotkhai in Shimla.

On July 6, her body was found in a nearby forest at Haliaila in the Kotkhai area of the district. The postmortem confirmed rape and murder.

Spike in hepatitis C cases due to IV drugs in Shimla

SUBHASH RAJTA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, APRIL 16

The Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) and Hospital has registered a significant increase in the number of hepatitis C cases in the past one year. And the reason behind the majority of the cases is the growing intravenous drug abuse in the state, particularly in Shimla district.

"We have seen about 150 cases of hepatitis C at the IGMC in the past one year or so. Except for a few kidney-related cases, the majority of people contracted the disease due to the use of intravenous drugs. They used a common needle to inject drugs and contracted hepatitis C," said Dr Brij Sharma, Head of Gastroenterology Department.

"From 2009 to 2019, I had seen just five to 10 cases of hepatitis C contracted through the use of IV drugs at the IGMC. In little over a year, this number has increased manifold. The

sharp rise in hepatitis C cases due to drug abuse is alarming and we need to make our youths aware of its dangers to health," said Dr Sharma.

A majority of the hepatitis C patients were young. "Most of the patients we received were in the age bracket of 20 to 35 years, with a handful of them even younger than 20," said Dr Sharma. "Most of them were from Shimla district, and only a few from Kinnaur district. The disease could prove dangerous, if left untreated," he said.

Incidentally, Shimla district has been a hotbed of drug abuse for a while now. In the first meeting last month, the Shimla Zila Parishad members had expressed serious concern over the growing prevalence of drug abuse among the youths in the district.

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Bengal elections

Club remaining phases in view of Covid surge, poll violence

MANY an eyebrow had been raised when it was announced on February 26 that the West Bengal Assembly elections would be held in eight phases from March 27 to April 29 — just five days short of the duration of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), in particular, had questioned the rationale for the long-drawn-out polling schedule amid the onset of the second wave of the pandemic. The alarming surge in Covid cases in the state this week and the poll violence that claimed four lives in Cooch Behar district on April 10 have underscored the urgent need to revise the schedule and wrap up the elections at the earliest. Even as the fifth phase of voting is slated for today, Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee has urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to club the remaining phases. CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury has also asked the poll panel to quickly take a call on this pressing issue.

The Covid situation in West Bengal, which has witnessed a succession of crowded election rallies and road shows over the past three weeks, has gone from bad to worse — primarily due to large-scale violations of the safety protocols. The state's caseload, which was only 800-plus on March 26, a day before the first phase, shot up to nearly 6,800 on April 15. During the first wave last year, the highest number of single-day infections was around 4,100, recorded in October.

The firing by CISF personnel outside a polling booth at Sitalkuchi in Cooch Behar during the fourth phase and other incidents of violence have prompted the ECI to enhance the deployment of security forces so as to ensure that the remaining phases pass off peacefully. However, it's a Herculean task as the majority of the booths in 114 poll-bound constituencies have been categorised as sensitive. It will be a huge challenge in terms of logistics to hold three phases together, but the exceptional circumstances necessitate that such an exercise should be undertaken in the best interests of all stakeholders.

Climate change challenges

Scanty rains impact tea gardens, orchards, crops in HP

TROUBLE is brewing for tea growers, orchardists and other farmers in rain-deficient Himachal Pradesh as agriculture is largely rain-fed. With over 70 per cent deficiency in rainfall and scanty snow witnessed since January, the farmers are suffering severe crop failure in terms of both quality and quantity. The dry weather has wilted the famous tea leaves in the Kangra valley, impacting the production by a whopping 75 per cent. In the Kullu valley, the apple producers are worried that owing to the inadequate amount of chilling time, their fruit of labour would be hit. Pear and cherry produce is similarly dependent upon chilling hours. Farmers in Bilaspur district have also been affected by the drought-like conditions as a 30-40 per cent reduction in wheat yield is feared because the crop is stunted. Cattle are being fed wheat as there is shortage of fodder in some areas. Earlier, the vegetable farmers of Solan faced tough times as their yield was reduced to half.

This distressing situation calls for an urgent assessment of the losses suffered by the farming community. The government must look into their specific problems and weigh the horticulturists' demand for declaration of drought and compensate them accordingly. The Kangra tea planters, who are prohibited from shifting to other crops under the law of the land, have once again raised the issue of the viability of their estates. They want subsidy for installing tube-wells and drip irrigation systems to protect their plantations and a separate government policy to promote their product so as to regain the lost glory of the internationally famous Kangra tea.

At the same time, the erratic weather pattern seen in the Himalayas for some years underscores the significance of climate change. The importance of ramping up water harvesting structures and forestation drives to check the rising temperatures cannot be emphasised enough. It is a matter of concern that the state faces a tough summer as low rainfall has exacerbated the water crisis. The recharging of water bodies has been adversely affected and hundreds of water supply sources are on the brink of drying up. These alarm bells cannot be ignored.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Anyone who has ever struggled with poverty knows how extremely expensive it is to be poor. — James Baldwin

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1921

LORD READING AND THE PUNJAB.

HIS Excellency the Viceroy arrived at Lahore on Friday morning, and left for Dehra Dun on Saturday afternoon. In between the arrival and the departure there was a crowded programme of events, including the reception of His Excellency by leading officials at the railway station and by leading officials and some prominent non-officials on the grounds of Government House, a garden party at Shalimar Gardens given by the members of the Chiefs' Association, at which an address was presented to His Excellency, an informal visit to the Fort and personal interviews between His Excellency and certain "representatives of the various communities". The only two items in the programme that were of interest and importance to the people were clearly the garden party at the Shalimar Gardens, or rather the speech which His Excellency made on the occasion, and the interviews he granted to certain prominent citizens, and it is about these that we say a few words. We have not before us at the time of writing a complete list of the persons who were invited to see His Excellency; nor do we know whether His Excellency did see all or even many of those most worth seeing. Judging from the manner in which our officials have almost invariably acquitted themselves on similar occasions in the past, it is too much to hope that they made no mistake on this occasion. Why should His Excellency have been afforded an opportunity of meeting "the representatives of the various communities" instead of the representatives of the various sections of opinion and schools of thought? It is not the communities whom he came thus early to see, but the mentality of the people with which he presumably came to make himself familiar. Of the communal mind he must have known something already, and he might have waited a little while before he knew more.

Capital gains and losses

The free market economics has laid the foundation for our response to Covid



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TRUTH OF MATTER: There are millions of hawkers, traders and daily wagers who can't afford to miss a single day's work to survive. TRIBUNE PHOTO

In reality, it is the system that we live in which both causes Covid surges and their attendant economic impact.

ing the profit motive in mind. That means the state can encourage employed and economic activity, but later redistribute the accumulated profits towards industries and sectors that had no option but to shut down because of the pandemic. The free market system can never do that. If the balance of accumulation of profits is disturbed through external circumstances, it is skewed permanently.

The surge also has to do with what we value as a society. Central to that is the idea of private enterprise and accumulation of wealth. Days lost due to a pandemic are as good as lost wealth. This is a crucial aspect of market capitalism; time is quite literally money. Those who can control productive time, setting people to work on machines they own, accumulate wealth. So, shutting a part of the economy in the name of Covid, while letting other parts continue, amounts to a state-directed transfer of capital from one side to the other.

In countries where a large chunk of people is employed in the public sector, the state can absorb loss of workdays. It can even reorient output towards industries which can be run with social distancing, without keep-

can't afford to miss a single day's work to survive. CMIE's March count tells us there were nearly 128 million such people, up from 115 million one year ago. They have no option but to be in close proximity of the people they serve, or with each other, whether it is at a small grocer's shop, a tea stall, inside a home while fixing a tap, or on construction sites where they pass bricks and cement to each other. Unless they are paid to sit at home, there is no way to stop them from catching Covid or passing it on.

There are also the bulk of Indians who live cheek-by-jowl in congested slums and tenement quarters. Entire families who share a couple of rooms, migrant workers who live 10 to a cramped dorm, sometimes taking turns to sleep. If one person catches the virus, it is only their luck and hardness that will keep the rest safe. It is easy to tell them to mask up or wash their hands repeatedly. Braving the sweltering summer, under a creaking old fan, masks are the last thing on their mind. They don't have enough water to drink and we are asking them to wash their hands 30 times a day.

Finally, there is the all-pervasive culture of machismo. Upper middle-class men, who have made good money by taking risks in business and the stock markets, believe that they can ride through the pandemic by embracing the risks. For such people masks are a sign of weakness, social distancing a symptom of effeminate cowardice. They imbue their families with this attitude as well. The contagion of brashness spreads through an entire social class, leading to a culture of laxity towards a serious disease.

Of course, one key reason the upper middle class does not take Covid seriously is because they know if it strikes them, they will be guaranteed a hospital bed, top doctors, insurance and medical leave. It doesn't matter to them that their life choices could cause a surge in infections that could affect the less fortunate. The affluent feel stifled by lockdowns and restrictions — it costs them money. They actively oppose government action, which involves giving money and food to the poor and the needy, because it threatens the very basis of market capitalism.

In reality, it is the system that we live in which both causes Covid surges and their attendant economic impact. If jobs and livelihoods are entirely dependent on free market-driven private enterprise and self-employment, shutting down economic activity is as good as destroying livelihoods and profit-making. If most employment is in consumer-facing services, then social distancing amounts to unemployment. Only economies that are planned, where the state plays a significant role and where the public sector is a big employer, can withstand pandemics economically.

Herein lies a lesson for India — the free market economics that we embraced three decades ago has laid the structural foundations for our response to Covid and how it has affected us. Even now, there is an opportunity for a rethink. Unfortunately, interests of capital are too deeply entrenched in our political economy for any change of direction to be possible.

Bow down to their persistence

ANSHULA RAO

THEY, too, have a strong will power. In fact, they are relentless in their pursuit of goals — not ready to give up in spite of numerous pushbacks. Well, these are pigeons whom I have grown tired of. Spring season has set in and the pigeon couple is desperately looking for some space in our house for laying eggs. They seem to be the same couple whom I had welcomed two years back in my terrace with regular feeding of grains. Also, I had put a cardboard box, open on one side, in the space between the small concrete shade above a door (towards the edge of my terrace) and an extended metal-

lic covering over it. This pair had started frequenting the spot, bringing in some twigs, leaves and paper. It didn't take long for them to hatch eggs there two or three times. I do recall that I enjoyed the soft and frequent chirping cries of the fledglings (usually two) whenever one of the parents would visit to feed them. It is during this time that I learnt that pigeons initially don't bring anything for their few weeks old babies, but both mom and pop pigeons feed their babies, turn by turn, with their own milk-type secretion called crop milk. Both male and female pigeons, and some birds like doves and flamingoes, have an expanded pouch called crop, or crop, connected to the digestive tract, and is located at the base of their necks.

But my zeal and patience has ebbed away. The main factor being one of the parent pigeons had to clean the transient baby place off and on. Many times when I would be going towards the parapet wall of my terrace, I had to cross a big bed of dirt which would be pushed down very inadequately from the edge of the concrete shade on my neat and tiled terrace floor. Sometimes, I would hear continuous strong vibrating sounds and I knew the parent was sitting and its sturdy flapping would rain down their droppings.

I had had enough. So, after waiting for the last batch to grow and fly away, my husband and I had to scratch our heads and find ways to deter them. The

space where the pigeon pair had been coozing up was closed with a cardboard. Some polythene pieces were attached to the edge of the extended roof, so that their flurrying in the breeze could scare them away. For generations these pigeons have been dwelling in concrete places, and now we rarely find them inhabiting on trees. As such, their attempts to keep peeking in our terrace and pecking the cardboard piece in repeated attempts to dislodge it has not dwindled, even after two years.

Well, like pigeons, what else is not relentless? The weeds in the garden keep popping up, in spite of repeated action. The Covid virus is persistent.

All I can do is accept and bow my head to dynamic Mother Nature.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

End darbar move

In reference to 'Darbar move to Srinagar deferred amid Covid surge', the L-G should now prioritise putting all governmental office records online, fixing a time-bound target. Teething troubles and business/political interests must not come in the way of undoing the historic unproductive blunder of biannual packing and shifting of records (and its security), along with thousands of employees and their families, at huge costs to the exchequer. The cost of vacancy and maintenance of office and residential buildings that remain closed for six months at either station, too, can be avoided. One-state, one-capital norm should be followed lest the contagion should spread to neighbouring Himachal Pradesh and elsewhere.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Weekend lockdown

Covid-19 cases have been on an upward spiral and the time has come to take a strong step to curb the rapid outbreak. Weekend lockdown is the minimum that can be done to break the chain of transmission and to bring the situation under control. If necessary, traders should themselves come forward for closing shops and taking a detailed view on all aspects related to possible lockdown.

VIR PARTAP SINGH, HOSHARPUR

Monitor hotspots

This refers to 'New restrictions on gatherings in Haryana'; while the government's latest order aims at limiting gatherings to contain the spread of coronavirus, the accompanying photo of people waiting for their turn for Covid testing at the Kalpana Chawla Hospital in Karnal reveals a worrisome story. What explains their blatant violation of Covid protocols? Should the hospital authorities, along with all these violators, not be held accountable for such gross negligence on their part? The government must keep a close watch on all such potential hotspots.

SK GUPTA, PANCHKULA

Khattar's appeal

Reference to the Haryana CM's appeal to farmers to suspend their protest till the corona conditions improve, I would request Manohar Lal Khattar to impress upon the Modi government instead to repeal these three laws till the corona conditions improve. Where is the need to rush these laws at such a time when the country is struggling to fight Covid-19?

HS CHITKARA, LUDHIANA

Hard to end nexus

The article 'A chance to do it

right' embraces in itself a scenario of the unholy nexus of politicians, the police and criminals which has become an integral part of Indian society. The nexus is so strong and powerful that no power can break the formidable chain. Only if, which is next to impossible, our politicians contest the elections to serve the nation, and not for the sake of power, this profane nexus can meet its end.

VK ANAND, CHANDIGARH

Class politics

Political parties should desist from indulging in cheap political gimmicks in the quest to garner Dalit votes. Offering the post of CM/Deputy CM to a Dalit is not the right way to pay tribute to BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. He was all for a classless society and equality to every citizen. Promises with an eye on the vote bank is not only dangerous, but also illegal as per the Preamble to the Constitution. How can these leaders ensure the implementation of the spirit of the Constitution while resorting to class politics?

ANIL VINAYAK, AMRITSAR

Dalit Deputy CM

Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal has made the right pitch for the appointment of a Dalit Deputy CM, but only time will tell whether the promise is delivered or not. Even if a Mazhabi is appointed Deputy CM, it must not be a token appointment. It remains to be seen what powers and responsibilities will be given to him. It is part of affirmative action for the empowerment of Mazhabis who make up 35 per cent of Punjab's population. Their representation at the top echelons is a must and this announcement is in tune with Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution.

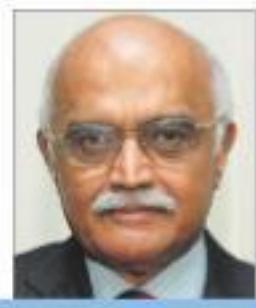
SATJIT SINGH SAINI, BY MAIL

Role of police

Refer to IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh's resignation upon the quashing of his investigation by the high court; the decision of the court should be put in the public domain. Experts should come forward with their constitutional views. Do police officers have the courage to deliver justice? Does the political setup give them the space to deliver? Should the police only be a tool for high-handedness and registering false cases? The Punjab Chief Minister should form an inquiry commission to probe high-handedness and false cases.

SATNAM SINGH NOCKWAL, BY MAIL

Crystal-gazing sees rise in global challenges



VAPPALA BALACHANDRAN
FORMER SPECIAL SECY, CABINET SECRETARIAT

GLOBAL Trends-2040, released by the US Director of National Intelligence (DNI) on April 8, is the seventh in the series starting with the first report in 1997 which was a 15-year global strategic security projection till 2010.

In 1996, the US government asked its civilian intelligence and analysis body, the National Intelligence Council (NIC), to conduct periodical studies on the emerging global trends that might affect its strategic security. This was in the background of a smug feeling that had emerged even within its intelligence community that the role of the US as the supreme global leader was unchallenged after the end of the Cold War with the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991.

The NIC was created in 1979 to produce integrated intelligence assessments for the President. Till 2005, it was placed under the CIA Director, who wore two hats as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Chief of US national intelligence agencies. It is not a clandestine organisation like the CIA, although it produces the US President's top-secret Daily Brief. In 2005, a separate post of the DNI was created to supervise all

intelligence agencies, as recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

In 1996, the NIC held consultations with the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) at the US National Defence University to identify key global trends and their impact on major regions with special focus on America. Participants included academics, businessmen, media representatives and government officials. It was also decided to release a public version of their conclusions. The result was their first publication, Global Trends-2010, in 1997. Subsequent reports were produced after consultations with non-American experts too.

It would be interesting to assess how far they were correct in their strategic clairvoyance. In 1997, they had correctly assessed that a new world order was emerging, replacing the post-Second World War 'Super Power' politics consisting of stable states. This pattern was replaced by uncertain internal control in many states with new problems created by technology advancement resulting in globalisation, migration and elevated public expectations, combined with resource limitations.

The entry of multinationals, NGOs and criminal groups on a transnational pattern worsened this problem. National governments which were initially happy with the flow of technology, faster flow of goods and services suddenly found that internal control was slipping out of their hands which directly affected their security.

Interestingly, their prediction that China would continue to face difficulties in funding its development programmes even by 2010 was not borne



The estimate finds that by 2040 individual states would find mounting internal pressure to satisfy a more empowered population while internationally the world would be 'adrift' with no single state emerging to dominate across all regions. The world would be fragmented into several economic and security blocs.

GLOBAL TRENDS-2040: The US and China will influence global dynamics, forcing other states to accept 'starker choices'. REUTERS

out later. The report had said that China "has a long way to go to develop a modern economy on a nationwide basis". Ironically, the US and Taiwan contributed to China's development by transferring their production lines. Also, in 1999, the NIC recommended that the "WTO membership for China is strongly in our interest". As a result, China-US trade jumped from \$5 billion in 1980 to \$660 billion in 2018.

Strikingly, Global Trends-2030, released in December 2012, had predicted eight 'Black Swans', including a pandemic hitting the world by 2030. It had said that scientists were beginning to recognise worldwide 'viral chatter' on previously unknown pathogens in humans "that sporadically make the jump from animals to humans".

These included "a prion disease in cattle that jumped in the 1980s to cause the variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans, a bat henipavirus that in 1999 became known as Nipah virus in humans, and a bat coronavirus that jumped to humans in 2002 to cause SARS". The report feared that a "novel respiratory pathogen that kills or incapacitates more than 1 per cent of its victims" and its transmission could result "in millions of people suffering and dying in every corner of the world in less than six months".

Global Trends-2040: A More Contested World begins with a preamble that 2.5 million had died in the Covid-19 pandemic by early 2021. The virus has also shown how interdependent the world had become and how in the

coming years and decades the world will face more intense and cascading global challenges ranging from disease to climate change to the disruptions from new technologies and financial crises."

Faster technologies will appear which would disrupt jobs, industries, communities and the nature of power and "what it means to be human". Global migration, estimated at 270 million in 2020, is exacerbating global and state-to-state tensions. "These challenges will intersect and cascade, including in ways that are difficult to anticipate." It anticipates that national security would mean not only defending our borders "against armies and arsenals but also notwithstanding and adapting to these shared global challenges".

Another important point mentioned is the explosion of Internet connections, 10 billion in 2018, to reach 64 billion by 2025 and "many trillions by 2040". Along with "new efficiencies, conveniences and advances in living standards", the danger would be to divide society over their assumed 'core values' and deepen the societal divide based on national, religious, cultural and political preferences. India has already seen the pernicious effect of this Internet explosion. As a result, the world is both "inextricably bound by connectivity" and "fragmenting in different directions".

The estimate finds that by 2040 individual states would find mounting internal pressure to satisfy a more empowered population while internationally the world would be 'adrift' with no single state emerging to dominate across all regions. The US and China will dominate others to influence global dynamics, which would force other states to accept 'starker choices'. The world would be fragmented into several economic and security blocs of varying sizes and strength, increasing state-to-state conflicts.

Lastly, by 2040, China would be the most significant rival to the US in space, competing in commercial, civil and military areas. China will continue to develop in these areas independent of the US and Europe and will choose its own set of foreign partners participating in Chinese-led space activities. "Chinese space services, such as the Beidou satellite navigation system, will be in use around the world as an alternative to Western options," the report says.

For growth, revive the spirit of entrepreneurship



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The simple point is that economic growth, or its absence, is about much more than economics. Most likely, it is our shared historical memories that make us fearful. Most who mourn the current increase in incomes are, perhaps, still trapped in memories of a life where whatever one did produced no results. India's foray into a socialist planned economy soon after Independence destroyed whatever little entrepreneurial spirit had survived the shackling of Indians by the Raj.

TWO recent articles in *The Tribune* (Satya Mohanty's 'The hollowness of a \$5-trillion economy' and Aunindyo Chakravarty's 'Signs of a plutocracy') join the chorus on the growing inequality in economy. In our effort at improving India, should we go back to our mean povertarian existence of the past and punish those who are creating wealth or explore ways that enable everyone to grow?

After all, the object of growth has to be that everyone is well off enough to provide a decent existence for themselves and their loved ones. Sheding tears that some among us are doing better than the rest is immoral. As immoral as the celebration of Harshad Mehta's success by those who knew that his success was based on cheating the system. Presuming that not all Indians approve of cheating, the only explanation for the media lauding him could be that he came at a time when everyone was mired in poverty, with no possibility of getting out; the simple fact of at least one person having risen above the mire seemed to give people heart.

It is in the nature of human beings to appreciate success achieved through means that are fair according to popular mores. But ethics that admire cheats are best abandoned and circumstances that create such ethics should be changed.

It is bogus to talk about income inequality where people don't recognise that income is a function of value created by an individual. Income is not a handout. What we call 'growth' is mostly increase in productivity of whatever we do — whether we write, read, make films, offer a service or produce some goods or sell something. Increase in pro-



PRODUCTIVE: Kirana stores that modernise see 20-300% hike in turnover. PTI

ductivity rarely happens without making efforts to improve abilities.

All other factors remaining the same, when there is an increase in efficiencies, more value is added to whatever is being done and, thereby, an increase in income. Admittedly, not all jobs are open to an increase in income merely by improving efficiency.

We have argued in various articles that the farmers' income in present days can only be increased if the farmer weds farming with industry.

Among the non-farming professions, too, there are many which are not amenable to increase in income merely by improving efficiency and productivity. Haircutting would be one such. A barber typically spends 15 minutes with a customer who comes for a haircut. In an eight-hour work day, this would translate to a maximum of 32 customers every day. At a rate of Rs 200 per haircut, a barber could then hope to generate a maximum of Rs 6,400 a day. Value-added

services like a shampoo or head massage would increase the income only marginally. The only way a barber could further increase income is by charging more. But that runs the risk of customers opting for fewer haircuts.

There are, however, millions of other jobs where increase of productivity — and of income — is possible. The neighbourhood kirana store is a good example. A recent Accenture report estimates that there are roughly 13 million kirana stores in India. The same study reported the findings of a survey of kirana stores that had undertaken modernisation. It reported an increase in the turnover for modernised stores from 20 per cent to 300 per cent, with the average increase being 135 per cent. The modernisation initiated varied from improving store layouts such as walkthrough aisles to installing inventory software.

Incomes in unorganised retail are always low. The 73rd NSSO survey in 2015-16 estimated that the annual

income per trading enterprise in India was Rs 1,94,877. For such enterprises, gross value added per worker per year was Rs 1,15,885. Most of them are run as family businesses with almost no hired labour. They are also enterprises with captive markets, determined by location. Some increase in the efficiency of these enterprises can improve incomes considerably and create an estimated three million jobs. But that effort needs to be made.

The simple point is that economic growth, or its absence, is about much more than economics. Most likely, it is our shared historical memories that make us fearful. Most who mourn the current increase in incomes are, perhaps, still trapped in memories of a life where whatever one did produced no results. India's foray into a socialist planned economy soon after Independence destroyed whatever little entrepreneurial spirit had survived the shackling of Indians by the Raj.

At least during colonial times, it was possible for enterprising Indians to create wealth despite all the restrictions put by the British. Almost 2,50,000 weavers of cloth lost their livelihood in the first few decades of colonial occupation when the markets of Britain and India stopped buying their cloth. Their cloth was three times costlier than that produced in a mill. It took a few decades for Indians to figure out how to set up cloth mills of their own. Once those mills started functioning, they quickly pushed away the cloth produced in England from the markets of India. This despite a desperate effort by the colonial government to stymie their growth by imposing harsh taxes and freight rates on them. By the 1920s-30s, when Gand-

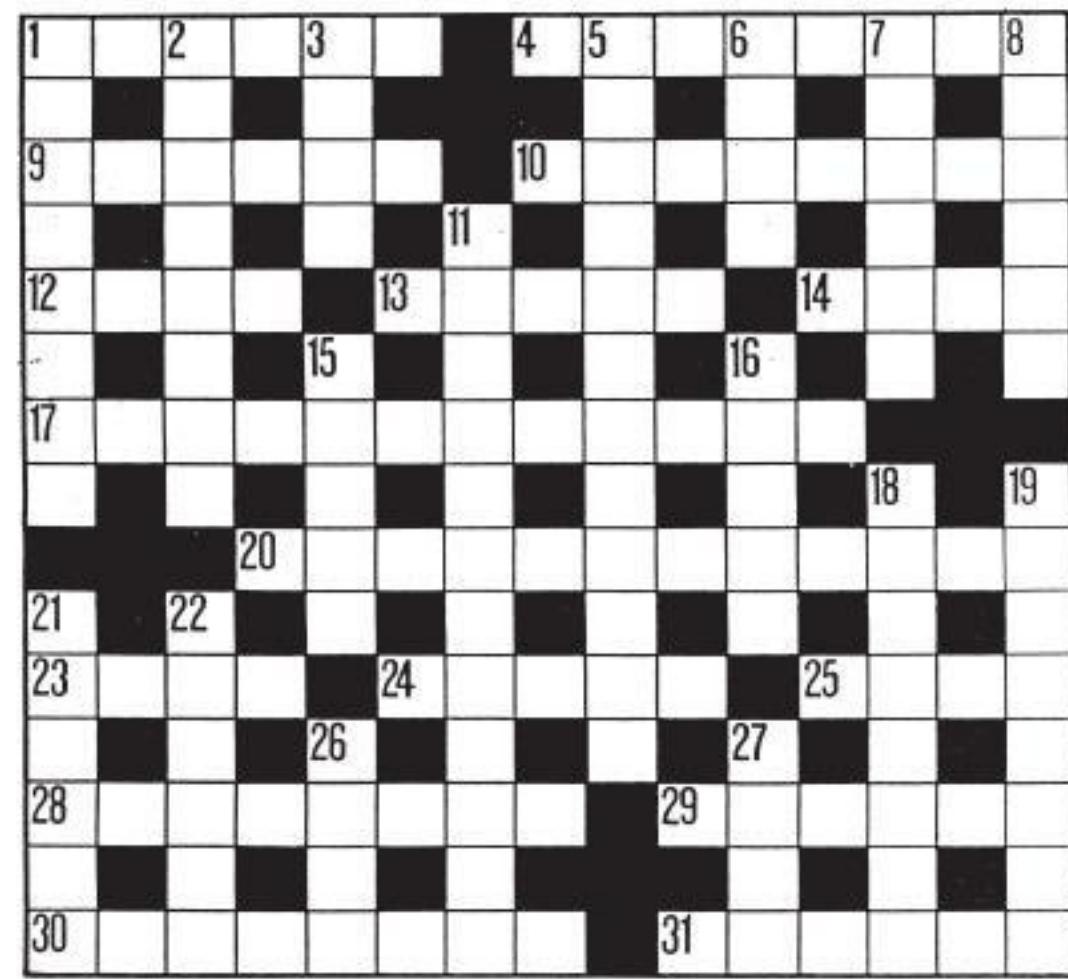
hi convinced Indians to burn 'European cloth' in sympathy with the poor Indian workmen, most of the cloth that was being burnt was not of European provenance at all. It was being produced in Indian mills, by Indian labour, working under the supervision of Indian foremen, funded by Indian money. The only thing European about these mills was their machines which Indians had not yet started making in India.

The spirit of entrepreneurship among Indians could not be hindered by colonial obstructions. One of my favourite examples is of Sri CR Kesavan Vaidyan, an impoverished man of the Ezhava caste, who in the early 1940s started producing a vegetable oil-based soap as an adjunct to his practice as a *vaidya* curing people of skin ailments. On his honeymoon, he preferred to have his wife pack the cakes of medicinal soap that he had produced in the morning, which he would then carry on his head to supply to the local grocers. Chandrika soap still remains a favourite of discerning Kerates across the globe.

This spirit of entrepreneurship was completely killed by India's unfortunate turn towards a socialist economy and the corruption that it engendered.

Few today recall the horrible experience of Ashok Leyland, set up by Nehru's close friend and colleague and run by his widow. They had grievously erred by producing a few more trucks than what the socialist hegemon had allowed them. In an economy which direly needed trucks to transport goods, the company management twisted and turned for the next few months, trying to hide and justify the overproduction and escape being punished by the socialist bureaucrats.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Facet, 4 Prairie, 8 Gem, 9 Go over big, 10 Recital, 11 Other, 13 Smelly, 15 Heaven, 18 Panic, 19 Halfwit, 21 Out-and-out, 23 Rib, 24 Flowery, 25 Pushy.

Down: 1 Figures, 2 Come clean, 3 Tight, 4 Poorly, 5 Awesome, 6 Rob, 7 Elgar, 12 Have words, 14 Licence, 16 Notably, 17 Choosy, 18 Proof, 20 Let-up, 22 Too.

ACROSS

- 1 Cease (6)
- 4 Abnormal self-centredness (8)
- 9 To loaf (6)
- 10 Examine thoroughly (8)
- 12 Dark red gem (4)
- 13 Giver (5)
- 14 Advertise insistently (4)
- 17 Wholeheartedly (12)
- 20 Illicit (6-6)
- 23 Disgusting (4)
- 24 Sharply evident (5)
- 25 Uncovered (4)
- 28 The second in a race (6-2)
- 29 Unnatural (6)
- 30 Memento (8)
- 31 Rarely (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Wild excitement (8)
- 2 Unreasonably obstinate (8)
- 3 A culinary herb (4)
- 5 Promise solemnly (4,4,4)
- 6 Take note of (4)
- 7 Almost (6)
- 8 Assert without proof (6)
- 11 Aghast (6-6)
- 15 To attempt (5)
- 16 Unembellished (5)
- 18 Ahead of the times (8)
- 19 An appendix (8)
- 21 Czech composer (6)
- 22 Dive (6)
- 26 State of confusion (4)
- 27 Sleep lightly (4)

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APRIL 17, 2021, SATURDAY

CALENDAR

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SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:53 HRS

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New Delhi 36 20

Amritsar 28 18

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Jalandhar 28 18

Ludhiana 29 20

Bhiwani 35 19

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Sirsia 37 19

Dharamsala 25 15

Manali 18 05

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Srinagar 12 07

Jammu 29 21

Kargil 09 03

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Dehradun 34 19

Mussoorie 22 13

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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MATRIMONIALS**BRIDES WANTED****BRAHMIN**

Gaur Brahmin match for teetotaller handsome boy 6', 27.4.91, 9:00 am Software Engineer, package 16 Lacs. Contact: 93169-38860. (CL21006475)

Suitable preferably PR Canada match for handsome 5'-8', 26.3.92 B.Sc. Biotech Brahmin boy, PR Canada, settled Ontario. 70092-2828, 86997-26396. (CL21004464)

Himachali Saraswat Brahmin, Aanshik Manglik, Handsome teetotaller boy, 19 July 91, 9:10 p.m., Chandigarh, 5'-7'. B.Com, MBA, Deputy Manager, Reputed company, Gurugram. Family settled Chandigarh. Contact after matching kundli. 96468-44062. (CL21005437)

Match for Bhardwaj boy, 11 July 1989, 4:20 p.m. Jalandhar, 5'-9', B.Tech, Sr. Software quality analyst, Bangalore, Package 10 lac, working girl preferred. Contact: 9 9 8 8 4 - 2 9 4 4 8. (CL21005594)

Seeking well educated Brahmin girl, 1990 born, 5'-10', B.Tech, veg, work permit, ON, Canada, family in Phagwara. WhatsApp 98763-38474. (CL21006965)

Match for Anshik Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin Boy, 32, MBA from ISB, 5'-6", 32 lacs annually, MNC Gurgaon. Parents Chandigarh & Gurgaon. Status family. Pls WhatsApp with recent pictures on 83682-13192. (CL21015079)

Seeking well Educated, Working girl for Brahmin boy, 84 born, 5'-7', B.Pharmacy & MBA, Working in Pharmaceutical MNC at Chandigarh, 21 LPA, All upper caste welcome. Contact at. 94164-14257. (CL21002429)

Saraswat Himachali Brahmin boy 5'-5", 18.06.88, working MNC Gurgaon, 4-5 LPA. Father retd. Gazetted Officer. Settled and own house in Delhi. Preferred working girl. Mob/ WhatsApp: 99717-71697. (CL21002447)

Gaur Br Match for Feb. 89 born boy working as Manager Law in Govt. Bank. 95887-46376. (CL21003051)

Delhi based Engg Pb. Bhmn, Nov. 89, 5'-7", veg, wkg MNC Ggn. Cont: 99584-40448. (CL21005918)

Well settled UK born and UK citizen Brahmin boy fair, handsome, 27 yrs, 02.09.1994, 5'-11", seeking extremely beautiful bride. WhatsApp: +447870806910, Email: lovelysgoswami@hotmail.com. (CL21003551)

Suitable match for Brahmin manglik boy, 15.01.89 Garhshankar, height 5'-7", B.Tech, working in pvt. company in Chandigarh. Contact: 94631-87821, 96460-12752. (CL21004349)

Beautiful, working match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-10", 36 yrs. Slim, handsome, B.Com. (Canada), MBA. Has own Business in Candid Photography (20 LPA). High status service class rich family settled in Gurgaon and Chandigarh. Please send bio data and photos to: alliance23456@gmail.com (CL21005012)

Match for handsome Merchant Navy officer 02.12.1991, 5'-7", 4.20 p.m., Amritsar, kundli match must, Himachali preferred. 94290-73736, 77400-46469. (CL21005018)

Suitable match for Brahmin Himachali boy 85 born, M.Sc. Biotech, MNC. 88944-12059. (CL21005023)

Looking for a Brahmin B.Tech, Civil/ B.Arch or CA match for Himachali based only son Engineer boy 27 yr., 6 ft. from a well established business family. Email: am04alliance@gmail.com. WA 98571-76480. (CL21005042)

We are looking alliance for our son caste Brahmin (Manglik) residing Faridabad from Himachali B.Tech. Automobile, working with Porsche Center Gurgaon birth 15.11.1990, time 14:15 Hoshiarpur, height 5'-10". Contact: 98711-9645. (CL21005051)

Match for Brahmin boy Nalagarh based 30.06.92, M.Pharma, 5'-9", own medical, whole sale/ retail business, income 50-60 thousand. Contact: 93180-43633, 82190-79602. (CL21005069)

Suitable match for Brahmin Himachali boy 1989, 5'-11", Punjab Government employee. Preferred Govt. employee Tricity only. 88476-52848. (CL21005168)

Match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 1989, 5'-11", Punjab Government employee. Preferred Govt. employee Tricity only. 88476-52848. (CL21005178)

Brahmin boy 17.11.1988, 5'-7", Graduation business running in Ireland, US & Yamananagar. 92550-00086. (CL21005181)

USA citizen Brahmin Sharma boy age 31/5'-9", well-settled working in IT Company. We are seeking Hindu girl who are already in USA or in India well educated. Contact me on 425-445-5527 arani87@yahoo.com. (CL21005184)

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CHANDIGARH | SATURDAY | 17 APRIL 2021

High status match for Sikh Rajput
general category boy 28, 6', very smart. CA working in reputed MNC Gurgaon. Earning 25 lac+ family into Multiple businesses, settled in Posh Sector of Chandigarh. 98147-68616, pinkiparhar@gmail.com (CL21006721)

Professional well educated match
for my only son, 1991 born, 6', smart athletic body, cleanshaven, non-drinker, B.Tech, working in a Japanese MNC for the last 5 years. Handsome package. Owns 60 acres of agricultural land and residential properties in Ludhiana City. Girls qualification and personality matters. WhatsApp: 94641-45977. (CL21006724)

Status family qualified tall slim
match for Jat Gursikh boy 29, 5'-9". Convent educated, MBA, B.Com, having well established business good earning Ludhiana. Owing rural & urban properties. Contact: 98140-2050. (CL21006726)

Canadian Jat Sikh 1988, 5'-7",
Micro Biologist Manager Pharmacist Co. Toronto wants professionally qualified girl. Mob. 98159-29310, 97816-25669. (CL21006744)

Chandigarh based Doctor family
seeks match for Jat Sikh turbaned Gill boy, September 1988, 6', PR Canada, M.Tech, job in FedEx Toronto, professional girl on work permit or PR preferred in Brampton, Canada. Interested may contact: 84279-93203 (Parents visiting Canada). (CL21006756)

Canadian Jat Sikh Kahlon boy
45, 5'-10", BA, 24 acre land, educated family, divorce required only beautiful girl, contact also unmarried, below 32 years. Boy now in India early marriage without dowry (Amritsar). 87250-11643. (CL21006811)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh 1991
boy, 5'-11", Mechanical Engineer in Merchant Navy based in Chandigarh. WhatsApp: 98141-46066. (CL21006888)

Suitable match for 1997, 5'-11",
BA, M.Sc. Computer, 45 Killa land, well settled family required beautiful smart girl. 98144-36399. (CL21005179)

Jat Sikh Sandhu, MBBS 32/ 6'-1",
handsome influential educated Doctors family want MBBS - MD girl. WhatsApp 98882-68020. (CL21006933)

Jat Sikh clean shave, B.A.,
Computer Diploma from NZ, born 82, 5'-6", Visa Consultant self employees Chandigarh. Father retired Officer, brother Australian citizen, own flat Chandigarh 38 (West). Email: dsinghs65@gmail.com , 98156-04322. (CL21007001)

Canada PR Jat handsome, 5'-7",
1992, own business/house Edmonton required educated Faridkot. 70091-65059. (CL21007003)

Suitable match for 30/6'-2",
Gursikh (Bhullar) boy, wishes to settle abroad, having 6 years trucking experience in Dubai. 93380-00043. (CL21007006)

Jatt Sikh, handsome teetotaller
boy, 1992, 5'-8", Masters in English, B.Ed, studying in Canada, 16 acres agriculture land and urban plots. Parents retired Govt. employees. Seeks beautiful and qualified match from status family. 94639-48272. (CL21007021)

Jatt Sikh teetotaller boy Gazetteed
Officer Punjab Govt., Feb. 1993, 5'-11", seeking professional match Govt. employee Lecturer/ Teacher. 94638-6533. (CL21007113)

Govt. employee girl for Jat Sikh
Sandhu, 1992 born boy, 5'-11", permanent Govt. job. Parents retired Govt. employee Gurdaspur, Batala preferred. Mob: 99888-94397. (CL21007114)

SM for Jat Sikh handsome clean
shaved 30, 6'-0", boy. Done B.Tech in CSE from India and masters in Management from CMU, USA. Currently working as Manager in Fintech Company in USA. Belongs to family of Senior Officers. Both parents Doctors. Caste no bar. Contact number: 98551-82769. (CL21007157)

SIKH LOBANA

Suitable working match required
for Lobana Sikh boy 5'-11", 1993 born, Govt. job, working as officer in public sector bank. Kindly respond on 94668-26356. (CL21000995)

Canadian Lubana Sikh boy 32/
5'-11", want BDS/ any other professional girl. Caste no bar. Call WhatsApp +914664-36721, +1416824721. (CL21004042)

Suitable educated girl from
Gurbani Lubana family for PR Vancouver (Canada), 27 years, 5'-6", Master Technocrat Project coordinator, CS 10000 per month. Contact Vadodara City. 8200519527, 9417611020, Jalandhar. 9478739490. (CL21005294)

Suitable match for Sikh Lubana
boy, Jan 1991 born, 5'-11", Jalandhar, M.Tech, Ph.D., Lecturer (Gazetted) in Punjab Govt. Amritsar. Caste no bar. Contact: 887235500. (CL21005567)

Suitable working match for
Lobana Sikh boy, Jan 92, 6', non-trimmer, non-drinker, working as a Project Lead in MNC at Gurgaon. Income 14 LPA. Own house in West Delhi. Father has own business. Sister is a Doctor and married. Caste no bar. Contact: 98910-66481, 88603-73186. (CL21006269)

Match for Lobana Sikh boy 92
born, 5'-10", +2 H/W Engineer own Kothi. Father retd from Bank, well settled family caste no bar. WhatsApp: 00447405948429. (CL21006406)

Upper middle class reputed &
well settled Lubana Sikh family seeking professionally qualified beautiful girl from status family for their handsome turbaned boy. Jan 93, 5'-9". B.Tech., MBA (IIMs Hyderabad) working as Sr. Consultant with Boston Consulting Group, Gurgaon, elder sister retd. Air Force Officer, married, Chief of Staff in Deloitte USL son in Law Sr. Software Engineer, father Contractor in Ministry of Defence, upper caste no bar. Contact: 94160-30516. (CL21006212)

H'some tall IPS Officer Assistant
Commissioner of Police 32, 5'-10", MBBBS, 15 LPA. Req. B'ful match. (Gazetted) in Punjab Govt. Amritsar. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 00447405948429. (CL21006437)

Professionally qualified working
girl for handsome, Gursikh boy, April 1992, 5'-11", B.Tech., MBA (IMA), working in MNC, 45 LPA. Parents Government Officers. 99682-71371. (CL21006485)

Nai Sikh boy 1991, 6', Punjab
Police job. Required Govt. employee or NRI girl. 70098-5383. (CL21006709)

Suitable match for Ramdasia
Sikh boy 27/6, M.Tech, now in Canada on work permit. 95696-3303. (CL21006763)

SIKH

PQM preferred from US/
Canada, for US citizen, Gursikh boy, 5'-11", 1990, SW Engineer into Multiple businesses, settled in Posh Sector of Chandigarh. 98147-68616, pinkiparhar@gmail.com (CL21002317)

Suitable match for Ramgarhia
Sikh boy 1992, 5'-11", MCA, working in IT MNC Pune. Seeks well educated, working beautiful girl. WhatsApp: 00447405948429. (CL21002336)

Never married Aroha Sikhi
turbaned 1978/ 5'-6", works from own home Mohali. Caste no bar. Simple marriage. No dowry. 94637-62534. (CL21002671)

Status family qualified tall slim
match for Jat Gursikh boy 29, 5'-9". Convent educated, MBA, B.Com, having well established business good earning Ludhiana. Owing rural & urban properties. Contact: 98140-2050. (CL21006726)

Professional unmarrried British
Sikh male, 46, 5'-8", Graduate, seeks educated Sikh bride, 25+, happy relocating to UK. Reply with interests & photograph birmingham31@yahoo.com WhatsApp: +447886328845. (CL21003187)

Match for very Handsome
Brahmin Sikh boy, B.Tech. Computer Engineer, 30 years, 6'-2", Working. Father retd. Panchkula. Wanted girl from Sikh family. 99889988986. (CL21005002)

Well qualified Sikh match for 30
years old, MBBS, 5'-9", veg, non-drinker, non-trimmer boy. Father mahant, mother Jatti Sikh, caste no bar, no demands. 74978-80559. (CL21005016)

Suitable match for 1989 born
clean shaven, 6'-2", B.Tech, working as Manager in Corporate Gym in GK, Contact: 98100-56115 or balbir.sohsi56@gmail.com (CL21005173)

Suitable match for Ramdasia
Sikh boy 09.09.1991, 5'-5", Computer Hardware Technician and Networking Engineering from Canada PR. Father retired from Govt. service, mother housewife, younger brother Clerk in Subordinate Courts. 98552-75050. (CL21005179)

Match for Gursikh
NT ND boy, Sept. 1990, 5'-7", B.Tech, working as SDO PSPCL, Govt. employee preferred. Contact 9888710326. (CL21005577)

Match for 5'-9", 1992, Sikh Khatri
handsome boy, MCA, Pb. Government employee Patiala. 98769-22581. (CL21005582)

SM Gursikh Khatri boy, May 91,
5'-11", B.Tech., M.Tech, working MNC (NCR). Father Businessman Patiala. 9914814038. (CL21005600)

Wanted I.T. girl for Sikh Khatri
boy, 31, 5'-9", Manager Maruti, Gurgaon, 20 Lahk, 99880-01368. (CL21005412)

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ND boy, Sept. 1990, 5'-7", B.Tech, working as SDO PSPCL, Govt. employee preferred. Contact 9888710326. (CL21005577)

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Beautiful educated match for
handsome Arora Gursikh boy 1985/ 5'-7", Government Teacher (regular). 94631-04131. (CL21006486)

Seeking educated & family
oriented girl for Ludhiana based boy 26/ 5'-3", turbaned, qualified handsome belongs to well established business family. Extended family. Settled in Abroad. 98153-13500, 98154-76786. WhapsApp. (CL21006325)

Arora Gursikh widower issues
boy, 1977, 5'-7", double M.A, well settled own business. Amritsar. 98031-65715, 97939-55758. (CL21006325)

Beautiful educated match for
handsome Arora Gursikh boy 1985/ 5'-7", Government Teacher (regular). 94631-04131. (CL21006486)

Beautiful educated cultured
match for non-trimmer, non-drinker SIKH, B.Tech., MBA, Nov. 1990/ 5'-8", doing job in Ludhiana. 85660-06686. (CL21006564)

Gursikh match for non-trimmer,
non-drinker boy 1987/ 5'-7", convenient educated, B.Tech., MBA. Manager Nationalised Bank, 85 kpm, well educated family. b s i n g h 1 9 5 3 @ g m a i l . c o m (CL21007026)

Beautiful professionally qualified
match for well settled handsome SIKH boy, 32, 5'-10", double M.A, well settled own business. Amritsar. 98762-63606. per annum. 98762-63606. per annum. (CL21006160)

SM for Himachali (Bilaspur)
turbaned Sikh Khatri boy March 84/ 5'-10", MBA. Working in Gurgaon, 5.5 LPA. 84370-01981. (CL21006066)

Only son, 26, 6'-2", Kumbar Sikh
Graduate and running well established business clientele (Europe). Looking for educated girl with family values. 9417327705. (CL21005631)

Mazbhi Sikh boy 11.5.1993,
5'-11", B.Com, LLB, Advocate. Required well qualified Canada PR girl, Amritsar. 98720-29221, 73892-5621. (CL21005574)

Suitable match for handsome
Brahmin Sikh boy, Jalandhar, 08.07.99, 5'-6", B.Tech., regular Punjab Govt. service. Preferred Govt. employed girl. SIKH Brahmin, Sikh Khatri and Sikh Arora family. 94649-5513. (CL21005818)

Jatt Sikh teetotaller boy Gazetteed
Officer Punjab Govt., Feb. 1993, 5'-11", seeking professional match Govt. employee Lecturer/ Teacher. 94638-6533. (CL21007113)

Govt. employee girl for Jat Sikh
Sandhu, 1992 born boy, 5'-11", permanent Govt. job. Parents retired Govt. employee Gurdaspur, Batala preferred. Mob: 99888-94397. (CL21007114)

SM for Jat Sikh handsome clean
shaved 30, 6'-0", boy. Done B.Tech in CSE from India and masters in Management from CMU, USA. Currently working as Manager in Fintech Company in USA. Belongs to family of Senior Officers. Both parents Doctors. Caste no bar. Contact number: 98551-82769. (CL21007157)

Suitable match for Lubana Sikh
boy, Jan 1991 born, 5'-11", Jalandhar, M.Tech, Ph.D., Lecturer (Gazetted) in Punjab Govt. Amritsar. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 00447405948429. (CL21006406)

Professionally qualified working
girl for handsome, Gursikh boy, April 1992, 5'-11", B.Tech., MBA (IMA), working in MNC, 45 LPA. Parents Government Officers. 99682-71371. (CL21006485)

Nai Sikh boy 1991, 6', Punjab
Police job. Required Govt. employee or NRI girl. 70098-5383. (CL21006709)

Suitable match for Ramdasia
Sikh boy 27/6, M.Tech, now in Canada on work permit. 95696-3303. (CL21006763)

Govt. working Lobana Sikh boy
required for (B-Grade) Govt. job girl 29, 5'-4", B.Tech, working in Punjab Civil Secretariat Chandigarh. 76968-39497. (CL21006791)

SM4 smart Sikh Rajput boy,
1991, 5'-9", B.Tech, Govt. employee. Well settled Mohali family. No down/bars. 98764-87496. (CL21006998)

Mohali based Ramdasia Sikh
handsome boy, September 1989, 5'-9", Govt. Gazetteed Officer, sister settled in Canada. 98788-62241. (CL21007009)

SIKH KHATRI

Match for Sikh Khatri NT
ND handsome boy, Feb. 92/ 5'-11", B.Tech. Asstt. Manager Nationalised Bank. Well settled family. 98141-09410. (CL21003374)

PQM/ PR girl for Sikh Arora
Khatri boy (1990), 5'-6", B.E. Software Engineer, Canadian PR, working in Toronto, residence Amritsar. 98788-62241. (CL21005509)

Seeking working match for
Gursikh Khatri Dentist boy, 1988, 5'-6", BDS, IDA, having own clinic at Ropar. Contact: 9041206553

Matrimonial alliance proposal
invited for 1994/ 5'-10" fair boy, M.Pharma. Job in Pharma Co. Resi. Patiala. Mob: 97811-79607. (CL21005003)

Handsome well settled Khatri
boy 1984/ 5'-7", B.Tech., MBA, having well established business good earning Ludhiana. 98147-20826. (CL21

Suitable match for Garg boy 09.06.1989/ 5'-10", 21.40, Jagraon, Education B.Com, own business in Ludhiana, residence in Jagraon. Contact: 98140-22104. (CL21006567)

Qualified match for CA, 5'-7", Goyal boy, own practice, 18.06.1991 born Rampla Phul (Bathinda). 94638-69980. (CL21006891)

Suitable match for Khatri female 6'-0" 29, MBA, working @MNC Delhi seeks slim, fair, tall & working girl. Contact @ 99606-63365. (CL21006627)

Suitable match for Goyal fair, slim boy 23rd Oct. 1990, 2.55 a.m. Samana, 6'-1", Chartered Accountant Gazetted Officer Punjab Government teetotaller family from Sunam. Mob. 098159-20299. (CL21006657)

Suitable match for handsome man Manglik Garg boy 20.02.93, 11.20 am Jagraon, 5'-6", B.Tech., working in IT MNC. Preferred qualified/ working girl in Tricity. WhatsApp: 98768-51351. (CL21006679)

Bansal boy (teetotaller) 2.12.1991, 5'-6", B.Tech. CSE Sr. Software Engineer. Pone. 94176-78079. Email: parshtandass@gmail.com (CL21006706)

Top Businessman Chandigarh Aggarwal boy, 1985, M.Tech, 5'-11". Required most beautiful professional educated. 95926 - 21717, 92177 - 75414. (CL21006748)

Big Industrialist Chandigarh Aggarwal boy Anshik Manglik 1995, B.Com., 5'-8". Vegetarian landlord. 95926 - 21717. (CL21006752)

Industrialist landlord Agarwal boy Gobindgarh 1989, M.Com., 5'-10", slightly healthy. Residence Khanna 95926-21717, 92177-75414. (CL21006755)

Suitable match for Garg boy 8.6. 5'-7", MBA, Central Govt., 80000, 15 days divorcee. 76962-1880. (CL21006782)

Garg boy, 17.05.85, 5'-9", CA, package 26 lac PA, smart, intelligent working listed Company Chandigarh. Upper caste no bar. 98140-98230. (CL21006807)

Homely professionally match for well settled Jindal smart boy 5'-7", 21.10.1993, 2.46 am, Kalka, non-manglik, no brother/ sister, LL.B. (Tax), pursuing CA (Final), MBA, 7 LPA, own practice in Baddi. Father in Bank. 98160-25404. (CL21006820)

Suitable match for Singh boy, Sunam 01.02.1994, 5'-7", B.Tech, IT professional in Mohali. Contact: 98729-07428. (CL21006825)

Mittal 4 April 1992, 5'-7", 5:55 pm, Samana Punjab, B.Tech. PU, MBA MDI Gurgaon, working Mumbai 23- 25 LPA, working girl Panchkula. 99882-71277. (CL21006832)

Beautiful educated match for handsome Singal Gotra boy 15.02.1989, 9:32 am Ludhiana, 5'-8", M.S. (Computer Science) in USA, vegetarian boy. 94168-47929. (CL21006836)

High status Garg boy, 1993, 6"-MBA. Ghee Factory, Mall, three Marriage Palace, 80 acre agriculture land, Chandigarh four bedroom flat. Wanted qualified, beautiful girl. High business class family. 93567-22798. (CL21006841)

Bansal BDS, smart boy 90 born, 5'-6", own clinic well practice. Mobile 94632-17977. (CL21006850)

Working match for Manglik Khatri boy, 1993/ 5'-6", B.Tech. Software Er, 12 LPA. 98156-2350. (CL21005520)

Qualified match for Punjabi Khatri Software Engineer, Hyderabad, 5.80, 2.17 am, Ferozpur, 5'-8", presently working from home (Jalandhar), package 35 lac. WhatsApp: 702893525, 7888954835. (CL21005521)

Professionally qualified match for Panipat based 6'-0", Non-Manglik Architect boy 28.09.1993, 11:50 pm, M.Architecture, seeks suitable match. 85588-69566, 89507-12146. (CL21005539)

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SM for Tech, MBA, (40), unmarried boy, 5'-8", slim, wheatish, 7 LPA, own house, Semi Govt job. Pb. Govt. Early marriage. Around Doabs preferred. E-mail: neelakash74@gmail.com (CL21005264)

Working match for Punjabi Khatri boy, 1993/ 5'-6", B.Tech. M.Tech. Computer Science/ MBA/ CA. 9878786533. (CL21005153)

Looking for unmarried girl for Mohali based Khatri boy 1982, 5'-6", Lead Consultant in abroad on high package by top IT Company Chandigarh. Own house. Legally divorced, marriage lasted few days. 082640-39881. (CL21005167)

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CLASSIFIEDS

TONK-KASHATRIYA

Suitable match for Tonk-Kashatriya boy, 25 Dec. 1995, 12:15 am, Ludhiana, 5'-4", BA. Private job. 98783-64377 (CL21004328)

Suitable match for Hindu Tonk-Kashatriya boy, 8.11.1992, 9.10 am, Jalandhar, 5'-7", Chartered Accountant, 5.5 Lac. Father Govt service, 9877141266, (CL21004780)

Suitable match for Tonk-Kashatriya boy, 1989, 5'-4", B.Tech, (CSE), working in Govt bank. 99886-268530, (CL21005429)

Sikh (Hallan) boy, 36, 5'-7", MCA, PGDCA, required educated, homely girl. Caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. 98551-66173, (CL21005790)

Professionally qualified match for handsome cleanshaven Sikh boy, 1988, 5'-10", Postgraduate, own good business, monthly income in lacs. Father retired, sister married, settled in America. Caste no bar. WhatsApp 95011-37708, (CL21005857)

PQM4 B.Tech boy, 28, 5'-9", working Ludhiana handsome salary. 97730-22435, (CL21006248)

SM4 Tank-Kashatriya well-settled family boy born Jul 87, working in Merchant Navy as Chief Officer. Salary 11275 USD per month during Sailing. Contact on WhatsApp +91 90224-65112 or rani 4 4 8 5 @ y a h o o . c o m (CL21006328)

Tonkashatria Manglik boy, 28, 5'-9", B.Tech Master Australia PR required educated girl. 74703-19944, (CL21007125)

KAMBOJ

Professionally qualified match for 92 born, Kamboj Sikh boy 5'-8", B.Tech, (IT), working at a Multinational Company in Belgium. Parents Class I Officers. Rural-urban property. Contact: 98889-00329, (CL21005024)

SM for smart Kamboj Hindu boy, 6'-1", May 1991, M.Tech, B.Tech IIT, Khargapur, Management Consultant US firm in Gurgaon, 40 LPA, Panchkula family. Father Doctor Class-I Officer, Chandigarh, mother Ph.D, caste no bar. Contact: 86991-24252, (CL21005771)

Match for Kamboj Josan Sikh boy, B.Pharmacy, 25 years, 5'-9", runs own Medical Store, Phase-9, Mohali. Tricity preferred. 98727-3351, (CL21006276)

Kamboj boy (Dhot), 5'-11", 1992, Lecturer (Gazetted) Govt. Polytechnic Punjab. Father SDO PSPCL, having 25 acre land. Seeking Govt. Employee girl. 96461-17943, 62396-91260, (CL21006328)

Match Sikh Kamboj boy, Dec. 1991, 5'-8", B.Tech, ECE, working in Infosys Chandigarh. Preference Tricity. 92165-03776, (CL21006559)

Match for Kamboj Sikh, 1992/ 5'-11", officer in SBI having urban/rural property. 9517788655, (CL21006821)

DOCTORS/ENGINEERS

Wanted beautiful girl, MBBS/ MD for handsome MBBS Prajapat Sikh, 5'-7", 1996, own Hospital. Well settled family. 98775-05593, (CL21004927)

MD/MS match for Mahajan boy, May 1986, 5'-7", SR General Surgery GMC. Upper caste welcome. Contact: 98168-89799, 94181-50699, (CL21005964)

PQM for Aurora / Kahtri handsome boy, MDS, Associate professor, Amritsar, 6', 20.6.1984, 2:30 AM, Amritsar Innocent issueless divorce send detail with photograph. nice91188@gmail.com 98150-80067 (CL21004661)

SM4 for handsome Saini boy, 1990/ 6ft, working as Central Govt. Group A' Gazetted Officer. Parents Haryana Govt. employees, residing Kurukshetra. Contact with biodata 94160-60360, Caste no bar. MBBS/ MD preferred. (CL21005350)

Ramgarhia Sikh boy, 12.01.1995, 5'-4", MBBS, PCMS-I, Govt. job required same qualified Doctor girl. 98768-97551, (CL21005393)

Looking for M.D Radiology match for my handsome son M.S (Ortho), 29/ 5'-9", running two private Hospitals. Caste no bar. Contact: 92552-78489, (CL21005430)

Beautiful Doctor / Engineer / Officer match for Ramdasia Amritsar boy 1989, 5'-10", B.Tech IIT, Senior Engineer in SAIL. 094637-26690, (CL21005477)

SM4 Ramdasia Sikh turbaned boy, August 22, 1990, 5'-10", handsome, B.Tech Mech. Private job, Gurgaon. Upper caste no bar. 9592917922, (CL21005595)

Medico Aggarwal match for Bansal handsome boy, 11.04.1988, 01:08 pm, Ludhiana, 6", MD (Medicine), Senior Resident. 62397-76174, (CL21005928)

SM4 SC Pb Govt. employee JE (PUDA), March 1992, 5'-9", Doctor/ Engineer/ Govt. employee preferred. 75087-47949, 96464-82698, (CL21005944)

Professional match for Hindu Dhami B.Tech (ECE) boy, 30, 6"-2", working MNC Gurgaon (Big 4). Tall girl preferred, upper caste no bar. 94191-28985, (CL21006065)

Suitable match for handsome boy, DOB 28 June 1993, 5'-11". Time 10.00 p.m., working as Software Engineer in Bangalore. Sood, Mahajan & Khatri family's preferred. Contact: 98179-29700, (CL21006075)

Beautiful MBBS, PCMS/ MD match for Brahma boy 34, 5'-7", MBBS, PCMS, pursuing M.S. General Surgery in GMC. 98881-49767, (CL21006359)

Suitable match for Brahma boy, 2.9.1990, 4:45 pm, Amritsar, 5'-6", MBBS DA, running own hospital, 62800-15343, (CL21006665)

MD/MS equivalent match for 33 yr old, 5'-9", MD Radio diagnosis, Ramdasia boy. Parents in govt service, sister MD Med. Well settled in Mohali. WhatsApp 9418475117, with biodata. (CL21006699)

Match for Agarwal boy, 1991/ 5'-7", DM (Cardiology). Parents Doctor. Upper caste no bar. 99714-46491, (CL21006802)

HP (Nath) boy, 88 born, B.Tech., M.Tech., MBA, Ph.D. (ECE). Post Doc. Recipient of awards, Chandigarh, seeks PQM preferably working. 98883-86333, (CL21006994)

Wanted beautiful Doctor girl MD for handsome landlord Hindu Khatri Arora boy. Govt. job, 30, 6"-1", MS (Ortho). Contact: 93168-57822, 62804-58291, (CL21006994)

Kurukshetra based Saini BAMS Doctor boy 28.07.1990, 3.05 p.m., PoB Yamunanagar, 5'-9", own clinic, Govt. service as Community Health Officer, looking for BAMS/BDS Doctor girl. Upper caste welcome. 93550-61873, (CL21007169)

SCHEDULED CASTES

UP Based Hindu Ravidasia Boy 1991, 5'-10" Govt. Bank Officer, Family Settled Bathinda. Preferred Govt. Employee. Early Marriage. 98886-96516, (CL21007749)

Suitable match for Siki SC boy 27/ 6", B.Tech, Pursuing PG Diploma/ Working in Canada , PR likely 2022. Own house Chandigarh, Father Bank Employee, Only Siki family. Contact 8572803979, (CL21004952)

SM4 Ravidasia, teetotaller, B.Tech boy, Feb., 1989, 5'-5", working as Junior Engineer, regular in H.P Govt. elder brother Doctor, Bilaspur based family. Preference Himachali Govt. employee decent girl. WhatsApp: 82191-80182, 85806-20438, (CL21004953)

Beautiful girl for smart handsome SC boy, Feb, 92, 5'-8", Calgary (Canada PR) from Hoshiarpur. No dowry. Contact: 90412-30496, 85668-78456, (CL21005100)

Ramdasia Sikh boy, 1991/ 5'-10", B.Tech, Govt. Job (JE PSPCL). Father Punjab Govt. Employee. Preferred Govt. Employee Girl. 98555-63812. (Bathinda) (CL21005276)

SM4 Ravidasia boy, 12/1989, 6', working as Manager in Government bank. Looking for girl in regular Government service. Family Kartarpur (Jalandhar) based. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 98825-4698, (CL21005351)

PQM for 1993 born, 5'-11", Hindu/ SC boy, working as SDO in PSPCL, posted at Chandigarh. No caste no bar. Govt. Employee. Preferred Mob: 86999-85768, (CL21005434)

Suitable match for a 26 year Sikh 5 ft. 8 in weaver B.Tech boy (Canada PR). We require a well educated Canadian PR or work permit Sikh weaver (Ramdasia) girl. Contact: 9188470/3980, (CL21005435)

SMF Balmiki boy, Divorcee, 35, 5'-7", Civil Engineer, working in reputed Comp., earning 5 figures. Own house, well settled family. 98762-27030, 85588-52393, (CL21005436)

Well qualified Ramdasia Sikh handsome boy, 5'-9", March 1989, Diploma in Electronics. Working Govt. job, Chd. Family settled in Zirakpur. Tricity Govt. employee girl preferred. Early marriage. Contact: 98159-25584, 79861-0605, (CL21005591)

Hindu Ravidasia handsome boy, 6.12.1993, 5'-11", B.Tech in Computer Science Diploma in Canada. 78889-9210. (CL21005785)

Majhi Sikhs boy, 1988, 5'-6", Govt. Law Officer Chandigarh, need Govt. job. Caste no bar. 904172-77068, (CL21005822)

Pratapji/ Ghumiar family seeks educated and beautiful girl for their son 18.06.1991/ 5'-10", MBA, working as Administration Incharge in Jalandhar. No demand. Mobile: 96461-80082, (CL21006232)

Nai boy, Oct 1990, 5'-8", B.Tech, Govt. job. Caste no bar. 81465-50502, (CL21005968)

Educated girl required for Hindu Parjapati boy, 34, 5'-3"; Graduate, own business. Caste no bar. 70094-88285, (CL21006321)

Nai (Non-Professional) B.Arch. 15.5/1992 5'-11" fair colour Good Business. Required educated girl. 91955-30839, 83609-32106. Marriage Bureau Excuse. WhatsApp or Phone: 98780-35535. (CL21007101)

Match for Ambala based Ramdassia boy April 89, 5'-7", B.Tech. (Mechanical), MBA (Operation). Working in MNC as Dy. Manager Govt. employee/ MNC working girl. Contact: 98178-62449, 94683-69017, (CL21007105)

Ramdasia Sikh boy (Weaver) 1986, 5'-11", own business, well settled good status required suitable match 84276-00294, (CL21007161)

Suitable qualified match for Ravidasia boy 87 born, 5'-11", B.Tech NIT Jalandhar working as Field Officer in Pb. Govt. Coop Agri Bank, qualified UPSC 2018 Civil Service Exam. Father MD Doctor expired, mom housewife, 1 sister BMD married. Preference Govt. job, working girl. 94636-85207, (CL21007176)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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I, Anil Kumar s/o Sh. Balbir Singh r/o E-3/1, First Floor, DLF Valley, Pinjore, Panchkula-134101 have changed my minor daughter's name from Aditi to Aditi Dhiman. (CL21006181)

I, Kirpal Kaur w/o Kamaljeet r/o House No. 522, Near Khawaja Mandir, Nangal, Tehsil Nangal, Distt. Rupnagar (Punjab), have changed my name from Kirpal Kaur to Neelam. (CL21006218)

I, Vijay Rawat s/o Gobind Singh Rawat r/o B1-502, Maya Garden City, Nagla road, Zirakpur, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name to Vijaypal Singh Rawat. (CL21006230)

I, Darshana Rani w/o No. 629138 Ex. Hav. Uggar Sain r/o VPO Ajirawar, Distt. Patiala, have changed my name as Kumari Darshana as entered in my husband's Army records. (CL21006538)

I, Shashi Bala w/o Amit Kumar r/o Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Shashi Bala to Shashi, all concerned note. (CL21006548)

I, Ritu Maria, d/o Sh. Rajesh Mittu, resident of H. No. 4804, St. No. 17, Durgapuri, HaibowalKalan, Ludhiana have changed my name to Ritu Mittu. (CL21006581)

I, Sunita, Sunita Rani w/o Rakesh Arora r/o H.No. 4061, Mohalla Gaindawala Kartarpur (Jalandhar), declared that I have changed my name Sunita Arora concerned pleased noted. (CL21006735)

I, Khem Nand S/o Parkash Chand R/o H.No. 2597 Sector 27-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Khima Nand. (CL21005706)

I, No JC510673L Sub. Kewal Singh s/o Chhota Singh, resident of Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar Mansa, declare that in my service documents, Date of birth of my wife Kamalpreet Kaur written wrong i.e. 12.02.1983 instead of 04.08.1984 and Date of birth of my son Goldy Singh also written wrong i.e. 08.05.2003 instead of 08.02.2008. (CL21006865)

I, Dinesh Taneja S/o Somnath Taneja r/o F-127, Vishnu Garden, Gali No. 5, First Floor, New Delhi declare that my son Prince Taneja & his wife Preeti Taneja are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all moveable/ immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future. (CL21006989)

Eight killed in Indianapolis shootout

Several wounded, some critically | 147 mass shootings in US this year

INDIANAPOLIS, APRIL 16
A gunman fatally shot at least eight persons at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis and wounded several others before taking his own life, the police said early on Friday.

At least 30 persons have been killed in US mass shootings in the last month alone. The latest rampage unfolded at a FedEx operations centre near the Indianapolis International Airport, around 11 pm local time on Thursday.

The Gun Violence Archive says 147 mass shootings have occurred so far in 2021.

Indianapolis police spokeswoman Genae Cook told local reporters the authorities had "arrived to an active shooter incident".

Five persons were taken to hospitals with gunshot wounds. Two more were treated at the facility itself by medical staff and released, according to the



People at the site of the mass shooting in Indianapolis. REUTERS

INDIAN-ORIGIN GIRL AMONG INJURED

New York: An Indian-origin man has said his niece was among those injured in the shooting incident, according to a media report. The girl, who was not named, was sit-

ting in her car when the gunfire erupted, her uncle Parminder Singh said. "She got shot in her left arm," said Singh. PTI

police. One of the people taken to a hospital was in a critical condition.

Earlier in April, weeks

after taking office, President Joe Biden announced limited measures to tackle gun violence that included a crackdown on self-assembled "ghost guns". It may prove much more difficult to enact more stringent fed-

DEADLY GUNPLAY

ATLANTA March 16

Eight shot dead at three Atlanta massage spas

BOULDER (COLORADO) Mar 23

A gunman kills 10, including a cop, in Boulder, Colorado

ORANGE (CALIFORNIA) Mar 31

9-year-old boy among four shot dead in Southern California

People have been demanding stricter gun laws in US. FILE

eral gun control measures, which require the support of Congress and face fierce opposition from many Republicans.

The Indianapolis police department deputy chief, Craig McCarron, said the police did not fire any shots in the incident.

"There seems to be a lack of conflict resolution skills and people are way too quick to pick up a gun and solve their problems today," he said.

A FedEx spokesman said the company was "deeply shocked and saddened" by the loss of its team members. He did not clarify if all those killed were FedEx employees.

"Our most heartfelt sympathies are with all those affected by this senseless act of violence. The safety of our team members is our top priority, and we are fully cooperating with investigating authorities," he added. — Reuters

Preserve gains in Af: MEA on US pullout

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 16

India today said any political settlement in Afghanistan must be inclusive and should preserve the socio-economic and political gains of the past 19 years.

"India supports a united, democratic and sovereign Afghanistan. We are deeply concerned about the increase in violence and targeted killings in Afghanistan. India has called for an immediate and comprehensive ceasefire," said the Ministry of External Affairs in its first public comments on the announcement by the US regarding the withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan before September 11.

A similar message about preserving the gains of the past 20 years made by India-backed regimes in Kabul was flagged after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and National Reconciliation

Says India supports a united, democratic Afghanistan

iation body chief Abdullah Abdullah on Thursday.

Blinken had discussed the importance of preserving the gains of the last 20 years, especially in building a strong civil society and protecting the rights of women, US State Department spokesperson Ned Price had said after the meeting with Ghani. India has made a strong contribution in these areas with its community and institutional building projects.

The MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said New Delhi was closely following the ongoing intra-Afghan peace process. "India has consistently held the view that the Afghan peace process should be Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-controlled," he said. — PTI

Will keep pushing Pak for Af peace efforts: CIA chief

WASHINGTON, APRIL 16

The US will continue to push Pakistan hard on supporting the diplomatic efforts to ensure peace in Afghanistan as it has an interest over the longer term in avoiding insecurity and instability in the war-torn neighbouring country that can spill over and affect its own interest.

He was responding to a question from Congressman Adam Schiff, who is the Chairman of the powerful House Intelligence Committee.

Pakistan today is playing a constructive role in support of the diplomatic efforts, at least that the US and other countries are making to try to bridge what is, at the moment, a pretty severe gap between the government of Afghanistan and the Taliban," Burns said. He said Pakistan had an interest over the longer term in avoiding the kind of insecurity and instability in Afghanistan that can spill over and affect its own interest. — PTI

Russia to expel 10 US diplomats in retaliatory move

MOSCOW, APRIL 16

Russia on Friday responded in kind to a barrage of new US sanctions, saying it would expel 10 US diplomats and take other retaliatory moves in a tense showdown with Washington.

US blacklists Pak firms

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also said Moscow will add eight US officials to its sanctions list and move to restrict and stop the activities of US non-government organisations from interfering in Russia's politics. — AP

Can resolve issues via talks: Nepal

KATHMANDU, APRIL 16

There is no issue between Nepal and India that cannot be resolved through dialogue, Nepal Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali said on Friday, underlining that the two countries were "friends and not competitors".

Speaking at an interaction programme organised by Nepal-India Friendship Association in Kathmandu, Gyawali underlined the need for resolving outstanding issues between Nepal and India, including the border problem, through talks.

"It is not very difficult to resolve these issues if we can move forward by maintaining mutual trust and forging a political understanding,"

INDIA A FRIEND, NOT COMPETITOR
It is not very difficult to resolve these issues if we can move forward by maintaining mutual trust and forging a political understanding. Nepal and India are friends and not competitors.

Pradeep Gyawali, NEPAL FOREIGN MINISTER

he pointed out.

"Nepal and India are two friends and not competitors. It is not difficult to resolve problems between the friends," Gyawali said.

The India-Nepal bilateral ties came under strain after Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a 80-km-long strategically crucial road connecting the Lipulekh pass with Dharchula in Uttarakhand on May 8 last year.

Nepal reacted sharply to the move, claiming the road passed through Nepal territory. India rejected the claim, asserting the road lied completely within its territory. Days later, Nepal came out with a new map showing Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura as its territories. Gyawali said Nepal and India were moving forward by working together to fight Covid-19. — PTI

Appoint lawyer for Jadhav, Pak tells India

ISLAMABAD, APRIL 16

Pakistan on Friday again urged India to appoint a lawyer to represent death row convict Kulbhushan Jadhav to implement the verdict of the International Court of Justice.

The Islamabad High Court, while hearing the case, asked the Foreign Office (FO) to approach India about appointing a counsel and clarifying the issue of jurisdiction of the case being heard by the court. FO spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhry said, "We once again urge India to cooperate with the Pakistani courts by appointing a lawyer for Jadhav." — PTI

Lift ban on export of vaccine raw material, SII urges Biden

MUMBAI, APRIL 16

Serum Institute of India (SII) CEO Adar Poonawalla on Friday said the US needs to lift its embargo on raw material export to help ramp up vaccine production.

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	5,79,198
BRAZIL	3,65,954
MEXICO	2,11,213
UK	1,27,225
ITALY	1,16,366

WORLDOMETER TILL APRIL, 16, 11 PM



A health worker collects a swab sample in Montevideo, Uruguay. PTI

outside the US, I humbly request you to lift the embargo of raw material exports out of the US so that vaccine production can ramp up. Your administration has the details." — PTI

BUSINESS

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Maruti hikes prices up to ₹22,500

NEW DELHI, APRIL 16

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Friday said it has hiked prices of most of its models by up to Rs 22,500 with immediate effect to partially offset the impact of the rise in input costs. Barring Celerio and Swift, all the models of the company will be covered under the price increase exercise.

"The company is increasing the price for select models owing to increase in various input costs," the auto major said in a regulatory filing.

The weighted average price increase in ex-showroom prices (Delhi) across models is 1.6%, it added. The new prices are effective from Friday, MSI said.

The company sells various models ranging from Alto to S-Cross, priced between Rs 2.99 lakh and Rs 12.39 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). — PTI

China's GDP grows by record 18.3% in Q1, highest since 1993

BEIJING, APRIL 16

China's economy grew a record 18.3% in the first quarter of 2021, riding on strong domestic and foreign demand and aided by recovery from a low base in early 2020 when Covid stalled the world's second-largest economy, according to statistics released on Friday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) reached 24.93 trillion yuan (about \$3.82 trillion) in Q1, data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said. This is the highest quarterly growth rate since China first began publishing GDP data in 1993.

The double-digit growth puts the average Q1 growth of 2020 and 2021 at 5% from the 2019 level, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

In the first three months, China saw a steady industrial production rebound, improvement in market sales, recovery in fixed-asset investment, and noticeable

STRONG DEMAND FUELLED GROWTH
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the coronavirus pandemic when it broke out in central China's Wuhan city in late 2019, and early to recover from its impact, grew 2.3% in 2020, registering the lowest annual growth rate in 45 years.

The GDP of the world's second-largest economy grew by 2.3% expanding to \$15.42 trillion in 2020, according to the data released by the NBS said.

In the local currency, the GDP exceeded the 100 trillion yuan (\$15.42 trillion) threshold to 101.5986 trillion yuan.

Early this month, the IMF increased China's GDP projection to 8.4% for this year, a 10-year high but cautioned that the growth is unbalanced and private consumption has not recovered as fast. — PTI

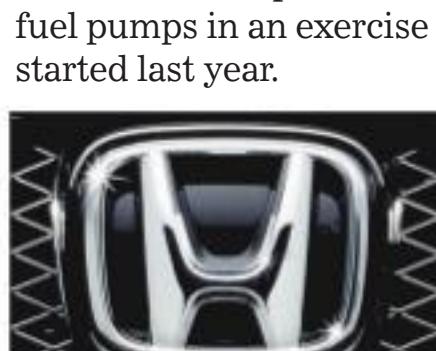
KYC documents of other persons. A number of fictitious companies were floated by using PAN, Aadhaar and photographs of unknown persons to issue fake invoices and claim input tax credit.

To curb the menace, the ministry has created Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management to help with advance analytics and innovative technology utilising various data sources for a focused and targeted action by the enforcement wings.

Honda recalls 77,954 units to replace faulty fuel pumps

NEW DELHI, APRIL 16

Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) on Friday announced the recall of 77,954 units of select models in India to replace faulty fuel pumps in an exercise it started last year.



MODELS IMPACTED

The recall impacts models, Amaze, 4th generation City, WR-V, Jazz, Civic, BR-V, and CRV, which have been manufactured between January 2019 and September 2020.

The fuel pumps installed in these vehicles may contain defective impellers that could over time result in engine stopping or not starting, HCIL said in a statement.

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The company said 36,086 units of Amaze manufactured between January and August 2019 and 20,248 units of the 4th Gen City produced between January and September 2019 have been recalled.

Economy in better shape compared to previous Covid wave, says CEA

NEW DELHI, APRIL 16

The Indian economy is in a better shape as compared to the previous Covid wave witnessed last year because of vaccines, chief economic adviser KV Subramanian said on Friday. Speaking at an event organised by e-commerce major Amazon, he said uncertainty is much lower this time but people should be cautious.

"There is a second wave therefore people should be careful about it and follow all regulations. But overall compared to previous episode, we are in a better shape because vaccine is out and vaccination drive is proceeding. So uncertainty is much lower," he said.

Following the outbreak of Covid pandemic in March 2020, India went in for one of the strictest lockdowns in the world, leading to a massive contraction of about 24% in GDP. Beginning March this year, the second wave started rearing its head with a sudden jump in cases, forcing many states to go for localised restrictions to break the Covid chain.

The company added a record 2,17,353 new coronavirus infections in a day, taking the total tally of Covid cases to 1,42,91,917, while active cases surpassed the 15-lakh mark, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.

This is the second consecutive day that the country has reported over two lakh cases. Subramanian further said "one key thing



that stood out during this pandemic is the rollout of e-commerce and digitisation, something that India has embraced." As many as 800 million people were provided essential supplies through the public distribution system and cash transfer through the Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile (JAM) in a seamless manner with a click of button, while

Finally, an Asian gold for Vinesh

ASIAN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP

ALMATY (KAZAKHSTAN), APRIL 16
Dominating the proceedings in a depleted field, Olympics-bound wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Anshu Malik won their maiden Asian Championship titles with comfortable triumphs in their respective final clashes here today.

There was no stopping Vinesh in the absence of the Chinese and Japanese rivals as she cruised to the title without losing a point in the 53kg category. Vinesh has notched up seven podium finishes at the Asian meet over the years, including three silver medals before this edition.

The 19-year-old Anshu, who bagged the Tokyo Games quota here a few days ago, was yet again impressive as

Anshu, Divya too win gold in absence of wrestlers from China, Japan

she underlined her progress in the senior circuit with yet another confident performance in the 57kg category. She won the final 3-0 and was never really troubled by Mongolia's Battsetseg Altantsetseg, except for a double-leg attack initially in the bout. The Mongolian was mostly busy defending and Anshu kept her lead intact for gold.

In the early rounds, Vinesh won by technical superiority against Mongolia's Otgontengerel Ganbaatar and Taipei's Meng Hsuan Hsieh while an injured Hyunyoung Oh from Korea did not turn up for the semifinal. In the final, Vinesh, who had won a bronze in the Delhi edition of the Continental championship last year, moved 6-0 up and finished the bout in style by pinning her rival in



Vinesh Phogat cruised to the title without losing a point in the 53kg category. PHOTO: UVV

the first period itself.

Gold for Divya

The 72kg specialist Divya Kakran, who was a champion in the 2020 edition as well

defending champion Zhamila Balkbergenova of Kazakhstan to ensure she would come away with the gold regardless of the outcome of her final match of tonight's night session.

Anshu's rise

Anshu had reached the final with ease. The 19-year-old won her first two bouts by technical superiority against Uzbekistan's Sevara Eshmu-ratova and Kyrgyzstan's Nazira Marsbek Kyzy to reach the semifinal. Her quick moves and tremendous energy had her rivals gasping for breath.

Sakshi Malik, competing in the 65kg category having missed her claim in her pet 62kg category, won the silver medal after losing 4-0 in the final. — TNS, agencies

◆ The main aim was to wrestle the Japan and China wrestlers, but they are not here. If there is a gold medal on the offering, I will take it. I learnt a lot of things despite the tough opponents not here. The most important part is the recovery. I think my recovery between the bouts is not the best right now. Also, I took this competition a little too easy so I was not following the correct process in the lead-up to the tournament. — Vinesh Phogat

HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

through
Society for Improvement of Forest Ecosystems Management & Livelihoods in Himachal Pradesh
(regd) for implementation of the JICA assisted PIHPFEM&L, Shimla (ID-P269)

Ref. No. Tender/JICA/Vol-I Dated: 9-04-2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Sealed tenders for "Hiring of Vehicle on Rent basis" under JICA assisted PIHPFEM&L are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of Society of the Project from the eligible and approved firms/proprietary firm(s), company/Co-operatives Societies/Firms and other organizations. The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from the website <https://hpptenders.gov.in> from 17-04-2021 (10:00 AM). The last date for submission of the tender is 30-04-2021 upto (4:00 PM). The Society has the right to extend or cancel the tender/bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Sd/- Chief Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L)
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NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. 03/2021-22

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. N.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/ Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion Period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1.	30-Elect-T-04/2021-22(open Tender)	Electrical work in connection with provision of deep tubewell at DULP, GJW, PLT, GGKR, SFMU, BXC & 05 Nos L-xing gates over Ambala Division.	10.05.2021	Rs. 1479506.40	NIL	03 Months	45 days	NIL
2.	30-Elect-T-05/2021-22(open Tender)	Electrical work in connection with AMC for Operation of Submersible pumps of Jagadhari workshop station for 3 years over Ambala Division	10.05.2021	Rs. 2487724.38	NIL	36 Months	45 days	NIL

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender Document Cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 1500 Hrs of closing date & time of tender.

2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.

3. For details, please log on iREPS website www.reps.gov.in

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Purchase of MS drums

PAJL invites short term tenders from reputed manufacturers/suppliers/parties for supply of New MS drums / Old used MS drums (once used), (required for packing of 600 MT tomato paste 28 brix), as per details below:-

SR. NO.	PRODUCT	EARNEST MONEY (IN RS.)	SPECIFICATION	TENTATIVE REQUIREMENT
1.	New MS drums (with lid & clamp).	Rs. 10,000/-	MS drums	3000 nos. or as per actual requirement. (number may increase or decrease).
2.	Old MS drums once used (with lid & clamp)	Rs. 10,000/-	200 Kg capacity	

The bidder may participate in one or more than one items.

The short term tender (interested parties may quote their rates for the above said material separately and may send in sealed quotations) shall be received by 22.04.2021 upto 5:00 P.M. and opened on 23.04.2021 at 2:00 P.M. in the presence of the interested bidder or their authorized representative(s), if any. In case of holiday, tender shall be opened on next working day.

The complete tender form along with Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (DNIT) including terms & conditions can be obtained / downloaded from website www.punjagro.gov.in. In future, corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

CEO

PRESS NOTICE ON SHORT TERM BASIS FOR TENDERING

The Executive Engineer, Jai Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter invites offline tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work:	Estimated Cost	EMD	Time of completion (months)	Cost of form
01	PLWSS to PC Habitation of CV Bhalang, Barahar & Kharihar in GP Bhalang, Barahar & Kharihar in Tehsil Bhunter & District Kullu, H.P. (SH-C/o PC Wall at 2nd Stage)	137596	2752	One	250
02	A/R M/O LWSS Deori Palach in Tehsil Banjar, District Kullu, H.P. (SH-Operation and running and maintenance of water supply scheme from stage pump house to 2nd stage Pump well)	474770	9495	Twelve	250
03	LWSS to Hawali Shahia in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH- Operation and maintenance of schs 1st and 2nd stage for Nine months)	490572	9811	Nine	250
04	A/R & M/O of lift irrigation scheme Talara in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH- Annual running repair maintenance and operation of the scheme for 1 year)	326882	6538	Twelve	250
05	Providing WSS to Jarai Mateura in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH-LJ of G.I. pipe from point D1 to D3, D3, D1-X-X1 & X-D2) in village Jarai	496421	9928	Three	250
06	Providing WSS to Jarai Mateura in Tehsil Bhunter, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH-LJ of G.I. pipe from point D-D1, D-D-F-F1, F-F2 & E-E1) in village Jarai	453416	9068	Three	250
07	Tapping additional source to Phatti Kashawari (Providing Anchor blocks to rising main at various Rd's)	250000	5000	Three	250

Last date sale of tender forms:- 22.04.2021 up to 5:00 p.m. and opened on 23.04.2021 up to 12:30 p.m.

The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hpinhp.org or from office of the Executive Engineer up to date specified above.

(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)
Executive Engineer,
Jai Shakti Division No. II
Kullu at Bhunter

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB PIPLI (KURUKSHETRA)	CONST. OF 10'-0" SPAN RCC SLAB CULVERT ON LINK ROAD FROM KIRMAKH TO BUDHERA IN MC THANESAR (ROAD ID : 3536) (+ 1 OTHER WORK)	23.04.2021 06.05.2021	69.75 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-231420 xenkr2019@gmail.com
2	MC JHAJJAR	PREPARE SAZRA BASE KEY PLAN OF WHOLE M.C. JHAJJAR LIMIT & PREPARE SEPARATE MAP OF LAL DORA, APPROVED /UN APPROVED COLONY, WARD WISE, M.C LAND AND DEMARCTION THROUGH DIFFERENTIAL GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM MACHINE.	15.04.2021 22.04.2021	EMD 50000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9813551830 sjsecymcjhajjar@gmail.com
3	MC DHARUHERA	TO CATCHING THE TERROR MONKEY IN MUNICIPAL LIMIT	CLOSING DATE 22.04.2021	RATE QUOTED BY AGENCY	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	secy.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com
4	HSAMB HISAR	COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ELEVATORS & ESCALATORS SYSTEM AT AGRO MALL ROHTAK (2021-22) (RE-CALL)	15.04.2021 30.04.2021	15.07 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenelect2021.hsmhbisar@gmail.com
5	UHBVN	CONSTRUCTION OF SHED FOR THE STORE ROOM AT SDO OP CITY S/DIVN UHBVN, PANCHKULA	CLOSING DATE 26.04.2021 22.04.2021	3.63 LACS	www.uhbvn.org.in	9356063248 xencivilclubuhpanchkula@gmail.com
6	MC THANESAR	CONST. OF BOUNDARY WALL/ RETAINING WALL OF POND IN FRONT OF GAUSHALA AT BAHARI ROAD, M.C. THANESAR + 1 OTHER WORK	16.04.2021 22.04.2021	30000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416435945 secymchanesar@gmail.com
7	HVPNL	CREATION OF 2 NO. 66KV BAYS AT 220KV S/STN. BAKANA TO ACCOMMODATE THE FEEDING OF 66KV D/C BAKANA 220KV -SECTOR-18 NOW SECTOR-16 PART, HSVPN JAGADHARI LINE. BY HVPNL IN FY 2019-20 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF OSDG FDN AN ALLIED WORK AT 220KV S/STN. BAKANA. (CIVIL WORK). (NIT NO. 09/CCD-364/VOL-I DATED: 15.04.2021)	15.04.2021 30.04.2021	26277/- FOR GENERAL 13139/- FOR SOCIETY	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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9	HVPNL	CREATION OF 2 NO. 66KV BAYS AT 66KV S/STN. RATTANGARH TO ACCOMMODATE 66KV BAKANA - RATTANGARH DC LINE (NIT NO. 07/CCD-291/VOL-IV DATED: 15.04.2021)	15.04.2021 30.04.2021	19265/- FOR GENERAL 9633/-FOR SOCIETY	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
10	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 66KV S/STN. YAMUNA NAGR BY PROVIDING				

Time for 1st woman CJ not far off: SC Judge

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 16
A day after Chief Justice of India SA Bobde said the time has come for a woman CJ, Supreme Court Judge RF Nariman on Friday expressed the hope that India will soon have a woman occupying the top judicial position.

"We have had a woman President. We have had a woman Prime Minister. But we have never had a woman Chief Justice," Justice RF Nariman said.
Since Independence, there have been only eight women judges appointed to the Supreme Court out of a total 247 judges appointed between 1950 and 2020. Currently, Justice Indira Banerjee is the lone woman judge in the Supreme Court which has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

UK clears Nirav Modi's extradition to India

NEW DELHI, APRIL 16
UK Home Secretary Priti Patel has signed off on the order to extradite fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi, wanted in India on fraud and money laundering charges related to the estimated \$2-billion Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam case, the UK Home Office said on Friday.

The decision follows a Westminster Magistrates'



Court ruling by District Judge Sam Goozee in February, which concluded that Modi has a case to answer before the Indian courts and that the bars to extradition under UK law do not apply in his case.

Modi still has 14 days to apply for permission to appeal against the Home Secretary's order in the HC in London, as per the British law. —TNS

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Cash, liquor, freebies: Tamil Nadu tops the list, says election panel

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 16
The Election Commission today said it had made a record seizure of cash, liquor, freebies and other inducements, crossing the figure of Rs 1,000 crore during these polls, with the maximum seizure of Rs 446.28 crore reported from Tamil Nadu. According to an official statement issued by the poll panel, the seizure included cash, liquor, drugs, freebies and precious metals.

Tamil Nadu, where political parties offer cash and inducements to voters, topped the list. It was followed by West Bengal, where the enforcement agencies have made seizures to the tune of Rs 300.11 crore, it said. Seizures worth Rs 122.35



IN BENGAL, ₹300.11 CRORE SEIZED

■ Tamil Nadu, where political parties offer cash and inducements to voters, topped the list.
■ It was followed by West Bengal, where the enforcement agencies have made seizures to the tune of Rs 300.11 crore, it said.
■ Seizures worth ₹122.35 crore were made in Assam, while Kerala fared the best among the states, reporting seizure to the tune of only ₹84.91 crore. In Puducherry, ₹36.95 crore was recovered.

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seizures worth Rs 36.95 crore, the poll panel said.

The total amount of seizure across the four states and Puducherry is a record Rs 1,011.44 crore, which is a huge jump from the Rs 225.77 crore worth of seizure made in the states during the 2016 assembly elections. "The stupendous rise in seizure figures is because of better preparedness and multi-pronged strategy of the commission. The EC conducted exhaustive reviews at various levels," the EC statement read.

The EC had deployed five special expenditure observers and 321 expenditure observers for close monitoring. As many as 259 assembly seats were marked as Expenditure Sensitive Constituencies for a more focused vigil, it said.



Security personnel patrol a Bidhannagar street in Kolkata. PTI

Campaign curbs in WB amid surge

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PHASE-V POLLING

15,789

POLLING STATIONS

45

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

6

DISTRICTS

1 CR VOTERS TO DECIDE FATE OF 342 NOMINEES

■ Over 1 crore voters in West Bengal will decide the fate of 342 candidates on Saturday when 45 Assembly constituencies go to polls in the fifth phase amid a surge in Covid cases.

■ Prominent names in the fifth phase include Siliguri Mayor and Left Front leader Ashok Bhattacharya, state ministers Gautam Deb and Bratya Basu and BJP's Samik Bhattacharya.

15,789 polling stations spread across six districts in the state for the fifth phase. While 16 seats are in North 24 Parganas, eight each are in Purba Bardhaman and Nadia, seven in Jalpaiguri, five in Darjeeling and one in Kalimpong district. It has been also decided to ensure strict compliance of Covid-19 protocols during the voting process, a poll panel official said.

(With inputs from PTI)

BJP responsible for virus surge: Mamata

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



KOLKATA, APRIL 16
Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Friday held the BJP responsible for the surge in Covid cases in the state and said she would request the Election Commission to stop the saffron party from barring the entry of "outsiders" during campaigning.

Banerjee, while addressing a public meeting at Nabadwip in Nadia district, said the BJP brought people from "worst-affected" states like Gujarat for erecting marquees for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's election rallies.

"I will urge the EC to stop the entry of outsiders from states like Gujarat. We have no problem if the PM or other leaders come for campaigning... But why should the BJP bring people from worst-hit states to set

up podiums and erect pandals for rallies," she said. The CM said local labourers and decorators should have been given the job. In response, BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said local workers were employed for erecting marquees for rallies by Modi, Amit Shah and other BJP leaders.

"Workers from Bengal go to other states for setting up marquees," he said. —TNS

Will follow Covid protocol: Parties

WB on Thursday recorded 6,769 cases and 22 fatalities

Swapan Dasgupta, who attended the all-party meeting, said they assured the EC of full cooperation as far as observance of Covid-19 protocols was concerned.

The BJP and the CPI(M)-led Sanyukta Morcha assured the EC of abiding by the poll panel's directives. The TMC said it would appreciate if the EC decided to club the three phases of polling.

Forty-three seats are slated to go to polls in the sixth phase on April 22, 36 seats in the seventh phase on April 26 and 35 seats in the last phase on April 29. BJP leader

Rabin Deb of the CPI(M), who represented Sanyukta Morcha in the all-party meeting, said central leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, should also follow the protocols.

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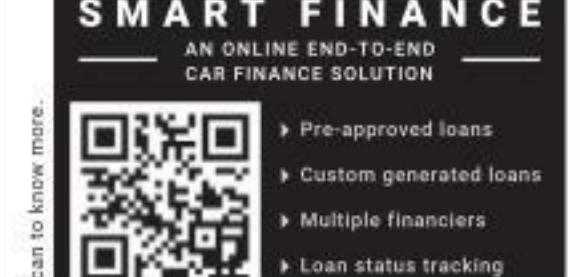


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