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Modi bats for global efforts to check virus

Says India will continue to help world

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
Faced with a surging epidemic and a shortage of vaccines, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today appealed for patience, understanding and the need for global cooperation.

"We know the supplies have been modest. We know the demands are huge. We know it will be a long time before the entire humanity can be vaccinated," said the Prime Minister while inaugurating this year's fully-digital Raisina Dialogue, a marquee event of the MEA with the Observer Research Foundation.

"We will continue to share our experiences, our expertise and resources with the entire humanity in the fight against Covid," he said.

On the slow pace of vaccination worldwide, the PM said, "How do we administer vaccine on a scale and with speed?" Though many solutions have emerged, the PM said the situation had come to this stage perhaps because



THERE'S NO PLANET B

We may be used to having Plan A and Plan B, but there is no Planet Earth, which we hold as a trustee for future generations.
Narendra Modi PRIME MINISTER

the concern for welfare of humanity had been left behind in the race of economic development.

The PM said the horrors of the first and second World Wars compelled the emergence of many structures and institutions. But they were aimed at answering only one question — how to prevent World War III? —TNS

NATO FLAGS CHINA COERCION

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Tuesday flagged China's assertive moves such as coercing neighbours in the region and hampering freedom of navigation in the South China Sea. In his virtual address at the Raisina Dialogue, Stoltenberg also said India was a "pivotal player" in the Indo-Pacific region. BACK PAGE

M'rashttra clamps 15-day curfew; Centre fast-tracks approval for foreign vaccines

Waives domestic trials for now

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
The Maharashtra Government on Tuesday announced a 15-day-long statewide curfew from April 14 amid a sharp spike in Covid cases in the state. The curfew, which excludes essential services, will come into effect from 8 pm on Wednesday. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said in his address to people via social media. Section 144 of the CrPC will be in force till the "lockdown-like" restrictions are in place, Thackeray said.

The state will provide 3 kg of wheat and 2 kg of rice free for the next one month to poor and needy persons, he said.

Under pressure from states to expedite vaccine supply, the Centre on Tuesday waived regulatory condition of local bridging study data for foreign-made jabs seeking emergency use approval.

The government modified national clinical trial rules after the expert group recommended that vaccines

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EDIT: VACCINE OPTIMISM



BACK HOME Migrants arrive from Maharashtra at the Patna railway station on Tuesday. PTI

Sputnik target set at 850 mn doses yearly

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13

The Drug Controller General of India on Tuesday approved Sputnik V Covid-19 vaccine for emergency use in India, making it the third registered jab in the country. The approval came a day after subject experts recommended that Russia-made vaccine be cleared for local use.

Hours after the Indian approval, the Russian Direct

Investment Fund (RDIF) said over 850 million doses of the vaccine would be produced in the country annually.

Kirill Dmitriev, CEO, Russian Direct Investment Fund, said, "India is a vaccine-manufacturing hub and our strategic partner for the production of Sputnik V. The RDIF has partnered with a number of India's leading pharmaceutical companies

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US 'PAUSES' J&J VAX

- The US is recommending a "pause" in using the J&J vax over reports of clots
- The US said it was probing unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination
- The clots occurred in veins that drain blood from the brain

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PANDEMIC LONG WAY FROM OVER: WHO CHIEF

Even though more than 780 mn doses of Covid vaccine have been administered globally, the pandemic is "long way from over" but it can be brought under control in months with public health measures, World Health Organisation chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. INSIDE

GOVT MAY RETHINK CBSE EXAM DATES

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and government may consider rescheduling Class X and XII board exams, which are slated to begin on May 4, amid rising Covid cases. BACK PAGE

AT 13.5K CASES, DELHI SEES HIGHEST SURGE

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday announced that the Capital registered more than 13,500 Covid cases in the past 24 hours, the highest-ever single-day spike since the onset of the pandemic early last year. IANS

SC ASKS STATES TO FURNISH DATA ON MIGRANTS BACK PAGE

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India may clock double-digit growth: Moody's

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13

The second Covid-19 wave presents a risk to India's growth forecast as the reimposition of measures to curb the spread of the virus will hit economic activity, but a double-digit GDP growth is likely in 2021 given the low level of activity last year, Moody's said on Tuesday.

Moody's expects that given the focus on 'micro-containment zones' to deal with the current wave of infections, as opposed to a nationwide lockdown, the impact on economic activity would be less severe than that seen in 2020.

"India's very low death count and relatively young population also help mitigate risks. The GDP is still likely to grow in double digits in 2021 given the low level of activity in 2020," Moody's said. —PTI

Amid Didi's dharna, EC turns heat on BJP

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
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KOLKATA, APRIL 13
On a day West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee protested the Election Commission's 24-hour campaign ban with a dharna, the panel cracked the whip on the BJP.

It barred BJP leader Rahul Sinha from campaigning for 48 hours and slapped a notice on West Bengal party chief Dilip Ghosh over their "provocative" remarks on the killing of four persons in firing by the CISF during poll violence in Sitalkuchi, saying

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48-hr ban on Sinha, notice issued to Ghosh



Mamata protests in Kolkata.

BJP bags mayoral posts in Mandi, Dharamsala

SHIMLA, APRIL 13

The ruling BJP managed to win the coveted post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Mandi and Dharamsala municipal corporations (MC) while the Congress gained control over the Palampur urban body.

CONG REIGNS IN PALAMPUR; SOLAN POLL DEFERRED

The elections to the Solan MC could not be held today for want of quorum as seven BJP councillors abstained. The nine Congress councillors took oath and left, while the lone Independent councillor also abstained. The poll has been put off to April 16. INSIDE

probe report be made public. In a statement, Capt Amarinder said: "I have rejected his resignation. Kunwar Vijay Pratap is a skilled, capable and courageous officer. We will challenge the HC orders."

The IG headed the SIT, probing the 2015 police action in Kotkapura and Bebhal Kalan against people protesting over sacrilege incidents. His investigation had held many senior cops

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IG heading Kotkapura probe puts in papers, Capt refuses to accept

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13
Within days of the Punjab and Haryana High Court quashing his investigation into the Kotkapura police firing case related to sacrilege incidents, Punjab Police IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap put in his papers today.

Though Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh rejected his resignation, Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu visited Bargari and criticised his own government

In Bargari, Sidhu slams govt for not ensuring justice in sacrilege cases



Kunwar Vijay Pratap

over its "failure" to deliver justice in sacrilege cases. He demanded that the IG's

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HP now says no curbs on entry; SOPs for hotels

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 13

Two days after the Himachal Pradesh Government announced that a negative RT-PCR report would be mandatory for visitors from seven high risk states, CM Jai Ram Thakur today said no one would be stopped at interstate borders. Responding to queries on curbs to be implemented from April 16, the CM said stopping

Hoteliers say earlier decision on test reports cost them dear; bookings from 7 states cancelled

MONITORING TOURISTS

Rather than stopping tourists at the borders, we are proposing strict standard operating procedures in hotels. Jai Ram Thakur, HIMACHAL CM

people at the state borders would cause a lot of inconvenience to them. "The state's

tourism industry has already suffered a huge loss. Rather than stopping tourists at the

Fatality rate dips to 2.75, but still highest in country

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13
When the state is reeling under the second Covid wave, the only hope is the consistent decline in fatality rate.

Though it remains higher than all other states, for the first time after the outbreak of Covid, the case fatality rate (CFR) has come down to 2.75 per cent in Punjab. The national average is 1.2 per cent.

For almost a year, Punjab's fatality rate remained above 3. Till the end of January, the case fatality rate in Punjab was 3.23, which was the highest in the country. Since then, the fatality rate is coming down consistently.

In past one month, the state has reported around



Health workers cremate a Covid victim in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

53 MORE SUCCUMB

The state reported 3,009 cases and 53 deaths in the past 24 hours. In the district-wise break-up of deaths, Hoshiarpur topped the list with seven deaths, followed by Sangrur and Gurdaspur (six each), Amritsar, Jalandhar and Patiala (five each), SAS Nagar (four), and Kapurthala and Ludhiana (three each).

82,940 cases and 1,557 deaths. The number of cases has witnessed almost 40 times increase as compare to the situation in January.

While figuring out the reason behind high fatality rate, state health officials say a large chunk of

population in Punjab suffers from comorbidities. However, the reason behind the decline in CFR is the increase in the number of cases in proportion to the number of deaths.

Nationally, after Punjab, the distant second is

Sikkim, where the CFR is 2.1, which is followed by Maharashtra and West Bengal with CFR 1.7. Among the neighbours, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand have CFR 1.6, Chandigarh and Delhi 1.5, Jammu and Kashmir 1.4 and Haryana 1.

State testing rate better than national avg: Health Dept

Karam Prakash

Tribune News Service

PATIALA, APRIL 13
Challenging the central government's adverse report on low Covid sampling and contact tracing, the Health Department said there could be a communication gap as remarks in the letter and figures didn't match.

Health officials said they had already replied to the issues raised by the central government with facts and figures.

Dr Rajesh Bhasker, state nodal officer, said: "They (central team) may have, due to some communication gap, interpreted the situation differently."



Challenging their observation of low Covid sampling in Patiala, he said tests per mil-

lion in Patiala were around 2,000, while the national average was 1,051, almost

twice as much higher.

The central government, in a letter to the state government,

had highlighted low testing and contact tracing in Patiala and other districts of the state. Besides, the central government had asked Patiala to enhance focus on vaccination.

Dr Bhasker said the Centre, in its report, had said 100 per cent of the active cases in Ludhiana were home isolated, which was obviously not true.

"There was some communication gap in the interpretation of data, therefore, we have now replied with explanation thereof."

Dr Sumeet Singh, an epidemiologist, said: "Our testing figures are far better than the national average. So, there is no question

of low testing. Moreover, our contact tracing is better than the national figure."

On the Centre's remark on the pace of vaccination in Patiala, Deputy Commissioner Kumar Amit said they had been vaccinating more than 8,000 people every day, which was the second highest in the state.

The central government had directed Patiala and Ludhiana to enhance contact tracing and said contact tracing in SAS Nagar was hampered due to staff shortage. However, health officials said contact tracing of positive patients was not hampered as it was the highest in the state.

Kalan and Jhanda Singh Jethuke. He paid homage to the martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh. He said the Modi government was acting like a puppet of domestic and foreign corporate houses. —TNS

Jallianwala Bagh closed, martyrs' kin stage protest

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, APRIL 13
The Jallianwala Bagh remained shut for visitors on the 102nd anniversary of the massacre on Tuesday.

Holding flowers in their hands, the kin of the martyrs kept waiting outside the historical place and later staged a protest, which was supported by the Punjab State Freedom Fighters Successors' Organisation.

Every year, government representatives, politicians, martyrs' kin, freedom fighters and NGOs visit the historical bagh to pay tributes to those who had lost their lives in the massacre this day in 1919.

Avinash Chander Chhabra (97), who had taken part in the Quit India Movement of 1942, was also part of the protest. "The government could have organised a sombre ceremony to pay tributes to the martyrs and allowed their kin, freedom fighters and their successors in limited numbers to visit the histor-



Kin of Jallianwala Bagh martyrs protest in Amritsar. VISHAL KUMAR

Special lecture on 'Jallianwala Bagh: Martyrdom to Freedom'

BATHINDA, APRIL 13
To commemorate the 102nd anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, today organised a special lecture on 'Jallianwala Bagh: Martyrdom to Freedom'. Editor of The Tribune, Rajesh Ramachandran, was the keynote speaker at the programme conducted as a part of the 'Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' series.

While introducing the keynote speaker, Dr Rajinder Sen mentioned that The Tribune had brought out an edited volume on '100 Years of Jallianwala Bagh: Martyrdom to Freedom'. In his keynote address, Ramachandran stated that 'Baisakhi' and 'Jallianwala Bagh Massacre' were the reminders of the oneness of our nation.

During his lecture, Ramachandran also highlighted the distinguished role played by The Tribune newspaper and its Editor Kalinath Ray in inculcating a sense of unity and patriotism among the readers during those times. —TNS

Take action, Patiala cops write to Delhi Police

Letter comes after Lakha Sidhana's cousin alleged torture

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report. These are being shared with the DCP, special cell, Delhi Police, for necessary action at their end. Mundis statement is with us."

Sources, however, said the Patiala police were neither informed nor taken into confidence about the Delhi Police operation in and around Patiala. "Bathinda and Punjab Police came to know about the alleged picking up of Gurdeep Singh from the authorities at the Civil Hospital, Bathinda, and from media reports," said a top official.

Covid norms go for a toss amid Baisakhi celebrations

SUKHEEET BHASIN

Tribune News Service

Sukhbir, Harsimrat face protest at Damdama Sahib



Devotees throng the Golden Temple to pay obeisance on Baisakhi.

Covid guidelines went for a toss as large number of devotees today paid obeisance and took a dip in the sarovar at Damdama Sahib gurdwara to mark Baisakhi.

No social distancing was maintained and people were seen without masks. There was no arrangement of thermal scanning also.

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, who along with his wife Harsimrat Kaur Badal paid obeisance at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, had to

face protest from a section of devotees. The issue of farmers' protest and three agricultural laws remained at the centre stage. Addressing devotees, Akal Takht jathedara Giani Harpreet Singh accused the BJP-led Centre of working for the benefit of corporate houses and hurting the economic interest of Sikhs.

Community kitchens were

set up at numerous places on the roads leading to Talwandi Sabo. Other gurdwaras in the city were also decorated on the occasion and witnessed a huge rush of devotees. The administration and the police authorities had made elaborate security arrangements and made sure that devotees did not face any inconvenience.

Unite against poor economic policies: Jathedara

Tribune News Service

AMRITSAR, APRIL 13
Akal Takht officiating Jathedara Giani Harpreet Singh said everyone must unite in response to the economic policies of the government, while delivering his video message on the occasion of Khalsa Sirjana Diwas here today.

Congratulating the sangat on the historic occasion, he said they must seek blessings of the Gurus as Guru Gobind Singh had created the Khalsa Panth at Takht Damdama Sahib on this day in 1706.

He said people, whether involved in business, agriculture or daily wage work, were being driven to financial losses due to the government's policies.

"We must unite by becoming 'Amritdhari' (baptised) and resolve economic problems," he said.

Convoy to march towards Delhi on April 21: Ugrahan



TALWANDI SABO, APRIL 13
Farmers organised a 'kisan conference' on Baisakhi at Talwandi Sabo today.

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan announced he would continue his struggle for the scrapping of agricultural laws introduced by the Modi government.

He also announced that on April 21, a convoy of thousands of farmers, youth and women from all over the state would again march towards Delhi under the leadership of union leaders Sukhdev Singh Kokri

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Golden glow



Fireworks illuminate the sky at the Golden Temple on Baisakhi in Amritsar on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

'Satkar March' in memory of 1978 clash victims

Tribune News Service

RAVI DHALIWAL

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AMRITSAR, APRIL 13
Members of the Jathedara Jagtar Singh Hawara Committee, Panthic Organisations and Nihang Singhs carried out the 'Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar march' to pay tributes to 13 Sikhs, who lost their lives in the 1978 clash, here today.

They commenced the march from Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj Sahib, where the Nirankari Saka had taken place in 1978, and concluded at the Akal Takht, inside the Golden Temple complex.

Prof Baljinder Singh of the Hawara Committee said the community neither got justice in the Nirankari Saka nor in the 1986 Nakodar Kand or the Behabal Kalan case. The board has pegged the

₹146 cr sanctioned for railway track project in Pathankot

Was hanging fire due to bureaucratic wrangling

estimated cost at Rs 292 crore to be shared equally by the Railways and the state government. MLA Vij said the state had already given "administrative approval for Rs 146 crore."

"This amount will be deposited with the Railways soon," he said.

All nine railway crossings close down simultaneously when the Joginder Nagar-Pathankot train passes by, after which the town becomes "static and economically unviable" for six-eight hours every day. Traffic jams are the order of the day and real estate prices have fallen.

The proposal for the main advantage of the raised track is that there will be no need to acquire land. This is indeed a paradigm shift from the regular construction practices of the Railways, which include building of over bridges and underpasses," said Pankaj Joshi, Deol's PA.

track's elevation has been hanging fire for the past three decades.

In the period ranging from the 60s till the 90s, the city's economy flourished on the basis of timber, transport and tourism. All these businesses started floundering about three decades ago, when the frequency of the train was increased. "Once the venture is given practical shape, the three businesses will see a revival," said Kartik Wadhera, a hotelier.

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Sacrilege cases not presented properly in courts, says Sidhu

BAIWANT GARG
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PARIDKOT, APRIL 13

On the occasion of Baisakhi, Congress leader and former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu today paid obeisance at the gurdwara at Burj Jawahar Singh village of Paridkot district, where a 'bir' of Guru Granth Sahib was found stolen on June 1, 2015, and later torn pages were found scattered in front of a gurdwara in adjoining Bargarhi village in October.

The sacrilege incidents had led to massive protests, leaving two of the agitators dead and several injured at Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura on October 14, 2015.

Sidhu said even after over five years of the sacrilege incidents, justice continued to evade the victims and their families. "I have reached Burj Jawahar Singh Wala today to expose the conspiracy behind these incidents and raise the voice of truth," said the Congress leader.

He alleged that, "Those behind the conspiracy continue to enjoy protection while

Alleges those behind conspiracy enjoying protection



Two protesters were killed in police firing at Behbal Kalan on the Kotkapura-Bathinda road on October 14, 2015. FILE PHOTO

small puppets are being arrested and prosecuted."

"Until the real culprits are prosecuted, there is no justice to the victims," said Sidhu.

He demanded that the findings of IGP Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh in these incidents and the report of senior police officer Harpreet Sidhu in a drugs scandal should be made public on the pattern of the tabling of the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report in the sacrilege incidents in

the Vidhan Sabha.

In a veiled attack at the state government, Sidhu alleged that there was glaring negligence in the handling and presentation of the cases in courts, leading to the recent HC order of quashing the investigation carried out by the state and the removal of the SIT chief.

Lashing out at the government for not keeping its words of delivering justice, Sidhu said he had no doubts about the competence of the state police in handling and investigating these cases, but until there was a sincere will to pursue them, there would be no justice.

Meanwhile, kin of those killed and injured in police firing at Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura and members of several Sikh organisations today staged a dharna at the main chowk of Kotkapura. They were protesting against "inapt" handling of the cases by the state government.

NEED TO PROSECUTE REAL CULPRITS

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Navjot Singh Sidhu, EX-MINISTER

Cong leaders: Verdict may hurt us politically

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

Even as Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has announced challenging in the Supreme Court the orders of the High Court quashing the investigation of the Punjab Police SIT and removing its chief, anxiety has gripped party leaders over their government failing to take the investigation to its logical conclusion.

Senior party leaders admit the manifestation of anger was not only against the Akalis for their alleged complicity in the sacrilege incidents, but also at the Congress' delay in acting against the accused in sacrilege incidents and Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura police firing cases.

"If the Congress is crediting itself with tabling the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report and cornering the Akalis, the same issue can spell doom for the party in the coming 2022 Assembly elections," said a senior MLA from the Malwa region.

On Tuesday, former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu upped the ante against his own government for delay in bringing to book the accused in the sacrilege incidents. Initially, Cabinet Ministers Sukhjinder Randhawa, Sukhbir Singh Sarkaria, Tripti Rajinder Bajwa and Faridkot MLA Kiki Dhillon were involved in meetings called by the CM to carry forward the probe in the police firing incidents by the SIT headed by IG Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh. But later, the political leaders were not called for the meetings.

When the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission report was tabled in Vidhan Sabha in 2018, Bajwa, Randhawa, Sidhu and MLA Harminder Gill went to the extent of naming the political leaders and police officers whose alleged complicity in the incidents was highlighted by the commission. —TNS

BLOW TO PARTY

The court judgment quashing the SIT report has come as a shock to the party. The Congress government has been battling issues in the case from time to time. The Chief Minister will certainly bring the accused to book.

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Two cops booked on corruption charge

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TARN TARN, APRIL 13

A Punjab Police Inspector posted at the local police lines and his subordinate head constable Devinder Singh seized 1 kg of heroin from Malkit Singh and Bao Singh on March 31. Jasbir Singh of Guruwali intervened in the matter. He called the Inspector at his residence and gave him a bribe of Rs 35 lakh to let off the accused.

The head constable had been arrested. The police said the accused had been identified as Inspector Baljit Singh, head constable Devinder Singh, Jasbir Singh, Malkit Singh Palta and Bao Singh.

The police said Baljit Singh and Devinder Singh had seized 1 kg of heroin from Malkit Singh and Bao Singh on March 31. Jasbir Singh of Guruwali intervened in the matter. He called the Inspector at his residence and gave him a bribe of Rs 35 lakh to let off the accused.

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■ Inspector Baljit Singh was recruited in the police department in 1996 as an ASI and his next promotion was due any time

Singh, DSP, Patti, to conduct an inquiry. The DSP collected relevant facts related to the case. On the basis of the information gathered, the accused were booked under Sections 21, 29, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act, Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act -1988 and Section 120-B of the IPC by the local city police.

The DSP said the accused except for head constable Devinder Singh were absconding.

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Curtail tendency among litigants to delay trials: HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

As the subordinate judiciary in the states of Punjab and Haryana, along with UT Chandigarh, continues to face the problem of plenty, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that the tendency among litigants to delay trials was required to be curtailed with a heavy hand.

The assertion by Justice Sudhir Mittal of the HC comes at a time when over 11,50,670 cases are pending in Haryana, and over 8,44,435 are awaiting adjudication in Punjab. Functioning in a restricted mode for more than a year following the Covid outbreak, the court was initially hearing a limited number of cases through videoconferencing. Although physical func-

The pendency is expected to worsen when courts reopen

tioning has resumed to some extent in the subordinate judiciary, the process of hearing matters is yet to gain momentum.

As a result of the inordinate pendency of cases, it is suspected that many of the petitioners are no more there to pursue their grievances. When some of these cases are suddenly listed, the counsels are often at a loss in the absence of complete records or instructions. Attribute it to the shortage of judges in the subordinate judiciary, or the filing of frivolous pleas and delaying tactics, the fact remains that the

delay also tends to change the course of the outcome.

The assertion came in a civil suit where the trial court vide an impugned order dated March 2, 2020, rejected the defendant-petitioner's application for leading additional evidence.

Referring to the facts of the case, Justice Mittal asserted the defendant-petitioner was obviously trying to delay the trial and such tactics could not be condoned in law. The trial court noted that the defendant-petitioner did not examine himself and his own witness, despite 17 opportunities having been granted to him.

"The tendency amongst litigants to delay the trials is on the rise and this adds to the arrears of the courts of law. The time is now right to curtail such tendencies," Justice Mittal ruled.

Officials told to expedite infrastructure projects

CHANDIGARH: Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan on Tuesday directed all departments concerned to accelerate the pace of the work to complete projects on time.

She issued these directions while chairing a virtual meeting of the Public Investment Management Committee here. She reviewed the progress and completion of 49 major infrastructure projects.

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Kishor won't have role in ticket distribution: CM

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today ruled out any role of Prashant Kishor in the finalisation of Congress ticket in the 2022 Assembly elections. There are set norms for ticket allocation in the party that are followed in all elections in all states and Punjab was no exception, he said.

A state election committee is set up by the party high command ahead of Assembly poll in every state and that committee considers all names and decides on the final candidates, he said. The shortlisted names were then sent for scrutiny to the screening committee. The final decision is taken by the central election committee of the party, he added.—TNS

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Return funds given in excess, students told

SC SCHOLARSHIP 1.76 lakh pupils got ₹152 crore

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

Days after the Social Welfare Department disbursed Rs 152 crore among 1.76 lakh students enrolled under the SC Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, officials today clarified that the students would have to return the tuition fee component to their respective colleges.

The scholarships were distributed without clear guidelines on the break-up of the released amount, which comprises the tuition fee that has to be paid to the respective college and the maintenance allowance to be given to the students.

The fresh instructions were issued after the issue was highlighted about the students refusing to return the tuition fee to the colleges.

Thereafter, the management of various colleges approached Social Welfare



CENTRE TO PAY REMAINING 60% SHARE

- For academic year 2020-21, ₹152 crore given to students is the state's share of 40% under the central scheme
- The remaining 60% share (₹229 crore) is to be paid by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- As per the Centre's scheme, the 60% amount is to be released once the state has disbursed its 40% share

Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and senior government functionaries.

For academic year 2020-21, Rs 152 crore given to students is the state's share of 40 per cent under the central scheme, while the remaining 60 per cent share (Rs 229 crore) is to be paid by the



Farmers blame PSPCL claiming that sparks from wires often trigger fires in fields. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Sangrur farmers worried over fire incidents in fields

Tribune News Service

SANGRUR, APRIL 13 Farmers of the district are worried over increasing fire incidents in fields where wheat crop has already matured.

Lakhwinder Singh from Wazidgarh Rohne village said, "I have taken 13 acres on annual lease. A fire broke out in my fields three days ago, destroying the wheat crop on eight acres. This is the third incident since 2015 when sparking from wires passing through fields has burnt my fully grown crop. I have suffered a loss of Rs 20 to Rs 23 lakh during these years, but

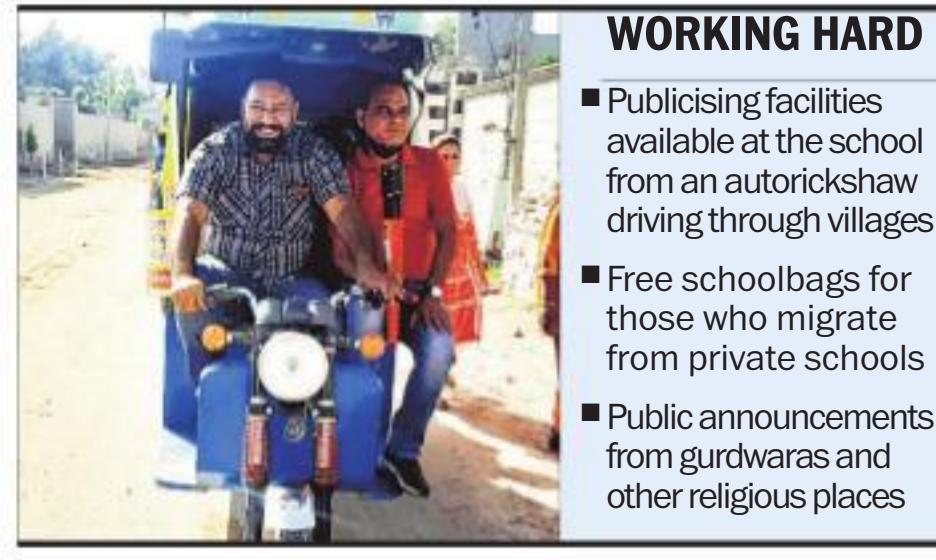
Teacher goes all out to up enrolment at govt school

ARCHIT WATTS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, APRIL 13

Gurpreet Singh, head teacher of Government Primary School at Kotli Devan village here, has taken a unique initiative to increase enrolment at the school.

He along with other teachers recently drove an auto rickshaw to inform villagers and those living in "dhanis"



WORKING HARD

- Publicising facilities available at the school from an autorickshaw driving through villages
- Free schoolbags for those who migrate from private schools
- Public announcements from gurdwaras and other religious places

about facilities available at the government school.

He said, "When I had joined the school last year, it had 116 students. The joint efforts of our team have led to an increase in the enrolment to 162. We plan to increase it further."

He said school staff had announced to give free school bags to those students, who would migrate

from private schools.

Meanwhile, Navdeep Singh, head teacher of Government Primary School at Thandewala village, said teachers were making public announcements from gurdwaras and other religious places as well. "The Secretary, School Education, has inspired us to take innovative steps to increase enrolment in government schools."

Pharmacy owner held

ABOHAL, APRIL 13

A Delhi-based medicine manufacturing unit's owner was arrested by Hanumangarh police for allegedly supplying a consignment of 3 lakh intoxicating pills. He had earlier been held by Sirsa police reportedly for the similar offence.

SP Preeti Jain said Gurvinder Singh Sethi (22), proprietor of G-Pharma, was brought from the Sirsa jail on production warrant and had been arrested under the NDPS Act.

Earlier on February 4, the Hanumangarh police had arrested Sandeep Singh and Narinder Singh, who were illegally carrying 3 lakh intoxicating tablets, along with other goods, in a vehicle.

Investigation reportedly revealed that Pawan Sindhi, a resident of Hanumangarh, was running a drug business from the Bikaner jail. Pawan was brought from the Bikaner jail for questioning by the police after getting a production warrant from the court. It came to fore that bulk supplies were arranged allegedly through Gurvinder Singh, and he would be questioned. — OC

Stray bull kills rag-picker

ABOHAL, APRIL 13

A 20-year-old member of a rag-pickers' family was hit by a stray bull today in Arya Nagar here.

The victim, identified as Mithun, was collecting rags in the colony located near the railway station, when a stray bull rushed towards him. The victim was declared brought dead by the staff at

the emergency ward of the sub-divisional Civil Hospital.

Vinod Khanagwal, a social activist, who reached the hospital, said stray bull menace had not been resolved even when political and social activists, including Aam Aadmi Party Sunam legislator Aman Arora, had led protests here several times in the past few years. — OC

HC: Can't interfere once bank proceeds under Sarfaesi Act

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that the courts cannot interfere once a bank has initiated proceedings under the SARFAESI Act to recover money from a defaulter. The firm, at best, has an alternative efficacious remedy to approach the Debt Recovery Tribunal.

The ruling by Justice Jaswant Singh and Justice Jagdeep Singh Puri came on a petition filed by an Amritsar-based firm against City Union Bank Limited and another respondent. It was seeking the quashing of demand notice dated July 3, 2019, issued under the SARFAESI Act. Directions were also sought for quashing possession notice dated September 18, 2019, on the ground that it was ready to settle the dispute by way of one-time set-

lement as a prospective buyer had given consent to purchase the property.

The Bench asserted it was of the opinion that the present petition was liable to be dismissed. Admittedly, the petitioner-firm was a defaulter and Rs 7,12,90,740 was outstanding towards it as against a total loan of 7.05 crore taken at various points of time.

It was further not in dispute that the petitioner-firm was declared as a non-performing asset on September 30, 2018. Not even a single penny was paid thereafter. Consequently, the respondent-bank initiated proceedings to recover

the money, which was the only way with it to secure the lent amount. "Once that it so, we do not see how the present petition is maintainable, as the petitioner-firm expects us to interfere in the due process of law adopted by the bank at this stage when the possession has been taken way back on September 18, 2019," the Bench asserted.

Referring to a Supreme Court judgment, the Bench observed it was held that SARFAESI Act was a complete code in itself and the HC ought not to have entertained a writ petition in view of the alternative remedies.

Record digital payments this yr: PSPCL

PATIALA, APRIL 13

During financial year 2020-21, the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has collected around Rs 19,630 crore digitally from 143 lakh online transactions.

Due to a number of easy-to-use digital platforms offered by the PSPCL, more than 75 per cent collection is being received digitally. PSPCL

CMD A Venu Prasad said the digital payment facility was started in 2008 in Punjab for electricity bills. In 2017, Punjab envisioned the digital evolution for the ease of the citizens of the state and started the facilities of electricity bill payments through enhanced, innovative and citizen-friendly digital modes in a big way.

Prasad said to encourage

more consumers to move to digital modes with least financial costs, the PSPCL had undertaken awareness campaigns about digital modes and offers.

"From just around Rs 2,000 crore from 43 lakh digital transactions during 2016-17, we have now received around Rs 19,630 crore from 143 lakh digital transactions in 2020-21," said the CMD. — TNS

Rain harvesting wells develop cracks

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, APRIL 13

Wells have developed cracks and interlocking tiles caved in within minutes of release of water in the rainwater harvesting project in Harkishanpur village. The residents have demanded an inquiry into the matter.

They have also demanded a probe into Rs 5.63 crore spent under the project in 63 villages as they claim poor quality material has been used. "A well-managed lot of public money has been going on under the garb of the project. Wells developed cracks within minutes and interlocking tiles also caved in, confirming the use of poor-quality material. Apart from this village, we have received similar complaints from other villages also. The Punjab Government must register an FIR against the officials concerned," said Narinder Kaur Bharaj, an



Residents show caved-in interlocking tiles in Harkishanpur village of Sangrur. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Aam Aadmi Party leader.

As per the details, the work to construct the project in Harkishanpur started on January 12 this year for which the Rural Development and Panchayat Department spent Rs 17.48 lakh.

Some other area residents

alleged a quick audit was a must to save crores of rupees going down the drain.

Executive Engineer of Panchayat Department Ranjit Singh Shergill denied all the allegations and said, "In Harkishanpur, 90 per cent work has been done but sud-

den rain has created problems which led to cracks in the project. We have not received a complaint from any other village.

We have completed ponds in 63 villages at the cost of Rs 5.63 crore. We will carry out repair work wherever required," he said.

Norms relaxed for Muslim prisoners

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

Jail Minister Sukhinder Randhawa issued special instructions for the convenience of Muslim prisoners during Ramadan. He said they would be allowed to procure eatables from outside during the holy month. — TNS

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Arhtiyas and farmers protest near the grain market in Indri on Tuesday. SAYEED AHMED

Car hits 3 boys, 1 dead

PALWAL, APRIL 13

A 16-year-old student was killed and two of his friends were injured when they were reportedly hit by a car near Karna village in the district on Monday. The police have filed a case.

According to the police complaint, the victims identified as Vishal, Shailesh and Vinesh, all students of St Anthony School, Karna, had alighted from their vehicle to attend the nature's call on the Palwal-Hodal highway around 2 pm

on Monday when a car rammed into them.

While Vishal, a student of Class X, died on the spot, Shailesh of Class XI and Vinesh of Class IX suffered injuries. The victims were on their way home at Mindkola village. The car driver fled.

Meanwhile, in another incident, Jitender, a 35-year-old employee of a private company, was killed when his motorcycle was hit by a vehicle near Banchari village on Sunday night. — TNS

3,845 new Covid cases, 16 more die

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

The Haryana Government today ordered new timings for the night curfew to arrest the spurt in Covid-19 cases. The new timings would be from 10 pm to 5 am instead of 9 pm to 5 am announced yesterday.

In his order, Sanjeev Kaushal, Financial Commissioner Revenue and Member, Haryana State Disaster Management Authority, also announced relaxations for the smooth running of essential

services and movement of essential and non-essential commodities.

Private security services, Internet service providers, pharmaceutical companies and telecommunications services are some of exempted categories allowed movement in the state.

The DCs have been told to ensure the movement of inter-state and intra-state movement of goods by checking identity cards or e-passes issued by states and UTs. — TNS

Tardy lifting: Arhtiyas, farmers block highway

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, APRIL 13

Scores of farmers and arhtiyas of the Indri grain market blocked the Karnal-Indri state highway for more than one-and-a-half hours today in protest against the shortage of gunny bags, tardy lifting of wheat and non-issuance of gate passes due to the ban on procurement for 24 hours.

The state government on Monday stopped the purchase of wheat in 18 purchase centres of the state for 24 hours due to glut in mandis. The Indri grain market was one of 18 mandis.

In the morning, when farmers reached the grain market, they were not issued gate passes. Angry, they blocked the highway, causing inconvenience to commuters.

OVER 26L TONNES WHEAT PROCURED

Chandigarh: A total of 33.36 lakh tonnes of wheat has been received in the mandis and 3.44 lakh tonnes of wheat procured by the state procurement agencies at the MSP, with a total of 26.95 lakh tonnes wheat procured so far. TNS

Rampal Chahal, a BKU leader, said: "Who is to blame for glut in grain markets? Farmers? The blame lies with procurement agencies and transporters, who did not lift wheat on time. Banning procurement for 24 hours is no solution."

Manjeet Singh, another farmer, said the state government should increase the number of vehicles for speedy transportation.

Satpal, president of an arhtiyas association in Indri, blamed procurement agencies and transporters for slow lifting of the produce. "Before procurement started, transporters had said 92 vehicles would be pressed into service to lift grains, but only 26 vehicles are doing the job. Besides, grains are lying in the open as gunny bags are in short supply."

Sub-divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumit Sihag assured protesters of deploying more vehicles to lift wheat and opening three additional purchase centres in the vicinity. He also assured them of arranging sufficient number of gunny bags by Wednesday afternoon. Subsequently, farmers and arhtiyas lifted the blockade.

He said, "The government stopped procurement for 24 hours because of space crunch in mandis."

HC tells state to act against complainant for taking about-turn

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

In a significant judgment liable to change the way the complainants in criminal cases take a U-turn after initiating proceedings, the High Court has asked Haryana to proceed against a man for giving a clean chit to the accused before the trial court after accusing them of assault.

The ruling by Justice Deepak Sibal came on a petition filed against the state and other respondents by Vikas through counsel Harsh Chopra for regular bail in an FIR registered on January 26, 2020, for murder and other offences under Sections 148, 149, 302, 323 IPC and the provisions of the SC and ST Act registered at Bhato Kalan police station in Fatehabad district.

The case was registered on the complaint of Karnal, who alleged a prayer ceremony was being held at his home on the occasion of his son's birth, when the petitioner and five others came uninvited at



night. Quarrel started when their entry was objected to by the complainant. His maternal grandfather sustained injuries in the fight and was declared dead after he was taken to hospital.

Appearing before the Bench, Chopra contended that the petitioner had been implicated in the case. Chopra submitted that the complainant specifically deposed before the trial court after appearing as a prosecution witness that his maternal grandfather fell on his own and hurt himself leading to his death.

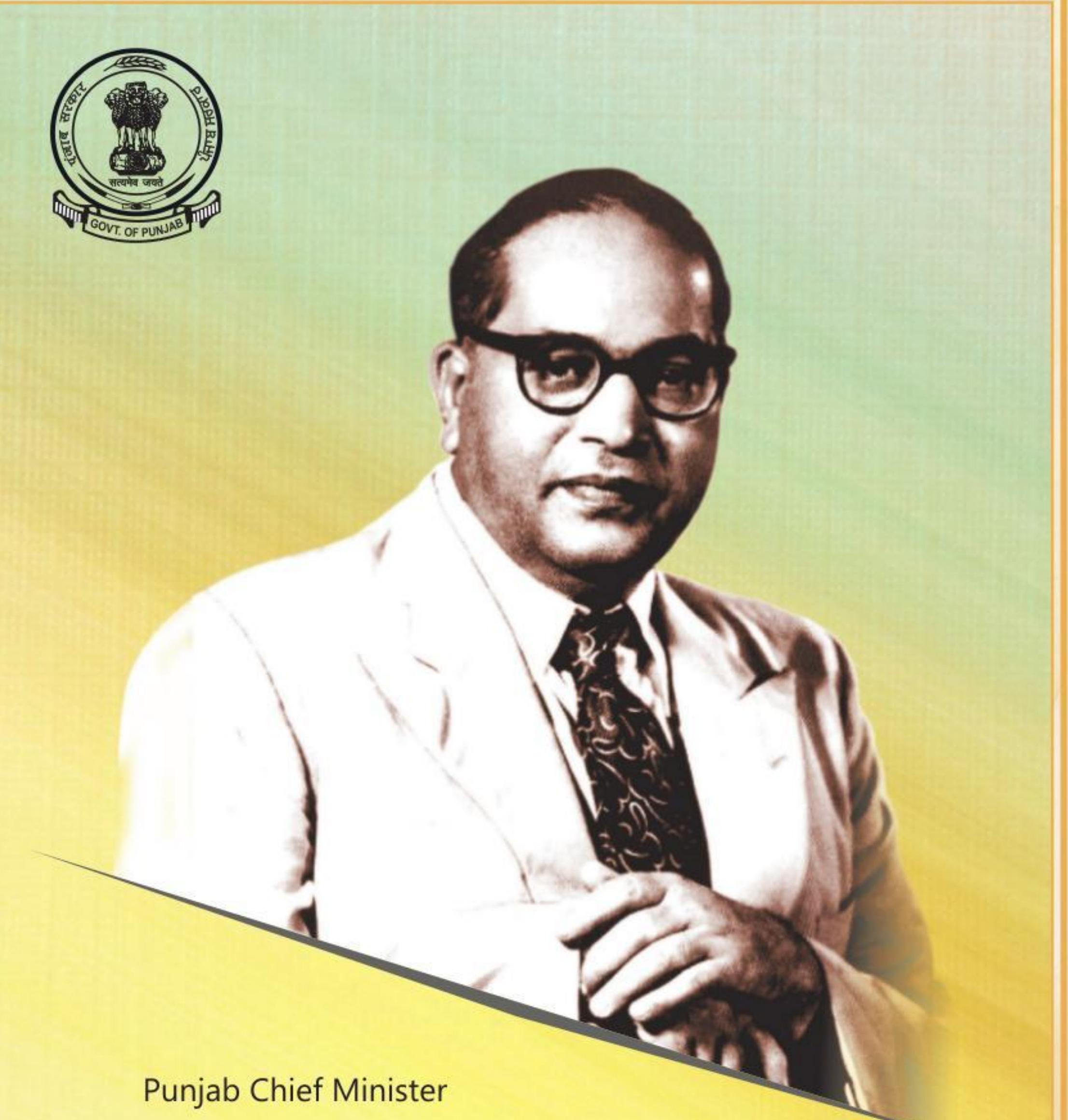
Justice Sibal asserted the FIR's perusal revealed that the complainant specifically alleged that injuries inflicted by the accused had led to his maternal grandfather's death.

Clerk suspended for stamp duty evasion

AMBALA: Ashok Sharma, DC, suspended registry clerk Ashish Kumar in case of an alleged stamp duty evasion in Naraingarh on Monday. There were complaints against the registry clerk regarding underestimation of stamp duty. District Revenue Officer (DRO) Capt Vinod Sharma said, "I have been marked an inquiry. The registry clerk had underestimated the price while registering a land, causing loss of stamp duty on April 8." TNS

2 IAS officers get additional charge

CHANDIGARH: The state government has given the additional charge of Additional Director, Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Gurugram to Ashok Sangwan, Additional Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi. Besides, K Makarand Pandurang, Director, Town and Country Planning Department, has been given the additional charge of Chief Administrator, Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, Panchkula during the leave period of Ajit Balaji Joshi. TNS



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CM nod to 200 acres for Rewari AIIMS

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 13

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has approved the purchase of 200 acres of land for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to be constructed at Rewari as well as the purchase of land for seven projects.

The CM was presiding over the meeting of the high-power land purchase committee to buy the land available on the e-Bhoomi portal for nine projects here today.

The approval was given after the landowners agreed on the price.

For AIIMS, the committee approved the purchase of 200 acres of land at the rate of Rs 40 lakh per acre. — TNS

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Vaccine optimism

Approval to Sputnik V can address supply constraints

ALMOST three months after launching its Covid vaccination programme, India has managed to fully inoculate barely 1 per cent of its population. Even as the second wave of the pandemic is ravaging the country, only around 7 per cent of the people have received at least one dose of the vaccine so far, way too less compared to Israel (60 per cent) and the US (36 per cent). With the manufacturers of Covishield and Covaxin struggling to ramp up production, the emergency use authorisation granted to Sputnik V is expected to ease the supply situation. India has become the 60th country to approve the Russian vaccine, whose efficacy is an impressive 91.6 per cent. According to the Health Ministry, the national drug regulator found that safety and immunogenicity data from a local trial of Sputnik V was comparable to that of a late-stage trial done in Russia. This timely reassurance is significant, considering how the apprehensions caused by the delayed release of Phase 3 trial data of Covaxin had contributed to vaccine hesitancy in January-February.

Over 850 million doses of Sputnik V are going to be produced in India annually. India needs to ensure that a sizeable proportion of these doses are used for the local population so that the vaccination rate can be improved considerably. It's heartening that four other vaccines are in advanced stages of development in the country, including Zydus Cadila's DNA vaccine and Bharat Biotech's intranasal vaccine. Transparency in the whole process — right from sharing the results of the clinical trials to the grant of approval — is a prerequisite for gaining trust of experts as well as the public.

The widespread availability of a variety of safe and potent vaccines can shape the course of India's battle against the virus. At the same time, the benefits of vaccination should not be squandered by reckless behaviour. It's appalling that Covid safety protocols are being thrown to the winds at religious events as well as political rallies. Such super-spreaders who threaten to undo all the good work done by researchers and scientists must not be allowed a free run.

Wheat purchase tardy

Glitches mar transition to DBT for Punjab's farmers

THE Baisakhi celebrations of wheat farmers of Punjab have been dampened this season. The delay in the harvest of the rabi crop that is still moisture-laden in the Malwa belt due to the recent rain is just one reason. Eating into the state government's claims of having everything in place for a smooth rollout of the wheat procurement process that began late this time — on April 10, instead of the traditional April 1 — are glitches galore.

Mandis on Day One wore a deserted look, with the seething arthiyas going on strike. They were still tied in a deadlock over talks with the state over their exclusion as the Centre stuck to shifting to the direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme that envisages paying the farmers directly for the crop acquired. Embarrassed, the government was constrained to buckle in. Not only did the CM clear the arthiyas' dues from the FCI (Rs 200 crore), but he also assured them of their continued role and relevance in wheat purchase. The procurement was delayed a bit further as this necessitated a modification in the software. The development has ominous overtones for the farmers as they may yet not be fully freed of the middlemen. It has also led to confusion among the labourers over their payment mode. The state machinery was left red-faced on Day Three as the process was hit in Faridkot with Markfed running out of gunny bags.

However, this messy and chaotic transition to empowering the farmers has had a positive outcome. The stakeholders have pushed the government into confronting head-on the issue of smuggling of wheat bought by unscrupulous elements at cheaper rates from other states into Punjab for sale at profitable MSP rates in the mandis. As the authorities rip into the dubious movement of truckloads of wheat caught at the border — because of which Punjab's farmers had been forced to sell their crop at rates lower than the MSP — the farmers of the state stand to get their rightful price. The state must race to be competitively placed with the neighbouring Haryana. Its robust wheat arrival and procurement pace was apparent on Monday as it resorted to halting the work in 18 mandis for a day!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

To be a great autocrat you must be a great barbarian. — Joseph Conrad

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1971

Adding millions to our population

THERE is hardly any comfort in the thought that India's population is less than the officially projected figure of 561 million. It only shows that the authorities were counting their chickens before they were hatched. The provisional census figures released in New Delhi on Monday put the population at a little less than 457 million on April 1. The corresponding figure for the 1961 census was 439 million. The growth rate indicated by the latest counting is 24.57 per cent compared to 21.5 per cent during the preceding decade (1951-61). The Registrar-General and Census Commissioner, Mr. A. Chandra Sekhar, may derive what satisfaction he can from his view that the impact of family planning would "seem to have been imperceptibly more than was expected." He has, however, cautioned the family planning workers against complacency and advised them to work with renewed vigour and greater confidence of success. When the current statistics are processed, demographic studies will be more to the point. In the U.S.A., experts have given an alarming picture of the population explosion at the rate of an average of two children in a family. And all this at a time when Americans number only 206 million with colossal material resources in their possession. It is an uphill task "eliminating" millions which would otherwise be added up to India's population at quick intervals. The authorities should explore every possibility of preventing an "explosion" and set their sights accordingly. The sex ratio in the country also deserves careful scrutiny. The present counting has revealed that there are only 932 females per 1,000 males. The corresponding figure of 941 in 1961 emphasises the fact that the sex ratio in India has been invariably unfavourable to females for many years. The present deteriorating position should not only be arrested but also reversed.

Tibet set for tough changes

Infrastructure expansion and cultural assimilation plans to have consequences



JAYADEVA RANADE

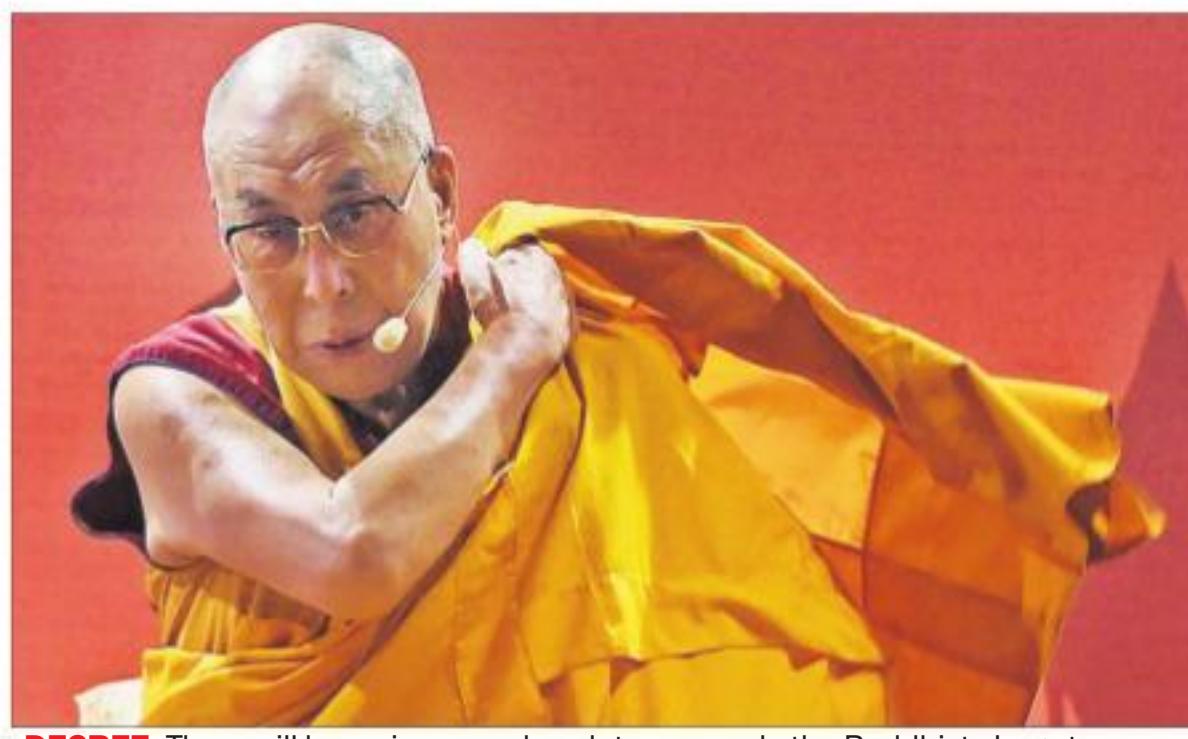
PRESIDENT, CENTRE FOR CHINA ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY

CHINA'S recently concluded national-level meetings, held in Beijing in March every year, portend dramatic changes in the social, cultural and economic landscape of Tibet, along our northern border. The decisions taken at these two plenums — the National People's Congress (NPC) which is China's version of a parliament and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) its political advisory body — have important implications for India.

Within days of the plenums' conclusion, Che Dalha, chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), spelt out the imminent changes in a lengthy article in the *People's Daily*.

After endless speculation, the construction of the world's largest dam on the Great Bend of the Brahmaputra (Yarlung Tsangpo) has been approved. The dam itself will be three times more massive than the Three Gorges dam on the Yangtze, the world's largest so far. And it will not be alone. It will be one of a series of dams that aim to power China's vast south-western region and irrigate its arid north, impacting the flow of water in India's Brahmaputra basin and beyond.

Other large infrastructure projects have also been approved. These include the upgrading and extension of major national highways, including along our border, and the construction of at least 20 new border airports. In addition, the railway is set to be expanded, with Shigatse, Tibet's second largest town and the Panchen Lama's spiritual seat, becoming a major hub. The second railway line — this time a high-speed link between Chengdu and Lhasa — will reduce travel time between Tibet and the



DECREE: There will be an increased push to persuade the Buddhist clergy to accept Beijing's authority over the selection and recognition of the Dalai Lama. PTI

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mainland to just 10 hours. Che Dalha is also advocating the exploitation of northern Tibet's natural gas reserves.

The huge expansion of infrastructure and the influx of people on the Tibetan plateau, one of the most sparsely populated regions and known as the world's Third Pole because of its large number of glaciers, will raise temperatures and accelerate the glaciers' retreat. As the glaciers are the source of many of Asia's largest rivers, their retreat will jeopardise the flow of water in their basins, adversely impacting over a billion people residing in the Indo-Gangetic Plain.

A central aspect of Che Dalha's article was the issue of the Dalai Lama's reincarnation. Given the Tibetan people's deep-seated belief in Tibetan Buddhism and their enduring support for the Dalai Lama, the Chinese Communist Party's exhortations to monks and nuns to adapt their religion to 'socialism with Chinese characteristics' and 'educate' their followers have made slow progress. These efforts are now poised to gather momentum.

There will be an increased push to persuade the Tibetan people and the Buddhist clergy to accept Beijing's authority over the selection and recognition of the Dalai Lama, the Panchen Lama, and other 'living Buddhas'. At the same time, Tibetans will be more actively mobilised against 'separatism' — a codeword for the Dalai Lama's supporters and influence.

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Since 2015, Mandarin has been replacing Tibetan in schools in other parts of the country where ethnic Tibetans reside. The process has accelerated since January this year when the Director of the Legal Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), Shen Chungyao, announced that schools in 'minority areas' were no longer allowed to teach their own languages as this was 'unconstitutional'.

Che Dalha's article made clear that the imposition of Mandarin is to be reinforced by efforts to superimpose

clergy to accept Beijing's authority over the selection and recognition of the Dalai Lama, the Panchen Lama, and other 'living Buddhas'. At the same time, Tibetans will be more actively mobilised against 'separatism' — a codeword for the Dalai Lama's supporters and influence.

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Given the recent thrust on bolstering the populations in sparsely populated border villages, people from other parts of the country could be encouraged to settle there. Existing border villages, many of which have just 1-3 residents — are being enlarged to accommodate about 20-30 families. In addition, 200 new model well-off 'xiaokang' border villages are to be constructed, including probably in disputed areas. These border villages, which will serve as China's 'eyes and ears' in far-flung outposts, are to be equipped with modern facilities, including Internet connections and roads.

The huge expansion of infrastructure on the Tibetan plateau and plans for cultural assimilation will have numerous consequences. In addition to threatening Tibet's unique and centuries-old culture and the Tibetan Buddhist religion, it directly affects India. The military threat posed by China's upgraded defence infrastructure in Tibet will now be reinforced by the environmental challenge that will confront India.

Let them bloom where they belong

PARLADH RANDHAWA

I JUST saw a tweet from somebody who is fed up with the theft of flowers grown by him in pots, by strangers for use as offerings in rituals. I fully empathise with him. I have often got on the wrong side of people while forbidding them to 'steal' flowers from public places and our flowerbeds along the boundary wall of my home.

My house faces a park. There are many yellow 'kaner' (oleander) trees that keep blooming almost throughout the year. Every morning, I keep seeing a few men and women plucking the flowers. I can't help walking up to them and confronting

them. On questioning them, I get the reply, 'Puja ke liye.' I confront them by asking, 'Why can't you pick up fresh flowers that have already fallen on the ground? Why to pluck those that have just bloomed?'

They get annoyed as if I have committed a serious offence. 'How can you say that? How can the fallen flowers be offered to the deities?' they retort. But those on the trees are also grown by the will of the same Almighty, I argue. Did not the poet Cecil Francis Alexander write, 'Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings; He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings'? But to no avail. They carry on plucking flowers and then pluck. I watch helplessly.

It is often embarrassing to see people known to you getting caught plucking flowers from your flowerbeds. But I can't help walking up to them and saying, 'Flowers

ers, without any sense of guilt or remorse, till their small polythene bag is full.'

I persist, 'Will God be happy to receive these *chori ke phool*?' They have no answer. Some of them argue that it is a public place and the trees do not belong to 'me'. I point to a board displaying, 'Do not pluck flowers' written in English as well as in Punjabi. They just give an indifferent look and move on. My advice to them, grow your own flowers and then pluck. I watch helplessly.

It is often embarrassing to see people known to you getting caught plucking flowers from your flowerbeds. But I can't help walking up to them and saying, 'Flowers

look best on plants.' They carry on with a silly smile.

Having a rudimentary knowledge of the scriptures, I even quote from the Gita to say that a devotee can offer God fruit, flower, even a leaf or water, but with devotion, meaning thereby that He is not pleased by materialistic things. What matters is devotion. Buddha said, 'When you like a flower, you just pluck it. But when you love a flower, you water it daily.'

My sincere request to 'flower thieves': please have mercy on the flowers that are nature's beautiful creations. Don't try to please Him by destroying His creation. Will someone listen?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election or war?

Refer to 'TMC-BJP slugfest over Cooch Behar violence'; one wonders whether it is an election or a war being fought in Bengal. Democracy has been torn into smithereens. People's verdict is no longer being respected. Rather power-hungry politicians are thrusting their will upon hapless voters. Obviously, the democratic system is not working well and needs to be reformed drastically. The security forces should have acted with utmost restraint. When populist political appeals stir the passions of the masses, government institutions appear less capable of accommodating conflicts in a society mobilised along competing ethnic and religious lines. The present political scenario in Bengal particularly, and in the country generally is alarming.

TARSEEM S BUMRAH, BATALA

Night curfew eyewash

Reference to 'Concern over poor contact tracing'; is there a shortage of manpower that is making surveillance difficult or is it the lack of will? The government is disappointing people by not coming up with stronger strategic plans and efforts to curb Covid. Night curfew will not help much. Companies that can opt for 'work from home' should close their offices. It will help to reduce the cases. If a single employee is positive, there is a chance of the whole staff

getting infected. Many people are not wearing masks, which is again a major factor in the surge of cases.

ANUBHAV SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Contributing to surge

It is a fact that people are not following Covid-appropriate behaviour and that's why the pandemic has again taken a dangerous turn. Markets, restaurants and malls are overcrowded. The government, too, doesn't seem to be serious otherwise lakhs of devotees wouldn't have been allowed to assemble at Hardwar for Kumbh. At Narwana, hundreds of women carrying 'kalash' on their head covered 3 km on foot in procession, passing through crowded streets and bazaars, ignoring all Covid protocols. At this rate, we will lose all gains we have made so far and the situation may go out of control.

RAMESH GUPTA, NARWANA

Still underdeveloped

Apropos of 'Prescribe time frame for appointing judges', even after over 70 years, justice is still a dream for citizens of the country. They feel cheated by the successive governments on most counts, such as justice, taxation, encroachments, political high-handedness, social welfare, discrimination, infrastructure, corruption. There are not enough judges and 3.72

crore cases are pending. Taxation, administration, justice, rules and regulations have been made extremely complex, so that the common public remains in the dark and wanting. All this is responsible for keeping the country underdeveloped.

ASHOK KUMAR GOEL, PANCHKULA

Healthcare infrastructure

Apropos of 'CT scan machine at Tanda hospital out of order for 4 months', why is the administration of Tanda Medical College not able to get the CT scan machine fixed? One wonders if the health minister is aware of the situation. This reflects the condition of the healthcare infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh. The government should get into action mode because the economically weaker sections cannot afford medical tests at private centres.

RITISH PANDIT, SUNHET

Inspiration for farmers

Apropos of 'Son of farmer, DC harvests wheat', people can take inspiration from the Sangrur DC, who, despite having all resources at his command, is harvesting wheat himself. He can be a role model for the farmer community that is heavily dependent on outside labour. If a DC can do manual labour, why not farmers? No work is small.

VK SYAL, SANGRUR

Ambedkar put equality at the core of democracy



YOGENDRA YADAV

PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

WE Indians have a way of belittling our icons. We turn Gandhi into a naive saint, a harmless preacher of non-violence, Bhagat Singh into a hot-headed rebellious nationalist, and Charan Singh into a caste leader. We have done something similar to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's intellectual legacy. Reclaimed from decades of neglect, his thinking has now been reduced to his reflections on the caste system. It is time we recovered some other, deeper dimensions of his thought and secured a due place for him in the canons of intellectual history. His reflections on democracy qualify him as the first candidate for such a recovery.

Babasaheb Ambedkar was the first Indian, and arguably the only Indian in the 20th century, who offered a theory of democracy, a theory that can guide us in the 21st century. This needs to be remembered because the celebration of his intellectual and political legacy tends to focus almost exclusively on his critique of caste-based injustice. This needs to be reminded today, when India's democracy is being dismantled by those who preside over his birth anniversary celebrations.

Dr Ambedkar was not the first Indian thinker to reflect on democracy. But he was the first one to offer original answers to the three basic ques-

tions that a theory of democracy must address. One, a theory must set out a norm, an ideal of what democracy should be like. Two, it must evaluate the current state of democracy in the light of its ideal and offer a critique. Three, it must spell out a path to a democratic ideal, from where we stand to where we should aim to be. Ambedkar's answers were original because these were not drawn from some abstraction. His reflections were firmly located in the Indian context.

Dr Ambedkar's answers were strikingly different from the two ways of thinking about democracy that dominated his times. On the one hand were 'liberals' like Jawaharlal Nehru who expected the western fairytale of democracy to be replayed in India, albeit with a time lag. For them, western democracies were the model towards which India had begun its journey by enacting a Constitution and holding free and fair elections. On the other hand were the critics, mostly from the Left, who thought that the democratic experiment in India was a sham, nothing but a rule of the capitalist class cloaked in procedures of democracy. Gandhi, too, shared this disdain for Westminster-style democracy. Dr Ambedkar offered a theory of cautious and conditional optimism, an optimism drawn from the abstract promise of democracy and a caution rooted in the Indian context.

He offered a substantive definition of democracy, radically different from the procedural definition that dominated the 20th-century theories of democracy. He was not unmindful of the procedural aspects of democracy, but for him all these democratic mechanisms like elections and parliament were there for a purpose: "to bring about welfare of the people". He went



INTELLECTUAL LEGACY: Dr Ambedkar reminded us that tyranny of the majority is antithetical to democracy. FILE PHOTO

on to offer a definition of democracy for our times that would set him apart from the dominant theorists of democracy. For him democracy was "a form and a method of government whereby revolutionary changes in the economic and social life of the people are brought about without bloodshed." (*Conditions Precedent for the Successful Working of Democracy*, 1952).

Departing from western democratic imagination that foregrounds liberty, Dr Ambedkar put equality at the heart of democracy. "The roots of democracy lie not in the form of Government, Parliamentary or otherwise. A democracy is more than a form of Government. It is primarily a mode of associated living. The roots of Democracy are to be searched in the social relationship, in terms of associated life between the people who form a society." (*Prospects of Democracy in India*, 1956). For this ideal, he turned to the Buddhist tradition. He insisted that

Buddhist Sanghas were the models for parliamentary democracy.

In the light of this ideal, Dr Ambedkar offered a thorough-going critique of the existing societies that claimed to be democratic. Though his critique was general, his focus was, understandably, on Indian society. The 'associated living' that democracy presupposes simply did not exist in India. Caste system divided Indian society into many parallel, self-contained communities that did not allow for the conversation and negotiation necessary for a healthy democracy. Thus, Ambedkar's critique of the caste system was not merely that it was unjust and oppressive for the 'depressed classes', but also that it fractured national unity and made democracy impossible.

Dr Ambedkar turned this critique into a general theory of preconditions for a successful democracy. He reminded us, "democracy is not a plant that grows everywhere". He

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would often cite the cases of Italy and Germany where the absence of social and economic democracy led to the failure of nascent political democracy. For him the first and foremost condition for democracy was that there should be no glaring inequalities, that every citizen should enjoy equal treatment in everyday administration and governance. This needs to be backed up by popular acceptance of constitutional morality, widespread public conscience and the upholding of moral order in society. Dr Ambedkar reminded us that there is no democracy without the existence of and respect for opposition, that tyranny of the majority is antithetical to democracy.

Finally, Dr Ambedkar had an unusual approach to making the transition from the present to the desired future. Unlike the social revolutionaries of his time, he did not advocate a violent or even non-violent overthrow of the existing demo-

catic order. In fact, at one point, he argued against the continuation of satyagraha or civil disobedience in independent India. This might look disappointingly conservative for a radical theorist of democracy. But a closer look would show a more nuanced radicalism at work.

In India, Ambedkar was the first serious student of social consequences of political institutions. He understood that every institutional design has a built-in drag, that it has consequences irrespective of the intent of those who designed it. Whether it was the choice of the parliamentary system over the presidential, or the role and powers of an elected panchayat in a village, or the formation of linguistic states or the partition of the country, Dr Ambedkar brought a razor-sharp understanding of how each of these decisions would affect the most marginalised sections of society. The institutional design he proposed in 'States and Minorities' showed a nuanced approach to using the political form of democracy for social transformation. Needless to say, none of his apparent moderation took away his resolute commitment to nothing short of annihilation of the caste order.

We don't need to stretch our imagination far to anticipate what Dr Ambedkar might have said about the continuation of inequalities, including caste inequalities, and on the rise of majoritarian democracy in today's India. What does require careful reflection and imagination is turning these fragments of original thinking into a coherent theory of radical democracy for the 21st century. That is a task for those who take Babasaheb's intellectual legacy seriously, beyond the birth anniversary celebrations.

Views are personal

Variants making battle against the virus tougher



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PRESIDENT, SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF ETHICAL AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

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VIRUSES undergo habitual mutation and coronavirus is no exception. Rapid genetic change in SARS-CoV-2 is reflected in the emergence of numerous virus variants — over 200 have been detected across the globe. A double mutant variant has emerged in India, a super infectious strain. This *bahriyoga* is now taking many lives.

The variant is dangerous because it can escape from the immune system and attack even the youth and children. Experts have cautioned that this virus has more energy, greater virulence, and is camouflaged; it attacks the lungs directly, sparing the nose and throat, while the test shows negative! This strain was first observed in Maharashtra, which is recording an alarmingly high spike of the viral infection.

Genome sequencing has confirmed that of the cases coming out positive, there has been a sharp rise in the E484Q and L452R mutations. Such mutations confer immune escape and increased infectivity. Recent reports have found evidence that dogs and cats can become infected by the new variants that transmit more readily between people and pets. It may be present in the air!

Making a vaccine against these kinds of viruses is more challenging. Future variants that may cause a more severe illness in children are likely to emerge. That is why we may need a new vaccine for every variant, and every year, since antibodies do not last long. Can we afford that luxury?

Reports of vaccine shortages are already surfacing.



DISQUIETING: While nobody knows how much and how long the vaccine will protect, many reports of adverse events have been received. PTI

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The vaccine has been found to be 92 per cent effective at protecting people from severe Covid and death after two shots. The government has embarked on a mass vaccination drive to banish the virus. Will it work?

Some reports are disquieting. While nobody knows for sure how much and how long the vaccine will protect, reports of many adverse events, positive reports after full vaccination and a few deaths after vaccination have

unnerved the community. Over 100 doctors in AIIMS and other hospitals are infected. Delhi's Sir Ganga Ram Hospital's 37 doctors have tested positive for Covid despite vaccination. Similarly, KG Medical College, Lucknow, has reported 39 coronavirus cases of faculty members even after full vaccination. Is it a cause-and-effect relationship?

Several reports of clot formation after the jab and subsequent suspension of the vaccination drive in many European countries are disquieting. Denmark was the first to announce its suspension, "following reports of serious cases of blood clots" among people who had received the vaccine.

An Indian official stated, "We are looking at the side effects of blood clots that have been seen in people who received Covishield and Covaxin." A presentation made to the

National AEFI (Adverse Event Following Immunisation) Committee on March 31 recorded that there had been 180 deaths and over 700 serious adverse events till that time and three-fourths of the deaths had happened within three days of the shot. It would be prudent to reveal the truth after a thorough and transparent investigation to inspire confidence.

Paradoxically, the virus graph started rising after the vaccination drive started in January. Why? Nobody is sure about the reasons. The fact that immune-escape mutants do not get neutralised by available vaccines has put a question mark over the mass vaccination drive, as the pandemic has exploded with over 1.31 lakh cases and about 800 deaths on April 9. Experts are wondering whether it's possible to get people shed hesitancy if a new cocktail of corona vaccines is created.

Unless there is sufficient Indian data to prove the safety and efficacy of the jab, skepticism is likely to persist.

Some innovations are in the offing. Israel-based Oramed and India's Prema Biotech are jointly working on a Covid-19 vaccine that can be taken orally, like a pill. Bengaluru-based Organisation De Scalene has received clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Union to license and manufacture Scalene Hypercharge Corona Canon (Shycocan), a device that has the ability to neutralise 99.9 per cent of the coronaviruses that might be floating in the air, in closed spaces. It can be used to prevent infection and is not a medicine that can cure infected

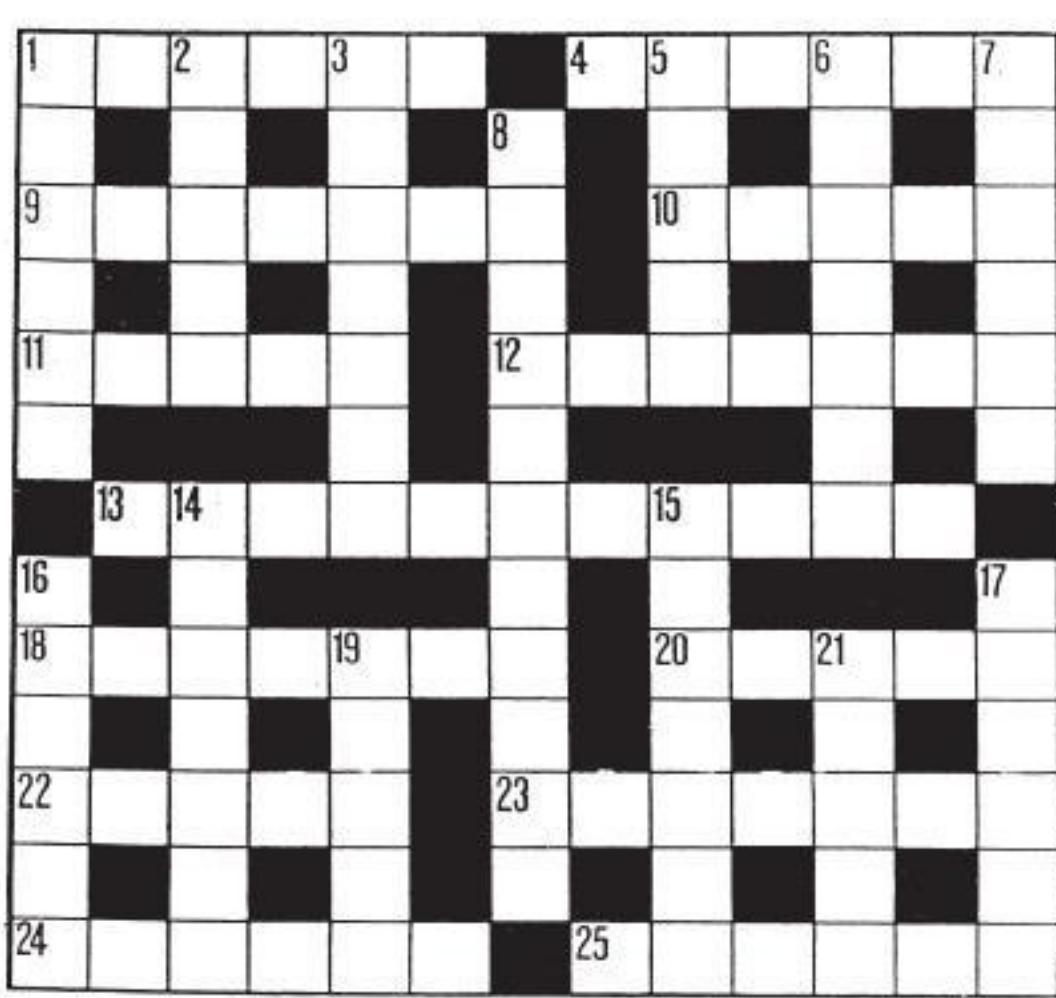
people or an alternative to a vaccine.

While anti-virals and other medicines have failed to play a specific role in the treatment, a limited role has been attributed to the cocktail of two drugs — casirivimab and imdevimab — which has the potential of reducing hospitalisation; it was successfully tried on Donald Trump. These medicines are not available in India. But there is need for caution — some fraudsters may prey on people's fears by pretending to have access to the wonder drug and offer it for sale at high prices.

Researchers have found an association between certain lifestyle factors and a person's risk of getting infected. Obese, diabetic, hypertensive and heart patients are at a greater risk of infection and experiencing hospitalisation. They should get a jab after clearance from their physician. Those who tested negative were more likely to have high levels of 'good' HDL cholesterol. Measures to increase the HDL levels like regular exercise and good sleep, adequate hydration and sun exposure and diet rich in monounsaturated fats like extra virgin olive oil and avocados might be helpful.

Heart patients and the ones who have had surgery in the past must safeguard against exposure to an infected person or those suffering from fever. The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test is suggested when such exposure occurs. If the test shows cycle threshold (CT) value of 24 or less, then it is significant. Covid-appropriate behaviour, coupled with a healthy lifestyle, can help you save yourself.

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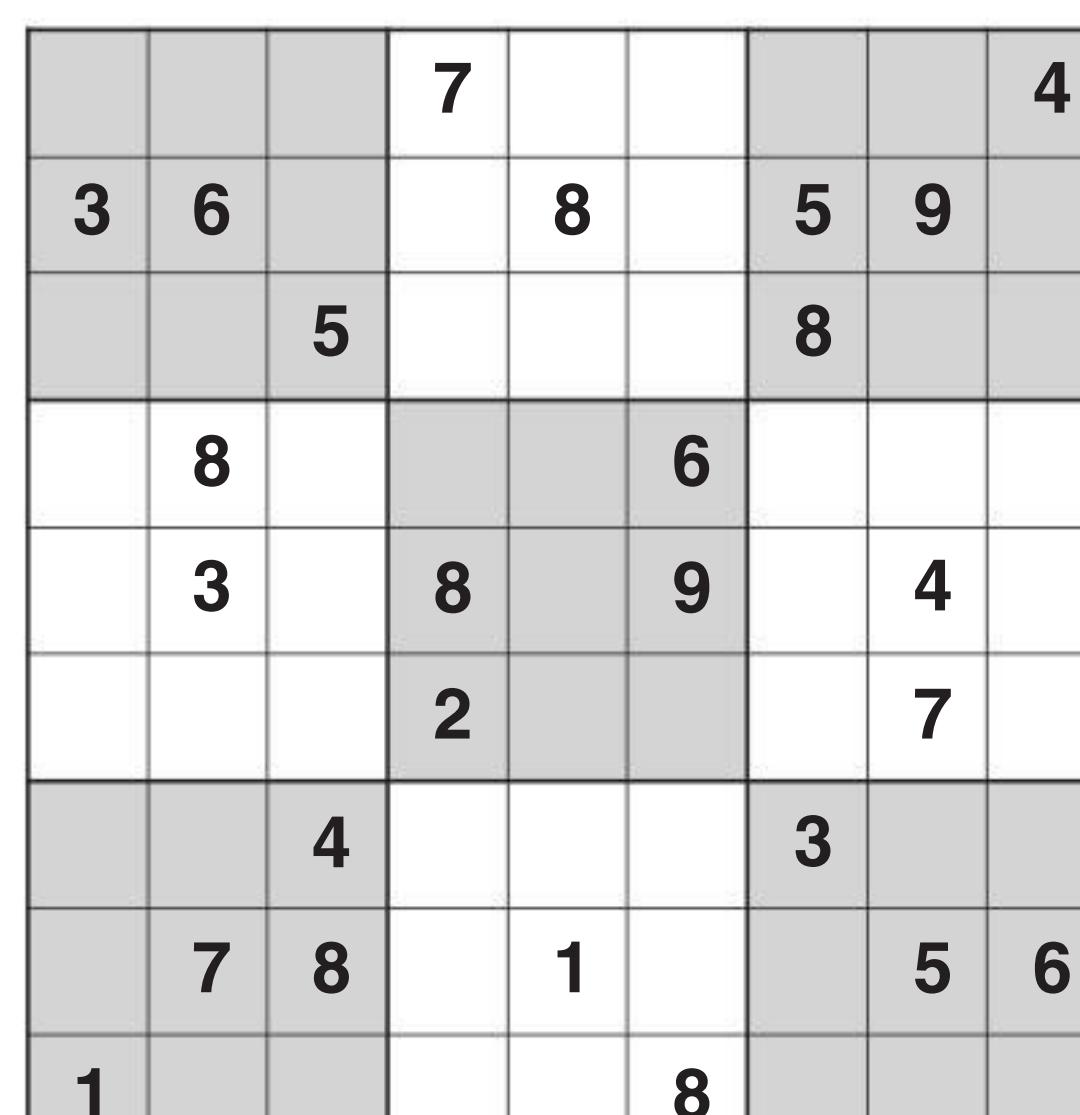
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Down: 1 Carol, 2 In so many words, 3 Intense, 4 Entice, 5 Clear, 6 On a large scale, 7 Extinct, 11 Pacific, 13 Lebanon, 14 Deaden, 16 Ivory, 18 Sally.

ACROSS

- 1 Riches (6)
 - 4 Abolish (6)
 - 9 River of southeast Africa (7)
 - 10 Effrontery (5)
 - 11 Proportion (5)
 - 12 Young pilchard (7)
 - 13 Expression of utter disbelief (5,4,2)
 - 18 Raise in status (7)
 - 20 Put off (5)
 - 22 Non-professionals (5)
 - 23 Tropical cyclone (7)
 - 24 A summary (6)
 - 25 Crudely built shack (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Sorcerer (6)
 - 2 Acknowledge (5)
 - 3 Tenuous footing (7)
 - 5 Yellow fossil resin (5)
 - 6 Skull (7)
 - 7 Diminish (6)
 - 8 Cause of certain disaster (4,2,5)
 - 14 Currently in progress (7)
 - 15 Comprehensive (2-5)
 - 16 Ancient Greek mathematician (6)
 - 17 Delirious fury (6)
 - 19 Deep chasm (5)
 - 21 Look showing disapproval (5)

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CALENDAR

APRIL 14, 2021, WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Chaitra Shaka	24
■ Vaisakhi Parvishi	2
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 2, up to 12:48 pm	
■ Priti Yoga up to 4:14 pm	
■ Bharni Nakshatra up to 5:23 pm	
■ Moon enters Taurus sign 12:10 am	

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FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:49 HRS

SUNRISE: THURSDAY 05:56 HRS

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New Delhi	40</					

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

Chandigarh: Two kanal old house Sector 21 one kanal newly built full/ floorwise. 7 marla ground floor Sector 22. 5 marla newly built floors Sector 22. 5 marla facing park Sector 46. Goel Properties: 98551-23123. (CL21005154)

Aerotropolis available showroom in Block A & C. Contact: 98720-99999. (CL21005212)

Seven marla facing park Sector 37 newly tastefully built full/ floorwise 3 BHK Italian marble with high end specifications ready possession. 98144-36134. (CL21005215)

Ten marla facing park Sector 38 newly tastefully built ground/ first floor high end specifications ready possession. 98144-36134. (CL21005216)

Eight marla B-Road/ huge green belt Sector 18 newly tastefully built first/ second floor 3 BHK Italian marble with high end specifications. 98144-36134. (CL21005217)

Aerocity showroom, 121 sq. yards for sale. Contact: 98720-99999. (CL21005219)

Chandigarh Sector 16, 10 marla second floor, 3 BHK, tastefully built, new building, ample parking. 98722-5575, 99150-01900. (CL21005303)

Harman 99150-01900, 98722-55755, Chandigarh Sector 16, corner 12 marla ground floor apartment. (CL21005305)

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CHANDIGARH

One kanal first floor for sale in Southern Sector with corner park. Details: 98766-69885. (CL21005195)

PLOT FOR SALE

Plot for sale B-road facing North Sector 23, Panchkula. Contact: 98766-69885. (CL21005194)

LAND FOR SALE

Aerotropolis 2 acre land available in Block H-Kishanpura. Contact: 98720-99999. (CL21005211)

PUBLIC NOTICES

I. Inderjeet Kaur w/o Inder Mohan Bahl House No. 10, Sular (Patiala), have changed my name to Indu Bahl. (CL21005066)

I. Sonia d/o Pardeep Kumar, VPO Gakkal, Jalandhar have changed my name to Sonia Fermay. (CL21005158)

I. Harvinder Singh s/o Karam Singh, Vill. Danyal, P.O. Dhanpur, Teh. Baba Bakala, Amritsar, have changed name Harwinder Singh. Concerned noted. (CL21005198)

I. Parmod Kumar s/o Mangat Rai, H.No. 711, Sector 21, Panchkula, have changed my name to Parmod Goyal. (CL21005196)

I. Baby w/o Late Shri Rakesh Kumar r/o # 680A, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Veenu. (CL21005244)

I. Ramtej Chauhan S/o Swami Dayal Chauhan R/o LIC 3234, Sector 70, Mohali declare that Rohit Chauhan who is not my real son but was brought up by me is out of my control. I disown him from my movable/immovable property. Anybody dealing with him will do so at his own risk and responsibility. (CL21005210)

I. No. 419338W Sep. Hari Singh s/o Keshar Singh r/o Vill. Bajirajpur Post Rawaiakhali Distt. Bageshwar (UK)-263641 declare that the name of my son Jatin Aithani has wrongly mentioned as Jatean Aithani in my service record. It may please be corrected as Jatin Aithani vide affidavit 12.04.2021. (CL21005252)

It is notified for the information that my original certificate of main Secondary Examination of year 2016 and Roll No. 2217938 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name: Parminder Singh. Full Address: Parminder Singh s/o Dharam Singh, VPO Laiana, District Bathinda, Pin: 151301, Punjab. Phone No. 79989-40007. (CL21005266)

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I. Karamjit Singh s/o Sewa Singh residence Baharmazara Tehsil Banga Dist. SBS Nagar declare that my son Jasvir Singh is out of my control. So I disinherit him from my moveable/immovable property. Anybody dealing with him would itself be responsible. (CL21005308)

I. Summa Devi, wife of number 72118SM Rank DFR, Anil Kumar, village Banal PO Barot Banal, Tehsil Fatehpur District Kangra (HP) declare that I have changed my name in my husband's Army record from Suman Sharma to Sunna Devi. Concerned note. (CL21005311)

I. Ex Service No. 14565972A Rank Hony Nb/Sub. Hakam Singh s/o Sita Ram, VPO. Green, Tehsil Baroh, District Kangra, HP, declare that my son's name wrongly entered in my Army service record as Dhairaj Kanwar whereas his correct name is Deheraj Kanwar. Concerned note. (CL21005312)

I. Harjinder Singh s/o Meva Singh # 405, Machounda, Tehsil & District Ambala declared that my daughter Simran Kaur is out of my control so I disowned her from my all movable and immovable properties. (CL21005313)

I. Ex Service No. 14565972A Rank Hony Nb/Sub. Hakam Singh s/o Sita Ram, VPO. Green, Tehsil Baroh, District Kangra, HP, declare that my son's name wrongly entered in my Army service record as Dhairaj Kanwar whereas his correct name is Deheraj Kanwar. Concerned note. (CL21005312)

I. J. Harjinder Singh s/o Meva Singh # 405, Machounda, Tehsil & District Ambala declared that my daughter Simran Kaur is out of my control so I disowned her from my all movable and immovable properties. (CL21005313)

I. Preety Sahni, In the Court of Principal Judge, Family Court, Camp Court at Phillaur.

Gagandeep Heer S/o Des Raj resident of Village Powadra, PO Bilga, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar Verusu

Aneta Gdowik W/o Gagandeep Heer D/o Mark resident of Flat 26 Sonning Court Famburn Avenue Slough Berkshire SL14AG CNR No.

PBTL01-009988-2020 Next Date: 30.04.2021

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In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 30.04.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=jalandhar

Dated, this day of 16.03.2021. Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Division), CL21005199 Nakodar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of

Preeti Sahni, Principal Judge, Family Court, Camp Court at Phillaur.

Gagandeep Heer S/o Des Raj resident of Village Powadra, PO Bilga, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar Verusu

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Dated, this day of 31.03.2021. Sd/- Civil Judge (Junior Division), CL21005206 Chandigarh.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of

Ms. Navneet Kaur Civil Judge Jr. Div., Chandigarh.

Gagandeep Heer S/o Des Raj resident of Village Powadra, PO Bilga, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar Verusu

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1	HSPV PANCHKULA	REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING ST POLE AND HPSV FITTING WITH LED FITTINGS AND OCTAGONAL POLES IN COMMERCIAL AREA SEC-17 UE KURUKSHETRA, INCLUDING THREE YEARS REPLACEMENT WARRANTY, ON OFF OPERATION OF SYSTEM	CLOSING DATE 29.04.2021	29.20 LACS	www.hspvph.org.in	918427999660
2	HAFED	SHORT TERM TENDER FOR DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CAPTURED MUSTARD OIL MILL+140TPD MUSTARD SEED CRUSHING CAPACITY LOCATED AT RAMPURA DISTRICT REWARI (HARYANA). IN AN EXTENT OF 12 ACRES THROUGH PPP MODE ON DESIGN BUILD, FINANCE, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) BASIS, THE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE ON HTTPS://ETENDERS.HRYNIC.IN AND WWW.HAFED.GOV.IN	13.04.2021 21.04.2021	5 LACS	www.hafed.gov.in	01722585912 hafed@hry.nic.in
3	CHAUDHARI DEVILAL UNIVERSITY SIRSA	COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF CENTRAL AIR COOLED AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IN MAIN HALL AND AUDITORIUM OF MP HALL AT COLU, SIRSA	12.04.2021 29.04.2021	40.00 LACS	www.cdu.ac.in	09996047009
4	GMDA GURUGRAM	SPECIAL REPAIR OF ROAD SURFACE FOR RAILWAY OVER BRIDGE AT BASAI, GURUGRAM.	21.04.2021	30.65 LACS	https://www.gmda.gov.in	xen3infr1.gmda@gov.in
5	HSPV PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF HOCKEY FIELD, WARM UP TRACK AND RELAYING OF OLD SYNTHETIC ATHLETIC TRACK AT TAU DEVI LAL STADIUM, SECTOR 3 PANCHKULA. (DEPOSIT WORK) INCLUDING MTC. AND DEFECT LIABILITY OF 5 YEARS FREE OF COST)	CLOSING DATE 21.04.2021	1379.80 LACS	www.hspvph.org.in	918427999660

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CORRIGENDUM TO NOTIFICATION

Apropos to the notification No. S.O. 4278(E) dated 27-11-2020 of Government of India Ministry of Road Transport & Highways published in the Gazette of India extra-Ordinary Part-II Section 3 Sub Section (ii) issued under Sub Section of 3D of "The National Highway Act 1956" (48 of 1956) and published in two local news papers "The Tribune" dated 03-12-2020 and "Divya Himachal" dated 03-12-2020 the following corrigendum / errata to the schedule is hereby issued for information of all concerned landowners/ stakeholders.

In the schedule of the said notification, contents under column no. 5,6,7 & 8 to be replaced by contents under column no. 9,10, 11 & 12 against respective survey number.

S. No.	Name of District	Name of Taluk/ Tehsil	Name of Village/ Mohal	Published under section 3D of NHs Act, 1956 Notification on dated 07-07-2020				Content to be replaced as in place of earlier published 3(D) Notification against respective survey no.					
				Survey Number	Nature of Land	Area (in hect.)	Name of Land owner	Survey Number	Nature of Land	Area (in Hect.)	Name of Land Owner		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1.	Mandi	Dharampur	Kumhar da	2866/1	Barani Avval	0.0014	Total share (36) Vanit Thakur S/o & Smt. Sheela Devi Wd/o Ram Singh S/o Sant Ram Upnam Santo Equal share (1) share Shiv Kumar Bhup Singh Banshi Lal S/o and Smt. Kamali Devi Smt. Kunti Devi Smt. Mira Devi Smt. Bhavna Devi D/o and Smt. Janaki Devi Wd/o Sant Ram Upnam Santo S/o Narotam equal share (8) share Ram Lal Meher Singh Hem Singh Prakash Chand Kushal Chand S/o and Smt. Mira Devi Smt. Reena Devi D/o and Smt. Santi Devi Wd/o Nek Ram S/o Narotam equal share (18) share Ramesh Chand Amrit Lal Gopal Singh S/o and Smt. Bimla Devi Smt. Sheela Devi, Smt. Savitri Devi, Smt. Babli Devi, Smt. Pramila Devi, d/o and Smt. Parvati Devi Wd/o Dhanvi, Ram S/o Narotam equal share (9) share Isthaniye Vasi	2866/1	Barani Avval	0.0014	Total share (40) Smt. Leela Devi D/o Smt. Chaitri D/o Dahl (39) share Himachal Pradesh Government (1) share		
2.	Mandi	Dharampur	Kumhar da	2880/1	Gair Mumkin Gavayan	0.0036	Total share (40) Smt. Leela Devi D/o Smt. Chaitri D/o Dahl (39) share Himachal Pradesh Government (1) share	2880/1	Gair Mumkin Gavayan	0.0036	Total share (36) Vanit Thakur S/o & Smt. Sheela Devi Wd/o Ram Singh S/o Sant Ram Upnam Santo Equal share (1) share Shiv Kumar Bhup Singh Banshi Lal S/o and Smt. Kamali Devi Smt. Kunti Devi Smt. Mira Devi Smt. Bhavna Devi D/o and Smt. Janaki Devi Wd/o Sant Ram Upnam Santo S/o Narotam equal share (8) share Ram Lal Meher Singh Hem Singh Prakash Chand Kushal Chand S/o and Smt. Mira Devi Smt. Reena Devi D/o and Smt. Santi Devi Wd/o Nek Ram S/o Narotam equal share (18) share Ramesh Chand Amrit Lal Gopal Singh S/o and Smt. Bimla Devi Smt. Sheela Devi, Smt. Savitri Devi, Smt. Babli Devi, Smt. Pramila Devi, d/o and Smt. Parvati Devi Wd/o Dhanvi, Ram S/o Narotam equal share (9) share Isthaniye Vasi		
3.	Mandi	Sarkaghat	Kothi	901/1	Barani Avval	0.0090	Ajit Singh S/o & Smt. Bimla Devi D/o Harbhaj S/o Telo equal share local resident	901/1	Barani Avval	0.0090	Rakesh Kumar S/o & Smt. Janki Devi Wd/o Hari Singh S/o Telo equal share local resident		

Sh. Zaffar Iqbal (IAS)

Competent Authority of Land Acquisition,-cum-Sub- Divisional Magistrate, Sarkaghat, District Mandi H.P.



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Zonal Office : Patiala

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/ MOVABLE PROPERTY
LAST DATE OF AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (ONLINE) ON/BEFORE 29.04.2021 UPTO 4.00 PM
DATE OF E AUCTION 30.04.2021 SALE NOTICE (SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION ONLY)

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE / MOBILE PROPERTIES

For any query regarding E-Auction Portal Contact BM & AO

Name of the Branch & Account	Details of Property	Date of Demand / Possession Notice Outstanding Amount	Notice Amount	Reserve Price	EMD	Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Branch Manage and Authorised Officer Contact Number
13. B.O. JHILL	Vacant Plot cum built up site Residential/Commercial, of 25.36 Marla in the name of S. Baljit Singh s/o S. Ronak Singh share being 1K10M & S. Charanji Singh s/o S. Sukhdev Singh, share being 2K10M situated at Vaka Rakba Vill Jhill Tehsil & Distt. Patiala. Sale Deed no. 10609 dtd 13.09.2006	29.01.2018	Rs. 14,74,422.81	Rs. 30,00,000.00	Rs. 3,00,000.00	Rs. 20,000/-	30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Authorized Officer: Umakant Doley, 04548-84462 Branch Manager: Reekesh Kumar Roy, 8351-66847
	Rs. 20,82,018.81 as on 31.03.2021 plus interest & charges, Possession Physical							
14. B.O. RAJBHA ROAD	Single Storey Built Up Automobile Workshop Measuring 0-8 Marla Or 225 Sq. Yards Which Is 8/161'share	05.10.2018	Rs. 23,06,978.84	Rs. 22,30,000	Rs. 2,23,000	Rs. 10,000/-	30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Authorized Officer: Umakant Doley, 04548-84462 Branch Manager: Rajni Bhatia 94647-46533
	Rs. 31,77,025.84 as on 31.03.2021 plus interest & charges, Possession Symbolic							
15. B.O. RAJBHA ROAD	Rice Sheller Property Measuring 14 B 18 1/2 % B Comprises In Khewat/ khatori No 14/27,28(as Per Jamabandi Year 2003-2004) Khasra No 563(4-2)-2(2)-4(5)(6-3)-5(5-10)5(8-0)-5(5-10)5(6-5)-5(5-14)5(8-1-13)5(7-59) Min Total Measuring 79b11b Out Of Which Khasra No 63(4-2)-2(2)-4(5)(6-3)-5(5-10)5(8-0)-5(5-10)5(6-5)-5(5-14)5(8-1-13)5(7-59) Min Total Measuring 79b11b Out Of Which	29.04.2015	Rs. 3,916,835.42	Rs. 55,00,000	Rs. 5,50,000	Rs. 20,000/-	30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Authorized Officer: Umakant Doley, 04548-84462 Branch Manager: Rajni Bhatia 94647-46533
	Rs. 94,56,066.42 as on 31.03.2021 plus interest & charges, Possession Symbolic							
16. B.O. THE MALL	Em Of Residential Plot No 11,12,13 & 14 Total Four Plots Each Plot Measuring 240 Sq Yards I.e., Total Area 05Four Plots 240x4=960 Sq Yards Situated At Mata Jita Jee Enicave, Village Barn, Patiala Sale Deed No. 12021 Dated 21/02/2014 In The Name Of Smt. Parveen Kaur Wo Sh. Charanji Singh	22.03.2017	Rs. 1,16,611	Rs. 16,30,000/-	Rs. 1,63,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Authorized Officer: Umakant Doley, 04548-84462 Branch Manager: Prateek Aggarwal, 97187-55823
	Rs. 17,46,979.50as on 31.03.2021 plus interest & charges, Possession Physical							
17. B.O. RAJBHA ROAD	Two Build-up Chamber No. 32 & 51(on First Floor Without Ownership Of Roof) Built Up Total Land Oz 38.00 Sq Yards, Situated At Vaka Surya Complex, Opp. Gopal Sweets, Patiala, Sale Deed No. 8914 Dated 20.05.2009 In The Name Of M/s New Guru Associates.	14.11.2017	Rs. 9,34,630.58	Rs. 24,00,000/-	Rs. 2,40,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Authorized Officer: Umakant Doley, 04548-84462 Branch Manager: Rajni Bhatia 94647-46533
	Rs. 13,17,475.58 in the account of M/s New Guru Associatesand Rs. 22,12,149.47 in the account of M/s Shehzad Builders on 31.03.2021plus interest & charges Possession :							

TERMS & CONDITIONS:- 1. The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS". 2. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property(ies) is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues. 3. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any property. 4. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The inspection of property/ ies put on auction can be done by interested bidders at sites by contacting branch managers on above given phone numbers. 5. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankeauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankeauctions.com>), through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification & Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, UdyogVihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochemical building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID : support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-430200/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries :Delhi@C1india.com (Vinod Chauhan) 9813887931 and for any property related query may contact Authorized Officer (as mentioned above) During the working hours from Monday to Saturday (except 2nd & 4th Saturday). 6. The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorised Officer/ Bank nor M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event. 7. After going through the registering process (One Time) and generating User ID and password of their own, shall be eligible for participating the E Auction Process. Subject to due verification (of the documents) 8. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall remain in wallet in the budget may get refund at her/his own choice . The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, adjusting the EMD already paid, immediate of the acceptance of bid price by the Authorised Officer and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing and solely at the discretion of the Authorised Officer. In case of default in payment by the successful bidder, the amount already deposited shall be liable to be forfeited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/ right in respect of property/ amount. 9. The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc. owing to anybody. 10. The Authorised Officer is not bound to accept the highest offer and the Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/ postpone/ cancel the e-Auction without assigning any reason thereof. 11. The bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction available on the Web Portal, before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-Auction. 12. The Publication is subject to force majeure clause. 13. Bidding in the

हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार

जल शक्ति विभाग

प्रैस नोट

जल शक्ति मंडल, प्रगापुर में मल्टीप्लायन बर्किंज के साथात्कार आये। जल शक्ति मंडल, प्रगापुर में मल्टीप्लायन बर्किंज के साथात्कार आये। उनके साथात्कार होते तिथियाँ निर्धारित कर दी गई हैं। अब उम्मीदवारों आपने सभी घोषणा जून 09:00 तक जल शक्ति मंडल कार्यालय प्रगापुर में साथात्कार होते चलन रमित के समय अपनी उपशिष्टियाँ सुनिश्चित बनवे।

क्रम सं. पद का नाम साथात्कार की तिथियाँ समय
1 भर्किंज बर्किंज 27.04.2021 से 30.04.2021 09:30 से 17:00
नोट : सभी आवेदन से आग्रह है कि उम्मीदवारों गढ़ सभा व तिथि अनुसार सुनें 09:00 तक जल शक्ति मंडल कार्यालय प्रगापुर में साथात्कार होते अपनी उपशिष्टियाँ सुनिश्चित करें, निर्धारित तिथि के उपराने किसी भी आवेदक का दावा स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा।

अधिकारी अधिकारी, जल शक्ति मंडल, प्रगापुर।

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Mandi Division No. I, HPPWD, Mandi, Distt Mandi (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractor registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Starting Date of download- ing Bid	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Construction of Jawalapur-to-Pasher road Km 0/0 to 12/255 Under NABARD RIDF-XXVI, (SH:- Formation cutting 5/7 mtr, Wide, construction of retaining walls, cross drainage works and wire crates in dumping sites, Soling WBM G-I, Wearing WBM G-II & G-III, Tarring, V-shape drain, Parapets and Kilometer stone & Sign Board including routine maintenance in Km 0/0 to 12/255)	15,91,79,12/-	22.04.2021 at 11:00 A.M.	25,92,000/-	05.05.2021 up to 5:00 P.M.

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

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Executive Engineer,
Mandi Division No. I,
H.P.P.W.D., Mandi Distt. Mandi (H.P.)

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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT CIVIL HOSPITAL PALAMPUR DISTT. KANGRA (HP)

No.: MS-CH/PLP/Tender/Diet/2021 Dated 13/04/2021

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender are hereby again invited for Dietary articles by the undersigned for the year 2021-22. The interested parties are requested to submit the tender/quotation in the office of the undersigned upto 04/05/2021 till 2:00PM and shall be opened the same day at 3:00PM in the office Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Palampur Room No. 407 IVth Floor OPD Block.

The tenders are required to deposit a sum of Rs. 6,000/- for Dietary as earnest money along with tender documents in the shape of FDR of any nationalized bank duly pledged in the name of the Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital Palampur.

The Committee has the right to accept and reject the tender without assigning any reason.

The rates should be quoted for Tender for Dietary Articles including GST & Carnage charges (as Applicable) as per list attached. The Tender document with Term & Condition & the list of articles in this regard shall be obtained from the office of the undersigned, @RS. 10/- in Room No. 408, 4th Floor, OPD Block on any working day w.e.f. 10:00AM to 5:00PM till 03/04/2021.

Medical Superintendent
Civil Hospital Palampur

PRDH-1031/11/13/2022/2567/31/4

OFFICE OF THE GOVT. COLLEGE FOR GIRLS, KALANWALI (SIRSA)

Notice inviting Tender

Tenders are invited from the Registered Outsourcing Agency at Government College for Girls, Kalanwali (Sirsa) on Outsourcing Policy (Part-1) for providing services of Non-Teaching staff to the posts of Library Attendant, Library Restorer, Peon-cum-Chowkidar, Chowkidar, Mali, Sweeper etc. Interested firms should fill their tenders in the prescribed form and submit it to the **undersigned's office** on 22.04.2021 between 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Tenders will be opened on 22.04.2021 at 01:00 P.M. in the Principal Office. Tender forms can be obtained from the Principal Office on any working day by paying a price of Rs. 1000/-.

Important note:-

1. Tenders with 2% or less than 2% charge will not be entertained.
2. The service charge is valid up to two decimal places only.
3. The decision will be made by draw when the service charge is equal.
4. Along with the tender form a Demand Draft of Rs. 20,000/- will have to be given in the name of the Principal.
5. Other terms and conditions will be found along with the tender form.

Principal
GGC Kalanwali (Sirsa)

PRDH-1031/11/13/2022/2567/31/4

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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

Sr. No.	Name of work.	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Time limit
1.	Prov. WSS to village Patio and Gunther in GP Saini Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O RCC intake chamber, Storage tank 7000 ltrs capacity, laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 40 mm dia at RD 0 to 1200, 25 mm dia at RD 1200/0 to 150).	4,99,838	9997	250	6 months
2.	R/R damages to FIS Gorgarang to Hukka Rakchham in GP Rakchham Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O destilling chamber, inlet-cum-outlet chamber and laying, jointing and testing of HDPE pipe 90 mm OD at RD 0 to 1800).	4,98,833	9977	250	3 months
3.	Annual repair and maintenance of Sewerage system to village Sangla (Phase-II and III) Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: O & M of 0.13 MLD STP at Sangla, Distt. Kinnaur H.P.).	4,98,400	9968	250	168 days
4.	C/O Storage tank at Thapasarang in GP Sangla Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O RCC Storage tank 30000 ltrs capacity, laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 40 mm dia at RD 0 to 800).	4,96,224	9924	250	6 months
5.	C/O Storage tank at Thapasarang in GP Sangla Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 50 mm dia at RD 0 to 1300 and RD 1250 to 2665).	4,95,273	9905	250	3 months
6.	Prov. WSS Thapasarang to Kimsarang in GP Sangla Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O RCC intake chamber, Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 65 mm dia at RD 0 to 1500).	4,37,938	8759	250	3 months
7.	Prov. WSS to village Patio and Gunther in GP Saini Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 32 mm dia at RD 1200 to 2370).	4,18,157	8363	250	6 months
8.	Prov. WSS Thapasarang to Kimsarang in GP Sangla Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes at various RD's).	3,99,799	7996	250	3 months
9.	R/M FIS Khwangi Tellangi Kuhl in Tehsil Kalpa Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O R/Wall at RD 90 to RD 96, C/O wire crate and removal of slips at various RD's).	3,63,928	7279	250	2 months
10.	A/R and M/O SE Residence JSV RP/o in Tehsil Kalpa Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 50 mm dia at RD 1125 to 2230, 25 mm dia at RD 1125/0 to 973 and FHTC 25 Nos.).	3,55,608	7112	250	3 months
11.	Remodeling of WSS Dumangli in GP Kalpa Tehsil Kalpa Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GMS tubes 50 mm dia at RD 1125 to 2230, 25 mm dia at RD 1125/0 to 973 and FHTC 25 Nos.).	3,32,476	6650	250	3 months
12.	A/R and M/O SE Residence JSV RP/o in Tehsil Kalpa Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O CC flooring and MS Gate at SE Residence).	2,34,918	4698	250	3 months
13.	A/R and M/O Jal Shakti Divisional Office Reckong Peo Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Pine wood paneling and actiontessa flooring).	2,11,755	4235	250	2 months
14.	Providing WSS for Village Sangla Tehsil Sangla Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: C/O Protection wall to protect Storage Tank).	2,10,585	4212	250	3 months
15.	R/R of IPH Divisional Storage Reckong Peo in Tehsil Kalpa Distt. Kinnaur H.P. (SH: Unloading and stacking of cement in Divisional store).	2,08,000	4160	250	12 months

Last Date of Sale of Tender Form at Divisional Office: 19.04.2021 up to 03.00 p.m.

Last date of Submission of Tenders: 20.04.2021 up to 1.00 p.m.

Date of opening of Tender: 20.04.2021 at 03:30 p.m.

Tender documents and other detailed conditions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal www.hiph.org.in by the firms/individual registered on the website.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HPB & R Division Kumarsain H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date of download- ing Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Annual surfacing on Oddi Kingal Renewal coat 30 mm thick Bituminous Concrete in Km. 7/00 to 11/00 (PMGSY).	Rs. 0/000 to 21/405 (SH: 46,79,260/-)	23.04.2021 w.e.f 1730 Hrs.	Rs. 77,700/- up to 1800 Hrs.	01.05.2021

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

On behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh

Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HP PWD, Kumarsain, Distt. Shimla H.P.

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Top posts of D'sala, Mandi civic bodies in BJP kitty

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Newly elected Mayor Onkar Nehria and Deputy Mayor Sarav Chand Galotia with the CM at Dharamsala; and (below) Mandi Mayor Deepali Jaswal and her Deputy Virender Bhatt.



Under Bhatt were unanimously elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Municipal Corporation.

Sundernagar MLA Rakesh Jamwal also extended his wishes to the councillors, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Deepali and Virender Bhatt said they would work collectively for the development of the MC.

In Solan, election deferred to Apr 16

SOLAN, APRIL 13

The oath-taking ceremony of Solan MC councillors was far from smooth as nine Congress councillors failed to turn up at 11 am today. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Anurag Chander Sharma, who waited till 12 noon to administer the oath to the councillors at the MC hall, announced April 16 the next date and left the venue. None of the seven BJP councillors and an Independent turned up for oath.

A piquant situation, however, arose when Congress councillors, accompanied by senior MLAs like DR Shandil, Harshwardhan Chauhan, Rajinder Rana and Pradeep Kumar Singh, arrived at 12:15 pm, I directed the ADC to go back. It was only a matter of delay in the arrival by the Congress councillors as all arrangements were in place.

While the BJP councillors and an Independent abstained from the event, their absence instilled a sense of insecurity in the Congress camp.

The election was overseen by senior Congress leaders Kaul Singh, Asha Kumari and DCC president Ajay Mahajan, who had a closed-door meeting with the elected councillors to ensure their consensus.

In the formal meeting at the corporation office, all members

Cakewalk for Cong in Palampur MC

PALAMPUR, APRIL 13

Congress councillors Punam Bali and Anish Nag were elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Palampur Municipal Corporation (MC) today.

The Congress had won 11 of the 17 wards. This time, the post of Mayor was reserved for woman Scheduled Caste candidate.

The Congress has support of one Independent councillor too.

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Remembering martyrs



Army personnel pay tribute to martyrs on Vijay Diwas in Rajouri on Tuesday. PTI

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Sputnik...

for the production of Sputnik V." Over 850 million doses of Sputnik V are going to be produced in India annually sufficient to vaccinate more than 425 million people around the world, Dmitriev said.

India is the 60th country to approve Sputnik V.

RDIF, Russia's sovereign wealth fund, said, "India is the leading production hub for Sputnik V. The RDIF has reached agreements with the leading pharmaceutical companies in the country — Gland Pharma, Hetero Biopharma, Panacea Biotech, Stelis Biopharma, Virchow Biotech — aimed at producing more than 850 million doses per year. India is the most populated country to register the Russian vaccine," the RDIF said.

The vaccine will first be imported and later manufactured in India through local companies.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said the government would soon reveal the cost at which the vaccine would be procured for the national inoculation programme.

Mumbai trump faltering Kolkata

Chahar picks up four wickets, KKR score only 11 off final 3 overs

CHENNAI, APRIL 13

Mumbai Indians' leg-spinner Rahul Chahar picked up four wickets to derail Kolkata Knight Riders in their chase of a modest 153-run target as the defending champions won the fifth match of IPL-14 by 10 runs.

KKR seemed to be cruising towards the target when Shubman Gill (33 off 24 balls) and Nitish Rana (57 off 47 balls) were batting during their first-wicket partnership of 72, scored at over 8 runs an over.

However, the complexion of the match changed in minutes as Chahar picked up the four wickets. First Gill was removed by Rahul Chahar with a clever change in pace; Chahar got Rahul Tripathi (5) stumped by wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock, and then had captain Eoin Morgan caught at deep midwicket with a ball bowled wide. Shakib Al Hasan was the next to fall victim to Chahar as he lofted the ball straight to deep-square leg.

At 122/5 in 15.2 overs, KKR needed only 31 off 28 balls, but their lower-order just could not get going.

Krunal Pandya, bowling the 18th over, did well by restricting Andre Russell (9 off 15 balls) and Dinesh Karthik (8 off 11) to only



Mumbai Indians' Rahul Chahar celebrates the wicket of Kolkata Knight Riders' Nitish Rana. PTI

three runs. Krunal had given away only one run in the 16th over and finished with brilliant figures of 1/13 off four overs. Needing 22 off 18 balls, KKR could manage only 11 in them. Karthik and Russell failed to hit a single boundary in three overs, and it was all over for KKR.

Russell's late strikes

Earlier, Russell, who bowled

only the 18th and 20th overs, finished with five wickets off only 12 balls, giving away 15 runs, as MI slumped from 125/5 to 152 all out.

After KKR opted to bowl, Eoin Morgan's astute captaincy was on full display as he used his resources to perfection to choke MI in the middle overs after Suryakumar Yadav

threatened to seize control with his 36-ball 56. The World Cup-winning England skipper used Pat Cummins cleverly in the middle — the masterstroke was certainly keeping Russell for the fag end as MI lost their last seven wickets for 37 runs. Russell was brought on only after Cummins finished his spell in the 16th over, and

the Jamaican used the platform perfectly by dismissing Krunal Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah and Rahul Chahar off the final four balls en route his milestone.

Shakib deserves credit for stopping the run-flow as the Bangladesh left-arm spinner dismissed Yadav in the 11th over and changed the complexion of the game. — TNS, agencies



India A tour of England postponed due to Covid

LONDON, APRIL 13

India A's tour of England, which was scheduled for this summer, has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said in a statement. India A were

scheduled to face England Lions as well as play warm-up games against their own national side, who are set to go head to head with England in a five-Test series across August and September. Instead, Virat Kohli's

men will now travel with a larger squad and prepare for the Test series with two intra-squad four-day matches.

The ECB said the decision to tweak the calendar was made to deliver "the safest possible environment" for the

international matches scheduled over the English summer. "We look forward to welcoming a men's India A tour at a later date after this summer and when restrictions have eased," ECB chief executive officer Tom Harrison.

The ECB has held talks with cricket boards of the other three visiting teams this summer — New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan — and agreed to cancel their tour matches against English county teams. — Agencies

cle when Balbir Singh Junior won the silver medal at the 1958 Asian Games. Balbir Singh Junior passed away due to heart failure on Sunday.

"He came from a family of hockey players and Army men. His elder brothers played for India. Two of his brothers died in World War II," said Col Balbir Singh Kular (Retd), who also hails from Sansarpur.

"He was much senior to me and I used to see him train with his brothers at the village ground," added Kular, who was a member of the team that won bronze at the 1968 Olympics.

Various teams

From training at his village ground, Balbir Singh Junior went on to captain the Pan-

BALBIR SINGH: MAY 2, 1932-APRIL 11, 2021

- Balbir Singh Jr was born in Sansarpur village, famous as the nursery of Indian hockey
- He played alongside legends like Balbir Singh Senior, Leslie Claudio, Prithipal Singh and Balkishan Singh, among others, during the 1950s-1960s
- Balbir started playing hockey at age six and made his India debut in 1951 during the tour of Afghanistan
- Joining the Army in 1962 as an emergency commissioned officer, he represented Services too. He retired as a Major in 1984
- He won a silver medal at the 1958 Asian Games but never got the opportunity to represent the country in the Olympic Games



jab University team. He was also part of the Punjab team, which was considered a great achievement in itself at the time. He became a crucial player for Railways before moving to Services. He also managed the Services team before retiring as a Major from the Army and

settling in Chandigarh.

"He was a great centre-forward," said Kular. "He was one of the top performers for Railways who won multiple national titles in the 1950s."

Though a star in his own right at the national level, Balbir Singh Junior found it difficult to break into the national side. Despite getting his first call-up in 1951, when India toured Afghanistan, he could not cement his place in the side.

Senior vs Junior

"As a centre-forward, his top competition was Balbir Singh Senior," said Kular. "Had it not been for the great man, Balbir Singh Junior would have played more often for India. In the 1958 Asian Games, he was selected as the backup cen-

tre-forward for Balbir Singh Senior but went on to play as the inside-left forward," he added.

Balbir Singh Junior spent his playing days in the shadow of the legendary Balbir Singh Senior. But for Kular, Balbir Singh Junior's legacy is much more than his Asian Games medal. "He was not just a great player but a good man as well. He was an inspiration to me and many others like me," said Kular.

"Four players, including Balbir Singh Junior, from Sansarpur were part of the Asian Games medal winning team. After returning, they received a grand welcome in the village and were honoured. As young hockey players, we dreamed of getting that kind of reception someday," added Kular.

Keep women's Tests alive, says England captain Knight

LONDON, APRIL 13

Heather Knight, the captain of England's women's cricket team, believes it is important to keep women's Test cricket alive. Knight, who made her international debut back in 2010, has played only seven Test matches as against 104 ODIs and 81 T20Is.

Test cricket remains at the margins of women's cricket, and only eight women's Tests have been played in the past

Only 10 Tests for Indian women

- The Indian women have played only 10 Tests in this century, the last of them back in November 2014.
- After BCCI took over women's cricket in 2006, the Indian women have played only four Tests in 15 years.
- India played only two Tests in the 2010s.

decade. Six of them were part of the Ashes series between England and Australia.

England and India have not faced off against each other since 2014, when India won at

Wormsley. It was confirmed today that India and England women will face each other in the format again with a four-day fixture in Bristol from June 16. — Agencies

MADRID Real captain Ramos tests positive for Covid

Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos has tested positive for Covid-19.

MONACO Medvedev positive a day after practice with Rafa

World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev of Russia has tested positive for Covid-19 and has been withdrawn from this week's Monte Carlo Masters. The ATP yester-

day had posted a video of Medvedev's practice session with Rafael Nadal. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

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HYDERABAD VS BANGALORE

STAR SPORTS 7:30PM

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

LIVERPOOL VS REAL MADRID

DORTMUND VS MAN CITY

00:30AM (THURSDAY)

SONY TEN

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE



Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, PANCHKULA	RE-INVITING OF TENDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MALARIA OFFICE BUILDING AT SECTOR 6, PANCHKULA	13.04.2021 29.04.2021	367.17 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eepd-panchkula@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, GURUGRAM	CONSTRUCTION OF UHC WITH RESIDENTIAL HOUSES AT MEOLA MAHARAJPUR IN DISTRICT FARIDABAD (C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 10216 DATED 07/06/2015) (PDG. 3 NO. LIFTS) + 3 OTHER WORKS	08.04.2021 21.04.2021	71.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0124-2320874 pwd-eepd-gurgaon@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, PALWAL	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM HATHIN TO FIROZPUR RAJPUT FROM RD 0.34 TO 1.08 KM (UNDER CM ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 25295 DATED 23.02.2020) IN HATHIN CONSTITUENCY IN PALWAL DISTT. + 8 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 26.04.2021	1124.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eepd-palwal@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, CHARKHI DADRI	WDG & STG. OF DWARKA TO KARI MELA VIA DAMDHA ROAD FROM KM 0 TO 6.85 (ROAD ID 2418, 2422, 2432) OF BADHRA CONSTITUENCY IN PROVINCIAL DIVISION PWD B&R, CH. DADRI IN DADRI DISTT. + 2 OTHER WORKS	09.04.2021 03.05.2021	334.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xensampla@gmail.com
5	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS IN SDO CIVIL COMPLEX AT BARWALA IN DISTT. HISAR (PDG. 1 NO. LIFT ONLY) + 2 OTHER WORKS	15.04.2021 29.04.2021	39.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	pwd-eepd-hissar@hry.nic.in
6	PWD B&R, SIRSA	STRENGTHENING OF CHACK BANI TO FAGGU (VT) (ROAD ID 5685) IN KM. 9.00 TO 12.00, 10.90 TO 11.90, 14.32 TO 14.48 AND PC IN KM. 8.00 TO 9.00 TO 10.90, 11.90 TO 14.32, 14.48 TO 15.50 IN SIRSA DISTT. + 8 OTHER WORKS	12.04.2021 26.04.2021	1910.85 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666220530 pwd-eepd-sirsa@hry.nic.in
7	PWD B&R, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 10' SPAN SLAB TYPE CULVERT ON NILOKHHERI KARSA DHAN ROAD (SH-33) (ROAD ID 7407) IN KARNAL DISTRICT	13.04.2021 28.04.2021	9.63 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0184-2251029 pwd-eepd-karnal@hry.nic.in
8	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, BHAWANI	DNT FOR THE WORK:- SHIFTING OF WATER SUPPLY PIPE LINE FROM HANSI ROAD TO TOSHAN BYE PASS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE IN EXISTING LC NO. 54A BHAWANI. "LAYING OF DI PIPE LINE 200MM AND 300MM, TAKING OUT EXISTING PIPE LINE AND LIFTING AND STACKING INTO STORE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO" (DEPOSIT WORK)	CLOSING DATE 19.04.2021	1.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-242002 ee2bhawani@gmail.com
9	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, KAITHAL	CHHOTI- UPDATING/RENOVATION OF EXISTING CANAL BASED WATER SUPPLY SCHEME AND PROVIDING FHTC "LAYING OF 100MM ID DI PIPELINE, CONSTRUCTION OF SLUICE VALVE HOUSINGS INCLUDING 249 NOS. FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTIONS TO HOUSEHOLD & 5 NO. HOUSE HOLD TAP CONNECTION FOR GOVT. BUILDING AND ALL OTHER WORK CONTINGENT THERETO" + 12 OTHER WORKS	12.04.2021 27.04.2021	167.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746222250 eekaithal@gmail.com
10	PANCHAYAT RAJ, REWARI	CONST. OF 6 NOS LINK ROAD AT VARIOUS VILLAGE BLOCK KHAL BAWAL AND REWARI, DISTT. REWARI	16.04.2021 22.04.2021	132.68 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	prexeeng.rwr@hry.gov.in
11	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, HISAR	SUPPLY & COMMISSIONING OF 9 NO. V.T. PUMP (5 CS.) & 2 NO. V.T. PUMPS (10 CS.) AND THEIR ALLIED ACCESSORIES IN REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING OLD MACHINERY AT TEMP. (SITES) PH IN BWS (M) S/D SIRSA IN DISTRICT SIRSA + 3 OTHER WORKS	13.04.2021 20.04.2021	548.50 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662239534 xenwsdmechsr@gmail.com
12	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, JIND	JUNGLE CLEARANCE AND SURFACE DRESSING OF BASS PADANA DRAIN FROM RD 0 TO 49900 + 15 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 26.04.2021	43.14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9464040970 xenwsjd@gmail.com
13	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	AMENDED ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGED LINING OF RITAULI PUMP HOUSE LINK DRAIN FROM RD 400 TO 200 + 1 OTHER WORK	22.04.2021	8.02 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xensampla@gmail.com
14	HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT, SIRSA	SUPPLY OF ARROW DRIPPER WITH ALL ACCESSORIES AT CEF MANGIANA (SIRSA)	12.04.2021 22.04.2021	20000/-	www.hortharyana@gmail.com	7015061009 ddhcf@gmail.com

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India to have normal monsoon this year

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Punjab, Haryana may witness rain deficit

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
For 2021, private forecaster Skymet Weather has predicted "normal" monsoon rains for the country at 103 per cent (907 mm) of the Long Period Average (LPA) rains this year. The rains will be "normal", ending in the upper half of the normal range, the spread being 96-104% of LPA, said Skymet president GP Sharma.

The prediction comes with an error margin of 5 per cent.

While most parts of the country are expected to see "normal" rains, some parts of plains of the northwest (Rajasthan, Punjab, and Haryana) and eastern parts may witness "some deficiency" during the season. In terms of geographical risk, plains of North India along with few parts of the Northeast are likely to be at risk of being rain deficient through the season, the Skymet said.

However, September is expected to bring "above-normal" rains (116 percent of the LPA) in most parts of the country, including the Northwest. Mahesh Palawat of Skymet Weather said the monsoon usually reaches Northwest around June-end. In those terms, June is generally dry apart from some pre-monsoon build-up.

"Last year, while Punjab reported rain surplus, Haryana recorded deficient rainfall. This year, the two states may report some deficiency between 10 to 15 per cent in July and August. However, September seems to be rain surplus," Palawat said.

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday held extensive talks with his French counterpart Jean-Yves Le Drian, covering all aspects of the bilateral strategic ties as well as regional and global challenges.

The French minister arrived here on Monday evening on a three-day visit to explore ways to further boost cooperation between the two countries, including in the Indo-Pacific region.

After the talks, Jaishankar said India and France would advance their shared post-Covid agenda through "close collaboration".

"A comfortable, substantive and productive discussion with FM @JY_LeDrian. India and France will advance their shared post-Covid agenda through close collaboration," he tweeted.

French ambassador Emmanuel Lenain described



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the meeting as "excellent".

"Excellent meeting. The ministers discussed all aspects of the bilateral strategic partnership, regional & global challenges and coop-

eration at the UNSC," Lenain said in a tweet.

On Monday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the visit by the French Foreign Minister would pave the way for further strengthening of bilateral partnership across trade, defence, climate, migration and mobility, education and health sectors in the post-Covid context.

The French embassy said Le Drian was undertaking the visit to strengthen the strategic ties between France and India, boost cooperation in several fields, particularly the Indo-Pacific.

The defence and security ties between India and France are on an upswing in the last few years.

India had signed an inter-governmental agreement with France in September 2016 for procurement of 36 Rafale fighter jets at a cost of around Rs 58,000 crore. — PTI



Home Minister Amit Shah during a rally in Darjeeling on Tuesday.

Mamata to meet poll violence victims today

KOLKATA, APRIL 13
West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will on Wednesday meet those who were injured in firing by central forces at Sitalkuchi in Cooch Behar district on April 10. While four persons, all belonging to a minority community, died in the firing, four others had sustained injuries. They are undergoing treatment at Mathabhanga in Cooch Behar district.

He said Mamata called him and Modi outsiders, but it was her party that depended on votes from illegal immigrants. "Am I an outsider? Am I not a citizen of the country? Didi calls the country's PM an outsider," Shah said at a poll rally at this tea garden town in the Dooars area of Jalpaiguri district. — TNS/PTI

dra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said it was the Trinamool Congress, Left and the Congress which had to depend on outsiders.

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Amid surge, govt may rethink CBSE exams

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the government may consider rescheduling Class X and XII board exams, which are slated to begin on May 4, amid rising Covid cases.

There has been a demand for rescheduling/postponing exams by students, parents and teachers. "While there are no plans to cancel or have online exams, discussions are



Demand for rescheduling

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being held on rescheduling the dates," said an official.

"No decision has been taken so far. In case of any change, students will be informed well in advance," he said, adding the Ministry of Educa-

tion was monitoring the situation and was in touch with the CBSE. "The safety of students and teachers will not be compromised," he said.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has also appealed to

the CBSE to cancel the board exams. "Around six lakh children will write these exams and one lakh teachers will be on duty. Examination centres can become hotspots. The health and well-being of children is very important. I appeal to the CBSE to cancel the exams. Some other method of evaluation can be considered, such as online exams or internal assessment. Many countries have cancelled exams; some Indian states have done it too," Kejriwal said.

NATO for strong ties with India

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
NATO is keen on a closer relationship with India, said its Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg during a virtual address at the Raisina Dialogue that began here on Tuesday.

NATO has already formalised a strong partnership with South Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand in the Indo-Pacific region. It can also work more closely with countries like India, a like-minded democracy, sharing the same values and standing up for the rules-based order," he suggested. NATO

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We want to engage even more closely with our friends and partners around the world.

Jens Stoltenberg, NATO CHIEF

has a formal dialogue mechanism with its strategic adversaries, Russia and China, but not with India. The NATO Secretary General suggested that a formalised dialogue structure could be the first step. "It's never

too late to deepen dialogue and work more closely with India to strengthen the cooperation between India and NATO," he said. NATO and China have had an annual military dialogue since 2010. It was interrupted in 2016 due to the restructuring in the Chinese armed forces and the terror attacks in Brussels.

Stoltenberg had made observations about strengthening ties with "like minded democracies" during US Secretary of State Tony Blinken's first visit to Brussels last month. — TNS

Republican Senator for CAATSA waiver to India

WASHINGTON, APRIL 13

A top Republican Senator has urged the Biden administration to give CAATSA waiver to India, saying any plan to impose sanctions on New Delhi for buying Russian S-400 missile defence system would undermine its relationship with the US and also affect the QUAD's ability to counter China. Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act or CAATSA is a tough US law which authorises ends on various dates in March next year. — PTI

impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia.

Senator Todd Young, a key member of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wrote in the Foreign Policy magazine that if the Biden administration imposed sanctions on India, it would not deter New Delhi's purchase of the S-400 missile system from Russia, but would weaken two strategic fronts at a critical time — undermine Washington's relationship with India. — PTI

SC to states: Furnish data on migrant kids, their condition

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13
The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed all states to furnish data on migrant children, their condition along with details of benefits extended to them during the pandemic.

Acting on a PIL seeking directions to the state governments for the protection of their fundamental rights during the pandemic, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde asked all states to file their affidavits.

The petitioners contended that the lockdown had resulted in tremendous hardship for migrant children and till date there had been no assessment of the exact numbers of migrant children, infants and pregnant or lactating migrant women and their needs. The PIL sought directions to map,

Taking exception to high courts passing orders staying arrest and coercive action against accused in cognisable offences in a routine manner, the SC on Tuesday asked them not to issue such orders during pendency of investigation. — TNS

enumerate and register the number of infants and children of migrant families at various work sites and centres of concentration of migrant families with the help of local authorities at the panchayat and ward offices through frontline workers.

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US backs India's request to extradite Rana

WASHINGTON, APRIL 13

The Biden administration, in a fresh submission before a US court, has reiterated its support to India's request for the extradition of Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman Tahawwur Rana, who is sought for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

US District Court Judge in Los Angeles Jacqueline Chooijian on Monday received the latest set of submissions from the US Government attorney in the case. The judge has scheduled an in-person extradition hearing of Rana to India for June 24.

In the submission, along with an attached memorandum, Assistant US Attorney John J Lulejian, made a declaration in support of the "United States' Surrebuttal in Support of its Request for Certification of Extradition." Lulejian reiterated that 59-year-old Rana's extradition to India was as per the India-US extradition treaty.

As per the India-US Extradition Treaty, the Indian government has requested the formal extradition of Rana, and the United States has initiated this extradition proceeding. — PTI

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6	M.C., ISMAILABAD	CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR OF VARIOUS STREET, DRAINS SITUATED IN WARD NO. 1 TO 13 AND 3 OTHER WORKS	12.04.2021 19.04.2021	FOR SOCIETY - 9837/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	secy.mcmismailabad@gmail.com
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