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## Centre clears ₹23K-cr Covid package to boost health infra as third wave looms




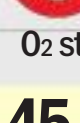
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NEW DELHI, JULY 8

The revamped Union Cabinet, in its first meeting on Thursday, approved Rs 23,123 crore Covid-19 emergency response package to boost health infrastructure and paediatric care across all 736 districts in the wake of a possible third wave.

The package will be implemented by the Centre and states till March 2022, in a financial sharing pattern of Rs 15,000 crore and Rs 8,123 crore, respectively.

The aim is to add 2.4 lakh medical beds and 20,000 ICU facilities with a special focus on paediatric care, add 8,800 ambulances, help states maintain a testing capacity of 21.5 lakh a day and install

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	<b>2.4 lakh</b> medical beds
	<b>20,000</b> ICU facilities
	<b>8,800</b> new ambulances
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02 storage tanks in all districts	
<b>45,892 FRESH CASES</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b> 4,05,028	<b>ACTIVE CASES</b> 4,60,704
<b>817 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS</b>	

medical oxygen storage tanks with gas pipelines in every district. Health Minister Manukh Mandaviya said the



Union Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur and Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar address the media in New Delhi on Thursday. PM

**GLOBAL CASES RISE AFTER 7-WEEK FALL, DEATHS TOP 4MN**

**New Delhi:** After a decline in newly reported cases for seven consecutive weeks globally, there has been an increase in new weekly cases in the past fortnight with over 2.6 million cases reported last week, the WHO said in its weekly update. **BACK PAGE**

**CROWDING VISUALS SHOULD INSTIL FEAR, COVID FIGHT NOT OVER YET: PM**

package would accelerate preparedness to improve Covid response. "The aim is early prevention, detection and

management and infrastructure development, including for paediatric care," he said. The plan will support cen-

### APMCs can now use ₹1L cr agri infra fund

**NEW DELHI:** APMC mandis will now be eligible to avail financial support from the Rs 1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund to provide better facilities to farmers, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said on Thursday. He made a fresh appeal to farm unions to resume talks on the provisions of the three new farm laws. He said neither APMCs would be "weakened nor MSP withdrawn" with the implementation of the three agriculture laws. — TNS



**FUELLING PROTEST:** BKU leader Rakesh Tikait leads a protest against fuel price hike at Ghazipur. PM

## French court lets Cairn seize 20 Indian assets

No notice, ascertaining facts: Govt

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

A French court has reportedly allowed Britain's Cairn Energy to seize 20 Indian Government properties in Paris to recover an arbitration award of \$1.7 billion (over Rs 12,600 crore) even as the Finance Ministry here said it had not received any notice in this regard and was trying to ascertain facts.

The French court had agreed to an application by Cairn to seize the residential real estate owned by India in central Paris. The legal formalities were completed on Wednesday, said French media reports.

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### ROW OVER TAX

- In January 2014, Cairn received ₹10,247 crore tax demand notice over group's reorganisation done in 2006
- The government claimed Cairn made a capital gain of ₹24,503 crore in the process
- Cairn launched an international arbitration to challenge the retrospective taxation
- It was awarded ₹8,800 cr plus costs in damages from govt

## Abide by Indian rules: IT minister

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Newly sworn-in Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who took charge today, said those living and working in India would have to abide by the rules of the country. His statement comes in the backdrop of the Centre's standoff with Twitter over the new IT rules.

The Delhi HC, meanwhile, told the Centre it was free to take action against Twitter in case of breach of IT rules.

— TNS

**ASHWINI VAISHNAW**

**NO PROTECTION FOR BREACH OF RULES: DELHI HC TO TWITTER**



## End of an era, 6-time CM Virbhadr passes away

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SHIMLA, JULY 8

The passing away of former Himachal Chief Minister Virbhadr Singh (87) today has not only marked the end of an era but also left a big vacuum in the Congress, as the party was synonymous with the veteran leader in the hill state.

A six-time CM, nine-time legislator and five-term MP, Virbhadr breathed his last at the Indira Gandhi Medical College here at 3.40 am today after almost a three-month-long battle against

An able administrator, 'Raja Sahib' devoted six decades to public life

Covid. Despite having recovered from Covid twice, his condition deteriorated on July 5, when he had to be put on a ventilator. He will be cremated at his native place Rampur on July 10.

Despite his frail health and age-related issues, the Congress was still banking on him as the star campaigner

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## In jail for 14-22 yrs, 13 Agra inmates get bail

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NEW DELHI, JULY 8

The Supreme Court today granted interim bail to 13 prisoners languishing in an Agra jail for 14 to 22 years even after it was established that they were juveniles at the time of commission of offence.

A Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee ordered the release of the 13 prisoners after senior advocate Garima Prashad, representing the UP Government, said interim bail might be granted to them. She, however, said the facts needed to be verified.

They were convicted by trial courts and in many cases their conviction was upheld by the Allahabad High Court. The petitioners moved the top court after the fact about their juvenility at the time of crime came to light via a PIL.

Petitioners' advocate Rishi Malhotra told the Bench that it was a case of illegal detention. Earlier, the top court

### WERE JUVENILES AT TIME OF OFFENCE

- The inmates remained in jail even after it was established that they were juveniles at the time of committing the offence
- The maximum imprisonment for juveniles under the Juvenile Justice Act is three years and that too in juvenile homes



had on July 1 issued notice to the Uttar Pradesh Government in the matter asking it to explain why these prisoners were still in jail.

According to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, the maximum imprisonment for juveniles is three years and that too in juvenile homes.

## Hold officers accountable for power crisis, says Coop Minister

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Even as Punjab Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa questioned the role of the bureaucracy in "perpetuating" the power crisis in the state, Ludhiana MP Manish Tewari, CM Amarinder Singh's confidant, today took on former minister Navjot Singh Sidhu over his barbs against his own government.

Randhawa, in a letter to the CM, said the officers must be held accountable for failure to anticipate the impending crisis. He said power consumption had risen from 10,155 MW in 2014-15 to

Top brass must take note if someone runs agenda through Twitter, says Tewari



Sukhjinder Randhawa

13,148 MW in 2021-22. But the PSPCL had made no arrangements to fill the demand and supply gap.

He pointed out that the 440

MW Bathinda and Ropar thermal plants were shut despite stiff opposition by engineers. "The Lehragaga thermal plant was closed on June 23 while one unit of the Talwandi Sabo plant was shut on March 8," he wrote, urging the CM to renegotiate or cancel the power purchase agreements with these plants.

Taking a dig at Sidhu, Tewari said: "If someone has an agenda and wants to run it through Twitter or another medium, then the high command should take it seriously." The CM returned from Delhi on Wednesday after meeting party chief Sonia Gandhi.

### IN BRIEF

#### Paper scam: 29 Punsub employees lose job

**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab Government has terminated the services of 29 Punsub employees in a 2015 recruitment paper leak scam. **INSIDE**

#### ED questions NCP's Khadse in PMLA case

**NEW DELHI:** The ED on Thursday grilled NCP leader Eknath Khadse in a PMLA case related to 2016 Pune land deal. — TNS

#### Don't allow anti-India propaganda, OIC told

**NEW DELHI:** India has asked the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) not to let vested interests like Pakistan use it for anti-India propaganda. — TNS

## Kashmir valley on the edge of economic despair

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SRINAGAR, JULY 8

A 35-year-old taxi owner was forced to sell two of his three vehicles to feed his family of seven members because the last two years have brought practically no business to him. For want of tourists, many

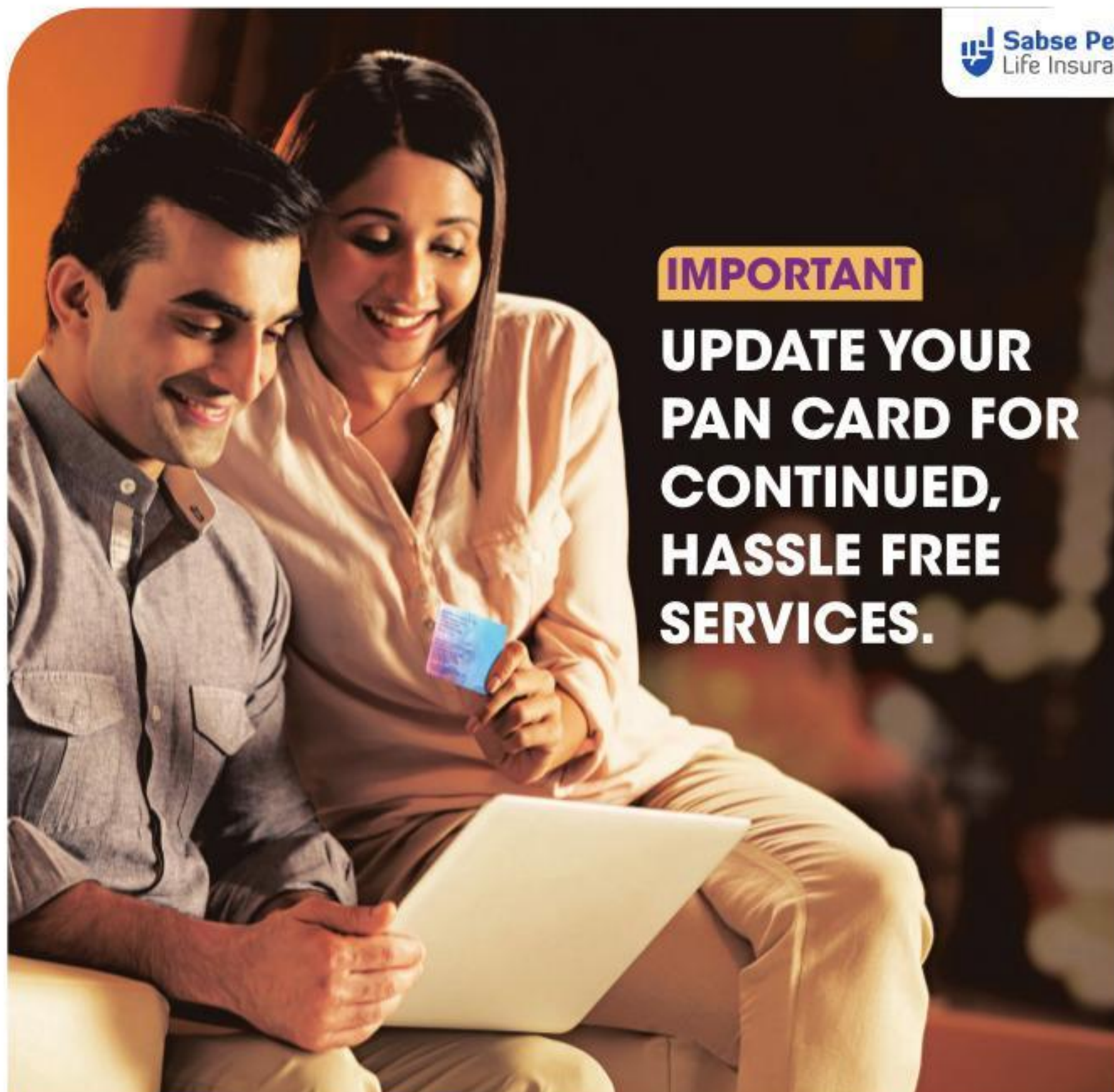


Lockdown has dealt a blow to the already-distressed sectors

taxi drivers are forced to work as labourers or sell vegetables, fruit or trinkets to make ends meet. A shikara owner switched over to selling vegetables because nobody was visiting Kashmir and an IT specialist lost his job because Internet connections stood snapped after the

J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, came into force. These aren't stray stories but are reflective of the crumbling economy of Kashmir over the last two years. After repeated lockdowns, no home has remained untouched — be it over the

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# 400 MW bought at ₹12.40/unit

**POWER CRISIS** ₹550 cr spent on purchasing electricity this season

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**PATIALA, JULY 8**  
As the power demand continued to surge across the state today, the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) purchased 400 MW from the open market at a staggering Rs 12.40 per unit, one of the highest rates in recent times.

Punjab has already purchased Rs 550 crore worth of electricity to meet a massive shortfall in supply to consumers, including industry and agriculture sector feeders.

Senior PSPCL officials said the powercom was buying around Rs 12-25 crore worth of power every day from outside. "This means around 550 crore of power has already been purchased this season, but the demand is still more than the supply and the industrial sector is facing a forced power shutdown till July 11," said an official.

PSPCL CMD A Venu Prasad said the state was witnessing an all-time high power demand during the ongoing paddy season amid delayed arrival of monsoon. "Power availability is also on the lower side this season due to low dam reservoir levels,



₹5,700 CR GIVEN TO FIRMS FOR NO POWER

■ The PSPCL has paid ₹20,000 crore as fixed charges to three private thermal plants installed during SAD-BJP regime. Of these, ₹5,700 crore have been paid without getting any power

■ There is no provision in the PPA for penalty if they do not supply power even for a long period during the peak summer/paddy season, says a PSPCL official, adding the only hope now is arrival of monsoon

## EXPERTS DIFFER

■ A former chief engineer said hydel generation was low by 100-125 MW, not 600 MW, as PSPCL's own as well as national plants were generating at normal capacity

■ "Only BBMB's generation is less by 125 MW. Moreover, the dams' levels were already known well in advance. The fact that Tata Mundra (Gujarat) thermal plant is supplying 200 MW less is not being highlighted," he said

resulting in a drop in hydro-power generation by 600 MW. Already a unit of Talwandi Sabo Power Ltd (TSPL) has been shut due to a turbine breakdown, while another unit has developed a snag. Another is operating at half its capacity due to some technical issue. This has resulted in a shortfall of 2,200 MW," he said. In addition to the existing arrangements, the PSPCL purchased 400 MW of extra power from the open market at Rs 12.40 per unit on July 8. "A total 1,400 MW power was purchased on Thursday at an exchange rate of 5.46 per unit," said Prasad.

In a relief, however, on the request of the state government, the National Load Dispatch Centre has agreed to enhance the transmission limit to 8,000/8,600 MW from 6 pm till 9 am due to the outage of TSPL units. Last year, the import limit was 6,500 MW. The PSPCL is utilising this limit by drawing maximum possible power to improve the supply.

The installed capacity of the PSPCL from all sources is 13,845 MW, of which 9,000 MW is currently being generated. A key reason for lower generation was the failure of TSPL units.

# Govt may scrap 5 of 122 PPAs

## Plea filed to terminate/re-negotiate three pacts

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**CHANDIGARH, JULY 8**  
The government has begun the process to terminate/re-negotiate five Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) — two made by the previous Akali-BJP government with private entities and three with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) supplying costly power to the state.

The high cost of power supplied by private entities and other power trading entities to the now power-starved state has raised a political storm, with growing demand to scrap these agreements.



INKED WITH PVT ENTITIES, NTPC

■ Two of the five PPAs being examined to be scrapped/re-negotiated were signed with GVK Power and Damodar Valley Corporation by the SAD-BJP government

■ The other three PPAs were signed with NTPC for which the state is paying ₹150 crore per annum without getting any power as the per unit cost from these plants is very high

state was paying Rs 150 crore per annum to NTPC for getting power from its plants at Antia, Aurya and Dadri.

The charges were being paid without getting any power from these plants for many years now as the per unit cost of power from these plants was very high. Confirming this, A Venu Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, Power, said the scrapping of these three PPAs would be of huge benefit to the state.

While two of these three PPAs were signed 25 years ago, the third was signed 24 years ago.

A meeting to examine all legal angles, before the PPAs with GVK Power and DVC can be scrapped/re-negotiated, was held today in the Chief Minis-

ter's Office (CMO).

Sources told *The Tribune* that after debating on how to proceed with the termination/re-negotiation of the five agreements, it was decided that the two PPAs with GVK and DVC be immediately sent for examination to the Advocate General's Office, where the legal officers can then move forward to terminate/re-negotiate the pacts.

It may be mentioned that five of the 122 PPAs are at the heart of the controversy regarding buying of expensive power when cheaper alternatives are available, as the other 117 are related to buying of solar, wind, biomass power and power generating from cogeneration plants set up by sugar mills.

**PATIALA/BATHINDA, JULY 8**  
On a call given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, farmers held protests against the central government over the hike in the prices of petrol, diesel and gas cylinders across the state on Thursday.

Carrying gas cylinders on their shoulders with banners of farm unions in their hands, the protesters gathered at Samana, Patran, Patiala (urban), Patiala (rural), Nabha and Sanaur in Patiala district against the hike in prices.

A farmer said, "We have gathered outside the office of the district administrative complex in Patiala in protest against excessive hike in the prices of commodities. We parked our vehicles on roadsides without obstructing the traffic." Ranjit Singh Swajpur, Patiala president of the BKU (Krantikari), said, "The cen-

# Advantage Cong, but far from done deal

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**AMRITSAR, JULY 8**  
The traditionally Panthic belt of Majha gave the Congress a near-sweep of 22 out of a total of 25 seats in the 2017 Vidhan Sabha elections. Going into the 2022 polls, though, the ruling party is saddled with anti-incumbency, unfulfilled poll promises and dissension, exemplified by Amritsar (East) MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu's open and relentless attacks against the Capt Amarinder Singh government.

According to the 2011 Census, Sikhs make up 68.94 per cent of the population of Amritsar district, and 93 per cent of Tarn Taran district. In 2017, the Congress rode to power on the back of rural and Panthic Sikh votes, as the electorate sided with it while shunning the Shiromani Akali Dal mainly over the controversial exoneration of the Dera Sacha Sauda chief, followed by the Bargari sacrilege and firing in 2015. The rural belt, which was once SAD's main base, favoured the Congress, which won five of the six seats in Amritsar. Four seats with a large Sikh presence in Gurdaspur, too, had gone to the Congress. In Tarn Taran district, which has the highest Sikh population percentage in the state, all four seats went to the Congress.

If there are rumblings of discontent within the Congress, unrest is brewing in SAD's Tarn Taran unit, with heavyweights Virsa Singh Valtola, a two-time former Khem Karan MLA, and party chief Sukhbir Badal's brother-in-law Adesh Partap Singh Kairon, a four-time MLA from Patti, both eyeing the Khem Karan seat. Kairon, in fact, has staked claim from all four seats of Tarn Taran.

In Gurdaspur, the Con-



Majha belt has seen a series of protests by parties in recent past. FILE

SIKHS DOMINANT FORCE	
68.9%	93%
AMRITSAR	TARN TARAN
2011 CENSUS	
SEAT SHARE	
Total seats	25
Congress	22
Akali Dal	2
BJP	1
AAP	0

## RIFT BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION

“The Congress' internal differences are being blown out of proportion, but I agree not fulfilling poll promises can backfire. Time is short and we need to make amends.”

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, CABINET MINISTER

## DOORS OPEN FOR FARMERS

“The BJP has opened its doors for negotiation on farm laws, made possible the Kartarpur corridor, and also ensured GST rebate on langar. People will give their approval to these steps.”

Shwait Malik, BJP RAJYA SABHA MEMBER

Cong's hollow promises will prove to be last nail in the coffin—BIKRAM MAJITHIA, SAD

gress stands on a slippery wicket in Fatehgarh Churian, won by Tript Rajinder Bajwa in 2017 with a slender margin of 1,200 votes. He has shifted his focus to Batala and got a mayor of his choice appointed. However, following former MLA Ashwani Sekhri expressing displeasure, it would be difficult for the Congress to ignore his claim for candidature from there.

All eyes are also on former MP Partap Singh Bajwa, who may not be averse to contesting Assembly polls, perhaps from Gurdaspur. In Qadian, his brother Fatehjang Singh Bajwa is the sitting MLA.

Fledgling panthic parties comprising the 'rebel Taksali Akalis' under the umbrella of SAD (United) are trying to forge an alliance, but Akali Dal's breakout factions led by former MP from Khadoor Sahib Ranjit Singh

Brahmpura could at best make a dent in the parent party's vote share. Questions are also being raised on how well alliance partner BSP could compensate the SAD with the Dalit votes, given the large numbers of Mazhabi Sikhs in Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Gurdaspur. BSP's vote share was a mere 5 per cent in 2017 and it has no base to talk about in Majha.

BJP president Ashwani Sharma has announced that the party will contest all 117 seats, but its handling of the farmers' protests could prove to be a big dampener. Adding to its problems, former minister Anil Joshi has been critical of the party's "anti-Punjab" moves. "We could not address Punjab's grievances at an appropriate level. People will reply," he says. He is believed to be at loggerheads with former state

head Shwait Malik, who it is believed is keen on contesting from Joshi's constituency. The Aam Aadmi Party, which could not open its account in Majha in 2017, is still struggling to establish a foothold. A notable addition to the ranks is former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, who led the sacrilege investigations. AAP's state joint secretary Ashok Talwar sees the Congress as the main opponent. Dr Jagroop Singh Sekhon, Head, Department of Political Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, says the Congress is at an advantageous position "as its main opponent SAD has been so discredited for manoeuvring issues for political gains during their tenure, that it would be difficult for them to bounce back".

Public welfare issues rather than Panthic matters are likely to affect the vote trend this time, attributed also to the pandemic's fallout on the economy.

# Protests against fuel price hike across state



Farmers protest inflation in Bathinda on Thursday. PAWAN SHARMA

## TWO DEBT-RIDDEN FARMERS KILL SELF

■ A 36-year-old farmer allegedly died by hanging himself in the fields at Mahuana village in Muktsar on Thursday. The deceased, Baljit Singh, was reportedly under a huge debt

■ In Sangrur, Balkar, a 35-year-old debt-ridden farmer, allegedly ended his life by consuming a poisonous substance at Bhutal Kalan village

tral government, with legislation such as the three farm laws, is working in the interest of corporate houses. People are getting poor as they have been rendered jobless." In Fatehgarh Sahib, farmers led by local SKM leaders protested by making human chains on the GT road in

Sirhind, Mandi Gobindgarh, Amlah, Bassi Pathana and Khamano towns. Similar protests were held in Bathinda and Mansa districts. Farmers from the BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) gathered at main roads in different locations on tractors, motorcycles, cars and jeeps

and raised slogans against the Union Government. Harjinder Singh, a leader of the union, said, "With barely any control by the government, private companies are increasing the rates of petrol, diesel and gas cylinders time and again. Income sources of common man have shrunk

after lockdowns were imposed but the government, instead of providing any relief, has resorted to hiking prices of petrol, diesel and other essential commodities thereby burdening people financially." In Abohar, farm unions organised protests on the Abohar-Malout stretch of the NH-10 and Khuyiansarwar on NH-15 and slammed the central government for the unabated increase in the prices of LPG and other petroleum products. In Amritsar district, farmers parked their tractors, cars, two-wheelers, combine harvesters and other agricultural implements on roadsides at Rayya, Mehta, Manawala, Nawa Pind, Kathunagal, Majitha, Attari, Ajnala, Chogawan, India Gate, Golden Gate and other places as a mark of protest. — TNS

# Vivadon Ka Samadhaan

## Scheme for Loanees of HFC

Scheme Closes on 30.11.2021

Introduction of New One-Time Settlement Schemes for Settlement of Non Performing Assets of HFC

**Policy for Compromise Settlement of Chronic Non-Performing Assets (Doubtful Loan Accounts) of HFC-2021**

- Complete waiver of Misc. Expenses incurred against respective accounts in cases up to Rs. 25 lakh
- Additional interest rebate shall be provided for early full payment of OTS amount in cases above Rs. 25 lakh

**Policy for Compromise Settlement of Loss Accounts of HFC-2021**

- Complete waiver of Misc. Expenses incurred against respective accounts.

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# HC puts judicial officer on notice

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**CHANDIGARH, JULY 8**  
The Punjab and Haryana High Court today placed its own judicial officer in the dock by issuing a show-cause contempt notice.

Justice Rajbir Sehrawat issued the notice after the Bench was told the Amritsar-based judicial officer failed to comply with the HC orders on the issuance of warrants of arrest to witnesses not appearing in the trial court.

Justice Sehrawat was hearing a petition filed against the state of Punjab and other respondents by Tara Singh through counsel Vivek K Thakur. The Bench, on the previous date of hearing, was told only three out of 33 prosecution witnesses had been examined so far in a criminal matter.

## Had failed to comply with court orders



Taking up the matter, Justice Sehrawat had directed the prosecution to produce all witnesses summoned by the trial court. It was further ordered the trial court would issue warrant of arrest against the witnesses not produced in the trial court on the next date of hearing. The Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, was also directed to ensure the warrants of arrest, if any, against such witnesses were executed within a week from issuance by the trial court.

# Joshi defiant, says did nothing wrong

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Served a show-cause notice by the BJP for 'anti-party' activities, former Cabinet minister Anil Joshi today said he had done nothing wrong by raising the voice for party workers.

In his reply, to be sent to the party later in the day, a defiant Joshi said he had merely questioned "indiscipline" in the party at a time when workers were being beaten up and humiliated on roads.

He said instead of him, the state leadership owed an answer as to how raising voice in support farmers and small traders was an anti-party activity?

He said he had neither spoken against the laws nor the Prime Minister. "I had only



Anil Joshi

asked for the Punjab BJP leadership to stand by farmers and apprise the Centre of people's sentiment in the state that they didn't want the laws," he said.

Party state secretary Shubhash Sharma, who signed the show-cause notice, said he hadn't received any reply from Joshi yet. The party had served the notice to Joshi for "indiscipline" and "anti-party" activities. — TNS



# 18 inspectors among 29 sacked

**PUNSUP PAPER LEAK** Kingpin charged ₹12 lakh from each aspirant in 2015

JUPINDERJIT SINGH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8  
The Capt Amarinder Singh government today terminated the services of 29 employees of Punsup whose names had figured in the Punjab recruitment paper leak scam of 2015 conducted during the SAD-BJP rule.

Those terminated are 18 inspectors-grade 1 and 2, and 11 senior assistants/accountants. The Vigilance Bureau had booked 33 employees in 2016 for using unfair means. Of those, three quit service while the decision is pending in the case of the fourth employee.

These employees had allegedly bought the paper through Guru Ji, alias Sanjay Srivastava, of Bihar. Srivastava was arrested by the Chandigarh Police in 2017. He was allegedly

## TAINTED EMPLOYEES GOT PLUM POSTINGS

■ The Vigilance Bureau booked 33 employees in 2016 for using unfair means to pass the exam. They allegedly bought paper through Guru Ji, alias Sanjay Srivastava, who was arrested in 2017



■ Capt Amarinder Singh first ordered termination of services in 2017, but legal course was not followed, allowing them relief. *The Tribune* later exposed how the tainted employees got plum postings

involved in recruitment scams across various states. He allegedly sold paper to several candidates for Punsup posts and organised special classes before the exam in Lucknow where candidates memorised the questions and answers.

The issue had been hanging fire since 2017, when CM Capt Amarinder Singh first ordered ending of their services. Sources said the CM in his noting on the file of tainted employees in May 2017

ordered their services to be dispensed with after following due legal course. However, the legal course was not followed due to which the employees got a relief and managed to continue their services. *The Tribune* had exposed how the tainted employees even got plum postings in the department.

They got field postings for wheat procurement, whereas the rules said they could only do office job till the inquiry was finalised. Following the

reports, the plum postings were withdrawn. The Congress government has been drawing flak over inaction against alleged corruption in different departments during the SAD-BJP rule.

Sources said Punsup managing director Dilraj Singh re-started the process of deciding the case of these employees in November last year. He issued the orders to dispense with the services of the employees today.

In February 2016, the Vigilance Bureau began investigation in the case. Interestingly, then CM Parkash Singh Badal had ordered the Vigilance inquiry after a Malout-based man complained at a 'sangar darshan' that the exam paper for Punsup and other government departments was leaked for Rs 12 lakh.

## AAP seeks action against Capt in scholarship 'scam'

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8  
Slamming the government over the alleged SC Post-Matric Scholarship scam, AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema said by not sending the probe report to the Centre, the government was shielding its "corrupt" ministers.

Cheema said the Centre should intervene and take action against Capt Amarinder Singh, his ministers Sadhu Singh Dharamsot, Manpreet Singh Badal and others.

He said the report submitted by Additional Chief Secretary Kirpa Shankar Saroj in August last year revealed that a scam of Rs 63.91 crore had come to light under Dharamsot. It was stated that while records pertaining to Rs 39 crore were missing, an amount of Rs 16.91 crore was paid to such institutions against whom the audit team had recommended recovery of Rs 8 crore, thus costing the state exchequer Rs 24.91 crore, he added. — TNS

## Naruana 'killer' linked to Bishnoi gang

Online post in suspect Manna's name claims responsibility

SUKHMEET BHASIN  
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BATHINDA, JULY 8  
A day after gangster-turned-activist Kulbir Naruana was shot at his home in Bathinda, the alleged involvement of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang has come to the fore.

A message purportedly in Naruana's former security guard and accused Manna Sandhu Talwandi's ID has been posted on the social media, claiming responsibility for the killing. In the post, it has been claimed that Manna was connected to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and was close to his Canada-based aide Goldy Brar, which annoyed Naruana. The victim supported a gang opposed to Manna over a land lease money issue and insulted the latter, leading to the killing, claims the post.

The post reads: "I take responsibility for Kulbir Naruana's murder. People are accusing me of backstabbing a friend. Every story has



Kulbir Naruana was shot at his home in Bathinda on Wednesday.

### PROBING MATTER

“A post from the account of accused Manna Sandhu Talwandi has been uploaded on social media, but he is in our custody. We are probing the matter.

Bhupinderjeet Singh Virk, SSP

two sides and I am telling mine. Kulbir invited me to his house alone under a conspiracy and insulted me in front of 10 people, who were my rivals. I could have just walked away or fought for my honour. I choose to fight.”

The post ends by saying: "I clarify that I am part of Lawrence Bishnoi group and have nothing to do with anyone else. I have killed Kulbir because of my personal enmity and not at the behest of anyone." The police said Manna, who was admitted to the Faridkot Medical College, would be questioned about the post. The police initially claimed the post might have been written by one of Manna's aides.

SSP Bhupinderjeet Singh Virk said: "It is in our notice that a post from accused Manna Sandhu Talwandi's account has been uploaded on the social media, but he is in our custody and is presently undergoing treatment at Faridkot Medical College. We are probing the matter."

The SSP said Manna was in touch with the Bishnoi group and the police were probing the matter. A Madhya Pradesh-made pistol was used in the crime and a probe was on to identify the supplier, he added.

## State tops urban sanitation chart

Barring one, all 162 ULBs equipped with facilities in public toilets

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 8  
In the outdoor defecation-free amenities category, Punjab has topped the country with 99.38 per cent of its urban local bodies (ULBs) sustaining public toilets with the basic required amenities.

Barring the Fatehgarh Churian ULB, all other 162 ULBs have been shortlisted to get the certification. When all the municipal bodies in the country had been declared open defecation free (ODF), the Centre started assessing the states on the higher order certification — ODF+ and ODF++.

In this process, 4,374 ULBs have been assessed recently by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for ODF Certification through the third party assessment. Across the

### INFRA MUST FOR ODF+, ODF++ CERTIFICATION

■ After achieving ODF status, the municipalities are assessed for ODF+ and ODF++ certification  
■ For certification of ODF+, ODF++, 10% and 25% of the total community/public toilets should be of aspirational category, respectively



■ These should have facilities such as availability of ventilator, dry floor, washbasin, 24X7 water supply, soap dispenser, disabled-friendly seat/ ramp, child-friendly urinals, sanitary vending/ disposal machine in women toilet, flashlight in the evening and feedback mechanism

country, 88.18 per cent ULBs have got the certification.

The process of certification involves third-party filed assessment for checking of open defecation, functionality of individual, public and community toilets and their status of maintenance. All toilets should be on Google maps and there should be no open defecation.

The success percentage was 88.89 in Uttarakhand,

81.60 in Haryana, 80 in Delhi, 75.4 in Himachal and 73.75 in Jammu and Kashmir.

The urban Punjab was declared ODF on October 2, 2018, when all ULBs had achieved the third-party certified ODF status, which became possible with triggering of people who did not have household toilets to build IHHLs, construction and use of community toilets and construction and proper maintenance of public toilets.

## Now, teachers of meritorious schools seek regular jobs

BATHINDA, JULY 8

On a call given by the Sanjha Adhyapak Morcha, members of the Meritorious Schools Teachers' Union staged a protest here, demanding regularisation. They raised slogans and burnt an effigy of the state government.

Kulwinder Singh, a union leader, said, "In 2014, the government, in its bid to provide quality education to meritorious students and those belonging to poor families, had established six meritorious schools. The number of schools has increased to 10 now. Teachers were recruited as per rules."

Rakesh Kumar, a teacher, said, "In 2018, when the government regularised the services of SSA/RMSA teachers, it gave an assurance to regularise teachers of meritorious schools also, but nothing has been done. — TNS

### BRIEFLY

**Takht gets complaint against CM Amritsar:** Akal Takht has received a complaint against the CM for 'failing' to accomplish the oath he took of wiping out drug menace prior to the 2017 polls. International Sant Samaj chief Shamsher Jaghera sought punishment for the CM. TNS

COVID METER

Cases	229
Critical	43
Active	1,927
Deaths	11

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Jalandhar	29	1
Patiala	26	0
Fazilka	17	0
Amritsar	16	2
Ludhiana	15	0
Total	5,97,195	16,157

## Grenade lobbed at house, no blast

Police say handiwork of Khalistan Liberation Force

SANGRUR, JULY 8

The Khanna police today recovered a live grenade from the terrace of the house of a US NRI in Hedike village of the district.

The grenade was allegedly thrown by Khalistan Liberation Force (KLF) members, who were arrested by the Khanna police three days ago, on June 24.

A team of the Khanna police, in a joint operation with the Sherpur police, recovered the grenade, which remained unexploded all these days.

Sangrur SSP Vivek Sheel Soni said during their interrogation the arrested KLF members told the police that they had thrown a grenade



Cops at Hedike village in Sangrur on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

at the rooftop of NRI Malkiat Singh, who had a dispute with his wife Jaspaljit Kaur, who stays in Manila.

"On June 24, we had also registered a case after the family of Malkiat informed us that some unidentified persons had fired at the main

gate of the house where his aged parents stay. Since Malkiat is in dispute with his wife, we are conducting thorough investigation from all angles," Soni said. At the time of filing the report, the police team was at the spot and inspecting the area. — TNS

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## COURT NOTICES

## (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

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

Suman Bala w/o Mukesh Kumar d/o Som Lal, Address: Village Phoolpur, Tehsil Distt. Jalandhar.

Versus Mukesh Kumar s/o Sat Pal Address: Village Hirapur, Post Office Helar, Tehsil Distt. Jalandhar presently at 125 SOHO ROAD, BIRMINGHA B21 9ST U.K.

Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce. CNR No.:

PBJL01-013978-2019 Next Date: 10.08.2021

Publication issued to:

Mukesh Kumar Father: Sat Pal Village Hirapur, Post Office Helar, Tehsil Distt. Jalandhar presently at 125 SOHO ROAD BIRMINGHA B21 9ST U.K.

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 10.08.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 04.06.2021. Sd/- Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.

CL21031229

## Civil Courts, Ludhiana.

In the Court of Sh. Sumit Makkar Additional Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Ludhiana.

Publication Notice in petition under the Indian Succession Act 1925.

CNR No.:

PBLD02-001966-2021

Next Date: 5.08.2021

Bachan Dass s/o Sh. Gian Chand H.No. B-1-213/59, Street No. 6-B, New Kundan Puri, Near Leesa Market, Civil Lines, Ludhiana.

(Petitioner)

Versus General Public and Another

Notice to:

General Public

Whereas the above named petitioner "Bachan Dass S/o Sh. Gian Chand" has filed petition for the grant of Succession Certificate regarding the assets left by the deceased Navyoti W/o Late Sh. Deepak Kumar d/o Sh. Som Pal who died on 19.11.2019, in this court.

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Dated, this day of 07.07.2021.

Sd/- Sumit Makkar, PCS, Addt. Civil Judge, (Senior Division), Ludhiana.

CL21031422

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**I, Ravi Kumar s/o Mangat Ram r/o # 678, Ph. II, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh** have changed my minor daughter's name from Vanshika to Vanshika Kumari. (CL21031072)

**I, Sahajveer Singh Dhillon s/o Salkhan Dhillon, r/o Majri Kishnewali (Fatehgarh Sahib),** have changed my name Sahajveer Singh. (CL21031140)

**It is submitted for information to the General Public** that I, Devi Charan Bansal s/o Jeet Ram, r/o # 1011, near main market, Sector 10, Panchkula, Haryana do hereby declare that I have disowned my son Aman Bansal and his wife Nancy Bansal from all my moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody who is dealing with him/her is at their own risk. (CL21031111)

**I, No. 4478508H L/Hav Nirmal Singh s/o Sh. Charanjeet Singh r/o VPO Dhapai, Distt. Gurdaspur (Pb.)** declares that in my Army records my wife Sukhbir Kaur's DoB wrongly entered as 15.09.1986. But her correct DoB is 15.11.1983. Please note. (CL21031402)

## COURT NOTICES

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Ashish Kumar Bansal Civil Judge (Senior Division), Fatehgarh Sahib. Mohit Tiwari Vs. Shabnam Tiwari

CNR No.:

PBFG02-000092-2020

Next Date: 21.09.2021

Publication issued to:

Shabnam Tiwari wife of Sh. Rajesh Tiwari resident of Mohalla Lalu Mandir, Sirhind City, Tehsil and Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib.

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Dated, this day of 25.05.2021.

Sd/- Civil Judge (Senior Division), Fatehgarh Sahib.

CL21031231

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana.

Joginder Singh Virk Versus General Public

CNR No.

PBLD01-006604-2019

Next Date: 23.07.2021

Publication issued to:

Baljeet Kaur:- R/o Village Kaunke Khosa Tehsil Jagraon Distt.- Ludhiana.

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

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Dated, this day of 07.06.2021.

Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court

CL21031232 Ludhiana.

## (U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Shri Mahavir Singh Principal Judge, Family Court, Kurukshetra, Camp Court at Pehowa.

Amit Kumar Vs. Nitika

CNR No.

HRKU01-009172-2019

Next Date: 29.07.2021

Petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 as amended up to date for the grant of decree of divorce.

Publication issued to: Nitika, Mother:- Poonam, resident of House No. 126/5, near Telephone Exchange, Mohan Nagar, Kurukshetra, District Kurukshetra.

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Dated, this day of 08.07.2021.

Sd/- Mahavir Singh Principal Judge, Family Court, Kurukshetra.

Camp Court at Pehowa.

CL21031422

## ₹25K reward for info on Tikri rape accused

JHAJJAR, JULY 8

DGP Manoj Yadava has declared cash reward of Rs 25,000 each on information leading to the arrest of two accused — Anoop Chinaut and Ankur Sangwan — in the Bengali woman's rape case at the Tikri border.

The accused have been absconding since the case was filed against them and four others on May 8.

Jhajjar SP Rajesh Duggal said both the accused had approached the court for

## Duo on the run since the case was filed on May 8

anticipatory bail but failed to get any relief. "Raids are persistently being conducted at their possible hideouts to nab them. Anil Malik, one of the main accused in the case, has already been arrested," he said, adding that the name and address of the informer would be kept secret.

The 25-year-old woman had come to Tikri from West Bengal on April 12 with a group of protesters who had gone there to hold public meetings for the Assembly poll. She died of Covid on April 30. On May 8, he father lodged a police complaint alleging that she was sexually assaulted by Anil Malik in Tikri. Anoop Chinaut helped him in the crime.

Both the accused ran the 'Kisan Social Army' outfit and had been camping at Tikri for a few months. — TNS



Farmers raise slogans against the Centre during a demonstration near the Bastara toll plaza in Karnal on Thursday. SAYEED AHMED

## Farmers up ante, hold statewide protests against fuel price hike

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

On the call of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) and other farm organisations, demonstrations against rising fuel prices were held at several locations across the state on Thursday.

Farmers camping at the Tikri border organised a demonstration outside the Mini-Secretariat in Bahadurgarh town and blew horns of their tractors and other vehicles. They also brought empty LPG cylinders with them.

"Extensive hike in the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG have not only broken the backbone of the common man but has also disturbed every household's budget,"

## DHANKAR'S CONVOY RETURNS

**Hisar:** The cavalcade of state BJP chief **OP Dhankar** took a U-turn when they spotted a group of farm protesters approaching them in Kharar village here on Thursday. He was going to Rohtak after attending a personal event in Hisar. He took this route to avoid farmers at the Mayar toll plaza on the Hisar-Rohtak highway. TNS



said a protester.

In Rohtak, farmers under the All-India Kisan Sabha jointly led by Inderjit Singh, Raju Makrauli and Preet Singh staged a protest in front of the DC office.

The protesters parked their vehicles in a row and blew horns at 12 noon to register their protest. "The prices of petrol, diesel and LPG have been raised over 60 times since January hence we

demand a drastic cut in the rates," said Inderjit Singh.

The farmers parked their tractors on the roadsides and raised slogans against the Centre in Ambala. A number of women also joined the protest and kept empty gas cylinders on roads to mark their protest.

Sukhvidner Singh, a farmer from Jalbera village in Ambala, said, "On the call of the SKM, we have

## Over 39K get vaccinated

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

With 39,077 more persons getting vaccinated in the past 24 hours, the state tally reached 96,55,164 on Thursday.

Meanwhile, 7,58,589 persons have recovered so far. The recovery rate is reported to be 98.63% while the death rate is pegged at 1.24%. — TNS

COVID METER

Cases

Recovered

Active

Deaths

55

77

1,034

10

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bhiwani	6	2
Gurugram	5	2
Kurukshetra	5	1
State total	7,69L	9,525

## Sexracket busted, SHO suspended

SONEPAT, JULY 8

The CM flying squad on Wednesday night busted sex rackets running in eateries at Murthal and arrested 12 women and three dhaba managers in the matter.

Sonepat SP Jashandeep Singh Randhawa on Thursday suspended Murthal SHO and has ordered departmental inquiry against him. Following a tip-off about the rackets, the CM flying squad conducted raids at Murthal dhabas. The police sent decoy customers to the dhabas, after which the teams raided Happy dhaba, Raja dhaba and Hotel West dhaba. Among the 12 women arrested, two are from Uzbekistan, one is from Turkey while three are Nepalese. The women failed to produce their passport and visa. A case has been registered. — TNS

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## All state board matric students under open learning mode pass with 33%

HISAR, JULY 8

The Board of School Education Haryana (BSEH), Bhiwani, has declared all students, who had registered themselves for appearing under open learning for matriculation, pass by awarding 33 per cent to them.

The board has also made the provision for students who want to improve their marks to appear in the examinations to be held in August-September.

Board chairman Jagbir Singh said students who appeared for the fresh category, re-appear, credit transfer policy (CTP) and mercy chance exams could check their results on the official

## Exams were cancelled due to second Covid wave

website bseh.org.in.

He said the examinations of students studying under the Haryana Open School were scheduled to be conducted in April but were cancelled due to the second wave of Covid.

The chairman informed that a total of 20,154 candidates, including 13,700 boys and 6,454 girls of secondary open school (fresh category), had been awarded the minimum passing marks (33 per cent) in all subjects.

Besides, candidates who

## Farmers remove boulders near K'shetra dhaba

KURUKSHETRA, JULY 8

A group of farmers under the banner of the BKU (Charuni) on Thursday removed the boulders placed by the NHAI to strengthen road safety near Golden Hut Dhaba in Kurukshetra. But as the news spread, officials of the Sadar Thanesar police station and the NHAI reached the spot and placed the boulders again.

Farm unions and the SAD have been accusing the state of targeting the dhaba owner by restricting the entry to his

## Citing road safety, NHAI &amp; cops place these again

place by placing boulders because he had been helping the famers in their agitation.

An NHAI official in Ambala said: "To curb accidents on the NH-44, under the Road Safety Policy, all unauthorised cuts in front of private properties are being closed. Earlier too, the NHAI had done fencing to close the illegal cuts but they were damaged at different locations. Now, cemented blocks are being placed to close the cuts. The NHAI has been closing all unauthorised access points on the NH-44 from Panipat to Jalandhar."

Thanesar Sadar SHO Rajpal said: "The NHAI had placed the boulders to close illegal cuts but these were removed. If any complaint is received then action will be taken accordingly." — TNS



IG Rakesh Kumar Arya (R) honours auto driver Sunil Sharma (C).

## Auto driver returns bag of cash to owner, honoured

HISAR, JULY 8

An autorickshaw driver was honoured by the police for honesty as he returned a bag containing cash and valuables to the owner in Hisar town today.

IG Rakesh Kumar Arya honoured auto driver Sunil Sharma with Rs 2,100 and a commendation certificate for showing honesty during work.

The police said that a man, Manjeet Singh, took a ride in the auto from Sector 13 to the bus stand in Hisar. However, he forgot his bag in the auto.

Nearly 30 minutes later, he realised that his bag was missing. The bag contained a laptop, Rs 20,000 and his documents. Manjeet approached the police, but he did not have any details of the auto driver.

Then, Manjeet got a phone call from the auto driver to inform him about the bag in his auto. The auto driver said he got the phone number from the documents inside the bag. After informing the owner, he submitted the bag at the sabji mandi police post. — TNS

## Newedu policy in state by 2025: CM

**Chandigarh:** CM Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday said the state was leading the way to ensure successful implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) by 2025. — TNS

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## Course correction

Govt makes it clear that non-performers won't be spared

WITH the ouster of 12 ministers, including senior BJP leaders Harsh Vardhan, Prakash Javadekar, DV Sadananda Gowda, Ravi Shankar Prasad and Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’, the Narendra Modi government has signalled its intention to do course correction and turn over a new leaf two years after it took charge. The shake-up is meant to send out a strong message: there is no place for non-performers or underperformers in the Union Cabinet. It’s also an admission by the government that things have not exactly panned out as per the people’s expectations on several fronts, be it healthcare, education or environment. The Centre’s handling of the Covid-19 pandemic has drawn criticism not only from the Opposition but also from the judiciary. With the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare largely failing to deliver, especially during the devastating second wave, minister Harsh Vardhan’s exit was a foregone conclusion. Javadekar (environment and Information & Broadcasting) and Prasad (law & justice and Information Technology) were among the others who fell short of meeting the standards set by the government. Though health reasons have been cited for Pokhriyal’s exclusion from the Cabinet, there is no denying that he was a disappointment as the Education Minister, particularly considering the chaos and uncertainty over the CBSE exams that kept teachers, students and parents on tenterhooks for months. However, divesting Kiren Rijiju of the sports portfolio — weeks before the all-important Olympics — doesn’t seem to be a well-thought-out decision.

Narendra Singh Tomar has been retained as the Agriculture Minister amid the prolonged deadlock between the Centre and the protesting farmers over the three farm laws. This move suggests that the government is in no mood to back down and is ready to dig in for the long haul. The young and relatively untested party leaders who have replaced the veterans have been entrusted with the challenging task of improving the government’s image. They will find themselves under intense pressure to perform during the three years leading to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

## Himachal stalwart passes away

Virbhadra Singh leaves a rich legacy

THE death of Virbhadra Singh, veteran Congress politician and the sitting MLA from Arki in Himachal Pradesh, marks the end of an era. The 87-year-old had been struck by Covid-19 twice between April and June, and though he recovered both times despite his advanced age, the complications caused by the virus eventually overpowered him. This brings to an end a public career that began in 1947, when he became the titular raja of the erstwhile princely state of Bushahr, prominent among the pre-Independence Shimla Hill States. As he liked to narrate, he was urged to join politics by Jawaharlal Nehru and he became an MP at 27 in 1962. Over the course of the next six decades, he dominated the state politics like none other, becoming the chief minister on six occasions — serving in that post a total of more than 21 years since the state elected its first Assembly in 1972. Away from provincial politics, he was elected to the Lok Sabha five times and served as a minister at the Centre in various governments.

Singh, despite advancing years, remained the party supremo until the end, though he had faced challenges on many occasions — in 1993, for instance, when the party high command backed Sukh Ram to become chief minister, Singh did not meekly give way. He had the support of a majority of the legislators and his will prevailed over that of the central leadership. In his tribute to Singh, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh referred to him as a ‘mentor to many of us’ — it perhaps was a reference to Singh’s strong will and refusal to accept the Congress high command’s diktats lying down.

The departure of the tallest leader of Himachal Pradesh leaves a vacuum in the state politics — even more so in the Congress, which would struggle to find a leader to fill his shoes. Singh enjoyed unparalleled popularity across the state, but the flip side of his absolute dominance is that there is no second-rung leadership in the state Congress. Before next year’s Assembly election, despite his age, Singh could have played a consensus-maker for the Congress. His death is a blow to the party and it’s likely to ignite a power struggle in the state Congress.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The worst form of injustice is pretended justice. — Plato

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

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1921

### The Aligarh Disturbances.

AT the time of writing, we have before us only the official version of the disturbances at Aligarh, and that version, on the face of it, is somewhat meagre and lacking in necessary details. But one need not know more than one actually does to condemn the conduct of the crowd in the strongest terms. The attack on and the burning of the City Post office, the police chowkies, the kotwali and the houses of certain police officers, which are among the things ascribed to the crowd, were criminally insane, not to say indefensible proceedings, no matter what may have to be said on the other side in the light of subsequent information. The District Magistrate of Aligarh, in an appeal which he issued to the public, has made the important statement that the vast majority of the residents of Aligarh regret and disapprove of this disgraceful exhibition as much as he does. That is exactly what one would have expected, and the fact that the Magistrate recognises this attitude on the part of “the vast majority of the residents” is undoubtedly a happy augury for the future. Often the mistake is made, as it was made during the martial law days, of holding the entire population of a city or a district responsible for the conduct of a small section, and of resorting to measures the only effect of which is to drive the innocent and law-abiding majority into an attitude of sympathy with men of whose conduct they disapprove, and of resentment against official authority. That mistake has to be avoided by all means and at all costs, not merely for the good name of those immediately concerned, but in the interests of that mutual understanding between the Government and the people which is the only basis on which a Government can rest under modern conditions.

# Blood on their hands

The SC should take notice of the State-sponsored death of Fr. Swamy



TRYSTS AND TURNS  
JULIO RIBEIRO

FR. Stan Swamy is an apt candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. I appeal to my readers to support my call to the Swedish Academy that chooses the winners to consider his case posthumously. If the prize is awarded to this martyred Jesuit priest from India, a representative of the Adivasi people whose rights he fought for during his now shortened life, should accept the honour for him.

The charges against him by an insensitive State were that he had been dancing with the banned Maoist organisation operating in the forests of Jharkhand. The accusers obviously were unlettered! Jesuit priests and Marxists both work for the poor and the dispossessed but in diametrically opposite ways. To understand that basic fact, one has to grasp the real essence of the teachings of Christ, and by extension of Christianity.

Iranian-American writer and an accomplished professor of comparative religions in the US, Reza Aslan, called Jesus a ‘zealot’. He concluded that Jesus was primarily a rebel against injustice. His targets were two — the Roman conquerors who ruled over the land of Israel through a governor, and the Jewish clergy, the Rabbinate that had turned religion into a commercial enterprise.

All the parables that Jesus used to educate his Jewish co-religionists laid stress on love, compassion and justice, especially to the poor and those in need. No resort to arms or to violence was ever advocated. In fact, the much-debated principle of offering the other cheek if one is smacked was first propagated by Jesus.



FRAMED: There is a strong suspicion that the digital evidence quoted by the National Investigation Agency is concocted. PTI

### The evidence of US experts in the case needs to be put to the test of judicial scrutiny.

Marxism, and by extension Maoist, doctrine depend solely on guns to combat economic injustice. Christians also have to seek justice for the poor but the methods recommended to achieve the objective of amelioration of living standards are intrinsically different. Fr. Swamy had sworn obedience to the Pope and to his own Jesuit superiors. Catholic doctrine opposes Marxist precepts. There is no way he would join the Maoists in any venture where arms were to be used against State forces or State-owned properties. If he had contravened hierarchical orders, he would have been disciplined long ago. The severest punishment would be defrocking, the mildest expulsion from the Jesuit order. These facts must be digested by the NIA investigators and the prosecutors if they are interested in establishing the truth.

But, are they interested in the truth? Or, as I suspect, they had a goal and that goal was to put away this pestiferous priest who was coming in the way of ‘development’. If the imperative was to allow exploitation of tribal forests that required the tribals to

concur via a prescribed procedure and Fr. Swamy was the one who came in the way, then it became necessary to remove him from the path. The tribals without a teacher could be won over but not the priest who understood the tricks the authorities played. He would educate the tribals about their rights and also on what was in their interests.

The evidence built up against him to prove his guilt of being a Maoist and a terrorist was purely digital. Even his physical remand was not demanded for questioning by the NIA after his arrest. It had collected all the material they needed to put him away for years together without trial under the UAPA, the most undemocratic law that exists only in our country. The amendment to the Act, introduced in 2019, needs immediate judicial scrutiny. The Supreme Court should take suo motu notice of the State-sponsored death of this gentle priest to ensure justiciable laws, as existed in our land from ancient times.

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# Pushing boundaries, bit by bit

SONIKA SETHI

WHEN I first read my favourite author Elif Shafak’s work of fiction, *Forty Rules of Love*, based on the friendship between the 13th-century Sufi poet Rumi and Shams of Tabriz, I could not get over this one particular line for months, ‘In love, boundaries are blurred.’

Well, it’s no longer ‘love’ that can transcend boundaries. In the current pandemic and subsequent lockdown, boundaries have blurred in almost every activity. The water-tight compartmentalisation of domestic responsibilities has witnessed not only dismantling of rigid stereotypes but also ushering in of reversal of roles in many households.

One such activity that has transcended and blurred all bounds is teaching and learning. Right from the choice of classroom to the choice of medium, everything seems to exist in a perpetual boundless and limitless amalgamation where one thing effortlessly moulds into another.

Around 8.50 am, my house is nothing short of a war zone, with the pandemonium reaching its peak at 9 am sharp. In a joint family of 10, seven of us are to either meet or take their class at 9 am. We have to micro-manage the available space in a manner that each one of us is able to get not only the maximum access to the Internet but also the quietest possible nook and cranny for maximum use of our mental faculties, minus all distractions.

The first boundary to be blurred through virtual learning is the age disparity. The range for the takers of the task varies from being on the wrong side of the forties to a measly ‘single digit’. The youngest member in our household to undertake the Herculean task is a child of three, for whom sitting in front of a mobile phone for a one-hour class is a project that involves making funny faces, yawning and coming up with endless excuses not to attend the class. The ones in their ‘double digits’ are sincere in their efforts, though the concept of e-learning requires them to go the extra mile too.

We, the people involved in the teaching-learning process, use different media as well as media platforms to receive or deliver our curricula. Smartphones, laptops and desktops come in

handy. Every room and every piece of furniture is allocated to the members of the household, priority-wise. Often, I find the boundaries of my workspace extending from my study table in the bedroom to the working shelf in kitchen in between my classes. And sometimes, the last bites of the breakfast are still being swallowed hurriedly while I log into my first lecture of the day.

No doubt, these are difficult times for those who wish to teach and for those who wish to learn. However, the lives of great men are examples that one learns through grit and determination, and not by means alone. TS Eliot’s statement significantly endorses the hypothesis, ‘If you do not push the boundaries, you will never know where they are.’

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Task cut out

Refer to ‘Mega rejig: 36 join Modi govt, 7 promoted’; there is a razor-sharp focus on politics and the coming elections. There is a clear message on representational politics, reflecting regions and social constituencies crucial for the BJP, especially for the Assembly polls in 2022. Modi’s mega Cabinet with 77 members is the biggest-ever council of ministers. Good results are expected of this big team which has the job of bringing pandemic-battered India back on track. Just days before the 30th anniversary of reforms, the economy is in the worst shape in 30 years. The vaccination question is not yet fully answered. A third Covid wave remains a potent fear. If the mega council of ministers’ primary job is to govern, this team has its task cut out.

PS KAUR, BY MAIL

#### Polls on mind

The PM has selected his new team keeping in mind the caste factor. OBC, SC and tribal appeasement will prove to be a costly gamble. Dropping 12 ministers is confirmation that these ministers were not competent. Ravi Shankar Prasad’s arrogance was the cause of his dropout. Harsh Vardhan paid the cost of being a totally ineffective Health Minister. The new ministers may not be able to cope with people’s anger against the government’s

monumental failure to check the prices of fuel and daily commodities.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), MOHALI

#### New Cabinet

Refer to the ‘Minimum government, maximum governance’ slogan of the Modi government, 43 new ministers have now been inducted. Those who lost their chair cannot be blamed as they were ministers with no power or one can say they were not empowered by the Prime Minister. Let’s see what these new ministers can do, or should do.

AASTHA KAPUR, SOLAN

#### Loss of ‘tragedy king’

The news of the passing away of ‘tragedy king’ Dilip Kumar, who gave a new direction to Indian cinema, is heartbreaking. Dilip Kumar was iconic. Nobody was able to match his acting, even in the twilight of his film acting career. The gap created by his death will be hard to fill as the new generation is not capable of the talent possessed by Dilip Kumar. Films like *Devdas*, *Gunga Jumna* and *Mughal-e-Azam* have left a permanent impact on our film industry.

MANJIT SINGH, LUDHIANA

#### A void, a legacy

This is in reference to ‘Goodbye, Dilip Kumar’; an actor, star, thespian,

legend — it is easy to run out of adjectives for Dilip Kumar, who leaves behind a rich legacy of memorable films and roles, in a magnificent career graph that spanned over five decades. His acting style ranged across genres and characters. He was a natural and commanded instant attention. More than anything else, he felt real and relatable. Even today, when you think of effortless performance in Hindi cinema, you think of Dilip Kumar. His legacy will live on.

PL SINGH, BY MAIL

#### Shoes hard to fill

Dilip Kumar ruled Indian cinema for no less than 50 years. Not only that, he had self-respect not to play second fiddle to the hero in the Hollywood film *Laurence of Arabia*. Interestingly, an Iranian actor said he was the most popular in his country after Dilip Kumar. That shows the greatness of this method actor. I doubt if there would be any Indian actor greater than this thespian. He would be remembered for generations to come.

JS WADHWA, KAPURTHALA

#### Transparency in funds

The Centre has been collecting large amounts by way of withholding DA instalments of Central/state employees and pensioners since January

2020. Crores would have been saved. Similarly, the steep hike in petrol, diesel and gas for over a year has filled the government coffers. And then, there are increased duties and taxes. Add to that the amount collected through the PM Covid care fund which must be substantial. In view of these facts and increased collection of GST and direct and indirect taxes, the amount collected is mind-boggling. These earnings and expenditures on various schemes should be placed in the public domain so as to earn the confidence of the people.

HARBACHAN SINGH SANDHU, BY MAIL

#### At public cost

Refer to ‘Judge recuses from Nandigram case hearing, slaps Rs 5 lakh fine on Mamata’; the big question agitating the common man’s mind is: Who pays for Mamata Banerjee’s litigation and the fine — she personally, or her party, the TMC, or the state? Similar cases around where politicians in power settle personal scores, abusing state funds/machinery and hiring legal luminaries at public cost, besides the bevy of advocates-general. The onus falls on the media as public watchdog to ensure that public purse is not misused or misappropriated.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA



# Cabinet rejig more about electoral politics



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THE best one-liner on the latest Union Cabinet reshuffle was in a tweet by Gujarat MLA Jignesh Mevani: “Kharabi engine mein hai, aur badle dibbe ja rahe hain” (coaches are being replaced, when the fault lies with the engine).

There is a deep truth here. Any shuffling of the Union Council of Ministers is bound to make news. More so, if the changeover is as large as this one. Such a move is bound to invite interpretations, criticism and hope. But all these readings hang on the assumption that the composition of the Council of Ministers matters, that it makes a difference to the quality of governance, that ministers actually administer. There is little to support this assumption in the case of the Narendra Modi government.

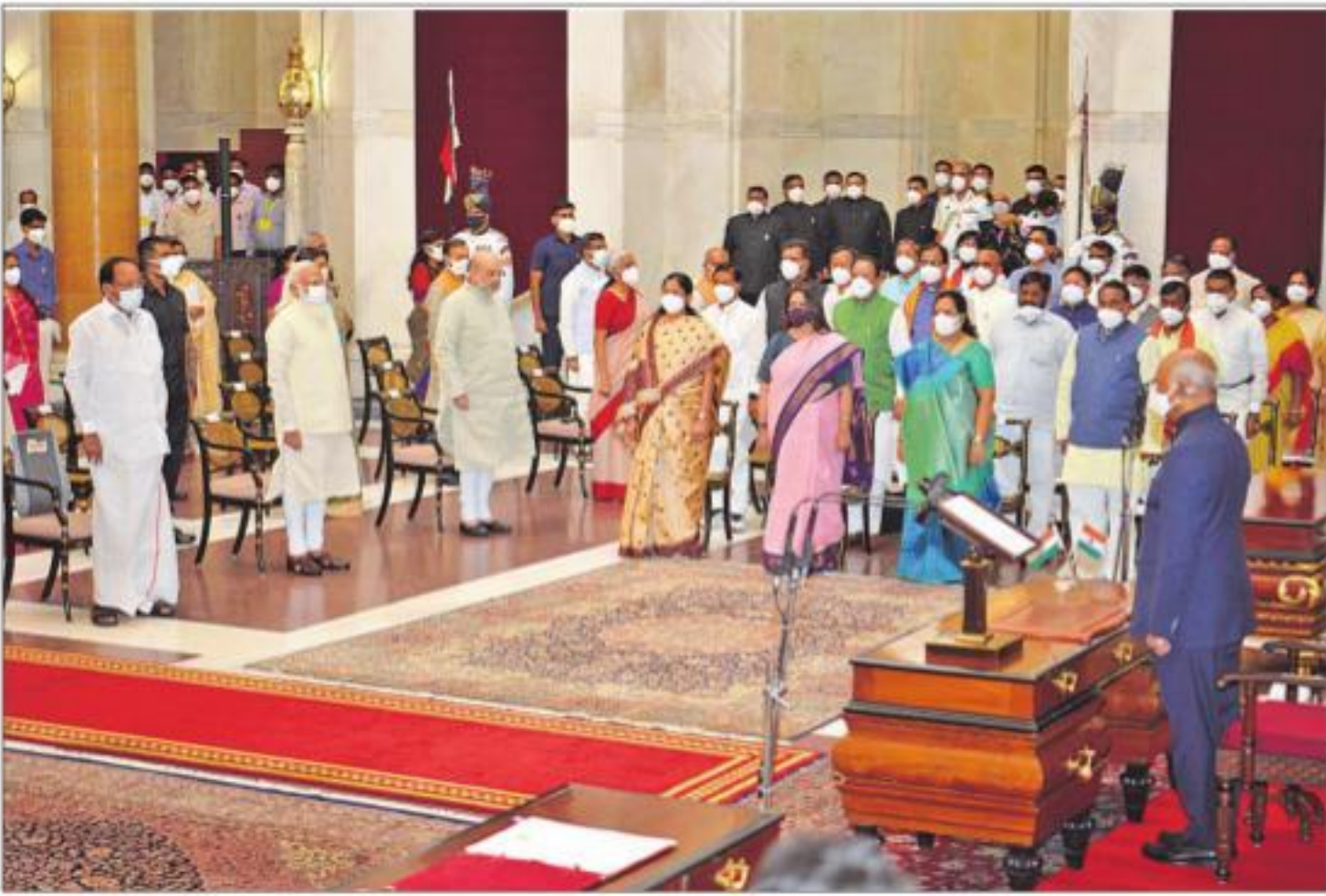
This is arguably the most PMO-driven government, perhaps more PM-centred than Indra Gandhi’s Cabinet during the Emergency, that the country has seen. The overall direction is decided by the PM, domain-specific policies are framed by the PMO and every key decision is initiated from or vetted by the PM. The ministries have to carry out commands in a timely fashion. Frankly, the Secretary to the Ministry, a senior IAS officer, is more suited for this task than the minister. The job of a minister in

these ministries is to ensure compliance and manage perceptions by sustaining the illusion of presiding over things, arranging timely photo-ops and sustaining vigorous propaganda. If you are looking for political direction, you should listen to the PM. If you are searching for policy shifts, watch out for a reshuffle in the PMO. If there is anyone to be held responsible for the shoddy governance that India has witnessed of late, it should be the PM himself.

Performance. Governance. Policy. Skill sets. Efficiency. All this is verbiage, thrown around by this government’s spin doctors. The carefully planted CVs of a few ministers are pure distractions. The latest Cabinet rejig has nothing to do with real governance, it is all about perception management. It is futile to look for policy here, it is all about politics.

Instead of focusing on the many new inclusions — we know little about their track record as ministers — it is best to focus on the exclusions and non-exclusions as these are hard decisions that tell us a lot about PM Modi’s intent behind the latest reshuffle.

A dispassionate listing of the biggest governance failures of Modi’s second government would bring up this list: mismanagement of the economy before, during and after the nationwide Covid lockdown, the national security botch-up at the India-China border in Ladakh, the burning down of the remaining bridges of communication with the Kashmir valley, the creation of mass panic among minorities on the issue of National Register of Citizens, ramming through the three farm laws and refusal to settle the resultant protest of the farmers and of course the unbelievable abdication of responsibility during the second pandemic wave. If governance was the prin-



cipal consideration behind the rejig, Nir-mala Sitharaman should have been shown the door, Rajnath Singh and Narendra Tomar should have seen a change in their portfolios and Amit Shah’s wings should have been clipped. None of this happened. All of them have retained their positions and portfolios.

Harsh Vardhan is the only one to lose his job for reasons that can be ascribed to governance failure. But a close and fair examination of his case would show that he was a fall guy. All the key decisions or the lack of these — delay in testing of international passengers during the early days, non-tracing of infected patients, premature complacency after the first wave, non-preparation for the second wave and the shabby vaccination policy and its tardy implementation — are directly attributable to the PMO. Harsh Vardhan cannot be accused of

overseeing the pandemic management. He was punished to save the PM’s image, punished more for his failure in covering up the debacle than for causing the calamity.

All other exits show a similar pattern. Prakash Javadekar faced the axe not for diluting the long-standing environmental safeguards, nor for the controversial Environmental Impact Assessment Rules, but perhaps for his failure to manage the media completely using his clout as the Information and Broadcasting Minister. Ravi Shankar Prasad may have been pushed out not for his arrogant and ham-handed ways of dealing with the judiciary and the IT giants, but perhaps for not bending these independent players enough.

Santosh Gangwar was divested of his ministry not because he failed to protect the interests of lakhs of migrant workers who walked back home dur-

ing the lockdown, but perhaps because he dared to question the Yogi Adityanath government in UP. Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ was shunted out not because he lacked the capacity to handle the Ministry of Education or failed to understand the New Education Policy, but perhaps because he ran afoul of the PMO over some key appointments and could not manage the public perception on CBSE exams. It is all about political loyalty and perception management.

The new inclusions are mainly about distribution of spoils to improve electoral prospects. Forget the few additions that the spin doctors would like to showcase. The massive induction, perhaps the biggest ever one-time inclusion in the Union Cabinet reshuffle, is mainly to reward coalition partners, new entrants to the BJP’s social alliance and political regions that are

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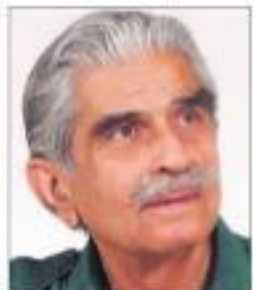
**TIME FOR CHANGE:** The Union Cabinet has seen a large-scale reshuffle but will the new ministers live up to the promise and perform well? ❧

the key to the party’s future. It is ridiculous to talk about clean, anti-corruption image of the government after including Narayan Rane. The reward to Jyotiraditya Scindia would surely raise questions about the BJP’s anti-dynasty stance. And the inclusion of several leaders like Sar-bananda Sonowal would raise doubts about claims of efficiency. But much of this does not really matter. The ministers are there for *lal batti*.

Only the most credulous would expect any governance change from this Cabinet reshuffle. Only the blind followers would buy excuses of talent deficit that the PM faces; the fact is that he has created this deficit by cleaning the party of all the experienced leaders. Modi government 2.0 is incompetence writ large. With this jumbo expansion, it is writ larger than before.

*Views are personal*

## India will have to fend for itself along the LAC



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In the Indian experience, no country has parted with high-grade technology and raising the FDI limit in defence to 74% has made little difference. Quad is cited as an example of a balancing coalition and power centre in the Indo-Pacific. But it is not a military coalition, it’s just a strategic grouping of like-minded democracies, which, at best, will have token maritime influence from the collective naval exercises as part of the expanded Malabar series.

INDIA cannot deter China from its coercion, intimidation and offensive military action along the LAC due to the military and economic power asymmetry. China’s comprehensive national power is seven times more than India’s. Its GDP is \$15.5 trillion compared to India’s \$2.9 trillion. China has the second largest economy. It is the world’s largest investor, spends three times more than India on defence and has the world’s second most powerful armed force, including the biggest navy.

By not defining the LAC, China can indulge in salami-slicing. Its latest foray in east Ladakh has yielded around 800 sq km of territory and altered the LAC more or less, according to its 1959 alignment of LAC.

The power differential includes the huge infrastructure disparity in Tibet and Xinjiang compared with India. During the first military standoff at Sum-dorong Chu in 1988, India and China were roughly on a par with each other in different power indices and India was emerging as a regional military power.

China has broken the 1988 consensus and strategic equilibrium by violating protocols put in place to ensure that peace and tranquility prevails on the disputed border, which is a necessary and essential condition for normal bilateral relations.

As part of its Wolf Warrior diplomacy, it has now falsified the narrative, portraying India as the aggressor and contending its deployment on the border was to prevent India from encroach-



**HUGE GAP:** India can’t deter China from its offensive action along the LAC due to the military and economic power asymmetry between the two countries. ❧

ment on China’s territory.

Beijing has paraded the Pangong Lake flag among its army units to commemorate the bravery of its troops in Galwan, in particular, and in east Ladakh, in general. Chen Hongjun was one of the four martyrs of Galwan. He was posthumously valorised during the recent centenary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) for defending and guarding the country’s borders.

In editorial columns one year after Galwan, our diplomats and generals have suggested ‘external balancing’ as a means of bridging the power gap —building balancing or countervailing coalitions with other nations that will support India in international fora as well as sell modern weapons, plat-

forms and technology.

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Routine exercises in the Indian Ocean Region will have little or no bearing on events in Ladakh. What Quad may do in the future when and if it adopts the military avatar is to

invoke the Chinese Malacca dilemma, with New Delhi acting as the pivot. Any military action on the high seas against Chinese maritime assets will be construed provocative, even an act of war.

Quad is certainly one method of containing China to partially offset India’s continental handicap along the LAC. With Quad transforming into a military grouping or alliance, India risks losing its highly coveted strategic autonomy. Speaking last month at the Qatar Economic Forum, Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, when asked what role Quad could play as a counterweight to the LAC situation, answered: “I think when it comes to Quad and India-China border issue, we are talking apples and oranges. I would urge you look at them independent of each other.”

NATO is the biggest military alliance of 30-member states. Its Article 5 states that an attack against one ally is considered an attack against all allies. Balancing is achieving equilibrium (or parity). Coalition is alliance, short of union, e.g. the Coalition of the Willing. Partnership is a contract between two states. Alignment is taking of sides.

For decades, India was non-aligned, whereas today it can be multi-aligned or issue-based aligned. It has chosen to enter into strategic partnerships which are comprehensive, special, enduring etc, with several like-minded countries. It shuns joining any alliance which can erode its strategic independence. India will not be part of any military alliance, except under aegis of the UNPKO.

The closest India got to a quasi-alliance was the Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation of August 9, 1971, which had a clause on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi’s insistence about India’s non-aligned status. The treaty was signed only when war with Pakistan became a distinct option and Sino-US relations had changed dramatically three weeks earlier.

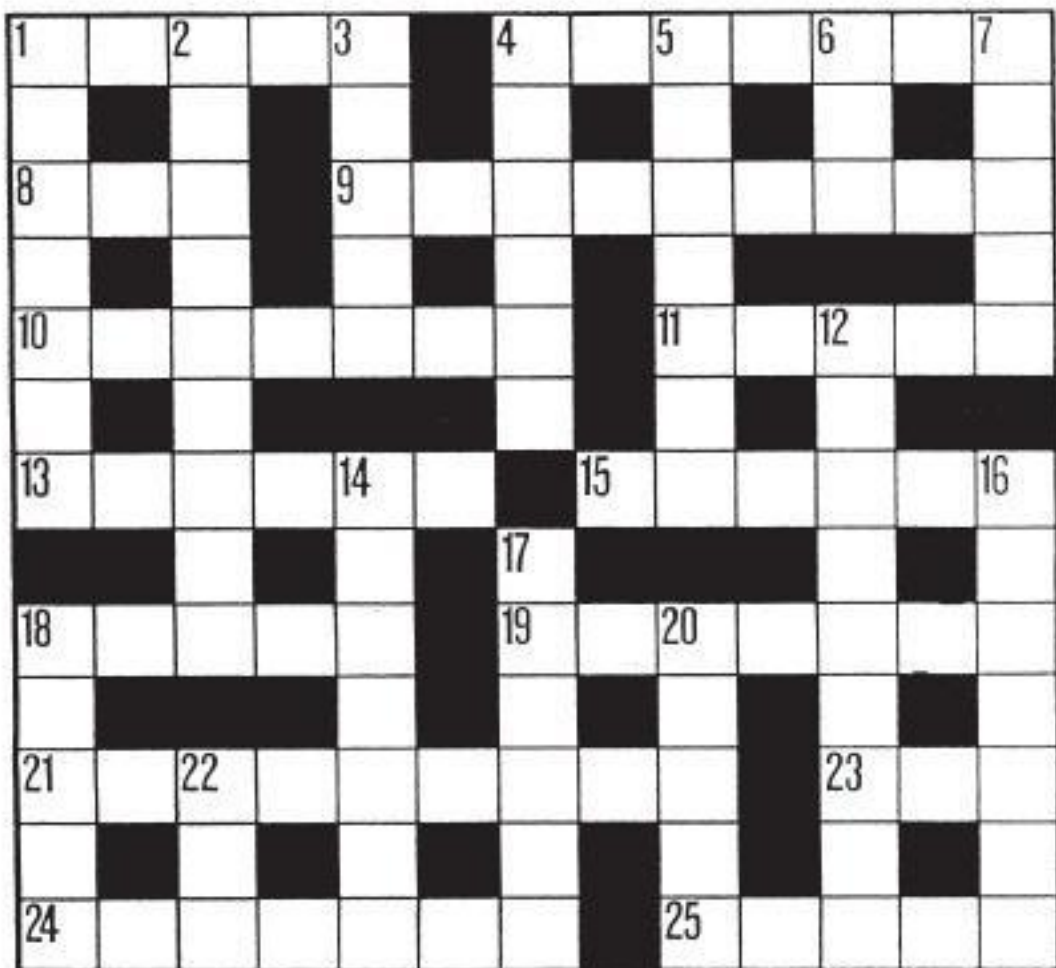
During the one-year-plus standoff and clash at Galwan, where firearms were not used, India was cheered by the US and Japan. Other countries made friendly noises. Bhutan was mum. As in 1962, only the US provided intelligence, high-altitude equipment and logistic support, but no weapons.

India has kept the resolution of the multiple standoffs purely bilateral, diplomacy being the primary tool of dispute-solving. The Chinese intrusions may never be vacated for the same reasons that they were perpetrated.

The lesson from Ladakh is that India will have to fend for itself along the LAC for a long time to come. No foreign soldier will join the standoff; nor will India ask for combatants. External balancing with a grouping like Quad is not a sufficient substitute for a military alliance to deter China from coercion and aggression.

While Modi greeted Biden on the US Independence Day (July 4), he did not congratulate Xi Jinping on the centenary of the CPC (July 1). A Sino-India reset is possible if BRICS, of which India is the chair, is held physically and Modi and Xi meet on the sidelines.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



#### YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Like a dream, 8 Event, 9 Purpose, 10 Bravado, 11 Use up, 12 Notify, 14 Rescue, 17 Fling, 19 Outcast, 21 Oddment, 22 Grind, 23 Set in stone.  
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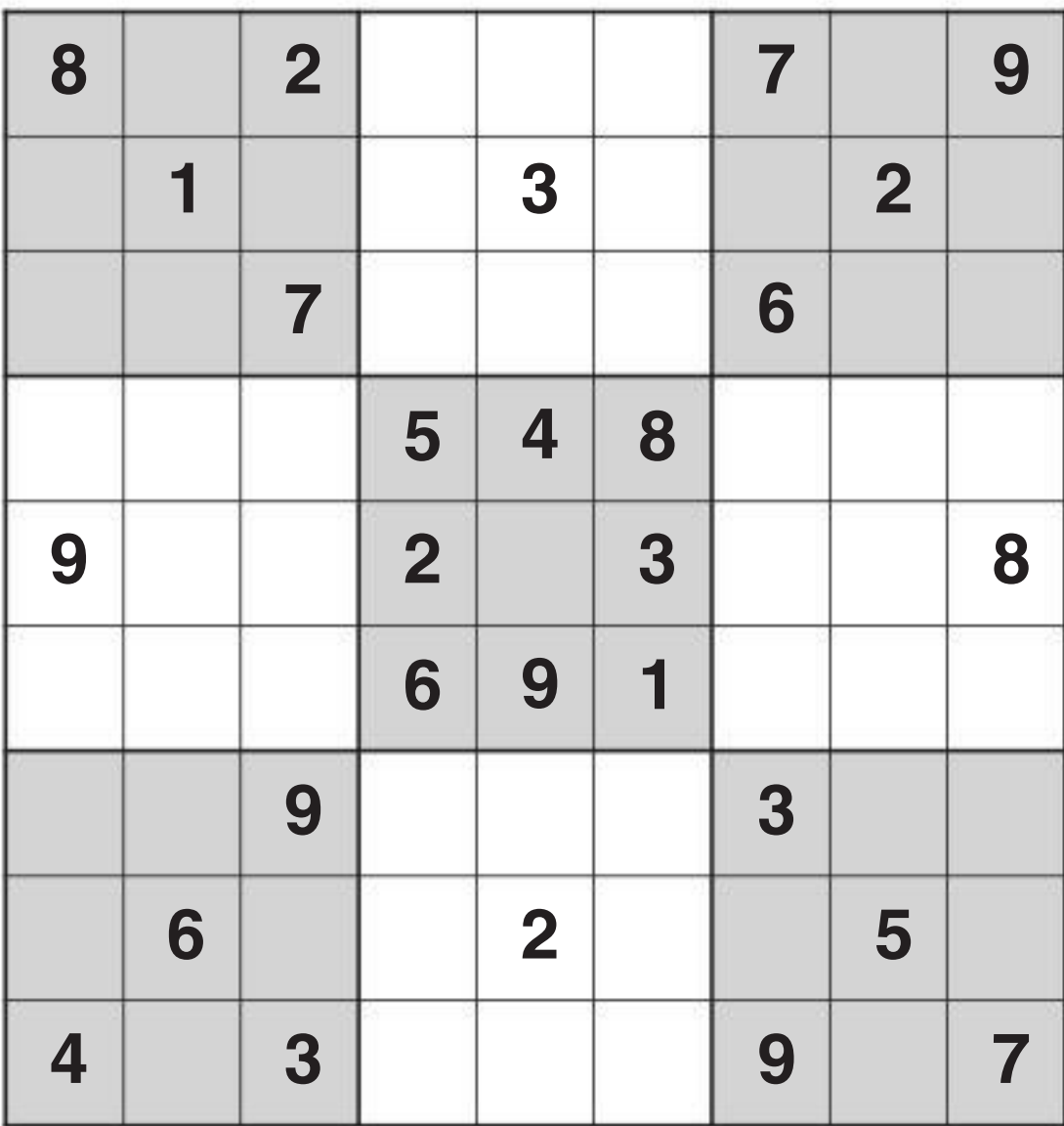
#### ACROSS

- Principal (5)
- A stew with paprika (7)
- Betray one’s associates (3)
- Alone (2,7)
- Unity of opinion (7)
- Spacious (5)
- Evasive (6)
- Gratitude (6)
- Northeast African country (5)
- Having no fixed abode (7)
- Incorrectly aligned (3,2,4)
- Donkey (3)
- In conclusion (7)
- Total score (5)

#### DOWN

- Strange (7)
- About to happen (2,3,4)
- Legendary story (5)
- A game bird (6)
- Bring to light (7)
- Grow old (3)
- Sizeable (5)
- Useless (2,2,5)
- Melodious (7)
- Meet requirements of (7)
- Too (6)
- Hoax (5)
- Intense (5)
- Large cask for wine (3)

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### CALENDAR

#### JULY 9, 2021, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Aashadh Shaka	18
■ Aashadh Parvishte	25
■ Hijari	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 15	
■ Dhruva Yoga up to 4.45 pm	
■ Aardra Nakshatra up to 11.14 pm	
■ Moon in Gemini sign	

#### YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

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### FORECAST

**SUNSET:** 19:27 HRS  
**SUNRISE:** 05:29 HRS

**FRIDAY**  
**SATURDAY**

**Sunny** **Partly Cloudy** **Cloudy** **Rainy** **Foggy**

**CITY** **MAX** **MIN**

Chandigarh	37	30	☁
New Delhi	40	29	☁
Amritsar	40	28	☁
Bathinda	42	30	☁
Jalandhar	39	29	☁
Ludhiana	38	30	☁
Bhiwani	39	30	☁
Hisar	42	31	☁
Sirsa	41	31	☁
Dharamsala	30	18	☁
Manali	22	12	☁
Shimla	24	18	☁
Srinagar	33	18	☁
Jammu	38	26	☁
Kargil	32	16	☁
Leh	26	12	☁
Dehradun	31	22	☁
Mussoorie	22	17	☁

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**Tender Notice**

For and on behalf of President of India Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt invite open bids through Government e-Marketplace (GeM), for allotment of Mechanized Cleaning and Housekeeping work of Bathinda Railway Station of Ambala Division as per following details:-

<b>Bid No. &amp; Date</b>	GEM/2021/B/1340500 Dated: 07.07.2021
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.gem.gov.in">www.gem.gov.in</a>
<b>Bid Closing Date &amp; Time</b>	28.07.2021 at 17:00 Hrs.
<b>Bid Opening Date &amp; Time</b>	28.07.2021 at 17:30 Hrs.
<b>Others</b>	Please log into website <a href="http://www.gem.gov.in">www.gem.gov.in</a> (GeM) for details regarding Earnest Money, Performance Guarantee, Contract Period & Other terms and conditions of bid.
<b>Description of Work</b>	Mechanized Cleaning and Housekeeping work of Bathinda Railway Station of Ambala Division.
<b>Contract Period</b>	04 years from the date of award of work (1460 days)
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	Rs.5,23,61,732/-
<b>EMD/Bid Security</b>	NIL (Bid Security Declaration to be submitted)
<b>Performance Guarantee</b>	3% of the contract value, to be submitted by the successful bidder within 15 days of award of contract on GeM.

**No. NR-UMB0COMU/L(SANTY)/1/2021 Dated : 07.07.2021 1529/2021**  
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**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**  
**"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Flood Protection Division, Gagret invites online e-tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through online process :-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender document	Time Limit
1.	Remodelling of LWSS Ambota Sanghnai in Gagret Constituency in Tehsil Ghanari Distt. Una (HP) (SH: C/o Pump House cum attendant qtr., Boundary wall, electric wiring for Pump House, Collection Tanks 37500 ltrs. and Storage Tank having capacity of 50000, 24000, 37000 ltrs. and C/o OHSR 76000 ltrs. capacity with 20 mtr. staging height for WSS Ambota).	Rs. 44,23,941/-	Rs. 73,860/-	Rs. 800/-	6 (Six) Months

1. The last date of physically submission of earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents etc. on 16.07.2021 up to 11:00 AM.  
2. The last date of e-tendering upto 16.07.2021 at 11:00 AM and the same will be opened on the day on 16.07.2021 at 12:30 PM.  
3. The Tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

DPR/HP/2246 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, BHANDARA**  
(Phone No. 07184-252412)

**E-TENDER NOTICE No. 16 of 2021-2022**

Online e-tenders in B-1 forms for following works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara from the eligible contractors. Tender document may be downloaded from Govt. website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reason reserves with Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bhandara.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estt. Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lakhs)	Cost of E-Tender Documents	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Government Godown at Sendurwafa Tah. Sakoli Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
2.	Construction of Government Godown at Palasgaon Tah. Sakoli Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
3.	Construction of Government Godown at Kumbhali Tah. Sakoli Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
4.	Construction of Government Godown at Bampewada Tah. Sakoli Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
5.	Construction of Government Godown at Masal Tah. Lakhndur Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
6.	Construction of Government Godown at Barava Tah. Lakhndur Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
7.	Construction of Government Godown at Moharna Tah. Lakhndur Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
8.	Construction of Government Godown at Murmadi/Tupkar Tah. Lakhani Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
9.	Construction of Government Godown at Seloti Tah. Lakhani Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
10.	Construction of Government Godown at Rajegaon Tah. Lakhani Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
11.	Construction of Government Godown at Gadegaon Tah. Lakhani Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Metric Tonne)	155.00	0.78	1120.00	Registered/Unregistered
12.	Construction of Government Godown at Opara Tah. Lakhndur Distt. Bhandara. (Capacity 500 Tonne)	140.00	1.40	1120.00	Class-IV-A & above

**Note:-** 1. Other terms & conditions can be seen in the bidding documents.  
2. The detailed tender notice can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the e-tendering portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**  
**Public Works Division, Bhandara.**

DGIPR/2021/2022/C1120

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**  
**TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	UHBVN	HIRING OF 1 NO. JEEP FOR SDO VIGILANCE HPUS, KARNAL UNDER XEN VIGILANCE HPUS, KARNAL	CLOSING DATE 22.07.2021	6000/-	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	01842985710 xenvigil@karnal@uhbvn.org.in
2	UHBVN	TENDER FOR HIRING VEHICLE NO. 01(FOR SDO 'OP' S/DIVN. UHBVN BADLI)	CLOSING DATE 22.07.2021	6000/- per vehicle	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	01251252050 xenop@hajar@uhbvn.org.in
3	UHBVN	ONE NO. BOLERO JEEP FOR THE OFFICE USE OF SDO CITY SUB DIVISION UHBVN PANIPAT.	CLOSING DATE 20.07.2021	6000/-	<a href="http://www.uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>	01802652352 xenopcityuhbvnpanipat@gmail.com
4	KARNAL SMART CITY	SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF MODULAR TOILETS WITH OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FOR 3 YEARS	07.07.2021 12.07.2021		<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9896450325 smartcitykarnal@gmail.com
5	MC SOHNA	CLEANING AND DESILTING OF STORM WATER DRAINS IN ALL WARDS OF MC SOHNA	07.07.2021 14.07.2021	24.99 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9891981947 mcsohna@gmail.com
6	MC BARARA	COMPLETION OF STREET AND DRAIN IN WARD NO. 09 10 11 12 13 IN MC BARARA	08.07.2021 16.07.2021	14.98 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01731-286600 secy.mcbrara@gmail.com
7	MC SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF STREET NO. 2A AND BRANCHES OF STREET NO. 3 OF MALVIYA NAGAR WARD NO. 18 M.C SONIPAT+5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 28.07.2021	166.17 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01302260100 semcsonepat@gmail.com
8	HSAMB	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE SADARPUR TO GHAGOT (ID-9612) (BALANCE WORK AT THE RISK & COST OF M/S SKR CONSTRUCTION CO.). + S3 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 26.07.2021	165.34 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2020@gmail.com
9	THE PALWAL COOP. SUGAR MILLS LTD., PALWAL	TENDER FOR 290 MM MILL TURBINE SPARES TRIVENI MAKE +12 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 14.07.2021		<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	palwal@palwal@gmail.com
10	MC RANIA	CONSTRUCTION OF AMBEDKAR BHAWAN AT MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, RANIA.	07.07.2021 16.07.2021	2.01 CRORE	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	01698250026 Ssecymcrania@gmail.com

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeaprocedurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeaprocedurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)**

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# Indomitable fighter till the end

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JULY 8

The passing away of Virbhadra Singh marks the end of an era. A man of an indomitable spirit and endurance power, he dominated the state politics for almost six decades. He became an MP in 1962 at the age of 28 and Chief Minister for the first time in 1983 and repeated the feat six times.

Even during his last days in hospital, the 'Raja', as he was popularly referred to, exhibited the same fighting spirit that remained the hallmark of his entire political career. Often welcomed with the slogan "Raja nahin fakir hai, Himachal ki takdir hai," the six-time Chief Minister, unlike most other erstwhile rulers who joined politics, was most accessible.

Virbhadra, a former Union minister, was counted amongst the tallest Congress leaders in the country, but he still remained a grassroots leader. He had won nine Assembly elections and five Lok Sabha elections, a feat only a few politicians can boast of. He remained the state Congress president in 1977, 1979, 1980 and 2012 before becoming CM. However, his stint as CM in 1998 lasted for a brief period of 18 days, as he failed to win the confidence vote.

Even his most bitter critics



Former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh during a public rally in Shimla. FILE PHOTO

across party lines admired the "Raja" for his fighting spirit and the resolute trait to bounce back against all adversities. It was his larger-than-life persona, which ensured that nobody in the Congress dared to challenge his authority though he was often accused of having a dictatorial style of functioning.

Virbhadra entered politics by winning the LS elections for the first time in 1962. "I joined politics to serve people. First Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru chose me as a Congress candidate for the 1962 LS elections," he would often say about his initiation into politics at the hands of Pandit Nehru.

Former Telecommunication Minister Sukh Ram remained his biggest bete

noire and the two never saw eye to eye. In fact, Sukh Ram was instrumental in keeping the Congress out of power after he floated his own political outfit, Himachal Vikas Congress, which won five seats in the 1998 elections.

Though Virbhadra was immensely popular, on occasions he had to fight his way to the CM's post, often against the wishes of the top leadership. In 1993, the tenacious politician in him ensured that he did not lose the fight for chief minister-ship to Sukh Ram, his arch rival, who had the blessings of the then PM PV Narasimha Rao. Virbhadra on his part exhibited his strength with the support of majority MLAs, compelling a reluctant top leadership to let him adorn the mantle.

**NADDA, RAHUL ARRIVE TODAY**

Shimla: BJP national president JP Nadda and former AICC chief Rahul Gandhi will be arriving here tomorrow to pay tributes to Virbhadra Singh. Nadda will pay tribute at The Ridge where the body of the veteran leader will be kept for the public to pay their homage. Gandhi will arrive at the state Congress office here at 11 am to offer condolences. All party MLAs and senior leaders have been asked to be present at the Congress office. CWC member and AICC in-charge for Himachal Rajeev Shukla and AICC secretary Sanjay Dutt will also be arriving here.

## ADMIRE ACROSS PARTY LINES



“It is shocking to hear about the death of charismatic leader Virbhadra Singh, who was admired across party lines. Though we differed politically, we held each other in utmost regard.”

— JP Nadda, NATIONAL BJP PRESIDENT

## UNPRECEDENTED CONTRIBUTION TO STATE



“The contribution of Virbhadra Singh towards the development of the state was unprecedented and his demise is a big loss to the state. He devoted his entire life for the uplift of every section of society with special focus on weaker and vulnerable sections.”

— Jai Ram Thakur, CM

## WAS A FINE HUMAN BEING



“I am deeply saddened to learn about the death of Virbhadra Singh, who was a seasoned politician and fine human being. He ensured holistic development of the hill state, but also played a pivotal role for the overall well-being of all sections of society.”

— Capt Amarinder Singh, PUNJAB CM

# Virbhadra brought major projects to Kangra district

## Declared Dharamsala second capital, shifted HPBSE

LALIT MOHAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JULY 8

Virbhadra Singh had a love-hate relationship with the Kangra region. While he was often accused of being biased against Kangra or the merged Himachal area, he can be credited with bringing most projects to the region.

The biggest one is the Assembly complex where the winter session is held every year. Before the complex was built, Virbhadra Singh as Chief Minister in 2005 started holding the winter session in Government College, Dharamsala.

During his last tenure as Chief Minister from 2012 to 2017, a notification was issued declaring Dharamsala as the second capital of the state. Though the notification remained only on paper, many believe only a leader like Virbhadra Singh could have the courage to take such a politically-sensitive decision.

Virbhadra also started a winter sojourn of the Chief Minister to the lower areas in 1990s after BJP leaders accused him of ignoring Kangra. During the winter sojourn, he used to stay in Kashmir House, an HPTDC



Was widely respected by rivals, people

Virbhadra Singh had some political rivals in Kangra, but was loved by opponents and people as a leader. 'Raja nahi fakir hai, Himachal ki takdir hai' was the slogan that greeted him whenever he visited Kangra district.

hotel in Dharamsala that was converted into the Chief Minister's residence.

During his last tenure as Chief Minister, Virbhadra announced government colleges, hospitals, new tehsils and schools in all Assembly constituencies of Kangra district. Interestingly, most of these are now functional.

Virbhadra is also credited with shifting the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education from Shimla to Dharamsala and bringing Tanda medical college to Kangra district.

He had some political rivals in Kangra, but leaders and people loved him as a leader. 'Raja nahi fakir hai, Himachal ki takdir hai' was the slogan that greeted him whenever he visited the area.

Even his political rivals praised him for his hard work and love for common man. Officials praised him for his administrative acumen. Though he was at times harsh, everyone knew that orders given by him had to be complied with, said an official.

# Cremation at Rampur tomorrow

SHIMLA, JULY 8

The cremation of former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh will take place at his native place Rampur on July 10.

His body has been kept at his residence "Holly Lodge" in Jakhu as people from all walks of life made a beeline to pay their last tributes to the departed soul. The body

## State govt declares 3-day mourning

will be kept on The Ridge tomorrow morning for people to pay their last respects. It will be taken to the state Congress office before being taken to Rampur for the final journey.

"The cremation will take place at our ancestral place at Rampur on July 10," said Vikramaditya Singh, Virbhadra's son who is the MLA from Shimla (Rural).

The government today declared a three-day mourning. The BJP also suspended all its programmes in the state for the next three days. — TNS

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

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Date & Time of Opening	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion period
1.	OT-09/21-22	Signalling work in c/w Replacement of UAC based BPAC by UP SBI with Digital axle counter in SRE-UMB-LDH section over Ambala Division.	04.08.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹66,20,345/-	NIL	09 Months
2.	OT-10/21-22	Signalling work in c/w provision of tracing of cable route and Detection of existing cable route plan in SRE-UMB-LDH section over Ambala Division.	04.08.2021 at 15:00 hrs.	₹54,18,009/-	NIL	09 Months

**Note:** 1. Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer/N.Railway, DRM Office, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt. from the willing contractors for above noted work up to 15 hrs. on due date shown against the work and will be opened soon thereafter. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TAN/TIN as per conditions. 2. Please refer to the website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) for detailed notice and tender documents. 3. Tenderer should have class-II Digital Signature Certificate and registered themselves on website stated above to participate in E-Tendering and they are requested to read all the instructions contained in the tender notice and tender documents carefully before submitting their offer so as to comply with all the requisite provision/special conditions.

**No.: SW-Sig/UMB/NIT-06/2021-22 Dated: 07.07.2021 1518/21**  
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# Two jawans killed in Rajouri, 6 ultras shot in 3 encounters

Four militants gunned down in Valley; two Pak terrorists shot in Jammu

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 8  
Six terrorists were killed in separate encounters in Kulgam, Pulwama and Rajouri districts on Thursday.

The security forces said four militants had been killed in Kulgam and Pulwama districts. Two Lashkare-e-Toiba militants were in Kulgam. They have been identified as Nasir Ahmad Pandith and Shahbaz Ahmad Shah.

In another operation at Puchal in Pulwama district, two militants were neutralised, an official said, adding that further details would pour in later as the operation continued. They have been identified as Kifayat Ramzan Sofi, associated with the LeT, and Inayat Ahmad Dar, affiliated with Al-Badr outfit.



Naib Subedar Sreejith M



Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Reddy

## INFILTRATION BID FOILED IN SUNDERBANI

The Army foiled a major infiltration bid in Rajouri as it eliminated two Pakistani terrorists. Naib Subedar Sreejith M and Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Reddy died in the gunfight.

Meanwhile, Kashmir IGP Vijay Kumar has congratulated security forces. “Five terrorists killed in 24 hours in Kashmir. Congratulations to the police and the security forces for the operations without collateral damage,” he added.

In Rajouri, the Army foiled a major infiltration bid along

the LoC as they eliminated two Pakistani terrorists. The Army lost two soldiers, including a Junior Commissioned Officer, in the fierce gun battle.

Jawans had launched an extensive search operation in Sundarbani sector after getting information regarding

infiltration, a defence spokesman said.

The gunfight erupted in in Dadal forest area that also claimed the lives of Naib Subedar Sreejith M and Sepoy Maruprolu Jaswanth Reddy.

Two AK-47 rifles and ammunition in heavy quantity have been recovered from the terrorists, the spokesman said, adding a detailed search of the area continues.

This is second infiltration bid foiled by troops in the last 24 hours along the Line of Control in Rajouri.

A Pakistani terrorist was gunned down as Army troops foiled an infiltration bid along the LoC in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. Two soldiers were injured in the fire-fight with the terrorists who made an attempt to cross the LoC. (With inputs from PTL)

# Centre clears ₹23K cr to boost health infra...

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6,688 beds for Covid management, boost genome sequencing capacity, support implementation of hospital management information system in all district hospitals and increase telemedicine capacity to 5 lakh consultations a day. Although sero surveys showed over 55% kids had already developed antibodies and may not be disproportionately vulnerable to a third

## It's extension to first part of the package announced last year

wave, the government does not want to take any chances. The response package is an extension of the first part of the package worth Rs 15,000 crore announced in March 2020 to boost health infrastructure in the wake of the pandemic.

# 4 patients die of Covid

SRINAGAR, JULY 8

J&K witnessed 262 fresh cases and four deaths on Thursday. The UT's Covid tally has climbed to 3,18,023 and the death toll has reached 4,353, officials said. Of the fresh cases, 120 were from the Jammu division and 142 from the Kashmir division. The active Covid cases have dropped to 3,344, while 3,10,326 patients have recovered so far.

Ladakh saw six new cases, taking the caseload to 20,143. Twenty-three people recovered

## 262 FRESH CASES

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ered from the infection. The overall recoveries stand at 19,756. Twenty Covid patients were discharged after recovery in Leh and three were discharged in Kargil. — PTI

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# Kashmir valley on the edge of economic despair

distress sale of apples, failure to deliver export orders, closure of markets, lack of tourist footfall, pack up by the IT industry or the suspension of movement hitting the transport sector.

The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce (KCC) has pegged the losses over the last two years at nearly Rs 50,000 crore in the Kashmir division alone and maintains that over five lakh have been rendered unemployed. The clampdown after the abrogation of Article 370 and Covid has affected every sector.

“We have been suffering for decades but the losses of the last two consecutive years did not give us time to recover. The desperation is such that a young boy who recently got married called me up a fort-



A woman sells toys near Dal Lake after ease in Covid curbs. PTI

night back to say he had no money to pay the banks for the loan he had taken for a handicraft shop nearly three years back. The last two years had ruined him to the extent that he indicated that he could take some extreme step. I assured him that we would work something out,” says Sheikh Ashiq of the KCC.

He maintains that orchard owners made distress sales and export orders were cancelled. “In fact, all businesses

are bearing the brunt. The government offered help but only a bailout package can help us,” he asserts.

Farhan Kitab, president of the Retailers Association, says the retail sector is under tremendous stress and virtually on the edge of despair. “The summer months have been a complete disaster and our peak season was lost to lockdown. These months in the last three years have been a lot of unrest and we have

## RETAIL SECTOR STRESSED

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Farhan Kitab, PRESIDENT, RETAILERS' ASSOCIATION

barely been able to meet our basic needs, let alone repay loans,” he explains.

With movement suspended, the transport sector too suffered huge losses. “Our members have sold vehicles to scrap dealers to feed their families,” he quips.

Artisans, craftsmen, houseboat owners and all other businesses are in debt. Though the government has tried to extend help, the distressed sectors are looking at more.

# French court 'lets'..

The Finance Ministry suggested that a dialogue was on with the company's representatives. “Constructive discussions have been held and the government remains open to an amicable solution to the dispute within the country's legal framework,” said a ministry statement.

The centrally located properties mostly comprise flats worth over 20 million Euros used to accommodate visiting VIPs in France, according to the French media. “Whenever such an order is received, appropriate legal remedies will be taken in

consultation with our counsels,” said the statement.

Cairn had received a notice from the Income Tax Department in January 2014, raising a preliminary assessment of Rs 10,247 crore tax liabilities for the group reorganisation it had done in 2006.

In March 2015, the IT department contended that Cairn made a capital gain of Rs 24,503 crore. Cairn challenged the move before an arbitration tribunal in The Hague, which awarded it \$1.2 billion plus costs and interest, which totals \$1.7 billion.— TNS

# 6-time CM Virbhadr..

for the 2022 Assembly elections. Now with the passing away of the stalwart, the Congress not only remains a divided house with several claimants to the post of chief minister but is also devoid of any charismatic leader who can pull crowds.

Being the scion of the erstwhile Bushair royal family, “Raja Sahib” (as he was fondly addressed by his supporters) did not get to rule a kingdom but surely he ruled the hearts of the people of Himachal. The fondness and admiration for him reflected in slogans like “Raja nahin fakir hai, Himachal ki takdir hai”. The imprint left behind by him would certainly be difficult for anyone to match.

An astute politician, able administrator, a man full of compassion and most accessible, the Congress veteran devoted almost six decades to public life as he started his electoral innings by winning the first Lok Sabha election in 1962. Ironically, on most occasions, he made it to the top post much against the wishes of the high command as he never hesitated to

## His demise has left the Congress virtually rudderless in the state

speak his mind.

His demise has left the Congress in the state virtually rudderless with no leader even remotely enjoying the kind of following the “Raja” had in every nook and corner of the state. Considering his towering personality and political clout, he could seal anybody's fate by ensuring their victory or even defeat.

Even his most bitter critics across party lines admired the “Raja” for his fighting spirit and the resolute trait to bounce back from adversity. It was his larger-than-life persona which ensured that nobody within the Congress dared challenge his authority despite often being accused of having a feudalistic mentality and dictatorial style of functioning.

Virbhadrar's passing away brings to an end an era. The Congress will find it difficult to fill the void and have a popular face to woo the voters.

**H.P. STATE FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
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Forest Working Division Shimla Nigam Vihar - 171002  
GSTIN 02AAACH4038729 E-mail: dm-shimla@hpfrcorpltd.in  
Telephone No. 0177-2623806

**AUCTION NOTICE**

The open auction for sale of Govt. coniferous timber of HP State Forest Development Corporation Limited, stacked at Retail Sale Depot Kanlog Shimla will be held during the months of July, August & September 2021 at 11:30 A.M. as under:-

Month	Name of Retail Sale Depot	Date of Auction
July	Kanlog	29.07.2021
August	-do-	26.08.2021
September	-do-	29.09.2021

The venue of auction will be in Retail Sale Depot Kanlog Shimla-171002.  
For further details please contact Divisional Manager, Forest Working Division Shimla.  
Phone No. 0177-2623806

Divisional Manager, FWD Shimla

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Indora, Himachal Pradesh on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh in Electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned works from the Eligible Contractors/Firms enlisted with H.P., IPH Department:-

Sr. No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1.	Providing "Functional" house hold tap connection" in various habitation of LWSS Bela Thakuran and Bari Rial under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Badukhar in Tehsil Indora Distt. Kangra HP (SH:- Drilling, Lowering and Development of 1 No. tubewell 100 mtr deep) (Under Jal Jeevan Mission)	Rs. 10,84,442/-	Rs. 21,690/-	Six Months	400/-

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering is 16.07.2021 up to 11:00 a.m. The tender form and other detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org).

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division, Indora.

DPR/HP/2222

"Him Suchana Avam Jan Samparak"

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HOUSING-1 BRANCH)**

**CORRIGENDUM**

No. 06/02/2021-6HG/1999 Date: 7/7/2021

In Punjab Government Notification No. 6/02/2021-6GH/1/325 dated 15.02.2021 issued under Section 4 of The Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 published in Punjab Gazette (Extra) dated 15.02.2021 regarding land acquisition for setting up of Industrial Park in Sector 101, corrigendum is issued as under:-

Notified	To be read as
Land for setting up of ESDM Industrial Park in Sector 101 as per approved Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar Master Plan in the area of Tehsil Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.	Land for setting up of Industrial Park in Sector 101 as per approved Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar Master Plan in the area of Tehsil Mohali, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.

Place - Chandigarh Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Housing & Urban Development, Chandigarh

Date: 01.07.2021

Sarvjit Singh, IAS

**Municipal Council, Adampur, Jalandhar**

**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ, ਜਲੰਧਰ**

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**ਦੀ-ਨਿਲਮੀ**

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਨੌਂ ਰੋਕਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ [www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP](http://www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP) ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੋਲੀ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ। ਚਾਰਵਾਰ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਲਾਭ ਉਠਾਉਣ। ਬੋਲੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ E-Auction ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ [www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP](http://www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP) 'ਤੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਬੋਲੀ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ:

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਬੋਲੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਬਿਆਨਾ ਰਕਮ	ਰਿਜ਼ਰਵ ਕੀਮਤ	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਦਾ ਸਾਈਜ਼
1.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 2	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
2.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 3	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
3.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 4	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
4.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 7	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
5.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 9	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
6.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 10	20,000.00	4900.00	28'5" x 9'
7.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 12	20,000.00	2700.00	17'5" x 8'
8.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 14	20,000.00	2700.00	17'5" x 8'
9.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 18	20,000.00	5100.00	27'5" x 9'7"
10.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 19	20,000.00	5100.00	27'5" x 9'7"
11.	ਦੁਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 20	20,000.00	5100.00	27'5" x 9'7"

ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ:

ਬਿੱਭਰ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	07.07.2021	09.00 AM
ਬਿੱਭਰ ਲਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	28.07.2021	05.00 PM
ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬਿੱਭਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	29.07.2021	10.00 AM
ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬਿੱਭਰ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	29.07.2021	01.00 PM

ਦੀ-ਨਿਲਮੀ ਪੋਰਟਲ [www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP](http://www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP)

ਨੋਟ: ਵਿਸਥਾਰਿਤ ਹੋਰ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਪੁੱਛਗਿੱਛ ਲਈ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੋਲਪਡੈਸਕ ਨੰ. 0172-5035985 ਅਤੇ 0181-5090259 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਨੌਟਰ ਬੋਰਡ 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ [www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP](http://www.tenderwizd.com/DLGP) ਅਤੇ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ ਦੇ ਨੋਟਰ ਬੋਰਡ 'ਤੇ ਪੁਰਾਇਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਸਹੀ/ਪ੍ਰਾਪਨ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ। DPR/Pb/5862

ਸਹੀ/ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਲਸ, ਆਦਮਪੁਰ

**ਦਿਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਬੋਲੀ**

ਬਿਸਤ ਦੁਆਬ ਮੰਡਲ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਮੀਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਸਾਲ 2021-22

- ਬੋਲੀ ਇਕ ਸਾਲ, ਭਾਵ ਸਾਲ 2021-22 ਲਈ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।
- ਚਕੋਤਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪਟਾਨਾਮਾ ਫਾਰਮ ਭਰ ਕੇ ਦੇਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ।
- ਬੋਲੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਬਤੌਰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਘੱਟੋਘੱਟ 5000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੀ ਪਵੇਗੀ।
- ਬੋਲੀ ਟੈਂਡਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਾਰੀ ਰਕਮ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਹੀ ਵਸੂਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
- ਬੋਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਰੋਟ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਅਤੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ।
- ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੌਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਮੰਡਲ ਜਾਂ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਵੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਜਿਸ ਅਧੀਨ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਹੈ	ਚਕੋਤ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਡੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ/ਪਿੰਡ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ	ਚਕੋਤ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਡੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਰਕਬਾ/ਕਨਾਲ/ਮਰਲੇ ਵਿਚ	ਸਥਾਨ	ਮਿਤੀ	ਸਮਾਂ
1	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਨਵਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਹਾਥੀ	ਰਾਮਗੜ੍ਹ ਭੱਟੇ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ	6.31 ਏਕੜ	ਨਵਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਹਾਥੀ	14.07.2021	11.00 A.M.
2	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਨਵਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਹਾਥੀ	ਉਲੱਧਣੀ ਭੱਟੇ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ	9.78 ਏਕੜ	ਨਵਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਹਾਥੀ	14.07.2021	11.00 A.M.
3	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ	ਧੌਸੀ ਭੱਟੇ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ	7.99 ਏਕੜ	ਨਵਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਹਾਥੀ	14.07.2021	11.00 A.M.
4	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	ਧਨੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਅਧੀਨ ਆਉਂਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ	3 ਕਨਾਲ 10 ਮਰਲੇ	ਗੋਰਾਇਆ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	14.07.2021	3.00 P.M.
5	ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	ਸਮਰਾਏ ਮਾਈਨਰ ਦੀ ਟੋਲ 'ਤੇ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ	8 ਕਨਾਲ 9 ਮਰਲੇ	ਗੋਰਾਇਆ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	14.07.2021	3.00 P.M.
6	ਜਲੰਧਰ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਜਲੰਧਰ	ਪਿੰਡ ਭਰੋਲੀ ਖੁਰਦ	4.13 ਏਕੜ	ਗੋਰਾਇਆ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	14.07.2021	3.00 P.M.
7	ਜਲੰਧਰ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਜਲੰਧਰ	ਪਿੰਡ ਪ੍ਰਤਾਪਗੜ੍ਹ (ਮਾਝਲਾ ਟਾਉਨ ਮਾਈਨਰ ਟੋਲ)	0.44 ਏਕੜ	ਗੋਰਾਇਆ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	14.07.2021	3.00 P.M.
8	ਜਲੰਧਰ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਕੈਨਾਲ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਜਲੰਧਰ	ਜੰਢੂਸਿੰਘਾ ਡਿਸਟਰੀਬਿਊਟਰੀ ਖੁਰਜੀ 60600-61200 ਸਟਰੀਪ ਲੈਂਡ	ਸਟਰੀਪ ਲੈਂਡ 45x600 ਫੀਟ (0.63 ਏਕੜ)	ਗੋਰਾਇਆ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਗੋਰਾਇਆ	14.07.2021	3.00 P.M.

ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਸੋਧ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਤਾਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਅਪਡੇਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਹੀ/-

ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਬਿਸਤ ਦੁਆਬ ਮੰਡਲ, ਜਲੰਧਰ।

DPR/Pb/5846

**ਪਸ਼ੂਧਨ ਭਵਨ ਮੈਂ ਸਫਾਈ ਹੋਰ ਨਿਵਿਦਾਏਂ ਸੂਚਨਾ**

ਨਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਲਯ ਪਸ਼ੂਪਾਲਨ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਹਿਮਾਚਲ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼ ਸ਼ਿਮਲਾ-5 ਮੈਂ ਪਸ਼ੂਧਨ ਭਵਨ ਦੇ ਦੈਨਿਕ ਸਫਾਈ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਨੇ ਹੋਰ ਮੋਹਰਵੰਦ ਨਿਵਿਦਾਏਂ ਏਕ ਵਰ੍ਹੇ ਦੀ ਅਵਧੀ ਦੇ ਲਿਏ ਆਮੰਤ੍ਰਿਤ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਕਾਰਜ ਮੈਂ ਪਸ਼ੂਧਨ ਭਵਨ ਮੈਂ ਸ਼ਿਧਤ ਹਿਮਾਚਲ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼ ਪਸ਼ੂ ਚਿਕਿਤਸਾ ਪਰਿਸ਼ਦ ਦਾ ਪਰਿਸਰ ਤਥਾ ਮਤਲਯ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਯਾਲਯ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗਾ। ਨਿਵਿਦਾਏਂ ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ਕ, ਪਸ਼ੂਪਾਲਨ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਸ਼ਿਮਲਾ-5 ਦੇ ਕਾਰਯਾਲਯ ਮੈਂ ਦਿਨਾਂਕ 29.07.2021 ਨੂੰ ਫ਼ਾਤ: 11.00 ਬਜੇ ਤਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਾਨੀ ਚਾਹਿਏ। ਜੌਕਿ ਉਸੀ ਦਿਨ ਅਪਰਾਹਨ 2:00 ਬਜੇ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਲਯ ਪਸ਼ੂਪਾਲਨ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਮੈਂ ਖ਼ੋਲੀ ਜਾਯੇਗੀ। ਨਿਵਿਦਾਓਂ ਦੇ ਲਿਏ ਨਿਯਮ ਵ ਸ਼ਰੱਤੋਂ ਕਿਸੀ ਭੀ ਕਾਰਯੋਦਿਵਸ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਰਯਾਲਯ ਮੈਂ ਦੇਖੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

DPR/HP/2240

ਹਿਮ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਏਵੰ ਜਨਸਯਮਕੰ

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

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

The Hospital Engineer (Civil-I), PGIMER Chandigarh on behalf of the Director PGIMER Chandigarh invites online Percentage rate bids from the enlisted contractors in appropriate class of CPWD/Department of Posts/BSNL/Railways/M.E.S. Chandigarh Administration/CHB/MC Chandigarh/State PWD's/HUDA/PUDA/State Electricity Boards & Corporations dealing in Civil works on two bid system (Eligibility & Financial Bid) for the following work(s):-

- NIT No.: PGI/Engg./Civil-I/2021/13, Name of Work: Extension and Renovation of Community Centre Sector-12, PGIMER, Chandigarh. (Composite work) (SH:- Civil, Electrical & HVAC work). Estimated Cost: Rs. 82.46 Lakh (Civil work:- Rs. 54.72 Lakh, Electrical work:- Rs. 17.67 Lakh & HVAC work:- Rs. 10.07 Lakh). Earnest Money: NIL (As per OM No. DC/CON/Misc./13, dated 23.11.2020). However, EMD declaration as per Proforma shall be mandatory. Period of Completion: 5 Months. Last date and time of submission of bid: 22.07.2021 up to 4:00 p.m., Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 23.07.2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- NIT No.: PGI/Engg./Civil-I/2021/14, Name of Work: Upgradation & Renovation of Nephrology Research Labs in Research Block-B, Sector-12, PGIMER, Chandigarh (Composite work) (SH:- Civil, Electrical, HVAC & Furniture work). Estimated Cost: Rs. 75.37 Lakh (Civil work:- Rs. 28.90 Lakh, Electrical work:- Rs. 9.89 Lakh, HVAC work:- Rs. 2.89 Lakh & Furniture work:- Rs. 33.69 Lakh). Earnest Money: NIL (As per OM No. DC/CON/Misc./13, dated 23.11.2020). However, EMD declaration as per Proforma shall be mandatory. Period of Completion: 4 Months. Last date and time of submission of bid: 22.07.2021 up to 4:00 p.m., Date and time of opening of Eligibility bid: 23.07.2021 at 4:00 p.m.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app), and official website of the PGIMER [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in). Press notice is also available on [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). The contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website [www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app](http://www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app) for participating in e-tendering process (Helpdesk for registering- 09398447883). For any technical information Contact (0172-2755860).

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HOSPITAL ENGINEER (CIVIL-I)

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT**

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar invites following offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh for eligible Contractors for the following work through offline process:

Sr. No.	Description	E/Cost	E/ Money	Time	Cost of From
1.	Retrofitting of LWSS Thanadhar and GWSS Ser Jagas, Nehar Pab, GWSS Shalana, GWSS Dimber, Thod Niwar and GWSS Kahl Bhara, Tehsil Raigarh, District Simour H.P. (SH:- C/O RCC Sump well 30000 litres capacity and providing connectivity to raw water tank. Sedimentation tank filter bed and sump well for LWSS Thanadhar).	409817/-	8200/-	3 Months	250/-
2.	Providing GWSS to NCPH habitation of various CV's in GP Chhotgati & Sanio Deegad in Tehsil Raigarh, Distt. Simour H.P. (UNDER JMM) (SH:- Laying & jointing of GMS pipe line in distribution system and providing THD to balanced households of habitation Kuffer, ThadKand-I, Kande-I, Kande-II and Seen).	445572/-	8950/-	3 Months	250/-
3.	C/O Divisional Office Building at Nohradhar in Tehsil Nohradhar, Distt. Simour H.P. (SH:- Providing & fixing interlocking tiles left side of the Divisional Office).	496499/-	9950/-	3 Months	250/-
4.	C/O Divisional Office Building at Nohradhar in Tehsil Nohradhar, Distt. Simour H.P. (SH:- Providing & fixing CP Board for Ground Floor and First Floor).	498515/-	10000/-	3 Months	250/-
5.	Providing CAD work for LBS village Bhatalag Bhara in G.P. Kahlai Bhara, Tehsil Raigarh, District Simour H.P. (SH:- C/O 2 Nos RCC Irrigation tank 50000 litres capacity at different locations).	499471/-	10000/-	3 Months	250/-
6.	Renov of PDS Shaya Sanora in GP Shaya Sanora, Tehsil Raigarh, Distt. Simour HP (SH:- C/O protection work for Kuhl at various Rds)	478040/-	9600/-	2 Month	250/-

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 4.00 PM dated 12/07/2021, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above. The tenders shall be received in the office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar up to 2.00 PM dated 13/07/2021 and shall be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives, if any.

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar.

DPR/HP/2197

**DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, MINI SECRETARIAT, BACHAT BHAVAN, TOP FLOOR, ROPAR**

Ph. 01881-220295

Dated: 5.7.2021

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The State Government has notified the Mediation Cell to be attached to the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Ropar under Section 74(1) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 on 11.06.2021, Under Section 75 (1) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 a panel of Mediators is to be prepared by this Commission.

Accordingly, applications are invited from the eligible candidates under Section 75 (1) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 for the empanelment of 5 (Five) Mediators in the Mediation Cell attached with the District Consumer Dis



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

M/s Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh has received an application for reconstitution of Retail Outlet (Petrol Pump) dealership of M/s Dharamvir Ved Lal, at NH-44, Sahnewal, District Ludhiana in favour of applicant Smt. Sunita Kapila, Widow of Sh. Ram Pal Kapila resident of Ward No. 32, Sahnewal Khurd, District Ludhiana as a sole proprietress. M/s Indian Oil Corporation Ltd hereby invites claims, response or objections to the reconstitution of the said dealership from the heir/s or other claimants or objector/s to the reconstitution of the Retail Outlet dealership within a period of 30 days from the publication of this notice, with the copies of relevant proofs to support the claim/ objection. If no claims/objections are received within the period prescribed above, the Corporation shall be at the liberty to process the proposal as per the policy of the Corporation. In case of any claims/objections, kindly contact **M/s Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Chandigarh Divisional Office, SCO-35, 36, Sector-7 C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh.**

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, PATIALA-147001  
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in), Contact No. **94661-17859**

**Public Notice No. 01/O&M/WS-202 Dated: 07.07.2021**  
Applications are invited from MBBS retired medical officers for filling One No. Post of Medical Officer on Contractual basis for working in General Duty at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat from all eligible candidates only. **Note:-** Candidates will submit their application complete in all respects latest by 28.07.21 along with attested photo copies of all testimonials to the office of Dy. CE/Hq. GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat by registered post/in person. Conditions and Proforma application can be seen at PSPCL website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in).  
**Note:** Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at website [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in). GHTP-32/21 DPR/Pb/5849



**केन्द्रीय विद्यालय भा.ति.सी.पु. सराहन**  
डा.क. सर-बैड, कडलीर चमपुर, जिला सिवाल (हि.म.) - 172034  
दूरभाष :- 01782-292596, ईमेल :- [kv.sarahan@gmail.com](mailto:kv.sarahan@gmail.com)  
वेबसाइट :- <https://itbpsarahan.kvs.ac.in>

**प्रवेश सूचना**  
1. कक्षा 1 (सत्र 2021-22) की अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग (OBC-NCL) की 5 रिक्त सीटों के लिए ऑनलाइन पंजीकरण दिनांक 08.07.2021 (बीवार) प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दिनांक 12.07.2021 (सोमवार) सांय 7:00 बजे तक किया जा सकता है।  
2. पंजीकरण हेतु केन्द्रीय विद्यालय भा.ति.सी.पु. सराहन की वेबसाइट <https://itbpsarahan.kvs.ac.in> से पंजीकरण करें। प्रार्थना करें, उक्त सूचना से भर कर स्कैन करके विद्यालय की ईमेल आईडी [kv.sarahan@gmail.com](mailto:kv.sarahan@gmail.com) पर प्रेषित करें।  
3. अधिक जानकारी के लिए इच्छुक अभियन्ताक प्रातः 09:00 बजे से सांय 05:00 बजे तक 01782-292596 आवाज 9816577001 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं। **प्राचार्य**

**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬਰੇਟਾ (ਮਾਨਸਾ)**  
**ecomcbareta@gmail.com**

ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਨ.ਕ.ਬ. 1021 (ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ) ਮਿਤੀ: 06.07.2021

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**ਸਹੀ:- ਗਾਂਧੀ ਰਾਮ, ਸਹੀ:- ਪਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬਰੇਟਾ।** DPR/Pb/5870 ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਬਰੇਟਾ।

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PATIALA**  
**LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPTT. PUNJAB**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (First Time 21 days ETENDER NOTICE)**  
**www.eproc.punjab.gov.in**  
**E-tender No. MCP/2021/91 Dt 08.07.2021**  
Municipal Corporation, Patiala invites E-tenders on Two Bids System (Technical and Financial) for 3 Nos. of Building works mentioned at [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from the enlisted contractors and Cooperative L&C Societies as per latest instructions issued vide notification No. 5/82/2018-2lg4/1892 dated 02.08.2018. Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide notification No. 5/82/2018-2lg4/1892 dated 02.08.2018.

Sr No.	Last date of online submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Bidding Documents
1	Up to 29.07.2021 at 17.00 hrs	30.07.2021 at 11.00 a.m.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Patiala.**  
DPR/Pb/5873

**No. S.E. (B&R)/NIT-37 Dt. 07.07.21**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KAPURTHALA**  
**LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS)**  
**eproc.punjab.gov.in**  
**E-tender No. MCK/(B&R) 2021-2/**

Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala invites e-tenders on Two Bid System, for the Civil/Horticulture/Building/Electrical works mentioned at [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from the contractors enlisted with Municipal Corporation, Kapurthala & Co.op. L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide notification No. 76/52/79-ਸੀ. 1(5)/8856 Dt. 04.11.2019 & 5/82/2018-2lg4/1892 Dt. 02.08.2018 & 5/82/2018-2lg4/702 Dt. 01.04.20  
**Date and Time Schedule for Enlisted contractors only (21 Days Notice)**

Sr. No.	Last Date of online submission of bidding document	Opening of Technical Bid	Opening of Financial Bid
1	2.8.21 up to 17:00 hrs.	3.8.21 up to 11:00 hrs.	4.8.21 up to 12:00 hrs.

Other terms & conditions can be seen at e-tender website [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
**Sd/- Commissioner E.O. S.E./C.E. A.C.E. J.E./D.M. J.A. DPR/Pb/5869**

**Advst No. NHM/PKL/2021/471 Dated: 08.07.2021**  
**District Health and Family Welfare Society**  
**O/o CIVIL SURGEON, A-BLOCK, 5th FLOOR, SECTOR-6, CIVIL HOSPITAL, PANCHKULA HARYANA — 134109**  
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**Sd/- Civil Surgeon Panchkula.**  
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**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਿਡ, ਬਰਨਾਲਾ (ਪਨਸਪ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 01.08.2021 ਤੋਂ 31.07.2022 ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲਈ ਪਨਸਪ ਗੈਸ ਸਟੋਰਿਜ਼ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਗੈਸ ਸਲੰਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਘਰੋਂ-ਘਰੀ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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**ਸਹੀ:- ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪਨਸਪ, ਬਰਨਾਲਾ।**



**GLOBE TROT**

Activists against an anti-LGBT law in Budapest. REUTERS

**One of China's wandering elephants returns to reserve**  
Beijing: One member of a group of elephants that left a nature reserve and wandered close to cities in China's southwest has been tranquillised and returned to the reserve after leaving the herd. The elephants left the reserve in Yunnan province last year and walked more than 500 kilometers north. AP

**Russia to launch new Int'l Space Station module**  
MOSCOW: The long-delayed Russian module for the International Space Station is set to be finally launched this month, but the date has been pushed back several days, the head of the country's space corporation said Thursday. The launch of 'Nauka' has been delayed because of technical problems. AP

**4th Rajapaksa sibling joins govt**  
COLOMBO, JULY 8 Basil Rajapaksa, the youngest of the four Rajapaksa siblings, was sworn in as Sri Lanka's Finance Minister on Thursday, marking the further consolidation of political power by the powerful clan in the island nation. Basil, 70, became the fourth Rajapaksa brother after President Gotabaya, 72, Prime Minister Mahinda, 75, and Agricultural Minister Chamal, 78, to enter the Cabinet. He took the oath before President Gotabaya. With the entry of Basil in the Cabinet, there

**Ant Group-backed food ordering platform Zomato on Thursday said it plans to raise Rs 9,375 crore through its initial share sale that will open for subscription from July 14 to 16. The price band for the issue has been fixed at ₹72-₹76 per share.**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 8  
The total IPO size is Rs 9,375 crore, comprising a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 9,000 crore and an offer-for-sale to the tune of Rs 375 crore by Info Edge (India) Ltd, Zomato said. Asked about the valuation of the company post IPO, Zomato CFO Akshant Goyal told PTI that based on a fully-diluted basis, it will be ₹64,365 crore. and inorganic growth initiatives and general corporate purposes. Zomato's FY20 revenue had jumped over two-fold

# Four German carmakers fined \$1bn over emission collusion

**BRUSSELS, JULY 8**  
The European Union (EU) handed down \$1 billion in fines to four major German car manufacturers on Thursday, saying they colluded to limit the development and rollout of car emission-control systems. Daimler, BMW, VW, Audi and Porsche avoided competing on technology to restrict pollution from gasoline and diesel passenger cars, the EU's executive commission said. Daimler wasn't fined after it revealed the cartel to the European Commission. It was the first time the European Commission imposed collusion fines on holding back the use of technical developments, not a more traditional practice like price fixing. — AP

# 36 US states sue Google over app store practices

WASHINGTON, JULY 8  
As many as 36 US states and Washington DC have filed a lawsuit against Google, alleging the search engine giant's control over its Android app store violates anti-trust laws. The lawsuit alleges that through a series of exclusionary contracts and other anti-competitive conduct in the Google Play Store, Google has deprived Android device users of robust competition that could lead to greater choice and innovation, and significantly lower prices for mobile apps. New York Attorney General Letitia Ann James and the coalition — co-led by the attorneys general of Utah, North Carolina, and Tennessee — also accuse Google of requiring app developers selling in-app digital content through apps purchased via Google's Play Store to use Google Billing as a middleman, forcing app consumers to pay Google's commission — up to 30% — indefinitely. “Google has served as the gatekeeper of the Internet

**CLAIM VIOLATION OF ANTI-TRUST LAWS**  
■ The states have alleged that Google's control over its Android app store violates anti-trust laws  
■ Google has deprived Android device users of robust competition that could lead to greater choice and innovation, and significantly lower prices for mobile apps, the states alleged

**ENDING MONOPOLY**  
“We are filing this lawsuit to end Google's illegal monopoly and give voice to millions of consumers and business owners.”  
Letitia Ann James, NY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Thursday morning was under Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Mahinda has now been given a new portfolio of economic policy and plan implementation. Namal, the elder son of Mahinda, is the Cabinet minister of sports, while Shasheendra the son of Chamal is a state minister. Nipuna Ranawaka, a government backbencher is the nephew of the big four. Basil was seen as the livewire and the intellectual pillar in the Mahinda Rajapaksa administration between 2010 and 2015. — PTI

**VALUATION POST-IPO PEGGED AT ₹64,365 CR**  
■ The IPO comprises issuance of equity shares worth ₹9,000 crore and an offer-for-sale to the tune of ₹375 crore by Info Edge (India) Ltd  
■ Asked about the valuation of the company post-IPO, Zomato's CFO Akshant Goyal said based on a fully-diluted basis, it will be ₹64,365 crore  
■ In February, Zomato had raised over ₹1,800 crore from Tiger Global, Kora and others, valuing the online food ordering platform at around ₹40,000 crore

and inorganic growth initiatives and general corporate purposes. Zomato's FY20 revenue had jumped over two-fold to \$394 million (around Rs 2,960 crore) from the previous fiscal while its EBITDA loss was around Rs 2,200 crore. — PTI

us paying more for the software we use every day,” James alleged. “Once again, we are seeing Google use its dominance to illegally quash competition and profit to the tune of billions. Through its illegal conduct, the company has ensured that hundreds of millions of Android users turn to Google, and only Google, for the millions of applications they may choose to download to their phones and tablets,” she said. “Worse still, Google is squeezing the lifeblood out of millions of small businesses that are only seeking to compete. We are filing this lawsuit to end Google's illegal monopoly power and finally give voice to millions of consumers and business owners.” The lawsuit alleges that Google imposes technical barriers that strongly discourage or completely prevent third-party app developers from distributing apps outside the Google Play Store. — PTI

# Four suspected killers of Haiti President shot

PORT-AU-PRINCE (HAITI), JULY 8  
Haiti's police chief says four suspected killers of President Jovenel Moise have been fatally shot and two others arrested in an apparent hostage-taking situation. Léon Charles said late Wednesday that three police officers held hostage were freed. The killing of Moise early Wednesday, and the wounding of his wife, was sure to bring more chaos to the unstable Caribbean country already beset by gang violence, soaring inflation and protests by opposition supporters who accused Moise of increasing authoritarianism. Interim Prime Minister Claude Joseph said the police and military were in control of security. The poorest country in the Americas, Haiti has a history of dictatorship and political upheaval. — AP

**Three police officers held hostage freed**

**WOMEN MUST PARTICIPATE**  
“A startup ecosystem can never be strong without women participation. Our incubators house most of the startups with women participation on top positions”  
Manijal Dhariwal, SACC PRESIDENT

entrepreneurial communities and clusters, we plan to facilitate a strong mentor-mentee connect,” Manijal said. Similarly, TiE (a non-profit, global community engaged in supporting startups) Women Chandigarh is running boot camps, accelerator and mentoring sessions. It has also announced their quarterly “Open Mic Night” sessions to be held on July 17 for women entrepreneurs in Chandigarh, Punjab, J&K and Himachal. It is a platform where women are given opportunity to pitch their businesses and ask for any kind of support, irrespective of the stage of their start-up, whether it is networking, funding, market strategy or just feedback on their business models. “We believe every woman deserves a fair chance to do business. And not just validate but scale as well,” said Ritika Singh, Chair-TiE Women Chandigarh Chapter. Similarly, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry Chandigarh Council is taking initiatives to educate women on how to start a business with MSMEs and startup council.



Soldiers on patrol duty at Alishing in Afghanistan. REUTERS

# US mission in Af will end on Aug 31: Biden

WASHINGTON, JULY 8  
President Joe Biden on Thursday said the US military mission in Afghanistan would conclude on August 31, saying “speed is safety” as the United States seeks to end the nearly 20-year war. “We did not go to Afghanistan to nation build,” Biden said in a speech to update his administration's ongoing efforts to wind down the US war in Afghanistan. “Afghan leaders have to come together and drive toward a future.” Biden also amplified the justification of his decision to end US military operations even as the Taliban make rapid advances in significant swaths of the country.

**ALMOST ALL UK TROOPS WITHDRAWN: JOHNSON**  
London: Most British troops have been pulled out of Afghanistan, British PM Boris Johnson said on Thursday, ending its official role in a two-decade-long conflict. The effort to further explain his thinking on Afghanistan comes as the administration in recent days has repeatedly sought to frame ending the conflict as a decision that Biden made after concluding it's an “unwinnable war” and one that “does not have a military solution.” — AP

**Explosion at Dubai port**  
DUBAI, JULY 8  
An explosion inside a container on a ship docked at the Dubai port caused a massive fire on the vessel, authorities said on Thursday. The blast occurred in the container aboard the vessel, preparing to dock away from the Jebel Ali Port's main shipping line at around midnight on Wednesday. There were no reported deaths or injuries and the fire is under control, authorities said. There were 14 sailors aboard the ship, who were evacuated safely. — PTI

**IN BRIEF**  
**MUMBAI**  
**Sensex plunges 486 pts amid global selloff**  
Sensex slumped 486 points on Thursday, largely in tandem with a global selloff as rising cases of the Covid Delta variant in multiple countries and hawkish comments from the US Federal Reserve spooked investors. The BSE index ended 485.82 points lower at 52,568.94 while the Nifty dropped 151.75 points to 15,727.90. PTI

**NEW DELHI**  
**Mankind Pharma gets nod to make Covid drug 2-DG**  
Drug firm Mankind Pharma on Thursday said it has received licence from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to manufacture and market oral 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), used for the treatment of Covid. The company will manufacture the product at its facilities in Visakhapatnam and Himachal Pradesh, it added. PTI

**NEW DELHI**  
**Suraksha files resolution plan of Jaypee Infratech**  
Jaypee Infratech's Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) Anuj Jain has filed Suraksha Group's bid, which was recently approved by financial creditors, with the National Company Law Tribunal. On June 23, financial creditors of Jaypee Infratech picked Suraksha Group over NBCC for taking over the insolvent firm. PTI

**NEW DELHI**  
**Coal India to buy 11 rope shovels for ₹1,642 crore**  
Coal India Ltd (CIL) on Thursday said it has inked a pact for purchase of 11 Russian rope shovels for nearly Rs 1,642 crore. Electric rope shovels play a vital role in opencast mines for loading of material. PTI



England skipper wins it in extra-time to fire his side into 1st final since 1966 WC

LONDON, JULY 8  
England and their long-suffering fans finally have the chance to add another trophy to the 1966 World Cup after they overcame Denmark 2-1 in extra-time on Wednesday to reach the European Championship final for the first time.

Harry Kane's goal, following up after his penalty had been saved, finally saw off battling Denmark to set up a Sunday showdown against Italy, also looking to shake off the '60s as they seek to win the title they last lifted in 1968.

On a night to remember in front of almost 60,000 roaring fans, England fell behind to Mikkell Damsgaard's superb free-kick, equalised with an own goal, dominated the game and then won it via their captain, albeit somewhat unconvincingly, in the 104th minute. "Unbelievable — what a game though," said Kane. "We dug deep and we got there when it mattered. We reacted really well — we're in a final at home, what a feeling." It was of course a particularly special night for



England's players celebrate the winner against Denmark in their semifinal clash. AP/PTI

coach Gareth Southgate, whose penalty shootout miss sent England out of the semi-finals of Euro 96. "The most pleasing thing is that we've given our fans and our nation a fantastic night and the journey carries on for another four days. We've said we want to create memories I've said to the young ones 'it isn't always like this'," he said. — Reuters

**1** FREE-KICK Mikkell Damsgaard's goal was the first scored from a direct free-kick at this summer's Euro

**10** GOALS Harry Kane's fourth goal of the tournament puts him level with Gary Lineker for most goals in England's major tournament history with 10

**55** YEARS England reached a major final for the first time in 55 years

**725** MINUTES The goal conceded ended England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford's streak of clean sheets that lasted for a total of 725 minutes

## Pliskova & Barty set up final date

LONDON, JULY 8  
Top seed Ash Barty became the first Australian woman to reach the Wimbledon singles final for 41 years after beating former champion Angelique Kerber 6-3 7-6(3) today.

The 25-year-old will now aim to emulate Evonne Goolagong who won the second of her two Wimbledon crowns in 1980.

After saving a break point in a nervy opening game on a sunny Centre Court, world No.1 Barty was supreme in the first set as her all-court game flowed on the grass. The 33-year-old Kerber hit back in the second set and looked poised to take it into a decider when serving at 5-3. But Barty got back in the groove and broke to love. Kerber's game went off in the tiebreak and Barty surged into a 6-0 lead and never let the opportunity slip from her.

She will face Karolina Pliskova, who beat Aryna Sabalenka 5-7 6-4 6-4, in Saturday's showpiece — the first time since 1977 that both finalists are in their maiden Wimbledon final. — Reuters

## BRIEFLY

### BELGRADE Indian GM Nihal Sarin wins Serbia Open chess

Young Indian Grandmaster Nihal Sarin today emerged champion in the Masters' section of the Serbia Open Chess Championship here. This is the second consecutive tournament victory for the 16-year-old Sarin after he claimed the title in the Silver Lake Open.

### COLOMBO SL batting coach Grant Flower tests positive for Covid

Sri Lanka's batting coach Grant Flower tested positive for Covid-19 today, 48 hours after the squad's arrival from England and less than a week before the home series against India.

### ZAGREB Anand beats Korobov in Croatia Grand Chess Tour

Viswanathan Anand scored an impressive fifth-round win over Anton Korobov of Ukraine in

the rapid competition of the Croatia Grand Chess Tour tournament here today. He had drawn his fourth-round game against Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan. Russian GM Nepomniachtchi continued to lead the table.

### TOKYO Tokyo bans Oly spectators amid Covid-19 emergency

The Olympics will take place without spectators in host city Tokyo, organisers said today, as a resurgent coronavirus forced Japan to declare a state of emergency in the capital that will run throughout the Games. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

1ST WOMEN'S T20I  
INDIA VS ENGLAND  
SONY SIX 11PM

WIMBLEDON  
STAR SELECT 6PM

TOUR DE FRANCE  
EUROSPORT 3:30PM

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Teja Singh Samundri Hall, Sri Amritsar.

**Tender Notice**  
Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar Invites Sealed tenders from the enlisted Contractors of appropriate Class of PWD (B&R)/CPWD/MES for the Civil, Conservations and wood work at Bunga Ramgarhia, Sachkhand Sri Harmandir Sahib, Sri Darbar Sahib, Sri Amritsar. Interested firms can download complete specifications, conditions and details from our website i.e. [www.sgpcamritsar.org](http://www.sgpcamritsar.org)  
**Chief Secretary**

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3.	Table Tennis	Senior Coach	01(One)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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It has come to the notice of **Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL)**, A Govt. of India Undertaking under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs that an individual claiming himself to be Shri Sanjeev Kumar, S/o. Jarnail Kumar, #5379/1, Modern Complex, Mani Majra, Chandigarh-160101 is impersonating as authorised representative of HSCL by creating forged documents of authorisation and conducted illegal & fraudulent financial transaction in a Bank.  
The General Public is hereby notified & cautioned not to enter into any agreement or any financial transaction with him or any such impersonating individuals/groups. It is further informed that HSCL shall not be responsible for any such fraudulent act or deed in any manner & such an action on the part of any individual shall be at his own risk & cost.  
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### EXAMINATION NOTICE

**NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION (OMR BASED) FOR VARIOUS POSTS OF HARYANA STATE INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (HSIIDC), IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES, POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION & HOUSING BOARD HARYANA AGAINST ADVT. NO. 14/2019, Cat No. 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 & 32 AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (B & R) & HARYANA SEED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AGAINST ADVT. NO. 01/2020, Cat No. 03, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34, 35 & 36**

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the Haryana Staff Selection Commission has fixed the written examination Optical Marks Recognition Sheets Based (OMR Based) for the following posts of **Haryana State Industrial And Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC), Irrigation & Water Resources Haryana & Police Housing Corporation & Housing Board Haryana Against Advt. No. 14/2019 and Public Works Department (B&R), Haryana Seed Development Corporation Against Advt. No. 01/2020** as per schedule given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Date, Shift & Time of Examination	Place
<b>02.08.2021 (Monday), 1st Shift</b>					
1.	Assistant Manager (Estate)	14/2019	01	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
2.	Assistant Accountant	—do—	02	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
3.	Assistant Programmer	—do—	03	from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>03.08.2021 (Tuesday), 1st Shift</b>					
4.	Tubewell Operator	14/2019	04	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
5.	Pipe Fitter	—do—	05	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
6.	Legal Assistant	—do—	06	from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>04.08.2021 (Wednesday), 1st Shift</b>					
7.	Assistant Manager (Utility)	14/2019	08	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
8.	Tracer	—do—	10	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
9.	Draftsman Planning	—do—	13	from 04:00 P.M to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>05.08.2021 (Thursday), 1st Shift</b>					
10.	Chargeman Mechanical	14/2019	16	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
11.	Blacksmith	—do—	17	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
12.	Supervisor	—do—	18	from 04:00 P.M to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>06.08.2021 (Friday), 1st Shift</b>					
13.	Welder	14/2019	19	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
14.	Turner	—do—	20	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
15.	Mason	—do—	21	from 04:00 P.M to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>09.08.2021 (Monday), 1st Shift</b>					
16.	Artificer	14/2019	22	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
17.	Fitter	—do—	23	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
18.	Earth Work Mistry	—do—	24	from 04:00 P.M to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>10.08.2021 (Tuesday), 1st Shift</b>					
19.	Electrician	14/2019	25	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
20.	Plumber	—do—	26	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>3rd Shift</b>					
21.	Operator	—do—	27	from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>11.08.2021 (Wednesday), 1st Shift</b>					
22.	Junior Draftsman (Architect Wing)	14/2019	31	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
23.	Tracer	—do—	32	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
<b>12.08.2021 (Thursday), 1st Shift</b>					
24.	Work Supervisor	01/2020	03	from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
<b>2nd Shift</b>					
25.	Carpenter	—do—	05	from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card

## T20: India look to mend batting woes against England

Northampton: India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur would be aiming to overcome her prolonged form slump and provide a much-needed boost to the struggling batting line-up in the opening T20 International against formidable hosts England here on Friday. England lead the multi-format series 6-4 after a drawn Test and a 2-1 scoreline in ODIs. Barring Mithali Raj's remarkable consistency in ODIs, the Indian batting was a disappointment and is something they would want to correct in the three T20s. India's top two performers in ODIs — Mithali and Jhulan Goswami — will be seeing the action from the sidelines. Harmanpreet will have to lead from the front. **PTI**

**PUNJAB MANDI BOARD**  
**e-Auction of MANDI PLOTS in Mullanpur, District Ludhiana**

**E-AUCTION SCHEDULE**  
**Start Date & Time**  
**09-07-2021 at 2:00pm**  
**End Date & Time**  
**20-07-2021 at 5:00pm**

**DETAIL OF PLOTS**

PLOT TYPE	SIZE	PLOT NO.	RESERVED PRICE (IN RS)	EMD (IN RS)
AARHAT SHOP	16'.6"x50'	76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228	20,00,000/-	50,000/-
SHOP cum FLAT	16'.6"x50'	20, 21, 22	22,00,000/-	50,000/-

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 **Note:** Auction undertaken by ICICI Bank Ltd. on behalf of Punjab Mandi Board  
**Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector 65-A, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)- 160062**

**Tech. Query: 98779 37725, 83608 99462, 0172 5101674**  
**General Query: 0172 5101701**

26.	Plumber	—do—	06	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
27.	Surveyor	01/2020	08	<b>13.08.2021 (Friday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
28.	Painter	—do—	09	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
29.	Mason	—do—	10	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
30.	Fitter Heavy Machine	01/2020	20	<b>14.08.2021 (Saturday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
31.	Lift Operator	—do—	12	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
32.	Chargeman (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)	—do—	13	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
33.	Chargeman (Electrical)	01/2020	14	<b>16.08.2021 (Monday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
34.	Machine Tool Operator	—do—	16	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
35.	Auto Electrician	—do—	17	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
36.	Chargeman Miscellaneous	01/2020	18	<b>17.08.2021 (Tuesday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
37.	Mechanic (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)	—do—	11	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
38.	Supervisor	—do—	21	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
39.	Blacksmith	01/2020	22	<b>18.08.2021 (Wednesday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
40.	Workshop Machinery Operator	—do—	23	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
41.	Chargeman Heavy Plant	—do—	24	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
42.	Section Officer	01/2020	26	<b>19.08.2021 (Thursday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
43.	Sub Station Generator Attendant	—do—	27	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
44.	Assistant Seed Production Officer	—do—	33	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card
45.	Accounts Assistant	01/2020	34	<b>20.08.2021 (Friday), 1st Shift</b> from 09:00 A.M to 10:30 A.M. Reporting/Entry Time 07:30 A.M. (No Entry after 08:30 A.M.)	As Per Admit Card
46.	Senior Mechanic	—do—	35	<b>2nd Shift</b> from 12:30 P.M to 2:00 P.M. Reporting/Entry Time 11:00 A.M. (No Entry after 12:00 Noon)	As Per Admit Card
47.	Marketing Assistant	—do—	36	<b>3rd Shift</b> from 04:00 P.M. to 05:30 P.M. Reporting/Entry time 02:30 P.M. (No Entry after 03:30 P.M.)	As Per Admit Card

**2. Selection Criteria**  
**I. Written Examination ..... 90 Marks**  
**II. The examination for the said post will comprise of 90 multiple choice questions of 90 minutes duration and divided into two portions comprising:-**  
a) 75% weightage for General awareness, Reasoning, Maths, Science, Computer, English, Hindi and Concerned or Relevant Subject, as applicable.  
b) 25% weightage for History, Current Affairs, Literature, Geography, Civics, Environment, Culture etc. of Haryana.  
**Each question will carry equal marks.**  
**III. Socio-Economic criteria and experience ..... 10 Marks**  
**Note:- No applicant shall be given more than 10 marks for socio-economic criteria and experience under any circumstances.**  
Admit Card for written examination of the candidates will be uploaded on the Commission website i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in). The candidates can download the admit cards from the Commission website from **26.07.2021 onwards**. Candidates are advised to read the instructions on the Admit Card carefully and follow the same strictly.  
No separate information will be sent to the candidates by the Commission through post.

**3. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATION ARE AVAILABLE ON COMMISSION'S WEBSITE i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) WHICH SHOULD BE GONE THROUGH BEFORE COMING FOR EXAMINATION.**

**Place:- Panchkula**  
**Dated:- 07th July, 2021**  
**Sd/- Secretary,**  
**Haryana Staff Selection Commission,**  
**Panchkula**  
PRDH/1159/13/96/2022/3639/31/4



## SC: Won't quash summons to Facebook VP

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Facebook India Vice-President Ajit Mohan will have to appear before Delhi Assembly's Peace and Harmony Committee in connection with the 2020 Delhi riots as the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the House's power to set up such a committee.

Noting that Facebook is a platform where political differences are reflected, a three-judge Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said, "They (Facebook) cannot wash their hands off the issue as this is their very business...their role is not as innocuous as they are seeking to contend." The Bench, however, said the committee can't act like a prosecuting agency.

## PM bats for flexible edu models

Interacts with over 100 directors of premier technical institutions

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with directors of centrally funded technical institutions and stressed on the need to adapt higher and technical education to the changing environment and emerging challenges.

Interacting with over 100 heads of institutions via video-conferencing, he advocated a robust and upgraded research and development culture, which will boost the country's campaign for self-reliance.

"Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan will form the basis of dreams and aspirations of India in the coming 25 years when it celebrates 100 years of Independence," he said.

### 'DIGITISATION TO EASE ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION'

Digitisation of higher education can play a big role in increasing gross enrolment ratio and students will have easier access to good quality and affordable education.

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

"Our technological and R&D institutions will play a major role in the upcoming decade — 'India's Techade'", the PM said. He said the desired paradigm change in the country's education matrix would need institutions to reinvent and reevaluate themselves and develop alternative and innovative models.

The PM lauded the R&D work done by these institutions towards meeting the challenges posed by Covid.

He appreciated the efforts of young innovators towards providing quick technological solutions.

"Our higher educational and technical institutions need to prepare our youth for continuous disruptions and changes, keeping in mind the fourth industrial revolution," he said.

He underlined the need to develop an ecosystem of technological education in Indian languages and trans-

late global journals into regional languages.

The Prime Minister noted the improvement in the gross enrolment ratio (GER) in higher education in the past few years and observed that digitisation of higher education could play a big role in increasing GER.

Modi batted for focus on developing futuristic solutions in fields of education, health-care, agriculture, defence and cyber technologies.

He stressed on the imperative of good quality infrastructure in higher educational institutions to ensure that products associated with artificial intelligence, smart wearables, augmented reality systems and digital assistants reach the common man.

## New ministers take charge



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Textiles Minister Smriti Irani with newly sworn-in ministers — (from left) Darshana Jardosh, Pratima Bhoomik, Shobha Karandlaje, Bharati Pawar, Meenakshi Lekhi, Anupriya Patel and Annapurna Devi Yadav — in Delhi on Thursday. PTI



(Clockwise from top left) Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya being greeted by MoS (Health) Bharati Pravin; Union Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal pays tribute to Dr. Shyama P Mukherjee; Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur; Law Minister Kiren Rijju; and Labour Minister Bhupendra Yadav take charge. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: MANAS RANJAN BHUI, MUKESH AGGARWAL

## Global cases increase after 7-week fall, deaths top 4mn

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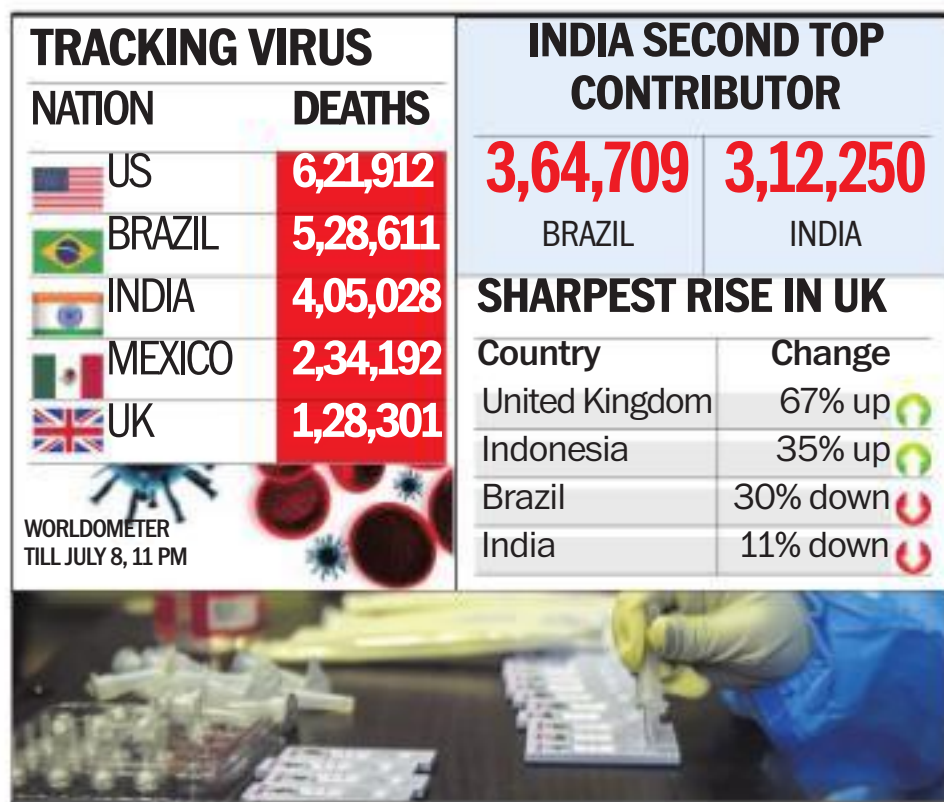
NEW DELHI, JULY 8

After a decline in newly reported cases for seven consecutive weeks globally, there has been an increase in new weekly cases in the last two weeks with over 2.6 million cases reported last week, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said in its weekly update.

The number of weekly deaths continued to decrease, with just under 54,000 deaths reported last week, 7 per cent decrease as compared to previous week. Cumulative number of Covid cases reported globally exceeded 183 million and the number of deaths topped 4 million.

WHO analyses show India remained the second top contributor to global weekly new cases.

The highest numbers of new cases (3,64,709) came from Brazil showing 30 per cent decrease over the last week. It was followed by India (3,12,250 new cases, 11 per cent decrease), Colombia (2,04,556 new cases, not much change than last week), Indonesia (1,68,780



new cases, 35 per cent increase) and the United Kingdom (1,61,805 new cases, 67 per cent increase).

The WHO said, "Based on the estimated transmission advantage of Delta variant, it is expected that this variant will rapidly outcompete other variants and become the dominant circulating lineage globally over the coming months."

Back home, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and his deputy Bharati Pawar, who took charge today, are staring at a possible emer-

gence of the third wave as daily new cases rose for the second straight day after a decline for several days and active cases increased after a 55-day consistent fall.

New infections rose from 43,733 yesterday to 45,892 today and now stand at levels seen a week ago. The number of active cases stood at 4,60,704.

The government recently termed as "frightening" the gatherings in markets and hill stations and warned people against laxity amid predictions of a possible third wave.

## Banks to help out military pensioners

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Acting on suggestions on the new pension disbursement system, the Ministry of Defence has roped in banks, which disburse the pensions to retired soldiers, to be customer care centres.

The banks will provide a human interface to tackle errors or shortcomings in the pension of an individual.

Service centres will provide last mile connectivity to pensioners who may be unable to directly access the web portal for lack of internet or tech-ability. Besides several offices of the Defence Accounts Department, State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank have co-opted as service centres. — TNS

## Jaishankar, Lavrov to hold talks today

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will hold talks with his visiting counterpart S Jaishankar in Moscow on Friday. "Interaction with India is successfully developing in all areas," said a Russian Embassy news release.

They are expected to discuss key directions of the Russian-Indian relations. The sides will compare notes on cooperation at the UN, BRICS and SCO platforms, in the RIC format, as well as on major global and regional issues, including the political process in Afghanistan, settlement in Syria and other issues. Jaishankar will be traveling to Georgia after wrapping up his Russia tour. — TNS

## India trashes Pak claim, says no role in Lahore attack

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 8

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) dismissed allegations from Pakistan President Arif Alvi accusing India of carrying out a hybrid war which was manifest in the June 23 bomb blast near the home of Jamaat-ud-Dawa

chief Hafiz Saeed.

"It is not new for Pakistan to engage in baseless propaganda against India," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi while telling Islamabad that it would do well to expend the same effort in setting its own house in order.

India also asked Pakistan to take credible and verifiable

### 'Set own house in order'

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action against terrorism emanating from its soil and terrorists who have found safe sanctuaries there. The international community is well aware of Pakistan's credentials when it comes to terrorism. "This is acknowledged by none other than its own leadership, which continues to glorify terrorists like Osama Bin Laden as 'mar-

tyrs'," said Bagchi.

The MEA also said it was not abandoning Afghanistan as was suggested by some media reports. Though India has closed two of four of its consulates in Afghanistan, the Embassy in Kabul and the two remaining consulates in Kandahar and Mazar-e-Sharif are functional.

## Will name roads after kar sevaks killed in Ayodhya: UP Dy CM

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Stirring the poll pot in the poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya has announced that the government would build roads and name them after kar sevaks, who were killed in the 1990 Ayodhya firing.

The Opposition, sensing the game plan, has hit back, claiming the move was "only a political stunt" before the Assembly elections. Maurya, who was in Ayodhya, lashed out at then CM Mulayam Singh Yadav and lamented that the SP government had fired bullets at unarmed Ram devotees, who had come for

### Oppn claims move a political stunt before Assembly poll

Ram Lalla "darshan".

Reacting to the state government's proposition, senior UP Congress leader Rashid Alvi said the BJP came to power on the promise of establishing "Ram rajya". "But after almost five years now, the state government has left people with no choice but to chant 'Ram nam satya hai'," he said.

This, he said, was evident from what happened in the state during the second Covid wave, with hundreds of bodies floating in the Ganga.

## Rachpal Singh, TMC leader, passes away

NEW DELHI: Rachpal Singh, IPS officer-turned-TMC politician, died in Kolkata on Thursday. He was 78. Hailing from Jalandhar, the 1974-batch IPS officer first became an MLA in 2011. TNS

## Former IPS officer is new chief of TN BJP

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Thursday named ex-IPS officer K Annamalai as its Tamil Nadu state unit chief in place of L Murugan, who has joined the Modi govt as minister of state. TNS

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