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Russia first to approve Covid vaccine

Putin claims own daughter inoculated | Says mass production soon | Phase-III trials in India

MOSCOW, AUGUST 11
President Vladimir Putin today said Russia had become the first country in the world to grant regulatory approval to a Covid-19 vaccine after less than two months of human testing, a move hailed by Moscow as evidence of its scientific prowess.

The development paves the way for the mass inoculation of the Russian population, even as the final stage of clinical trials to test safety and efficacy continues.

The speed at which Russia is moving to roll out its vaccine highlights its determination to win the global race for an effective product, but has stirred concerns that it may be putting national prestige before sound science and safety.

Speaking at a government meeting on the state television, Putin said the vaccine, developed by Moscow's Gamaleya Institute, was safe and that it had even been administered to one of his daughters.

WORKS QUITE EFFECTIVELY

“I know that it works quite effectively, forms strong immunity, and I repeat, it has passed all the needed checks,” said Putin.

Vladimir Putin, RUSSIA PRESIDENT

HOW MOSCOW DID IT

Russian researchers used an already proven technology instead of going into uncharted territory. Since 2015, they have been working on a two-vector approach, using two adenoviral vectors – Ad5 and Ad26. This way, they trick the body that has developed immunity against first vector & boost effect with 2nd shot using a different vector.

NAMED SPUTNIK V, AFTER SATELLITE

The vaccine has been named Sputnik V, which is a reference to the 1957 Cold War era surprise launch of the world's first satellite by the Soviet Union.

GLOBAL RACE

100 possible vaccines being developed across world, including in India
4 in final stage of Phase-III human trials, says WHO
20 nations have sought 1 bn doses of Sputnik V
500 m doses it aims to produce with 5 foreign partners

“I know that it works quite effectively, forms strong immunity, and I repeat, it has passed all the needed checks,” said Putin. He said he hoped the country would soon start mass producing the vaccine.

Its approval by the health ministry foreshadows the start of a larger trial involving thousands of participants,

commonly known as a Phase-III trial. Such trials, which require a certain rate of participants catching the virus to observe the vaccine's effect, are normally considered essential precursors for a vaccine to receive regulatory approval.

Regulators around the world have insisted that the rush to develop Covid-19 vaccines will

not compromise safety. But recent surveys show growing public distrust in governments' efforts to rapidly produce such a vaccine. More than 100 possible vaccines are being developed around the world to try to stop the pandemic. At least four are in final phase-III human trials, according to WHO data. — Reuters

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Delhi guarded; task force to meet today

ADITI TANDON
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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

India reacted cautiously to the Russian announcement today with Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan saying “we cannot answer the hypothetical question about any vaccine having been developed by any particular country”.

The Health Secretary evaded queries on whether India was in touch with Russia for procurement of Sputnik V, saying the National Task Force on Vaccine Administration was mandated to decide suitable vaccines for procurement.

The Health Secretary said the task force, the highest policymaking body on the issue set up recently, will meet here tomorrow to discuss issues related to Covid vaccine, including the selection of suitable vaccines for procurement.

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PM asks 10 worst-hit states to buck up, push for more testing

Punjab among 10 states accounting for 80% cases

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COVID-19 CASES INDIA

COUNT 22,68,675
RECOVERED 15,83,489
FRESH FATALITIES 871
TOTAL DEATHS 45,257

WORLD
TOTAL 2,03,85,429
RECOVERED 1,32,82,385
DEATHS 7,41,727

AMARINDER PRESSES FOR MORE CENTRAL FUNDS

Chandigarh: Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide a liberal financial package to the state to fill the revenue collection gap caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Captain Amarinder raised the demand during a video-conference with the PM to review the Covid situation. TNS

The recoveries have surged to 15,83,489 and the cure rate is a high of 69.80% in consistent improvement over months.

PM Modi today urged the CMs to ramp up containment, contact tracing and surveillance, saying that these three tools were the most effective weapons in the fight against Covid.

“The PM also advised the states to ensure testing of all contacts of positive cases within 72 hours to reduce the burden of the disease and the fatality. He urged the states to ensure that death rate falls below 1 per cent,” Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said today.

India's tests per million now stand at 18,320 with 24 states reporting better averages than national. Currently, less than one per cent of the Covid patients are on ventilator support and less than 3 per cent on oxygen.

India, Nepal to hold meeting next week

NEW DELHI: India and Nepal will hold a structured meeting next week in Kathmandu, the first at a high level after nine months during which bilateral ties have travelled down-hill. After Nepal media prominently published the news, sources confirmed the move late in the evening but sought to project it as routine monitoring of Indian projects in Nepal. — TNS

Pranab's condition worsens, say docs

NEW DELHI: The condition of ex-President Pranab Mukherjee, who was admitted to the Army Research and Referral Hospital on Monday, has worsened, doctors said on Tuesday.

“He underwent lifesaving emergency surgery for a brain clot on August 10 and has not shown any improvement. He remains on ventilator support,” the hospital said. Mukherjee is also Covid positive. — TNS

Regular fly services to stay suspended

NEW DELHI: The Railways has stated that all regular passenger train services will remain suspended till further notice, but 230 special trains will continue to run. The occupancy of special trains is being monitored regularly and additional special trains may be run if required, the national carrier said. Earlier, the Railways had suspended all services till August 12. — PTI

Hotels, homestays go without takers in Kullu, Manali

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, AUGUST 11
With the Covid-19 crisis throwing the tourism sector into chaos, there are no takers for hotels, homestays and guesthouses in Kullu and Manali.

While hardly any fresh lease of tourism properties has taken place after the outbreak in March, others have terminated their contracts midway. This is despite the Himachal Government allowing the hotel industry to operate from

the first week of July. There are about 1,200 hotels and 800 cottages, homestays and guesthouses in Manali alone. Almost half of these are given on lease by their owners.

“The restricted movement to hill towns is frustrating holidaymakers and ruining holiday businesses and devastating the economies that depend on them,” says a contractor from Mumbai, who renewed his Manali homestay lease in April.

With almost zero tourist footfall, his losses have been

mounting by the day. “In April, we hoped the virus would subside soon. But that doesn't seem to be happening. We're digging into what ever savings are left,” he adds.

Contractors who have leased out properties for three to five years are into a bigger mess.

The lessees are now negotiating with owners to either return the advance or allow extension of lease period. The hoteliers have been demanding moratorium on house tax and bank loan interest.

4G to be back in select J&K areas after Aug 15: Govt to SC

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

The Centre today told the Supreme Court that subject to strict monitoring, carefully calibrated easing of Internet restrictions could be done on a trial basis in select areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

However, no relaxation would be given in areas along the International Border and Line of Control, Attorney General KK Venugopal told a Bench headed by Justice NV Ramana.

Areas being considered for easing out Internet restrictions would be those that had witnessed low intensity of terrorist activities, he said during a hearing on petitions seeking restoration of 4G

TWO-MONTH TRIAL

- Relaxation on trial basis for 2 months in one district each of Jammu and Kashmir
- But the curbs to continue in areas along the International Border and the LoC
- High-speed Net was suspended after scrapping of Article 370 on Aug 5, 2019

services in the union territory.

He said the special committee set up on the court's order had agreed to provide high-speed access on a trial basis in limited areas. The restoration of 4G Internet

services will be done in one district each in Jammu and Kashmir on a trial basis for two months after August 15, Venugopal said. Thereafter an assessment will be made, he added.

“It is a good stand,” said the Bench, expressing hope that the J&K situation would improve and access to high-speed Internet could then be extended to other areas.

“Whatever review was done or will be done, it must be in the public domain,” said senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, representing petitioner Forum for Media Professionals. Solicitor General SG Tushar Mehta said these issues had to be decided on a day-to-day basis depending on ground situation.

The Indian armed forces, so far, don't have drones which can fire ammunition from air; however, they do have “kamikaze drones” — Harop — which can hover over a target. On command from a ground-based controller, they can self-explosive on the target.

The decision on the upgrade was taken on Tues-

Set for upgrade, UAVs to fire ammo

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

With India and China locked in a standoff in the Himalayas, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has okayed a project to upgrade a part of the fleet of the Israeli Heron UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles). A part of the fleet of drones will be adapted to carry bombs and air-to-ground missiles.

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DEFENCE COUNCIL APPROVALS

- MoD has given its nod to upgrade a part of the fleet of the Israeli Heron UAVs. These drones will be adapted to carry bombs and air-to-ground missiles
- Defence Acquisition Council also okayed equipment worth ₹8,722.38 cr, including 106 Basic Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40)

Israel's Heron unmanned aerial vehicles will be modified to hit targets. In February this year, drones' manufacturer Israel Aerospace Industries had announced a strategic partnership with MoD-owned public sector undertaking Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Dynamatic Technologies Limited (DTL).

The Heron drones with the Indian Air Force and Army have high-resolution surveillance cameras and electronic signal tracking systems, but their operating system will have to be modified for hitting targets. In February this year, drones' manufacturer Israel Aerospace Industries had announced a strategic partnership with MoD-owned public sector undertaking Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Dynamatic Technologies Limited (DTL).

The DAC approved procurement of 125-mm ammunition for the Army. The ammunition being procured will have 70 per cent indigenous content.

Pb CM to blame if my family harmed: Bajwa

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11

The tussle in the Punjab Congress over the withdrawal of state security cover to Congress MP Partap Singh Bajwa intensified on Tuesday as he wrote to DGP, Chandigarh, Sanjay Baniwal that in case of any harm to his family, the Punjab Chief Minister and Punjab DGP would be solely responsible.

The former PPCC chief's statement comes a day after Punjab CM Capt Amarinder

SECURITY WITHDRAWN

LACK OF MATURITY

“By looking at the whole affair with a myopic vision, Bajwa has once again shown lack of political maturity.”

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

Singh denied that the government was being vindictive. The CM said the withdrawal of the state security cover was

Daughters have equal rights over joint Hindu family property: SC

Says amended Hindu Succession Act to have retrospective effect

observed in a significant judgment while upholding the rights of a daughter even if the father died before the enactment of the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005.

A Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said the provisions contained in substituted Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act,

Haryana's gender ratio drops to 914

DEEPENDER DESWAL & RAVINDER SAINI

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HISAR/ROHTAK, AUGUST 11
Having witnessed a considerable improvement in the sex ratio at birth (SRB) over the past five years, Haryana has suffered a setback with a decline in the SRB in the first seven months of this year (up to July 31). Against the SRB of 923 in 2019, the ratio has dropped to 914 so far this year.

Among districts, Fatehabad recorded the best SRB of 948, followed by Kaithal (942), Sonepat (940), Panipat (934), Nuh and Kurukshetra (both 933). Fatehabad and Kaithal were at the ninth and 13th positions, respectively, in 2019 with the SRB of 921 and 919, respectively, while Nuh was placed 10th, recording birth of 921 girls against 1,000 boys.

As many as 11 districts recorded SRB below the state's average of 914. The worst performing districts were Jhajjar (883) and Karnal (884). In 2019, their ratios stood at 914 and 908, respectively.

Panchkula, which sat at the top in 2019 with 963 SRB, saw a drop of 40 points to the 8th position with the SRB of 923. Similarly, second position holder Ambala (918) dropped to the 12th spot. Besides, Sirsa recorded the SRB of 931, Panipat 934, Hisar 918, Faridabad 915 and Yamunanagar 921.



COVID IMPACT: ALMOST NIL FOOTFALL

A few hotels and homestays that had resumed operations have been finding it difficult to meet expenses due to lack of tourists. Fearing Covid, some panchayats have barred entry of vacationers.

'Harassed', topper dies in UP mishap

BULANDSHAH/LUCKNOW, AUGUST 11

A 20-year-old woman, on a visit from the US where she studied, died in Bulandshahr in a road accident, which her family alleged happened because two bike-borne men were following her two-wheeler and harassing her.

Sudiksha Bhati had in 2018 topped the district after scoring 98 per cent marks in Class XII exams. She later got a Rs 3.8-crore US scholarship. The district administration has ordered a probe. —

CM seeks liberal fiscal package from Centre

Claims first quarter saw 50% decline in revenue

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide a liberal financial package to the state to fill the revenue collection gap caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Captain Amarinder raised the demand during a video-conference of the Prime Minister with chief ministers to review the Covid situation. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Health Minister Harsh Vardhan also participated in the meeting.

Captain Amarinder said the current cap of 35 per cent in the State Disaster Relief Fund for Covid-related expenditure, as per the MHA guidelines, was not sufficient to meet the current requirements.

Citing the state's rising Covid cases, which have gone up to 24,891 with 604 deaths, the Chief Minister urged the Prime Minister to review the UGC decision on mandatory exams for exit classes to be held by September 30.

He said Punjab may not be

'WILL TURN STATE INTO INDUSTRIAL HUB'

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday invited industry stalwarts to gauge the conducive industrial ecosystem in Punjab. Claiming the state would soon become an industrial hub, he said there was a lot of interest by industrial community to invest with various incentives and policies. TNS

in a position to conduct exams in September as it may be facing its peak at that time. The CM suggested promoting these students on the basis of past performance and internal assessment, with the option to take exams later for those wanting to improve their performance.

Seeking Central government's assistance for online school education, he said more money was needed for creating the infrastructure for it.

Though Punjab was conducting 23,000 tests per million for Covid (higher than the national average), and

planned to increase RT-PCR tests from 12,000 to 20,000 in the next 15 days, it needed to scale up its capacity further, he said. He requested the Prime Minister to direct Central institutions in Chandigarh and Punjab to increase the testing capacity.

Expressing concern over the state's mortality rate of 2.4 per cent, Captain Amarinder said though it was lower than the all-India deaths per million and 91 per cent of the fatalities were patients with comorbidities, it was still higher than neighbouring Haryana. Patients were coming to hospitals late and 86 per cent of deaths were occurring in tertiary hospitals, he added.

Requesting early operationalisation of Covid testing and treatment at AIIMS, Bathinda, Captain Amarinder said it would be useful for residents of southern Punjab. Notably, OPDs are already functional at AIIMS, Bathinda. He also sought increase in the bed capacity at the PGI, Chandigarh, which was a premier tertiary care facility for the state.

Captain to blame if my family harmed: Bajwa

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after a periodic review of the threat assessment carried out by the state police.

In his communication to the Chandigarh DGP, Bajwa said his family has been under threat since the days of terrorism in Punjab. His father Satnam Singh Bajwa, a former minister, was killed in a terrorist attack in Amritsar in 1987 and he himself survived a bomb attack in Batala in 1990.

"Given the high threat perception, the Government of India under Dr Manmohan Singh in 2013 had provided me with security in addition to the protection given by the Punjab Police. The Central cover was withdrawn in July 2019 by the Union Government. But on the recommendation of Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of Opposition, Rajya

Sabha, the Ministry of Home Affairs re-evaluated my threat perception and restored the additional security in March 2020," said Bajwa.

Bajwa has alleged that the withdrawal of security cover was politically motivated. He said he had been repeatedly highlighting the politico-police-drug nexus, production and distribution of illicit liquor and rampant illegal mining in Punjab.

In a separate communication to the Punjab DGP, Bajwa said he was concerned about the "politicisation" of threat assessment reports. "I would like to point out that Parkash Singh Badal, Sukhbir Badal and Bikramjit Singh Majithia have been provided security by the Centre as well as the state government. Why have you not withdrawn their security on the same grounds?" he added.

Capt lashes out at MP

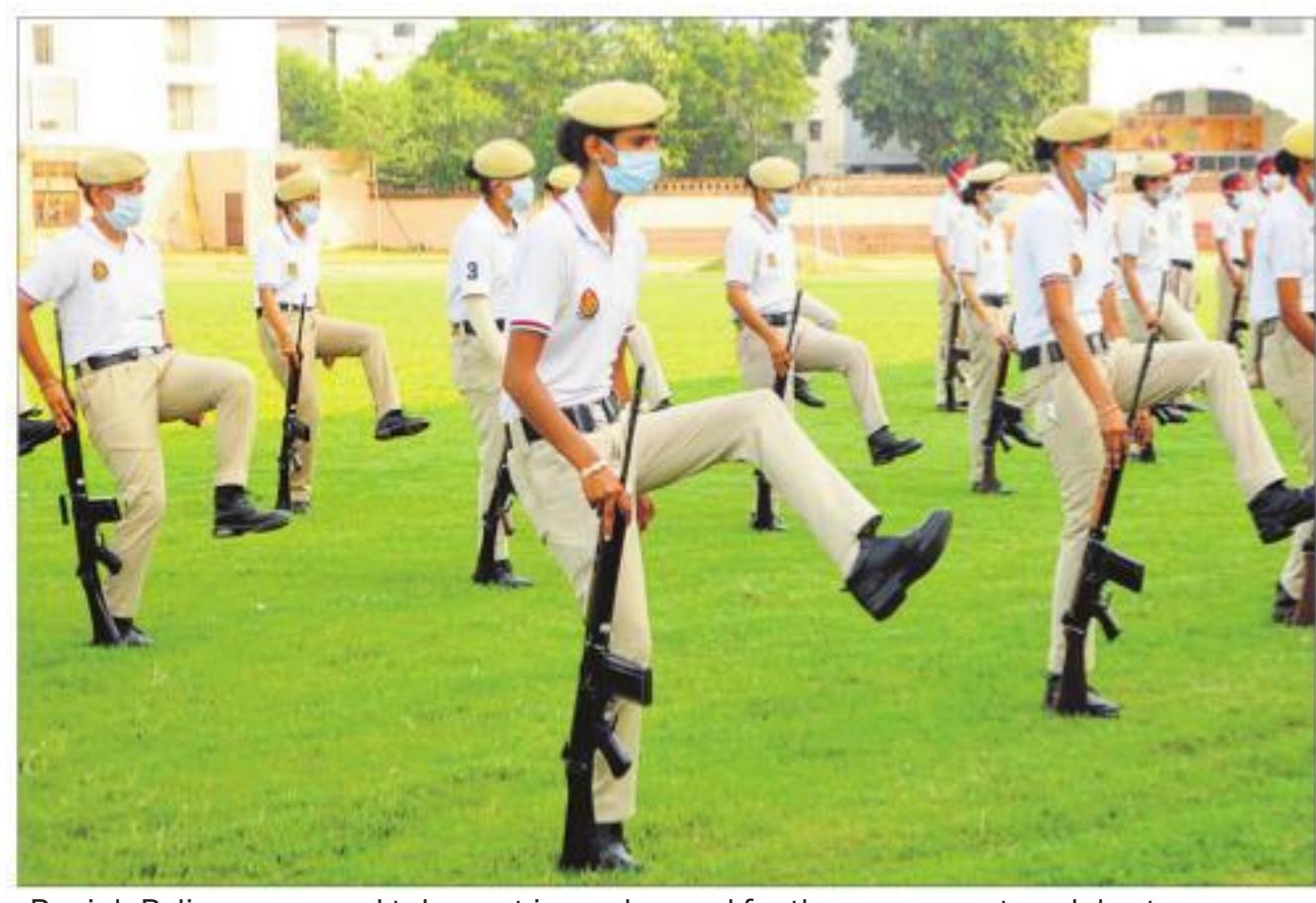
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11

Taking strong exception to Congress MP Partap Singh Bajwa's attack on integrity and fairness of the DGP Captain Amarinder Singh on Tuesday asked the parliamentarian to write to him, or to the party high command, if he had any complaint against the

state government.

Reacting to Bajwa's letter to the DGP, the CM said it reflected the Rajya Sabha MP's "total frustration and desperation". He said withdrawal of the state security was his decision as Home Minister, based on the intel inputs from the police. —TNS

Readyng for I-Day



Punjab Police personnel take part in a rehearsal for the ceremony to celebrate Independence Day at Guru Nanak Stadium in Amritsar on Tuesday. PHOTO VISHAL KUMAR

DCs all set to launch cellphone scheme

Class XII girls to get phones in ph-

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, AUGUST 11

The deputy commissioners concerned will launch the distribution of smartphones among Class XII girl students of government schools from Wednesday. They will hand over the phones to a selected number of students due to Covid-related restrictions. The smartphones among other students will be distributed by their school heads.

The Education Department has conveyed to all principals of government senior secondary schools to keep ready two identity documents (school ID card and Aadhaar card) of the students to whom phones are being given. Principals along with the drawing and disbursing authorities of schools will be responsible for the distribution.

It is the responsibility of the principal concerned that mobilephones reach the genuine beneficiary. There are a total of 1.73 lakh Class XII students in 1,877 government senior



secondary schools in the state. All students whose names have been uploaded by their schools by August 7 on the education department portal will be eligible to receive the phones.

Last week, the department had planned to distribute these phones among all Class XII Dalit girl students in the first phase. Later, it decided to cover all girl students of Class XII.

Aimed at providing digital access to the students, these smartphones are equipped with cameras and pre-loaded government applications like e-sewa app with e-content related to Class XI and XII as approved by the education department.

Will disrupt I-Day events, say freedom fighters' kin

SANGRUR, AUGUST 11
Despite claims of various governments of providing ample help to family members of freedom fighters, many are still living in penury. They plan to disrupt Independence Day functions across Punjab, if their demands are not fulfilled.

Harinder Khalsa, president of Freedom Fighters' Successors Organisation Punjab, said they planned to disrupt Independence Day functions across the state, if the Punjab Government failed to fulfil their demands before August 15.

On Monday, family members of freedom fighters gathered at Sunam to start an indefinite protest against the state government. Their main demands include houses for the families, free electricity, exemption from toll at plazas, free medical and education facilities and jobs.

Later, the protesters met Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Ramvir.

"I had called them to know about their demands. The protesters said they wanted to meet senior authorities in the CM's office. I have conveyed this to the CMO," he said. —TNS

Illegal checkpoints exist near quarries, HC told

SAURABH MALIK

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11
Less than six months after the state government denied the existence of illegal checkpoints or barriers near some mining sites in Ropar, a damning report on their presence has been submitted by a judicial officer before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

"After carrying out spot-site inspection and upon making overt and covert inquiries regarding this matter, the undersigned found that illegal and unauthorised checkpoints very much exist..." CJM-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Ropar, Harsimranjit Singh,



'ROYALTY' SOUGHT, SAYS JUDICIAL OFFICER

In a report, a judicial officer said that he interacted with the locals, passersby and truck drivers without disclosing his identity. They unanimously confirmed that no truck carrying sand and gravel was allowed to cross the points without paying royalty.

has asserted in his report. The report, placed before the Bench of Justice Jaswant Singh and Justice Ashok Kumar, added that the judicial officer, without disclosing his identity, interacted with the local residents, passersby and truck drivers. They unanimously confirmed that no

truck carrying sand and gravel was allowed to cross the points without paying royalty.

The judicial officer was asked to step in on a previous date of hearing after the state counsel's claim regarding the absence of illegal check points and barriers near the mining sites was "vehemently

controversied" by counsel Mansur Ali on behalf of petitioner Bachittar Singh.

As the stand of the petitioner and the state was at variance, another Bench headed by Justice Rajan Gupta had earlier made it clear that an additional report by an independent authority was

required to be submitted. Another Bench, on the previous date of hearing, directed the handing over of the report to all counsels.

The report added royalty was charged/collected by the crusher owners from the trucks/tippers carrying sand and gravel at the start of their journey and a slip issued to the vehicles was crosschecked at the illegal check points. It was to ensure that no vehicle passed through the routes without paying royalty. "The undersigned visited the sites on three different dates and every time, these illegal check points were found existing and fully operational," the officer added.

Shamsher Singh Dullo, MP

Over 1K cases, 32 more deaths

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COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	5,701	189
Jalandhar	3,296	83
Amritsar	2,513	99
Patiala	3,029	57
Sangrur	1,357	40
SAS Nagar	1,402	23
Gurdaspur	928	25
Bathinda	911	12
Hoshiarpur	735	15
Ferozepur	683	10
Pathankot	618	13
Moga	611	6
Fatehgarh Sahib	527	5
Tarn Taran	495	14
Kapurthala	468	16
Fazilka	384	2
SBS Nagar	391	7
Faridkot	430	1
Barnala	477	9
Ropar	376	6
Muktsar	317	3
Mansa	240	1
Total	25,889	636

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11
There seems to be no relief in sight as Covid cases continued to spike on Tuesday as well. The state reported 1,002 cases and 32 deaths.

Ludhiana remained the worst-affected district with 11 deaths, followed by Sangrur (4), Amritsar, Jalandhar, SAS Nagar and Patiala (3) and Bathinda and Gurdaspur (1).

All those who lost their lives in Ludhiana had comorbid conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, obesity and neurological issues. All the deceased were between the age group of 60-80.

Of 252 new cases in Ludhiana, 48 were reported from flu corner and 75 were contacts of previously positive persons. The positive cases also included seven cops and six healthcare workers.

Apart from that, at present 139 patients are on oxygen support and 21 are critical and are on ventilator support.

Night curfew eased for Janmashtami

Chandigarh: The government on Tuesday decided to relax night curfew across the state on the intervening night of August 12 and 13 on account of Janmashtami. According to a spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office, the partial relaxation will be only for one night. While the entire state, barring the cities of Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Patiala, were under night curfew from 11 pm to 5 am, the curfew timings were advanced to 9 pm in the three cities last week in view of a spike in the number of Covid cases. The spokesperson said on account of Janmashtami, curfew would now be imposed between 1 am and 5 am on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Special Chief Secretary (Home) Satish Chandra has issued detailed instructions in this regard. TNS

Varsity honours plasma donors

Faridkot: To encourage recovered patients to donate plasma, the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS) and the district administration on Tuesday honoured the donors with trophies. Dr Avon and Dr Akrambir Singh Brar, two such donors were honoured at the opening of third plasma bank in the state at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital. Keeping in view the increasing number of Covid-19 patients in the state, plasma banks have been established at Faridkot, Amritsar and Patiala. But there is an acute shortage of donors. Any person who has recovered from Covid-19, and who is aged between 18 and 65, with a body weight more than 55 kg can donate plasma after 28 days of recovery, said Dr Raj Bahadur, VC, BFUHS. TNS



Supporters of former Akali MLA from Malout Harpreet Singh at an event at Rathrian village in Muktsar. File photo

Leaders continue to violate norms

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MUKTSAR, AUGUST 11
Despite the fact that numerous people have been booked for violating Covid-19 related guidelines in the district, politicians affiliated to major parties still don't seem to bother much about the norms.

On Sunday, SAD's ex-MLA from Malout visited Rathrian village, where a number of people joined the party in his presence. Surprisingly, none of them was wearing a mask. Earlier, too, he had held a gathering while starting repair work of Bathinda Chowk in Malout.

SAD's Muktsar MLA and district chief Kanwarjit Singh Rozy Barkandi on Monday visited Sangrana village to inaugurate a volleyball ground and participated in a programme attended by a large number of people.

AAP's Muktsar incharge Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar visited some villages on Monday.

Soon, govt to release another 4,000 inmates from state prisons

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11
The state will soon release 3,500 to 4,000 prisoners in the wake of rising Covid-19 cases. Earlier, 9,500 jail

inmates were released. Jails Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said the decision had been taken to bring down the number of

prisoners to 50 per cent of the authorised capacity to maintain social distancing in jails. The minister said on an average, around 3,000

inmates were getting lodged in jails every month. The present population in jails stood was around 17,500, 73 per cent of the

total capacity. In all, 449 prisoners and 77 prison officials had tested Covid positive till date. Most of the cases had been

detected in the last few weeks, though the 2-levels of testing of all prisoners had started from mid-May, said the minister. —TNS

CAPTAIN SMARTCONNECT

On the occasion of
Janmashtami & International Youth Day

"The state-wide launch of the Punjab Smart Connect Scheme today, the International Youth Day, marks the realisation of yet another promise of my government and a milestone in the digital empowerment of our youth."

My best wishes to the 1.73 lakh Class XII government school students whom these smartphones will connect with their future through access to online education in these Covid times."

-Capt. Amarinder Singh
Chief Minister, Punjab

SMART CONNECT - SMART PROGRESS

BRIEFLY

Moga
Man killed as he tries to resolve brawl

A man (66) died when a brick hit his head during a clash between two neighbours at Burj Dunna village in Nihalsinghwala subdivision of Moga, the police confirmed here on Tuesday. Identified as Shinder Singh, a farmer, he died during treatment. The two brothers, Jaswinder Singh and Harpinder Singh, their father Gurdeep Singh, and Lakhwinder Kaur have been booked under the IPC. TNS

Moga
Spouse booked for abetting man's suicide
A 34-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree on the outskirts of Badhni Kalan village in the Nihalsinghwala subdivision of the district on Tuesday. Identified as Hardeep Singh, he was allegedly depressed over wife's allegation that he was having an extramarital relationship with his brother's wife. An abetment to suicide case has been registered against his wife, her mother, brother and a few members of her parental family. TNS

ABOHR
Railways, Punbus workers protest for regularisation

The Punjab Roadways and the Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company (Punbus) Contract Workers' Union staged a demonstration at the bus stand here today to protest for the regularisation of the jobs contractual workers. Union's vice-president Surjit Singh said, "Even in such difficult times, we took up the challenge of bringing back people stuck in Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and UP. Despite that, the government decided to cut our salary by 25 per cent." TNS

Yrs on, farm insurance policy awaits approval

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11

Even as the Gujarat Government has quit the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and announced its own agriculture insurance scheme, Punjab, the first state to reject the PMFBY after it was announced in 2016, has still not brought out its own policy for the farmers.

The policy was made in 2018 by the Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers Commission, which had participatory and social equity as its determining factors. For almost two years now, the scheme is still "in the discussion stage".

Gujarat's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Sahay Yojana has an outgo of Rs 1,700-Rs 1,800 crore and a maximum compensation of Rs 10,000 per acre. Punjab's proposed farm insurance scheme has

'Studying outgo for relief to farmers'

The government is studying the outgo for compensation to farmers for crop loss in the past 10 years from the State Disaster Relief Fund. Based on the findings, we will work out the proposed scheme. Kahan Singh Pannu, SECRETARY, AGRICULTURE

an outgo of just Rs 100 crore and farmers are to contribute another Rs 100 crore.

In case of loss of more than 33 per cent, it is proposed that farmers will get a compensation of up to Rs 15,400 per acre (for loss of over 33 per cent) from a special crop compensation fund that was proposed to be set up.

As of now, in case of any crop damage, farmers get anything

between Rs 2,000 and Rs 12,000 per acre as compensation based on extent of damage and if loss is more than 33 per cent. While Rs 2,000-Rs 5,400 per acre is granted from the State Disaster Relief Fund, the remaining amount is granted from the funds released by the Centre.

"Our scheme is based on state specific situation and proposes less financial burden on the state and high claims to farmers. We had proposed that each farmer contribute just 0.2 per cent of the market value of his produce as premium, which would help create a corpus of Rs 100 crore each year. The state was to contribute another Rs 100 crore per annum, while the Centre can be urged to contribute another Rs 100 crore. From this fund farmers can be compensated for crop loss," said BS Sidhu, member secretary, Punjab State Farmers' and Farm Workers Commission.

Now, residents can lodge civic complaints via WhatsApp

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11

Social distancing norms and other restrictions on public dealing in government offices due to Covid-19 has come as a blessing in disguise for residents of 167 urban local bodies (ULBs) in the state.

Instead of going to the office of respective civic body, residents of the ULBs can now seek redress of their grievances via WhatsApp. On August 15, the Local Bodies Department is all set to launch mSeva WhatsApp Chatbot, a software programme which runs on encrypted WhatsApp platform.

The new grievance redress mechanism has been successfully tested on pilot basis in five ULBs, Amritsar, Phagwara, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur and Zirakpur. On August 15, the Chief Minister would be launching the facility that would initially cover civic issues. — TNS



Residents repair the eroded embankment of the Ghaggar near Moonak subdivision in Sangrur. FILE

Funds for repair of Ghaggar banks pilfered, claims MLA

PARVESH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, AUGUST 11

The utilisation of Rs 40 lakh by the Panchayat Department to strengthen the embankments of the Ghaggar in Moonak subdivision as locals claimed they had got the work done by contributing Rs 200 per acre.

Former state Finance Minister and Lehrha MLA Parminder Dhindsa today, during a meeting of the Committee on Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions of the Vidhan Sabha, raised the issue of alleged misappropriation of Rs 40 lakh.

"Residents have spent lakhs of rupees by contributing Rs 200 per acre while we have not seen any required action from the Panchayat Department to strengthen the Ghaggar banks. I have raised the

issue of misappropriation of Rs 40 lakh during the meeting. Committee chairman Harpartap Singh has assured me appropriate action in the matter. The state government should also take strict action against the officers concerned immediately," said Dhindsa told The Tribune.

On July 12 this year, there was a 50-ft breach in Ghaggar's embankment, around one kilometre from Moonak. Last year also, a breach near Phullad had caused damage to thousands of acres of standing crop. Locals have been alleging that funds meant for cleaning and strengthening the Ghaggar banks were never utilised properly, causing repeated breaches and erosion in its embankments.

"Residents of Moonak, Surjan Bhaini, Bhundan Bhaini, Hamirgarh and Salemgarh have pooled in Rs 200 per acre this year and strengthened the embankments of the Ghaggar from Makraud Sahib till the university college of Moonak. We do not know how the government's funds are being utilised?" said Kabul Singh, a member of the committee of area residents. The panel was formed to arrange money to strengthen embankments after the government failed to undertake the much-needed repairs.

Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) Moonak Savinder Singh denied all allegations.

"Of the Rs 40 lakh, we have released Rs 20 lakh while the remaining amount will be given after the reviewing the work, which is near completion. We got the work done with transparency and also videographed it," he said.

No water for five days, Ropar residents protest

ROPAR, AUGUST 11



Residents stage a protest in Ropar on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Irrked over no supply of drinking water for five days, residents staged a dharna today on the market road near Kalyan Cinema. Former municipal councillors of the SAD, led by former council president Paramjit Singh Makkar, also staged a dharna in front of the office of the Executive Officer, demanding immediate restoration of water supply.

The MC on August 6 had issued a notice stating that the drinking water supply

would remain suspended on August 7 and 8, as a portion of the main water supply pipeline was to be replaced. Residents were asked to store water for two days. However,

the repair work could not be completed till August 9, and water could not be supplied to residents for three days.

The residents ran out of

patience when after getting water supply for one day on August 10, they did not get a single drop of water again today morning.

Denying any lapse on his part, EO Bhajan Chand said the civic body bore the expenditure for laying a new pipeline, while the work was being executed by the Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

Rahul Kaushal, XEN, said the siphon in the Bhakra canal was not lifting sufficient quantity of water, due to which there was a problem in water supply. — TNS

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CORRIGENDUM & CANCELLATION NOTICE

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission's Advt. No. 12/2019, dated 20.07.2019 & others connected corrigendum/notices, which were published in the various newspapers and also available on HSSC website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in vide which online application forms were invited for various posts of Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, through the URL address i.e. <http://adv122019.hryssc.in/StaticPages/HomePage.aspx>.

It is notified for the information of candidates that the Advt. No. 12/2019, Cat. No. 38, as per clarification given by the Skill Development & Industrial Training Department vide memo No. TE/188/13/Recruitment Tractor Mech. Inst./Establishment-III/6833 dated 04.06.2020, the posts are hereby cancelled:-

Sr. No.	Advt. No.	Cat. No.	Department	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	12/2019	38	Skill Development & Industrial Training Department	Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Practical)	5

As per the above letter breakup of the following posts has been changed and the breakup of posts may be read as under:-

Cat. No. 36, Tractor Mechanic Instructor (Theory)

Category	Total	Non ESM/ESP	ESM	ESP
General	9	7	2	—
SC	3	3	—	—
BCA	2	2	—	—
BCB	1	1	—	—
EWS	2	2	—	—
Total	17			

As per the clarification given vide memo No. TE/156/1/Recruitment Computer Hardware & Network Maintenance/Establishment-III/7350 dated 15.06.2020, the break-up of the posts has been changed and the same may be read as under:-

Cat. No. 40, Mechanic Computer Hardware Instructor (Theory)

Category	Total	Non ESM/ESP	ESM	ESP
General	2	1	1	—
SC	—	—	—	—
BCA	1	1	—	—
BCB	1	1	—	—
EWS	—	—	—	—
Total	4			

Cat. No. 41, Mechanic Computer Hardware Instructor (Practical)

Category	Total	Non ESM/ESP	ESM	ESP
General	5	4	1	—
SC	2	2	—	—
BCA	1	1	—	—
BCB	1	1	—	—
EWS	1	1	—	—
Total	10			

Sd/- Under Secretary,
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PRESS NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of completion	Cost of form
1.	Providing sewerage facility for New Bilaspur town in Tehsil Sadar District Bilaspur (SH): Providing laying jointing and testing of DI pipe 200mm dia and construction of RCC pillars and brick masonry manhole chamber from Puranam Mall to Septic tank Meat Market Bilaspur from Manhole M-H-1 to MH-19 (Under Deposit work)	949136/-	18990/-	Three Months	250/-
2.	Providing sewerage facility for New Bilaspur town in Tehsil Sadar District Bilaspur (SH): Providing laying jointing and testing of DI pipe 200mm dia and construction of RCC pillars and brick masonry manhole chamber from Puranam Mall to Septic tank Meat Market Bilaspur from Manhole M-H-9 to MH-15 (Under Deposit work)	948548/-	18975/-	Three Months	250/-

Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering 14.08.2020 up to 11.00 AM

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website <https://htenders.gov.in>

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Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division, Bilaspur

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Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Una Distt. Una SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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Name of work:-

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2. Providing fixing double wall insulated covered cabin at mining check post at Una (H.P.) in all respect at site at Polina at Tibian Tehsil Haroli Distt. Una (H.P.) (Cost of form

Claims of farmers worth ₹35 cr stuck

FASAL BIMA YOJANA

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11 Farmers' claims worth Rs 34.92 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) are stuck for the past over three years because banks debited the premium from their accounts, but they were not covered under the scheme or insurance companies had not settled their claims for other seasons.

The claims of at least 7,500 farmers across the state were stuck after they suffered crop losses because their crops were not covered under the PMFBY despite payment of premium.

Jagraj Dandi, Joint Director, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, confirmed the development and said the cases pertained to various years since the PMFBY was introduced in 2016.

"There is a clear provision under the PMFBY that in case farmers are deprived of their claims due to the fault of insurance companies or banks, they will be held liable to compensate farmers for the loss. We have taken up the matter with the Centre so that bankers can be forced to make good the loss."

ISSUE BEFORE CENTRE

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matter with the Centre so that bankers can be forced to make good the loss," he said.

According to sources, the insurance claims of nearly 7,500 farmers were stuck since 2016 after they suffered crop losses because they were not covered under the scheme.

Sources said the amount of these unresolved claims was over Rs 15 crore. When the state government checked records, it was found that banks had debited premium, but not paid it to insurance companies.

The PMFBY provides for resolution of disputes by District-Level Grievances Redressal Committees under Deputy Commissioners and State-Level Grievances Redressal



Hooda demands probe by CBI or House panel

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11

Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has expressed dissatisfaction with the findings of the Special Enquiry Team (SET), which is probing the liquor scam and instead demanded an inquiry either by the CBI or a High Court judge or a House committee.

"The state government is trying to put the blame on excise officials. The Opposition demands that real culprits should be exposed," he told the media here on Tuesday.

The former CM listed out several scams that had been revealed through registry and liquor scams. —TNS



BOOZE SCAM

exposed in recent years. "There was a scam in the registration of sale deeds, and the purchase of mustard and rice. After every 15 days, a new scam tumbles out of the closet." The Congress leader said the scams were pushing the state to the brink of bankruptcy. —TNS

Virus fatalities in state reach 500

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 11 With 798 fresh cases, the Covid tally reached 43,227 today. Eleven deaths pushed the toll to 500, 341 of whom had comorbidities.

The deaths were reported from Panipat (4), Faridabad (2) and Gurugram, Sonepat, Ambala, Panchkula and Kurukshetra (1 each).

A 66-year-old woman from Sikhi Colony in Ballabgarh and an 84-year-old man from Sector 15-A in Faridabad were among the casualties.

A 91-year-old woman of Kailash Nagar in Kurukshetra succumbed to the viral disease. A 67-year-old man of Ambala, who was a blood cancer patient, died in hospital.

Fresh cases were reported from Faridabad (121), Panipat (107), Rewari (73), Gurugram and Ambala (69 each), Sonepat (56), Palwal (47), Rohtak (42), Karnal (38), Panchkula and Yamunanagar (26 each), Kaithal (21), Jind (16), Charkhi Dadri (14), Hisar (12), Jhajjar (11) and Bhiwani (5).

Among fresh cases in

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	10,404	144
Gurugram	9,854	126
Sonepat	3,296	35
Rewari	2,301	14
Ambala	2,260	20
Rohtak	1,925	24
Panipat	1,796	27
Karnal	1,372	13
Hisar	1,180	10
Palwal	1,168	10
Panchkula	1,024	4
Mahendragarh	954	1
Jhajjar	920	12
Bhiwani	872	8
Kurukshetra	769	12
Nuh	601	12
Sirs	575	7
Yamunanagar	529	8
Fatehabad	484	4
Kaithal	379	2
Jind	364	6
Charkhi Dadri	200	1
Total	43,227	500

Ambala, 26 were reported from Ambala Cantonment, 23 from Ambala City, 10 from Chaurastpur, six from Naraingarh and four from Shahzadpur.

In Karnal, eight cases were reported from RK Puram and seven from Nilokheri.

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Happy Janamashtami to one and all."

Capt. Amarinder Singh

Chief Minister, Punjab



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A needless crisis

Rajasthan govt safe for now, but concerns remain

THE Congress is patting itself on the back for having resolved the Rajasthan crisis — a diversion during the pandemic that was of its own making and totally avoidable, considering the party's shrinking footprint across the country. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has managed to keep his fragile government intact ahead of the Assembly session starting on August 14. Gehlot, who admitted last month that he had not been on talking terms with former deputy CM Sachin Pilot for the past year and a half, said on Tuesday that it was his responsibility to address the grievances of MLAs and win their hearts. The statement in itself amounts to an admission that the CM has done precious little on this front ever since he took over the reins of the border state in December 2018.

Jyotiraditya Scindia's switcheroo to the BJP and the collapse of the Kamal Nath government in Madhya Pradesh in March this year should have roused the rudderless Congress out of stupor so as to prevent a repeat in other party-ruled states. However, the Grand Old Party, which doesn't have a full-time president since May 2019 — when Rahul Gandhi quit following the Lok Sabha poll debacle — allowed the situation to deteriorate in Rajasthan before springing into action. Though the Gehlot government looks safe as of now and Sachin is still in the Congress camp, the party can't afford to be complacent. The role played by the BJP in destabilising the government along with Sachin points to an unholy pact in which power takes precedence over people's mandate and party ideology.

The impatient Sachin didn't acquit himself well in this sordid tussle. His revolt fizzled out as the Congress took an unusually tough stand and the BJP failed to lure Congress MLAs. The beleaguered Congress derives whatever strength it has from its regional satraps. The onus is on the high command to act as a bulwark against a rampaging BJP and make the best use of its leaders, young or old.

Checking stubble burning

Covid-19 has added gravity to the problem this year

THE Supreme Court has asked Haryana, Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to spell out steps taken to check stubble burning. The burning of crop residue is a problem that recurs every year mostly after the kharif season, resulting in not just pollution and deterioration of air quality, but also disruption of road and rail transport, besides health problems. But the urgency this time is more pronounced because of Covid-19, which impacts the respiratory system and the burning of the crop straw is likely to affect not just people suffering from the virus, but also those with chances of co-morbidity. With vast numbers migrating to the countryside after the lockdown came into force, the need for caution is all the more pronounced.

The onset of the paddy season this year has coincided with the unlocking of the economy and resumption of activities so vital to sustain life and livelihood. It is important to take preventive measures so as not to slow down the return to normalcy. The country's agricultural bounty sustained it through the rigours of the pandemic and the lockdown and while the problem does need attention, it will call for a holistic approach so that the balance is not upset. Air traffic, road and rail transport are yet to resume fully in the country. Their resumption may well coincide with the winter months, during which pollution is high due to stubble burning. It will be imperative to ensure that normal life is not marred by operational hazards in controlling pollution.

Delhi has taken an initiative to promote the use of electric vehicles. While the response to it will have to be seen, more steps will be needed to cut down on pollution, a cause for great distress. The judiciary taking up the cudgels for air purity in the National Capital Region is welcome, but it is important that the stakeholders themselves remain proactive in the matter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The nuclear bomb took all the fun out of war.

—Edward Abbey

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

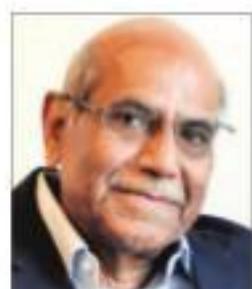
LAHORE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1920

Boycott of the "Statesman."

IN a long note, the Civil and Military Gazette takes to task "a contemporary more or less toying with the idea that the editor of a Calcutta journal should be punished for the expression of certain views by a deliberate attempt to induce the employees of his paper to adopt what is euphemistically called the doctrine of non-co-operation." The journal, while declaring that it has no wish to discuss the merits of the Statesman's article, to which objection is taken, practically, though, let us hope, inadvertently, repeats the alleged offence of the latter by saying that no exception can be taken to the accuracy of the statements made in the article. What we are concerned with is the very serious confusion of which the journal is guilty in imputing to the organisers of the movement an intolerance of criticism and a desire to assume a dictatorial attitude toward the Press. Only a little reflection would have convinced it that there is no question in the present case of any one either resenting "the criticism of prominent politicians," or adopting strike methods "to dictate to an editor of views which he has to express." The Statesman has now for years been an anti-India paper; an implacable foe of Indian aspirations, and it has condemned every public man in India who has refused to dance to its tunes. Yet no one has ever resented its action in either of these cases or has seriously thought of boycotting the paper on this ground. The present action of the paper is on an altogether different basis. A great leader idolised by his people was just dead. The whole country was in mourning. This was the moment chosen by the journal to make a virulent attack upon the late leader and practically charging him with so heinous a crime as incitement to murder. We may think what we like of the possible result of the movement, but no Indian can help sympathising with the outraged national sentiment.

Global N-order in a flux

Nine nations have significant arsenals & the dynamic among them is unpredictable



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THE global nuclear order, which had been built up, step by step, since the 1960s, has begun to unravel. The building blocks of the order were both bilateral and multilateral. The bilateral components included a series of nuclear arms control agreements between the US and the then Soviet Union. Though the UK and France had independent, though modest nuclear arsenals, these were practically subsumed within the US deterrent system. China became a nuclear weapon state in 1963 with a small arsenal designed for deterrence. Nuclear doctrines thus evolved mainly in a binary East-West frame.

Multilateral agreements which followed would not have worked unless they were underpinned by US-Soviet concurrence. The first such agreement was the Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) of 1963, prohibiting further testing of nuclear weapons over ground. More importantly, an agreement on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) of 1970, was based on a consensus reached between the US and the Soviet Union that it was in their interest to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to additional states. While India signed the PTBT, it rejected the NPT because it imposed no credible commitment on the part of the nuclear weapon states to engage in nuclear disarmament within a specific time frame, while non-nuclear weapon states committed themselves not to produce or acquire such weapons. This was an unequal treaty which India was not prepared to accept. The NPT never-



ON EDGE: Geopolitical situation is sliding towards power confrontation and rising regional tensions.

India will need to carefully assess the impact these developments will have on its national security and the efficacy of its nuclear deterrent.

theless became an anchor of the global nuclear order.

Post NPT, one witnessed a dramatic nuclear arms race between the two superpowers. The arms control agreements reached between them, such as at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, stipulated ceilings beyond which their arsenals would not expand. An agreement was reached in 1972 on limited anti-ballistic missile (ABM) defence. The ABM treaty had logic in terms of the doctrine of mutual assured destruction (MAD), where deterrence prevailed because each side had the power to annihilate the other, protective defence being allowed only for the capital city. It is only since the 1980s that they began to negotiate arms reductions such as the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) agreement of 1988 which eliminated medium and short-range nuclear delivery systems. The Strategic Arms Reduction Talks I and II, which extended over the decades of the 1980s and the 1990s, resulted, for the first time, in significant reduc-

tions in the nuclear arsenals of both the US and the Soviet Union (later the Russian Federation). From some 40,000 weapons in the arsenals of the two countries, the numbers came down to about 10,000. When the New START agreement was concluded in 2011, the arsenals were to be reduced further in a 10-year time frame to 1,550 each. There were limitations on the number of launch vehicles too.

The two sides also concluded an Open Skies Treaty in 1992, which other countries also joined to ensure transparency and compliance with arms limitations and confidence building measures. It is this carefully constructed edifice of the global nuclear order which is rapidly unravelling.

The ABM treaty in 2002 and the INF agreement in 2019 have been repudiated by the US, and Russia has followed suit. There are indications that the US will not extend the New START treaty beyond 2021 and the Open Skies agreement may be the next casualty.

A Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

(CTBT) concluded in 1995 but is not yet in force though a moratorium on nuclear testing is in place. India refused to join the consensus and eventually even the US, its main champion, failed to ratify it. The moratorium is under strain as a new generation of nuclear weapons are being developed and the reliability of existing weapons need to be confirmed. The consensus underlying the NPT is also being eroded. The 2015 NPT review conference failed to agree on an outcome document.

What is driving this unravelling of the global nuclear order?

One, the Cold War binary no longer prevails as China emerges as a significant nuclear power, with sophisticated weapons and delivery systems. The nuclear club is no longer confined to five states. There are now nine countries with significant nuclear arsenals and the dynamic among them is complex and unpredictable. There are others waiting in the wings. Nuclear doctrines which evolved during the Cold War based on the US-Soviet binary are no longer adequate. But China resists joining any trilateral negotiations while the prospects for a truly multilateral nuclear disarmament agreement remain bleak.

Two, advances in technology are adding to the complexity. The nuclear domain is getting integrated with cyber and space domains. The development of hyper-sonic glide weapons is heightening threat perceptions. Any arms control or disarmament effort will need to go beyond the nuclear category.

Three, the geopolitical situation is sliding towards great power confrontation and rising regional tensions. This is exacerbating an already frayed nuclear order.

As a nuclear weapon state, India will need to carefully assess the impact of these developments on its national security and the efficacy of its nuclear deterrent. These are uncertain times that demand both doctrinal agility and integrative approaches across domains to stay ahead of the curve.

Careers for the Corona yug

DONA SURI

H I students! I'm Pappu Dasnubri... your career counselor at Dasnubri Consultancy. In normal times, college would have started and you would be chilling on the campus. Instead, you're trapped in a pandemic nightmare. PM Modi has spoken about his National Education Policy: Goodbye school bag, Hello learning boon... goodbye job seekers, Hello job creators... Boost higher education enrolment ratio to 50% by 2035.

Our 69-year-old PM is already living in 2035, while 18-year-olds are wondering if colleges and universities will reopen next month. Suppose colleges open, what should you study? That depends on the opportunities awaiting you after graduation.

If you are checking out our consultant right now, it's because you know we don't waste time on impractical advice. First of all, what careers you should just forget about. Profit, wages, spending... it's all taxed. When these fall, government revenue falls. Revenue fall means recruitment fall. Recent headline: 'Punjab holds up staff salary'. Forget about government service.

Spending dries up in uncertain times. Even those who are still employed, hoard their money. Marketers are always under pressure but see their situation now: pressure is intense but nervous consumers are immune to even the sharpest huckster. Forget about marketing.

Don't go into medicine — too dangerous. Don't go into law — clients just won't pay.

Tourism, hospitality, aviation, retail, financials, realty, automobiles — nothing but tears there. Engineering? Did you see this headline? 'L&T Q1 net profit falls 68% to Rs 537 crore amid Covid-19'. That says it all. And thanks to that recent misunderstanding at 17,000 feet, you can't even dream of cashing in as a TikTok star.

What's left? Politicians will always be around. MPs and MLAs vote themselves pay hikes and additional perks every year, no matter what. But, openings are limited and it takes years to claw your way into elected office.

Fortunately, business in one sector is up. [Disclaimer: Dasnubri Consultancy does not tell you what to do; we just track the trend.] News has been full of crime stories. Chain-snatchings, phone snatching, vehicle thefts, break-ins.

Even food delivery boys are getting rolled for petty cash. Are you averse to risky physical confrontations? Counterfeits are busy; cops catch some, but not all. Fraud is flourishing. The gullible are skinned with fake reactivations of debit or credit cards, fake revival of insurance policies. The web is full of 'shops' and 'home delivery services'. The schmucks pay online and scammers swallow the money. Anything can be bait: free Covid test, foreign jobs, interest-free loans, lottery prizes. There's a sucker born every minute.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defence boost

Refer to the editorial 'Boost for defence industry' (Aug 11); manufacturing defence equipment will give India a unique identity, more so since India is one of the biggest defence importers. The Defence Ministry's decision to set aside Rs 4 lakh crore for defence development within the next five to seven years will give employment to many Indians. Defence privacy would be easily maintained. India has huge manpower and low labour cost. It will surely boost the economy. LAC Tejas was manufactured by HAL, which has shown India's ability to make defence goods with excellent quality.

ASHWANI KUMAR, CHANDIGARH

Making in India

The development regarding the manufacture of defence equipment in India is a matter of great satisfaction. Embargo in a phased manner will lead to major reforms to boost the domestic defence industry. Over the next five to seven years, orders worth several lakh crores would have been placed for defence procurement. A clear signal has been sent to the indigenous industry regarding commitment and the government's intent. Indeed, a very good step has been taken.

SUBHASH C TANEJA, GURUGRAM

In the right direction

Refer to 'To empower small farmers, PM launches Rs 1L cr finance facility' (Aug 10); the creation of a comprehensive post-harvest infrastructure can be a game-changer in agriculture. Most of the storage infrastructure is not owned by farmers. This also means that they are forced to sell their entire produce in one go after the harvest, and when the prices are low. Laudable as the scheme is, its benefits will only accrue in the medium to long terms. In this context, the government must not lose sight of the immediate economic challenge of boosting growth and incomes. The actual fiscal boost to the economy doesn't match the scale of the government's big-ticket announcement.

N SADHASIVA REDDY, BENGALURU

Wake-up call

Back-to-back fire cases at Covid-19 facility centres are a wake-up call for the government. All such tragic events have proved that those bearing the responsibility of safety regulations have only paid lip service. Exemplary action is the need of the hour, or else such cases will continue to occur. It is appalling that only 30 per cent cities have a master plan in case of an emergency, and even those have become obsolete now.

RAHUL CHOUDHURY, BY MAIL

A waste of effort!

Apropos of the news 'Raj crisis ends, prodigal Pilot returns after meeting Rahul' (Aug 11), what a denouement and what a cost! Pilot, who needed Rahul's shoulder to cry on and wasted a lot of time and money to keep legislators tucked in five-star resorts by both parties, was a no-show in the end. Gehlot calling Pilot 'nikamma and nakaara' is now a thing of the past. Or it is a tactical retreat because the required numbers were not 'arranged', despite given enough time for horse-trading? Pilot should be prepared for an ignominious exit and shabby treatment at the hands of a seasoned Gehlot.

ASHOK GOSWAMI, BY MAIL

Stubble burning

Apropos of 'SC tells Pb, Haryana to list steps to curb stubble burning' (Aug 11), the country is already battling a deadly respiratory disease. The burning of stubble will affect patients in the recovery stage. Moreover, as the air quality deteriorates, the lungs of not only adults but also young children can be affected as it will make them vulnerable to the virus. Be it providing machines or creating awareness among farmers, we need proper policies more than ever before. The

governments of the respective states should come up with policies that could help farmers and stop them from burning stubble.

AYUSHI BISHT, DEHRADUN

Need police reforms

Police reforms are the need of the hour. From strength to technical superiority, our police forces are in a pathetic state. People must understand that cursing the police blindly after an encounter will not bring any positive or real changes on the ground. We must gear up for strong reforms, otherwise, the police will remain ineffective in curbing crime.

GINISH KUMAR, BHAWANI

Optical fibre inauguration
Reference to the inauguration of the submarine optical fibre during Covid; when everything has gone virtual, it is a commendable step by the government. This will boost the economy of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands as it will promote the tourism sector. Besides, it will help in defence and employment generation and give an impetus to the economy. It will raise the standard of living while facilitating the delivery of e-governance services such as telemedicine and tele-education.

NEETIKA SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Ayodhya now more about Modi than mandir



NEERJA CHOWDHURY
SENIOR POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

WITH the construction of the Ram mandir now under way in Ayodhya, the BJP ticked off yet another point on its core agenda. Last year, on August 5, the BJP government had abrogated Article 370, conferring special status on Jammu and Kashmir by splitting the state into two union territories — another of its avowed core objectives.

The date, August 5, obviously has an importance in its scheme of things. For otherwise, it did not make sense to go for *bhumi pujan* in the midst of a raging pandemic. If it could wait for the temple for seven decades, it could have waited for another seven months. It also did

not make sense to expose the Prime Minister to risk, when his number two, the Home Minister, and other Union ministers had tested positive and were in hospital.

Many speculated whether the party planned to enact the Uniform Civil Code that it is committed to on August 5 next year, and give the date an importance equal to, or almost equal to, August 15 in the alternate paradigm it has put into place. The government had already taken the first steps towards a Uniform Civil Code with the passage of the law criminalising triple talaq last year.

The importance of the foundation laying ceremony, however, goes beyond the near-completion of the BJP's core agenda. Armed with this 'achievement', the party is now looking ahead at three sets of dates — 2022, 2024 and 2025.

While the next General Election is due in 2024, the year 2025 will mark the centenary celebrations of the RSS. By then, the BJP and its government hopes it would have ensured the completion of the core agenda of the RSS. The Hinduisation of society and polity is already taking place. The saffron spread on the map is visible in a large number of states now under the BJP's control. That is why, given half a chance, the party will pull out all stops to wrest control of even states where it did not come to power, like it did in Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka, and now has its eyes set on Rajasthan.

The year 2022 is significant for two reasons — elections in Uttar Pradesh and the completion of 75 years of Indian independence. The government has declared that Parliament will meet in the new building that year and it is going ahead with the plan for a new Central Vista from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, despite widespread criticism that it should be put on hold given the economic challenges the country is grappling with. The government is planning to celebrate 2022 on a grand scale, the idea being to put Modi's stamp on the diamond jubilee of Indian Independence.

As for UP, the party managed to get two-thirds majority in 2017, thanks to demonetisation, which was an economic disaster but paid the BJP rich political dividends.



TEMPLE TEMPEST: The BJP is charting its path for the next 10 years and marking major milestones to utilise them in its favour.

Will the Ram mandir, billed to be completed in three years

— and that may be another reason why the *bhumi pujan* had to be done now — be a draw in the 2022 and 2024

elections to offset the growing economic distress?

The fact is that the mandir ceased to be an issue as far as getting votes was concerned the day Babri Masjid was demolished. The BJP lost all state elections that followed in 1993.

Rath Yatra in September 1990.

The mandir vote formed the foundation on which Vajpayee and Modi could build.

The BJP improved its tally in the 1996 elections and came to power in 1998 and 1999, but on the strength of 'Abki baari Atal Bihari', putting its core agenda on the backburner. In 2014 and 2019, it was Narendra Modi's Hindu Hriday Samrat image and 'Sabka saath, sabka vikaas', representing a heady cocktail of a strong leadership, Hindutva and development.

The temple, now that it is being constructed, will have an emotional appeal for many. It will also be viewed

as a symbol of Hindu assertiveness. Above all, it will be seen as the delivery of a promise that has finally been fulfilled after seven decades.

Today, people are not associating the temple with the Supreme Court verdict in favour of the Mandir or with the Trust tasked to construct it.

In their mind, it is Narendra Modi who has made it possible. The *bhumi pujan* by him only went to reinforce that impression. People tend to make a distinction between the government, which can be held responsible for things going wrong, and Narendra Modi who may head it, but is above it all. In the final analysis, it will be a toss-up between *rozi-roti* and Modi's leadership, and how he navigates the minefields that lie ahead.

The best thing going for the BJP today is the virtual collapse of the Opposition. It lacks an alternative vision, strategy and leadership. Going by its response to the *bhumi pujan*, it no longer knows what it stands for. The Congress, which has to be the keystone of any alternative, cannot even put a full-time president in place one year after Rahul Gandhi stepped down.

The BJP is charting its path, at least for the next 10 years, if not more. It is even marking its major milestones, and how it is going to utilise them to its advantage.

Implicit in Modi's invocation of *Maryada Purushottam* Ram as an ideal ruler to emulate, and Ram Rajya for all, as a goal to aspire for, is the messaging the BJP may now plump for. For, central to it is the concept of an ideal ruler. And the ruler is going to be its main message.

The *bhumi pujan* on August 5, therefore, had less to do with the mandir and more to do with Modi.

Discretion in granting bail can't be used arbitrarily



FAIZAN MUSTAFA
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A crime is bailable or non-bailable. In the former, bail can be claimed by the accused as a matter of right. In the latter, bail is at the discretion of the judge.

In *Govind Prasad* (1975), the apex court rightly held that the grant of bail is indeed a judicial act. In one case, the Bombay High Court granted bail to a rape accused so that he could mediate with the victim. The Supreme Court had to intervene to get the bail cancelled.

THE Supreme Court, in the *PN Kumar* (1987) judgment, paid rich tributes to our High Courts by observing, "Each High Court has its own high traditions. They have judges of eminence who have initiative, necessary skills and enthusiasm. Their capacity should be harnessed to deal with every type of case arising from their respective areas, which they are competent to dispose of." This author is in complete agreement with this statement of the apex court about the general quality of our High Court judges. But here, we would examine some recent bail orders to see how judicial discretion in granting bail or imposing conditions on grant of bail have been exercised by our judges.

There are two types of crimes: bailable and non-bailable. In the former, bail can be claimed by the accused as a matter of right. In the latter, bail is at the discretion of the judge. In *Govind Prasad* (1975), the apex court rightly held that the grant of bail is indeed a judicial act, not a ministerial one. The discretion cannot be arbitrarily exercised. In *Harnairain Singh* (1958), the Supreme Court itself said that this discretion must be judicially exercised, subject to restrictions mentioned in Section 437 of the CrPC and keeping in view the enormity of the charge, the nature of accusation, severity of punishment on conviction, possibility of accused absconding if released on bail, the danger of evidence being tampered with, health, age and sex of accused



NOTHING VAGUE: Sound discretion in bail cases is guided by the law.

etc. The court may also impose 'in the interests of justice' such conditions as it considers necessary.

A few days ago, the Madhya Pradesh High Court granted bail to one Vikram Bagri, who was in the Ujjain jail for two months on charges of assaulting a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. In a strange and controversial order, the court directed the accused to visit the house of the victim on Raksha Bandhan (August 3) with a box of sweets and request her to tie a Rakhi and 'promise to protect her to the best of ability for all times to come'. He was further directed to give the new sister a gift of

Rs 11,000 as per the Raksha Bandhan ritual and Rs 5,000 to her son for clothes and sweets. Saying the order will not influence the trial is neither here nor there as it is absolutely patriarchal and undermines women's independent agency. Our women do not need anybody's protection as they are equal to our men. They definitely do not need protection from those who are alleged to have tried to molest them. Indian jurisprudence on Article 14 has moved away from this dated idea of women being weak and requiring special treatment or protection.

The Bombay High Court had given bail to a rape accused so that he could mediate with the victim. The Supreme Court had to intervene to get the bail cancelled. In granting bail to Swami Chinmayanand (2020), a former Union minister and BJP leader who was accused of sexual harassment of a female law student of his college, the Allahabad High Court made comments against the victim for not speaking up about her painful experience of sexual harassment. Victim-shaming should have been avoided.

Some strange bail orders were passed during the Covid-19 pandemic. On June 29, the MP High Court, in the Arvind Patel (2020) case, while granting bail to a man accused of attempt to murder, imposed the condition of installation of an LED TV at a local hospital, manufactured in any country except China, worth Rs 25,000. The High Court granted bail to the accused with the condition of him giving five litres of an alcohol-based sanitiser and 200 face masks of good quality. On July 1, the MP High Court

granted bail in 15 cases and directed the accused to act as *shiksha swayamsevaks* in government primary schools. In the Dilip Vishvakarma (2020) case, the High Court similarly imposed the condition of contributing Rs 10,000 to PM Cares and work as volunteer for at least three hours for a week while granting bail to a petty shopkeeper for opening his shop during the lockdown and not ensuring the desired social distancing. The shop was part of the accused's house. No one bothered about the much bigger crowds at liquor shops.

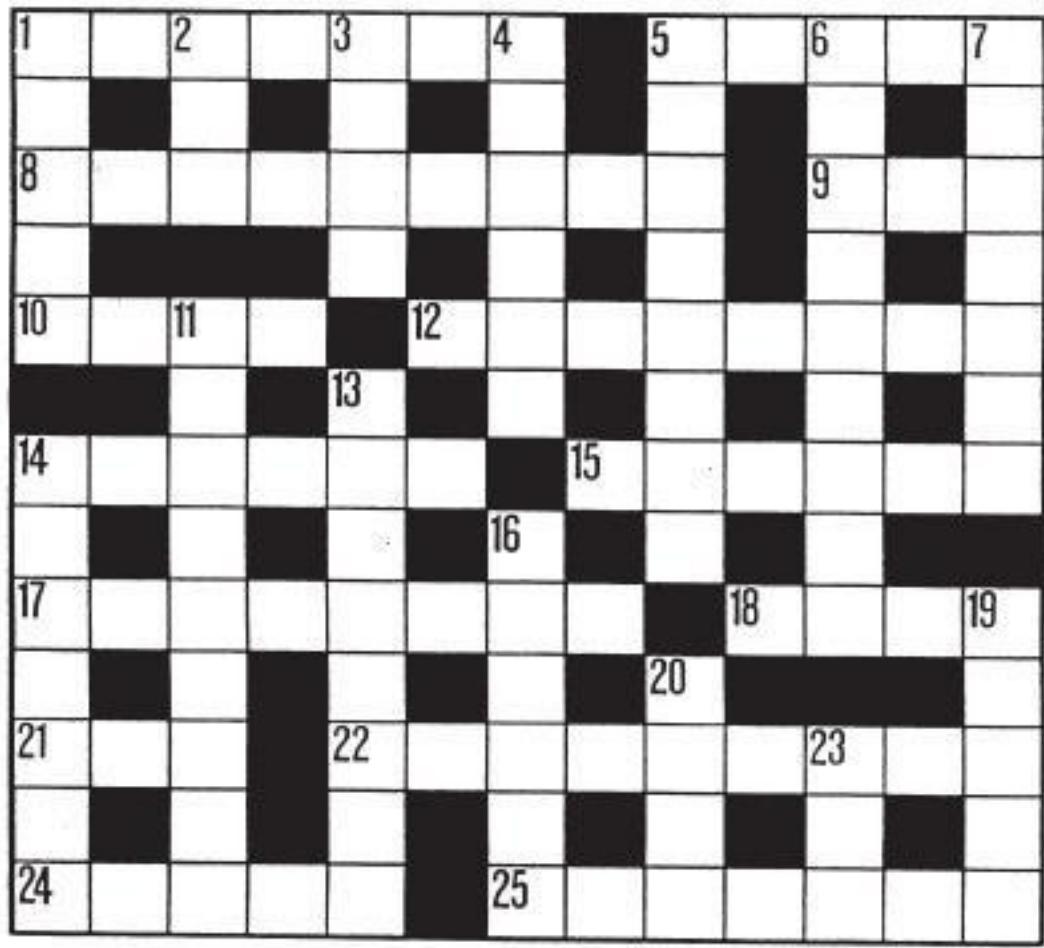
In the Badal Singh (2020) case, the MP High Court granted bail to a person accused of a crime under the SC/ST Act and directed him to act as a Covid-19 warrior. The District Magistrate was given the right to decide the nature, quantum and duration of this so-called voluntary work. Here, the Special Judge (Atrocities) had denied bail but the High Court held that the 'trial is not likely to conclude in the near future and prolonged pre-trial detention being anathema to the concept of liberty, this court is inclined to grant bail'. Unfortunately, the same did not happen in the case of activists like veteran poet Varavara Rao even after he tested positive for Covid-19. But Maya Kodnani, who was convicted in the Naroda Patiya riot case, in which over 90 people were killed, and was undergoing 28 years' imprisonment, was granted bail on July 30, 2014, on the grounds of ill-health.

In January 2020, the Supreme Court granted bail to 13 convicts of a post-Godhra massacre in which 33 people were burnt alive in Sardarpura. The court asked them to do social service and stay out of Gujarat. In granting bail to the three men who allegedly murdered Pune techie Mohsin Shaikh in 2014, the Bombay High Court observed that the 'fault of the deceased was only that he belonged to another religion'.

The judicial discretion in granting bail cannot be used in an arbitrary manner — sound discretion is guided by the law; it cannot be vague and fanciful.

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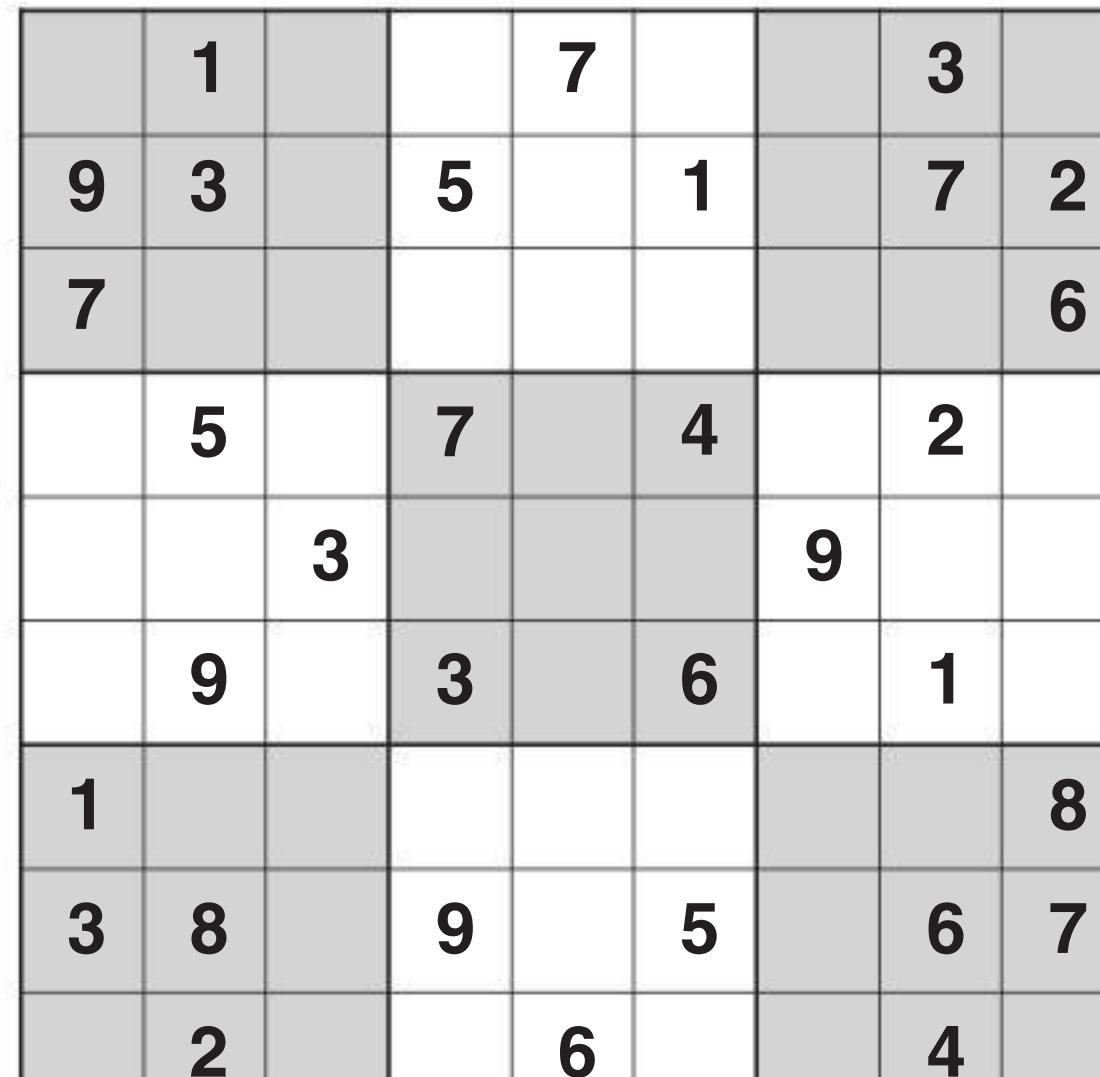
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Ex-chairman chargesheeted in ₹223-cr bank loan scam

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 11 Two months after former chairman of J&K State Cooperative Bank Limited (JKSTCB) Mohd Shafi Dar was arrested, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) today produced a chargesheet against him in the much-publicised Rs 223-crore loan scam.

Dar was arrested by the ACB on June 3.

According to an Anti-Corruption Bureau spokesperson, the chargesheet was produced against Mohammad Shafi Dar, Hilal Ahmad Mir, the chairman of a non-existent River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society (RJCHBS), Srinagar, and Abdul Hamid Hajam, and the secretary of the non-existent RJCHBS.

"An FIR was registered against the former chair-

'BENEFITED NON-EXISTENT SOCIETY'

An FIR was lodged against the former chairman of J&K State Cooperative Bank Limited and others for allegedly sanctioning loan of Rs 250 crore to the non-existent River Jhelum Cooperative House Building Society, Srinagar, for constructing a satellite township at Shiv Pora in Srinagar, bypassing the credit policy of the bank and on the basis of false documents.

An Anti-Corruption Bureau spokesperson

man of the JKCB and others in the ACB, Srinagar, for allegedly sanctioning loan to the tune of Rs 250 crore in favour of the RJCHBS, Srinagar, for the purpose of the construction of a satellite township at Shiv Pora Srinagar bypassing the credit policy of the bank and on the basis of false and fabricated documents," the spokesperson said.

The investigation revealed that a conspiracy was hatched by Dar, Hilal Ahmad

Mir, Abdul Hamid Hajam, Mohd Mujib-ur-Rehman Ghassi, the then registrar of Cooperative Societies, J&K, Syed Ashiq Hussain, deputy registrar, Cooperative Societies, and others in creating a non-existent Society in 2018-19 for obtaining the loan from the bank on the false pretext of constructing a satellite township in Shivpora, Srinagar, and for siphoning off loan funds.

"A fake and fictitious registration certificate of the Soci-

ety was created by the accused and the Society's chairman approached the Government Cooperative Department in January 2018 wherein directions were sought from the J&K Cooperative Department to the JKSTCB, Srinagar, for the grant of financial assistance to the tune of Rs 300 crore for the construction of the satellite township on 300 kanals of the proprietary land located on the outskirts of Srinagar," the spokesperson said.

The chairman, in conspiracy with the borrower Hilal Ahmad and others, sanctioned the loan of Rs 250 crore in favour of the Society and out of that, Rs 223 crore was released into the accounts of 18 persons. An amount of Rs 202 crore has been frozen and the land, which was illegally leased out to a fictitious Society, has been got attached through the government.

His quitting politics doesn't automatically qualify him to re-enter the services, the sources said. They said, "Civil services were not a revolving door that you move out and return as per your wish," an official said.

An unspecified amount collected by him through crowd-funding and the formation of a political group as also serving detention under the PSA constitute the violation of the conduct of service rules, it was pointed out.

Moreover, Shah Faesal, according to the sources, owes money to the government as his fellowship was funded by the government.

The situation has become more complex as the government has taken no decision on his resignation for almost two years now. This leaves a window open for him to

Violation of service rules may go against Faesal's reinduction

ARUN JOSHI

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JAMMU, AUGUST 11

IAS officer-turned-politician Shah Faesal, who quit politics, officials sources said had violated the civil service conduct rules and that might dash his hopes of rejoining the service, though he could question the government why his resignation had not been accepted till this date.

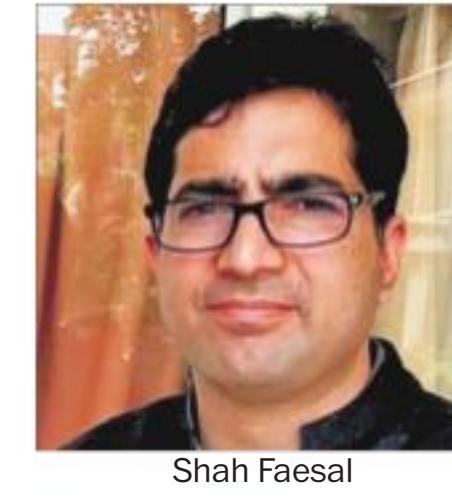
The Civil Service Conduct rules are coming in the way of the restoration of Shah Faesal to the services for all what he said and did before and after his resignation from the service in 2018 is gross violation of the rules. Any concession on this account will set a wrong precedent, said official sources who know the case very well.

His quitting politics doesn't automatically qualify him to re-enter the services, the sources said. They said, "Civil services were not a revolving door that you move out and return as per your wish," an official said.

An unspecified amount collected by him through crowd-funding and the formation of a political group as also serving detention under the PSA constitute the violation of the conduct of service rules, it was pointed out.

Moreover, Shah Faesal, according to the sources, owes money to the government as his fellowship was funded by the government.

The situation has become more complex as the government has taken no decision on his resignation for almost two years now. This leaves a window open for him to



Shah Faesal

'WRONG PRECEDENT'

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question the government over its indecision on his resignation pending with the government since 2018.

Faesal had resigned immediately after completing his Government-funded fellowship to Harvard. This has created an unprecedented situation, because all what he said and did could become a source for similar rebellion in the civil services cadre. Once this precedent is set, there is no way it could be reversed.

There, however, is a window open for him: he can question the government why his resignation was not accepted till date. That is where the government is having no answers, for it could not have taken almost two years to decide on his resignation.

कार्यालय : मार्किट कमेटी, शाहबाद (मा.)

जन-साधारण सूचना

सभी इच्छुक व्यक्तियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि मार्किट कमेटी, शाहबाद (मा.) के अंतर्गत सभी अनाज मँडियों का वर्ष 2020-21 के लिए गेहूँ, मूंग, उड़, सूरजमुखी, जीरो इत्यादि से निकलने वाली ज्ञान (कबाड़ि) का उठाने का टेका (नीलामी) दिनांक 07.08.2020 को प्रातः 12.30 बजे खुली बोली के माध्यम से दिया जाना था जो कि निस्चित कर दिया गया है। टेके की आवामि तिथि 18.08.2020 (दिन मंगलवार) को निश्चित की गई है। टेके की शेतैशी ही रहेंगी जो कि दिनांक 15.07.2020 को दि-ट्रिप्प्लन (English) समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुई थी। टेका लेने के इच्छुक व्यक्ति निश्चित तारीख को समय पर पहुंच कर बोली में भाग लेकर अप्सर का फायदा उठाएं।

सरकार एवं कार्यालयीर कार्यकारी, मार्किट कमेटी, शाहबाद (मा.)

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PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD RE-TENDER NOTICE No. 7 of 2020-21 PWSSD

Gurdaspur (2nd time)

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Division Gurdaspur, The E-tendering Notice No. 7 issued vide this office Endst. No. 2348-60 dt 13.07.2020 are hereby recalled due to reason that no bidder participate received for below tender. Now these tender will be opened as per detail given below:-

Sr. No.	Description of work	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/Tender Fee (Rs.)
1	DNIT for Providing, laying, jointing, cutting & testing of DI-9 (labour type) Rising main pipe line of site 250mm i/f for connection with the existing vent shaft on disposal work & construction of hatch box in all other works as per site requirement at Fatehgarh Churian.	@ 2% of DNIT cost Rs. 3000/-	Rs. 100/- + As applicable on website

Period of completion: 3 months

Approx. Value of the work: Rs. 1.50 Lac

Important dates are as under:

- Period of availability of tender online shall be 12.08.2020 up to 1.00 PM
- Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be 25.08.2020 up to 5.00 PM
- Date and time of opening of Technical Bid 26.08.2020 at 2.00 PM

Note:- Detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Corrigendum/addendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur.

कार्यालय : नगर परिषद, अंबाला सदर

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि आप अपने घरों, होटल, रेस्टोरेंट, मैरिज पैलेज और धार्मिक स्थानों के शौचालय के पाइप को सीधे रिटर्ज से जोड़ें। अगर आपके Area में सीकरण नहीं हैं तो अपने घरों/होटल में प्रीवेट टैक्ट बनवायें। नगर परिषद, अंबाला सदर के क्षेत्र में विभिन्न जातों पर प्राइवेट Deslodge Operators के द्वारा सेंट्रिक टैक्ट सफ किये जाते हैं व उनके द्वारा गलत तरीके से टैक्ट को कहीं भी खाली करके गोदांग गिरा दी जाती है, जिससे शहर में वातावरण प्रदूषित होता है और वीमारियों के फैलने का खतरा बढ़ा रहा है।

यहां यह उल्लेख किया जाता है कि नगर परिषद, अंबाला में निम्नलिखित सीवरेज ट्रैक्टर हैं, जिनमें गंदे पानी को सफ किया जाता है :-

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7	Baldev Nagar	3.25	3.25
9	Nasipur	3.25	3.25
11	Model Town	3.25	3.25

इस बारे में स्पीष्ट इंटरवेट टैक्टों के मालिकों को यह निर्देश दिए जाते हैं कि अपने टैक्टों को नगर परिषद, अंबाला सदर में आकर रजिस्टर्ड करवायें व अपने टैक्टों पर GPS लगवायें अन्यथा उनके विरुद्ध 5000 रु. जुर्माना व जुर्माने से 20 प्रतिशत की बढ़ातीरी व 6 मर्दों की सजा भी हो सकती है। सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर परिषद, अंबाला सदर के क्षेत्र में विभिन्न जातों पर प्राइवेट Deslodge Operators के द्वारा सेंट्रिक टैक्ट सफ किया जाता है व उनके द्वारा गलत तरीके से टैक्ट को कहीं भी खाली करके गोदांग गिरा दी जाती है, जिससे शहर में वातावरण प्रदूषित होता है और वीमारियों के फैलने का खतरा बढ़ा रहा है।

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कार्यकारी अधिकारी, नगर परिषद, अंबाला सदर

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- Applications are invited for boys only for admission to Class VII in The Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) Dehradun (UK) for July, 2021 Term which will be conducted at specified centres of respective stations on 01st & 02nd July, 2021.
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- Scheme of Examination: The examination comprises:

(a) Written Examination: The written part of the examination will consist of three papers namely English (1000-1200hrs) and Mathematics (1400-1530hrs) shall be conducted on 01 Dec 2020 (Tuesday) and General Knowledge (1000-1100hrs) on 02 Dec 2020 (Wednesday). Minimum pass marks in each paper is 50%.

(b) Viva Voce: The interview date shall be 6th April, 2021 (Tuesday) and interview will be held for only those candidates who qualify in the written exam. Minimum pass marks in the interview is 50% and the date and venue for interview will be intimated to them by respective stations. The interview date will be intimated to them by the concerned station.

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(d) As per the Government of India, Ministry of Defence Letter No. A/36105/GS/MT-6/D(GS-II) dated 03 Sep, 2014, the wards of Central Government employees can undertake their exam and viva-voce at the place of posting of employee/domicile state. However, their candidate will be considered from their original domicile state. Therefore, it is mandatory to get the application deposited in the same state where the exam has to be undertaken.

(e) The candidates will be selected from the concerned State Governments by RIMC after approval from MT Directorate. It is mandatory for all the selected candidates (including candidates from all India Reserve Merit List, if selected) to join RIMC within 10 days on receipt of the joining instructions. Joining instruction will be sent to candidates email ID as mentioned in application form.

(g) Results will be updated on RIMC website. It is the candidate's responsibility to check the status regularly.

6. Examination Centres: Examination centres are generally located in the state capitals or in cities/towns as

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Sd/- Managing Director,
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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS, HARYANA

Tau Deviwal Sports Complex, Sector-3,
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Sd/- Establishment officer,
for Director, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, Haryana, Panchkula.

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUNJAB

Memo. No. PMIDC/SWM/2020/4481 Dated 11.08.2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI)

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Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,
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ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਫਗਵਾੜਾ

ਈਮੇਲ

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

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Six hockey players in hospital

Mandeep's oxygen level had dropped, others too taken to hospital as a precaution

VINAYAK PADMADEO
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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

The Indian hockey squad's six players, including Mandeep Singh, have been shifted to SS Sparsh Multi-speciality Hospital in Bengaluru as a precautionary measure after Mandeep's oxygen level dropped below normal.

Mandeep was the first player to be moved to the hospital around 2:30 am today morning. Five others — captain Manpreet Singh, defenders Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, drag-flicker Varun Kumar and goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak — were moved to the same designated Covid facility as a precautionary measure in the evening.

All six had tested positive after they were put through the quantitative RT-PCR test after Manpreet and Surender displayed Covid symptoms while in quarantine.



The camp is scheduled to start on August 18. FILE PHOTO

Camp under cloud?

The six Covid cases have put a question mark over the continuation of the national hockey camp in Bengaluru. The camps for both men's and women's teams are to start on August 18, after the players and staff complete their mandatory 14-day quarantine. With reports that the men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy — scheduled to be held from November 17 to 27 in Dhaka — is set to be postponed, many are privately questioning the need to continue with the national camp. SAI, however, is holding fort as the officials feel calling off the camp will mean risking the players' health as they may catch the virus while travelling back. SAI is expected to take a decision on whether to go ahead with the camp in the coming days.

Constant monitoring

"All six athletes in NCOE Bengaluru who tested

Covid positive, were being monitored constantly and their vitals were being

checked four times everyday — in the morning, afternoon, evening and in night before sleep," SAI said in the statement.

"During night monitoring of vitals on August 10 (Monday) it was found that Mandeep Singh's blood oxygen level was dropping below normal which indicated that he is moving from mild to moderate severity of COVID," the statement said, adding: "SAI authorities on campus took an immediate decision to shift him to SS Sparsh hospital as a precautionary measure. His condition is currently stable."

However, after moving Mandeep to hospital, SAI authorities decided to shift the others Covid-positive players as well as a precautionary measure. Like Mandeep, they are said to be stable. Officials are in touch with the players via video chat over the phone.

BRIEFLY

PRAGUE

Halep struggles but advances on return

World No. 2 Simona Halep made a rusty start on her return from the Covid-19 shutdown as she edged a seesaw battle against Slovenian Polona Hercog 6-1 1-6 7-6(3) in the opening round of Prague Open today. Second seed Petra Martic, who suffered a semifinal defeat in Palermo last week, rebounded with a 6-2 6-3 win over Varvara Gracheva. Wildcard Eugenie Bouchard sailed past eighth seed Veronika Kudermetova 6-0 6-3.

LEXINGTON (US)

Sabalenka wins as WTA Tour returns to US

Aryna Sabalenka fended off Madison Brengle 6-1 6-7(5)-6 to advance to the second round of the Top Seed Open, the first WTA Tour event in the United States since the Covid-19 pandemic shut down the circuit in March. Marie Bouzkova upset world No. 15 Johanna Konta 6-4 6-4. The third-seeded Briton needed medical attention just minutes into the contest before she felt well enough to continue. Konta later said she suffered heart palpitations.

BANDON (US)

Indian-American Gupta shoots 64, shares lead

Aman Gupta, a 21-year-old American of Indian origin, made the most of a last-minute entry into the US Amateur Championship by shooting a bogey-free 64, taking a share of the first round lead. Four days before the event, Gupta did not have a confirmed place in the field. Gupta got in after the world No. 2 amateur, Ricky Castillo, withdrew. On Monday, Gupta fired a 7-under 64 to share the lead with McClure Messner. AGENCIES

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United, Inter enter semis

COLOGNE, AUGUST 11

Manchester United were forced to dig deep to reach the Europa League semifinals as Portuguese midfielder Bruno Fernandes converted a 95th-minute penalty to secure a 1-0 win over FC Copenhagen after extra-time. United, who won Europe's second-tier competition in 2017, ground down the Danes and their inspired goalkeeper Karl-Johan Johnsson in an entertaining game.

Inter Milan also booked a semifinal berth by beating Bayer Leverkusen 2-1 as the



mini-tournament played across Germany on a one-off knockout basis got underway. Inter have reached their

EUROPA LEAGUE QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

Inter 2-1 Leverkusen
Barella 15' Havertz 25'
Lukaku 21'

Man U 1-0 Copenhagen
Fernandes 95'(P) ET

« Romelu Lukaku became the first player to score in nine consecutive Europa League games, breaking Alan Shearer's record set in 2005. REUTERS

first European semifinal since 2010, when they went on to win the Champions League. — Agencies

NOTICE
This is to inform that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), is having a Retail Outlet near Chandigarh Raipur Road, Banur City, District SAS Nagar with licensees Mrs. Dijinder Lehal w/o Shri Joginder Singh Lehal and Shri Gurumukh Singh s/o late Shri Hakin Singh carrying on business in partnership under the firm name and style of Mis. Sacha Sauda Service Station.

Now Smt. Dijinder Lehal w/o Shri Joginder Singh Lehal residing at H No. 200, Sector 21-A Chandigarh has applied to Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL) for reconstitution of the said retail outlet dealership in the name and style if Mis. Sacha Sauda Service Station near Chandigarh Raipur Road, Banur City, District SAS Nagar as sole proprietorship. We have been informed that other licensee Shri Gurumukh Singh s/o late Shri Hakin Singh has expired on 3 November 2008 and that the applicant has been since operating the dealership alone.

In view of the exit/ prolonged absence of late Shri Gurumukh Singh s/o late Shri Hakin Singh, BPCL has proposed/decided to reconstitute the said dealership in name of aforesaid applicant partner as sole proprietor.

In case any legal heirs/ of expired partner Shri Gurumukh Singh s/o late Shri Hakin Singh wish to file any objection and/or claim any interest in any manner with regard to the reconstitution of the said dealership in above manner, the same may be intimated in writing to BPCL at the address given below within 30 days from date of publication of this notice. Please note that any claim/objection in this regard received by BPCL after the said period of 30 days will not be entertained/considered by BPCL under any circumstances.

For Contact:
Territory Manager (Retail)
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
Opp. IOC LPG Plant,
Suchipind, Jalandhar (Punjab)-144009

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Walk-in Interview

Eligible candidates are invited for engagement as Part Time Teachers through walk-in interview purely as stop-gap arrangement in UTDs and University College for the Academic Session 2020-21 only. In case eligible candidates are not available, non-NET/Ph.D. candidates can also be considered for engagement as Part Time Teacher. For details, please visit the official website of the University i.e. www.cdlu.ac.in

REGISTRAR
Barnala Road, Sirsa - 125055, E-mail: facultybranchcdlu@gmail.com, PH: 01666 - 239829 PRDH/8229

HIMACHAL PRADESH BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, DHARAMSHALA - 176213

No.: Hi. Shi. Bo(8)/Store-II/UPS Repair/2020-832-834 Dated: 10.08.2020

LIMITED TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited for the repair of 30 KVA UPS installed in HP Board of School, Dharamshala from reputed and experienced service providers.

Tender document can be obtained from the office of Secretary H.P. Board of School Education, Dharamshala and can also be downloaded from the Board's website i.e. www.hpbpe.org at free of cost. Offer should be reached to the office of Secretary, HP Board of School Education, Dharamshala - 176213 on or before 20.08.2020 by 2 P.M. and the same will be opened on the same day on 3:00 P.M. The sealed tender envelope should be superscribed as "Tender for the Repair of 30KVA UPS".

The undersigned, however, reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel any or all quotations in part or as a whole without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Secretary,
HP Board of School Education,
Dharamshala - 176213.

Government of Punjab

Tender Notice Reference No. 25 Date 10.08.2020

The Department of Punjab PWD & BR invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Approx. Value of the Project
1	Construction of 03 Sets of Guest Rooms, Furnishing and preparing of designs and drawings etc. raising of HQ ADDL. DGBR (NW) at Sector 48C Chandigarh.	206.42 lac

Closing date & time: 31.08.2020 up to 4:00 PM

For details logon to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Provincial Division PWD & BR.,
Industrial Area Phase-1,
SAS Nagar (Mohali)
Phone 0172-2226328

HIMFED THE H.P. STATE COOPERATIVE MARKETING AND CONSUMERS FEDERATION LIMITED, CIRCULAR ROAD, VICTORY TUNNEL SHIMLA-171003.

Email Address: himfedmtkg@gmail.com

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Offers are invited from fruit processors and bulk buyers for purchase of processing grade apple procured by HIMFED under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of Apples-2020 of the Government of Himachal Pradesh. Under the scheme apple is procured from the growers of the State at fruit collection centers located in the apple growing areas. Fruit under the scheme is procured in 35 kg gunny bags.

The EOI can be downloaded from website www.himfed.com and should reach this office on or before 22-08-2020 by 2:15 P.M. and will be opened on same day at 2:15 P.M.

General Manager,
HIMFED, Shimla-3

High performance director wants 7 more boxers at national camp

NEW DELHI: With the national camp for the Olympics-bound boxers having resumed, Indian boxing's high performance director Santiago Nieva said that the addition of seven more boxers to the camp has been proposed. Nine male boxers and a few of their women counterparts are training at the NIS in Patiala. "We are looking to add seven more boxers, two coaches and a support staff member to this list in the next few weeks. Approval has been sought (from SAI). We are assessing things one month at a time," Nieva told PTI. Women's high performance director Raffaele Bergamasco, who had gone to Italy to be with his wife as she recovered from cancer, is ready to fly back and is awaiting visa clearance. PTI

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), Punjab

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

No. AIMS/2020/526

Dated: 10.08.2020

Online applications on the prescribed Proforma are invited for the faculty on deputation. The detail of Posts, Application Form etc. are available on the website www.punjabmedicaleducation.org/mohali.html

- Last date of applications is 20.08.2020 till 12:00 Midnight.
- Walk-in interview is fixed on 23.08.2020 at 2:00 P.M. at Room No. 201, Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), Punjab.

Sd/- (Dr. Manjit Kaur Mohi)
Director-Principal
DPR/Pb/62674

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

PWD B&R BRANCH

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

TENDER NOTICE NO. 35

DATED: 11.08.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Constr. Divn. No. 2 PWD & Br., Hoshiarpur falling under his jurisdiction market committee, Garhsanker invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted for "All road works" category" with Punjab PWD (B&R) for the below noted work:-

Name of Work:- Widening & Strengthening of Link Road Mahilpur-Jaijion Road to Malli Dam, MC Garhsanker, Distt. Hoshiarpur Under NABARD-XXIV.

Approx. Amount :- Rs. 75.80 Lacs

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> w.e.f. 13.08.2020.

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Er. Kamal Nain,
Executive Engineer,
Constr. Divn. No. 2,
PWD & R Br., Hoshiarpur.
Ph. No. 01882-220455, No. 98550-76068
E-mail:- ecd2h2srpwpwdp@gmail.com

DPR/Pb/62749

DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), Punjab

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

No. AIMS/2020/525

Dated: 10.08.2020

Online applications on the prescribed Proforma are invited from retired professor for various posts of professors. The detail of Posts, Application Form etc. are available on the website www.punjabmedicaleducation.org/mohali.html

- Last date of applications is 20.08.2020 till 12:00 Midnight.
- Walk-in interview is fixed on 23.08.2020 at 10:00 A.M. at Room No. 201, Medical Education Bhawan, Sector 69, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), Punjab.

Sd/- (Dr. Manjit Kaur Mohi)
Director-Principal
DPR/Pb/62674

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(ADB Assisted Projects)

No: PHTPB/PIU-ASR/2020/088

Date: 11.8.2

OBITUARY

Rahat Indori (JANUARY 1, 1950 – AUGUST 11, 2020)

His verses defined his fearlessness

MONA

E Khi nadi ke hain ye do kinaare doston/Dostana zindagi se, maut se yaari rakho...wrote Urdu poet and lyricist Rahat Indori, who crossed to the other side on Tuesday evening. As 2020 continues its unfortunate run, poetry lovers suffered a major loss as Indori suffered a cardiac arrest. He had tested positive for Covid a day before.



The shayar, who left his audience mesmerised in kavi sammelans and mushairas for five long decades, earned distinction in the Hindi film industry as a lyricist too.

From Log har mod pe ruk ke sambhalte kyun hain, Itna dardte kyon hain to sabhi ka khoon hai shamil yahan ki mitti mein/Kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai and main jab mar jaacon toh meri alog pehchaan likh dena; Shaakhon se toot jaaye wo patte nahi hain hum. Lahu se meri peshani pe Hindustan likh dena...his verses gave a glimpse of fearless soul that he was.

As a lyricist, his famous tracks—Koi jaye le aye, neend churayee meri,

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SC reserves order on Rhea's transfer plea

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on actor Rhea Chakraborty's plea for transfer of an FIR lodged against her in Patna in connection with the death of Sushant Singh Rajput.

A Bench of Justice Hirshikesh Roy reserved its order after hearing marathon arguments from advocates representing Rhea, Sushant's father, governments of Maharashtra and Bihar and the CBI. It asked the parties to file their written submissions, if any, by Thursday.

During the hearing, Maharashtra and Bihar Governments traded charges over the probe into Rajput's death with each accusing the other of political interference. Rhea too expressed apprehension of bias, saying there was considerable amount of state interference.

Dekho dekho jaanam ham to chor chorai jab nazrein mil — still reverberate with his fans. Just before the pandemic claimed any semblance of normal life, Indori's poem "Bulati hai magar Jane ka nahi" went viral, leading to umpteen memes.

Indori started rather early onto the writing path. In an interview with *The Tribune*, he recalled his first meeting at 12 with indomitable poet Jan Nisar Akhtar, father of Javed Akhtar. Indori took Akhtar's sagacious advice and held by it, "The first condition for writing well lies in reading, not just in the language you intend to write in, but you need to browse world literature."

"He was the most popular poet of our times, who connected with the young generation as well," says Madhav Kaushik, Vice-President, National Sahitya Akademi. Kaushik recalls Indori being outspoken and straightforward not only in his shayari, but also personal life.

Ye haadsa to kisi din guzarne wala tha/ Main bach bhi jaata to murne wala tha were the words of Indori, who would continue to live in his verses.

India to be involved in Sputnik V trials**Delhi's response guarded**

Sandeep Dikshit

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

India will get a piece of the action as Russia enters the last mile of producing the world's first Covid vaccine.

Phase-III clinical trials will be held in different countries, including India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Brazil and Philippines. This will be followed by mass production in other countries in partnership with local financing companies.

The countries identified include India, besides South Korea and Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Cuba, said CEO of Russia Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Kirill Dmitriev.

"The plan is to ramp up the vaccine production to 20 crore doses by the end of 2020, including 30 crore doses in Russia," said Dmitriev, whose fund is performing a critical function of bankrolling the research.

India was among the first lot of 20 countries that had



A scientist works in a laboratory of the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology in Moscow. REUTERS

PHASE-III TRIALS TO BE HELD IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES

- Phase-III trials will be held in various countries, including India, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Brazil and Philippines
- This will be followed by mass production in partnership with local financing companies
- India's Serum Institute, Panacea Biotech, Shanta Biotech and Biological E Limited are in line for taking up manufacturing orders

expressed interest in obtaining the Sputnik V, he added.

India already has had fruitful partnerships in the past with the US, both in supply chain management and in joint research. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo have discussed the need to strengthen global pharmaceutical and healthcare manufacturing and supply chains, an area where Russia does not have traditional expertise.

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civilian circulation has been mentioned by Russia as January 1, 2021. Former head of community medicine at PGI, Chandigarh, Rajesh Kumar said no scientific literature had been published on the Russian vaccine yet.

"The timelines Russia claims to have followed before approving the vaccine is beyond our comprehension. Such fast-tracking is unbelievable. Besides, the Russian vaccine has never been among six potential worldwide vaccine candidates the WHO had been mentioning," said Kumar.

Meanwhile, top epidemiologists were not enthused by the Russian announcement that came close on the heels of the WHO urging Russia to follow established vaccine trial guidelines to produce a safe vaccine.

Reports say clinical trials on Sputnik V vaccine started only on June 18 on 38 volunteers and that "all human subjects developed antibodies and immunity". Date of introduction to

Day after truce, Gehlot says will look into grievances of MLAs

JAIPUR, AUGUST 11

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday said he would address grievances of MLAs, a day after the Congress set up a committee to look into the issues raised by rebel legislators.

Gehlot said he did not know why some MLAs rebelled and what promises were made to them.

"If any MLA is annoyed with me, then it is my responsibility to address that. I have kept doing this in the past and will do this now also," he told reporters before leaving for Jaisalmer.

However, he evaded a question on using harsh

LET THERE BE NO VENDETTA POLITICS: PILOT

Jaipur: Congress leader Sachin Pilot here on Tuesday said he has not demanded any post from the party and there should not be any vendetta politics as he returned to Jaipur nearly a month after his revolt against Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Pilot, however, said he was shocked at statements made against him. PTI

words against Pilot.

Referring to the Congress meeting on Monday, he said decisions were taken and now the future strategy would be decided. He said he had no idea about the formula for Pilot's return.

"High command knows this. He will tell his grievances to

2 AirAsia executives suspended over 'safety' violations

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 11

Aviation regulator DGCA has placed two senior executives of AirAsia India under suspension for three months over alleged safety violations. The action was taken on a complaint by an AirAsia India's former pilot, who runs a YouTube channel called Flying Beast, for alleged violations of safety norms by the low-cost airline.

In June, in a YouTube video, pilot Gaurav Taneja raised concerns over some policies of the airline, including adherence to rules during the Covid-19 pandemic and aircraft landing procedures. — TNS

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