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Sputnik V arrives in market, each imported dose for ₹995

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NEW DELHI, MAY 14
Russian vaccine Sputnik V was launched in the Indian market on Friday with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, local partner of the two-dose Covid jab, announcing the soft launch by administering the first dose in Hyderabad today.

Each imported dose of Sputnik V will cost Rs 995.40. The cost will drop once domestic manufacturing of the vaccine begins. The vaccine will be made available at 35 centres from next week as part of the pilot test in India.

At the launch today, Dr Reddy's said, "The first consignment of Sputnik V vaccine that landed in India on May 1 received regulatory clearance from the Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli, on May 13."

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AUS FLIGHT LEAVES 70 BEHIND

Seventy of the 150 Australians in India who were scheduled to return home by a repatriation flight were grounded on Friday because either they were Covid positive or a close contact of someone infected, a top Australian diplomat said. BACK PAGE

13 MORE DIE AT GOA HOSPITAL

Thirteen more Covid-19 patients died at the Goa Medical College and Hospital on Friday, taking to 75 the number of people who have succumbed over the last four days. BACK PAGE

SCIENTISTS CALL FOR FULLER PROBE INTO WUHAN 'LAB LEAK'

Leading UK and US scientists have called for more investigation to determine the origin of the pandemic, including the theory of accidental release from a lab in Chinese city of Wuhan. In a letter in the journal 'Science', the experts said knowing how Covid-19 emerged was critical for global strategies to mitigate the risk of future outbreaks. PAGE 12

Govt working day and night to ease pain, says Modi

NEW DELHI, MAY 14
Describing Covid-19 as an invisible enemy, PM Narendra Modi today said he felt pain for those who had lost their dear ones in the pandemic.

Blocks in our resources are being removed on a war-footing, PM

Amid Opposition allegations of a "missing" government, the PM said every department was working day and night to ease the pain of the nation.

Sound a warning, the PM said the pandemic was rapidly spreading in rural areas, urging citizens to take all precautions. —TNS

Left alone, man carries mum's body for last rites

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, MAY 14
Bir Singh of Bhangwar village, near Ranital, in Kangra had to carry his mother's body on his shoulders for about 1 km yesterday after none of his relatives, district officials or villagers came forward to help him out in performing the last rites.

Some photographs of Bir Singh carrying the body had gone viral on the social media, inviting criticism for the government authorities.

Taking a serious note of the incident, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today directed all deputy commissioners to ensure the body disposal protocol for Covid patients dying in home isolation was strictly adhered to across the state.

Follow body disposal protocol: HP Govt



Bir Singh carries mother's body

Two more bodies found on Gangabanks, patrolling up

MUKESH RANJAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 14
Two more bodies found lying on the banks of the Ganga were cremated by the Ballia district administration in UP after a video of stray dogs mauling the corpses went viral on social media.

Ballia residents claimed to have seen 52 bodies at Ujjiyar, Kulhadia and Bharauli ghats. With bodies found floating in the Ganga in UP and Bihar, the West Bengal Government has asked officials in Malda to maintain a vigil at the river's entry point.

District authorities in UP and Bihar have been put on the alert after a nudge by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and a notice by the NHRC. The UP Government

NUMBERS GROSSLY UNDER-REPORTED

Reports are coming of mass burials on the banks of the river in Unnao. Official numbers from Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Jhansi and Kanpur appear grossly under-reported. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, CONG GEN SECY

has ordered the authorities to fine those throwing bodies into the Ganga. State CM Yogi Adityanath has ordered patrolling by the SDRF and PAC. Sources said, "Deployment of the SDRF and PAC teams will help in keeping a check on such incidents."

Eid gesture: Malerkotla to be Punjab's 23rd dist

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KEEP OUTSIDERS AWAY, CAPT TELLS VILLAGES

With rural areas showing a surge in Covid cases, the CM on Friday asked villagers to restrict the movement of outsiders, suggesting 'thikri pehras'.

district administration office. The Deputy Commissioner for the newly carved out district would be appointed soon, he said.

Announcing other projects for Malerkotla, the CM said a medical college, to be named

IYC chief quizzed over Covid supplies, Congress cries foul

NEW DELHI, MAY 14
After a Delhi Police crime branch team today questioned Indian Youth Congress president Srinivas BV over his Covid-related medicine and oxygen cylinder supplies to people, the Congress said the move was the "worst form of revenge".

The police said they were acting on a Delhi High Court order to determine how politicians were procuring essential supplies and to register FIRs if offences were made out. The court had on May 4 asked the police to investigate the issue of politicians procuring and distributing Remdesivir in the capital and take steps as per law. Srinivas said the cops asked him how he procured the supplies to distribute to people. —TNS

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27 black fungus cases in Haryana, 5 this week

SUSHIL MANAV
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CHANDIGARH, MAY 14
Even as Covid continues to devastate people in Haryana as also in other parts of the country, mucormycosis, or black fungus as it is commonly called, is posing a new threat in the state.

Since the start of the pandemic, 27 cases of black fungus have so far come to Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) and two private hospitals in

Two succumb to infection, 12 under treatment

SURGERY NEEDED IN MOST OF THE CASES

Almost all those who survived the infection had to undergo surgeries of the ear, nose, throat or the eyes. Dr Dhruv Chaudhary, PGIMS, ROHTAK



Gurugram. Of the infected, two have died and 12 are currently under treatment, said

Four cases every week in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA: Hospitals in Ludhiana have been receiving three to four black fungus cases every week. Dr Manish Munjal, Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, said they had received 20-25 cases of black fungus during the second wave. "The problem is found mostly in Covid survivors who are diabetic, hypertensive or have a kidney ailment." INSIDE

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Now, black fungus scare in Ldh

Hospitals reporting three-four cases a week | Steroid misuse, self-medication to blame

MANAV MANDER

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LUDHIANA, MAY 14

Covid survivors not following up with the doctor post recovery or continuing medicines after recovery on their own are the major factors leading to the black fungus infection (mucormycosis).

In addition to this, cases have surfaced where people are indulging in self-medication (to avoid hospital visits) and buying steroids on their own for tackling Covid, which is later leading to the black fungus infection.

Nearly three-four cases are being reported every week in major hospitals of Ludhiana though many have been cured. A few patients have lost their eyesight after contracting black fungus. It affects the nose, sinuses, eyes and brain.

Dr Manish Munjal, Head of



WHO ARE AT RISK

All recovered patients from Covid who are or were on steroids, if experiencing some headache, vision impairment, swelling on face, nasal block, altered mental state or blackish discolouration around the bridge of the nose should get themselves checked for black fungus.

<< Doctors examine a patient at a Covid care centre. FILE

Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), said they had received 20-25 cases of black fungus during the second wave and most of the patients were Covid survivors.

"The problem is found mostly in Covid survivors who are diabetic, hyperten-

sive or kidney patients. They are cured of the virus but during the process, they are given steroids. The body's immune system goes into an overdrive to fight the virus. Drop in immunity later could be triggering these cases of mucormycosis," said Dr Munjal.

He said patients needed to

do a regular follow-up with the doctor after recovery. "Telemedicine is not a popular concept in Punjab, especially in rural areas, due to which patients continue to take medicines post recovery on their own which leads to complications like the black fungus," Dr Munjal added.

Christian Medical College

and Hospital is also receiving cases of black fungus. During pre-Covid times, one case was reported in a month but now, the hospital is getting two-three cases every week.

Dr Priyanka, associate professor in Department of Ophthalmology at DMCH, said they received three patients in the past few days. One is still admitted and has lost sight in one eye.

Dr Shaffie Baidwal, associate consultant, Department of Ophthalmology, Fortis Hospital, said when the fungus invades the para-nasal sinus mucosa, it may spread directly to the orbits, and from there to the brain. With extensive spread of the disease, removal of orbit/eye along with sinuses may be necessary. Often it is too late to save the patient's vision, or even their eye or life.

Every third Covid patient at Rajindra hospital dying

KARAM PRAKASH

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PATIALA, MAY 14

Every third Covid patient admitted to the isolation wing of the Government Rajindra Hospital is likely to succumb to the virus, reveals official data. With around 30 Covid deaths a day, the fatality rate at hospital is 35 per cent. As per the hospital authorities, around 1,781 positive patients of 5,053 admissions have died of Covid since the pandemic broke out last year.

The death rate is much higher in the second wave when compared to the first, and continues to surge as of now. In May so far, 422 Covid patients have died. The figure stood at 415 in April and 113 in March. The number of recoveries at the hospital, tragically, is very low, say experts.

Hospital authorities have blamed the late reporting of the first wave, the number of sick patients is three times higher in the second wave. Currently, around 240 patients, who are very sick, are undergoing treatment.

Doctors at the hospital have claimed that the majority of the deaths so far have happened within the first 24 or 48 hours of admission as the oxygen saturation, in most of the cases, was at critical level. Last week, Medical Educa-

Fatality rate 35%; 1,781 succumb in a year



The Covid ward at the Government Rajindra Hospital, Patiala. FILE



Cops keep watch at Nangal Kalan village in Mansa. FILE

4 held for black marketing of Remdesivir

ABO哈尔, MAY 14

The Sriganganagar police arrested four persons, including a medical drug stockist, last evening for black marketing Remdesivir injection used in treatment of Covid patients.

Acting on a tip-off, a District Special Police (DST) team nabbed them through a decoy customer near Rajendra Medicos in Birbal Chowk. Sub-inspector



Aadesh Kumar said among the arrested persons were stockist Sahil Goyal, his

employee Gaurav Arora, Rajendra Medicos' owner Lokesh Goyal and Ganapati Medical Store partner Subhash Kumhar.

They reportedly charging Rs 27,000 per injection which had an MRP of Rs 3,000. Demanded strict action, the District Chemists Association said the erring chemists had been expelled from the association. —OC

Door-to-door campaign in villages to contain spread

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

Amid talks of an impending third wave of the pandemic and a high case fatality rate (CFR) in rural areas, the Punjab Government has stepped up its efforts to stop the transmission of Covid in villages.

The CFR in rural areas of Punjab is 2.6 and in urban areas 0.69. The positivity rate in rural areas is 22 per cent, much lower than that in urban areas (78 per cent). The low positivity rate in rural areas is because of low testing.

Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said the main problem in rural areas was people were not wary of the pandemic. "In most cases, people getting symptoms are visiting medical practitioners, who, we have found, have been treating patients for typhoid. When the patient becomes serious, they are brought to the hospitals, by then it is too late, leading to a high CFR in rural areas," he said.

The minister said they now

DRIVE NEXT WEEK

Our plan is to keep tabs on all symptomatic persons and conduct random testing. Villages are also being asked to restrict the entry of outsiders. The drive will be launched in the coming week.

Balbir Singh Sidhu, HEALTH MINISTER

have a concrete plan in place. He said, "Teams of the Health Department along with local influential political leaders will start a door-to-door campaign in all villages, checking on all symptomatic persons and conducting random Covid tests. We will home isolate most positive persons with mild symptoms."

He said NGOs and religious dera, too, were being roped in to create bed capacity and special wards were being created in all civil hospitals to treat post Covid complications.

Poor testing, no surveillance Abohar's bane

ABO哈尔, MAY 14

The sub-division continues to be one of the worst hit by the second wave of Covid with eight more deaths in the past 48 hours and 50 per cent of them belonged to Nai Abadi. Though the area was declared a containment zone last week, sanitisation, testing drive and door-to-door survey were still in limbo.

The pandemic has spread in various villages in the See-

to-gunno sub-tehsil area also and half of the positive cases being reported in Fazilka district in the past six weeks belong to Abohar.

The Nar Sewa Narayan Sewa Samiti that has been assisting health workers in cremating the bodies of Covid victims has expressed concerns over officials' apathy towards the four containment zones in the town. —OC

Containment zones face official apathy

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

SAD leader and former MP Prof Prem Singh Chandumajra today demanded that the Congress government should hand over its Covid centres at Mohali, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda to the Army's Western Command as people's faith in the ability of the state to run medical facilities had eroded.

He also asked the government to spend Rs 660 crore, which had been earmarked for the state from the National Disaster Management

RAMP UP INFRA AT BATHINDA AIIMS: MP

Bathinda: MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal has requested Health Minister OP Soni to upscale Level-3 facilities at AIIMS by providing ventilators and additional oxygen for Covid patients.

Fund, to provide much-needed economic relief to people.

Chandumajra said in this hour of crisis, the prime goal was to save lives. "Punjabis have been hit by a severe second wave of the pandemic and the government has been found wanting in dealing with the situation. It is best the Army Medical Corps is taken on board and handed over major Covid centres," he said. —TNS

Police serve food to needy

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, MAY 14

As part of the state government initiative to provide free meals to needy Covid patients, the Amloh and Mandi Gobindgarh police in the district have launched the campaign in their respective areas.

Amloh police station SHO Raj Kumar said on the directions of SSP Amneet Kondal, helpline numbers '181' and '112' had been activated allowing poor infected patients or their family members to order meals. —OC



CHOCK-A-BLOCK Despite a surge in Covid cases, markets in Jalandhar witnessed a huge rush on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: SARABJIT SINGH

Hand over centres to Army: SAD

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

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BJP flays govt over ventilators

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh today slammed the Congress government for its "inefficiency and slackness" in utilising ventilators provided to Punjab from the PM Cares fund.

In a statement, Chugh said more than 800 ventilators were provided to the state way back in December. Among these, the three government medical colleges in

Amritsar, Patiala and Faridkot got 300 machines.

"The state government was reminded twice by the Centre to make these operational at the earliest, but it has been lazy and inefficient to respond, putting lives of hundreds of Covid patients to grave risk," said Chugh. He slammed the administration of the three medical colleges for raising a false alarm over technical snags. —TNS

O₂ plant at SGPC hospital lying defunct

GS PAUL

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AMRITSAR, MAY 14

Much to the apathy of the Centre, the medical oxygen plant set up by the SGPC at Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Vallabh, could not be made operational.

The reason is that despite repeated reminders, the Centre was not inclined to supply liquid oxygen leading to difficulties in treating the Covid patients. Leaving nothing to chance, the SGPC resorted to install two special units that would generate oxygen from

Two PSA units to be set up as alternative



Helpline boon for infected patients

ABO哈尔, MAY 14

Local chapter of the "Par Manukhta Da" helpline launched by the Punjab Congress has proved helpful to many families in resolving Covid-related problems.

Two phone numbers had been floated on social media to facilitate people in contacting the local team as and when they were in need of any help related to the pandemic that had recorded huge resurgence in the area in past six weeks. The team has been bridging the gap between the needy and the administration. —OC

ness in operating the plant for the want of the Centre's nod to provide the liquid oxygen. Once we get it, it would have a capacity to produce medical gas equivalent to at least 170 cylinders a day, making all our hospitals self-reliant," he added. SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur said numerous reminders to the PM office and Health Ministry were sent, but in vain. She said as an alternative, two PSA oxygen generation units worth Rs 2.5 crore were being installed at Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Vallabh.

Hospital dean Dr AP Singh said, "Now, that the pandemic impact has escalated and critical patients were under treatment, we fell short of oxygen as the firm showed helpless-

ness in operating the plant for the want of the Centre's nod to provide the liquid oxygen. Once we get it, it would have a capacity to produce medical gas equivalent to at least 170 cylinders a day, making all our hospitals self-reliant," he added. SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur said numerous reminders to the PM office and Health Ministry were sent, but in vain. She said as an alternative, two PSA oxygen generation units worth Rs 2.5 crore were being installed at Sri Guru Ram Das Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Vallabh.

He said: "Border villages of Gurdaspur have become a

favourite playground for these quacks. The situation is particularly bad in the Dorangla block where Covid cases have witnessed a spike. There are nearly 3,000 of quacks masquerading as medical specialists." The virus has brought in its wake various types of rumours and these quacks thrive upon them to make a killing. "Unsuspecting villagers are being given steroids to ensure Covid disappears overnight," admitted a doctor.

Move Covid care facility out of residential area, officials urged

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BATHINDA, MAY 14

People living in the Birla Mill road area of Bathinda have alleged that a Covid care centre operating from there has put their lives at risk. They fear the densely-populated residential area has been exposed to the deadly virus due to the centre.

Therefore, area residents

have written to the Health Department, Municipal Corporation, Bathinda, and senior officials seeking their immediate intervention to close down the Covid centre on a priority basis.

Darshan Garg, an area resident, said: "I am a senior citizen and there are small kids in our house. The Covid care centre shares a wall with our house. We are not able to sleep in the night as ambulances keep honking round the clock. Besides other vehicles carrying oxygen and other material keep coming to the hospital regularly. Attendants along with patients park their vehicles in the narrow streets." Residents said moving outside their houses

had become a risky affair.

Dr Amit Aggarwal, who is running the Covid centre, said: "There are many Covid centres that are operating from residential areas in the city. People need to cooperate in this hour of crisis. Moreover, we have taken the requisite permission from the authori-

ties concerned to run the centre. We have been following all precautions as well."

Bathinda Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan, too, sought cooperation from the people. He assured, "All centres are granted approval after verifying that they conform to all Covid protocols."

Quacks make a killing in rural areas of Gurdaspur

RAVI DHALIWAL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURDASPUR, MAY 14

Covid is being seen through a lens of superstition by a majority of villagers living near the International Border because of their steadfast belief in quacks. This development has forced health officials to up their ante against such "medical practitioners". The literacy rate is abysmally low in the border belt. This is the prime reason being attrib-

SEND PATIENTS TO HOSPITAL

We urge RMP doctors to bring Covid patients to government hospitals whenever warning signs are witnessed. But the bottom line is that seldom do these people listen to us. Dr Harbhajan Raj, CIVIL SURGEON

uted by health officials for gullible villagers falling into the trap of these 'doctors' whenever they develop Covid symptoms. Many even believe that the virus is an "evil spirit" and hence it can be treated

only through excruciatingly painful treatment.

Keep outsiders away, Capt urges villagers

Calls for strict measures in rural areas for 2 mths

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

With rural areas, which had largely remained unaffected in the first wave, witnessing a surge in Covid cases, CM Capt Amarinder Singh today urged villagers to restrict the movement of outsiders into villages and let in only those not infected by the virus.

Addressing state residents, the CM called for strict measures in rural areas over the next two months, which he described as "extremely crucial". "Now villages are seeing a surge in cases, so we need to be very careful," he said, urging villagers to conduct "thikri pehras" (local vigil) to keep outsiders away and allow only Covid-free people to enter.

Exhorting people to "save yourself, your families and Punjab", the CM asked them not to delay visiting the hospital if symptoms arose.

"We have teams of doctors everywhere, approach them if you feel unwell," he said, stressing delay in seeking treatment was landing people in level-3 (critical care) facilities. "While occupancy of lev-



WILL ADD 2K BEDS

While the occupancy of L2 beds is 50%, it is around 90% at L3 facilities. The state government is adding another 2,000 beds.

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

« A health worker takes a swab sample of a child at a Patiala village. RAJESH SACHAR

LAUDS FARMERS OVER WHEAT PROCUREMENT

The CM lauded farmers over seamless completion of wheat procurement amid the Covid challenges. Compared to 129 lakh MT last year, 132 lakh MT wheat had been procured this year, he said, adding this had resulted in earnings to the tune of ₹26,000 crore to farmers, as against ₹24,600 crore last year.

el-2 (moderate infection) beds is 50 per cent, it is around 90 per cent at level-3 facilities, and the state government is in the process of adding another 2,000 beds," he pointed out.

Noting that there were three stages of the disease, of which the first could be managed at home, the CM urged people to visit a doctor at the first sign of symptoms. "Let the doctor decide the course of treatment, don't get into diagnosis and self-medication," he said.

He wondered why people were harming the interests of the state and their families by being lax, adding "we don't want Punjab to go the Delhi and Maharashtra way, which have experienced unprecedented problems in the second wave".

The disease was wreaking havoc the world over, with even the most advanced countries not immune to it, he said, urging people to help his government save the state.

Take steps to end loot by pvt hospitals: AAP

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

Punjab AAP chief Bhagwant Mann has asked the state to set up a nodal agency to curb the looting of Covid patients by private hospitals in the name of costly treatment. He said free treatment should be provided to the people, who were already suffering from the economic downturn.

Mann said due to lack of equipment, medicines and

OPPOSES CONG CAMPS

AAP leader Harpal Singh Cheema on Friday said the vaccination camps set up by Congress leaders at various places in the name of protection against Covid was a violation of the Health Department rules. He said the leaders should stop playing with people's lives.

ventilators in government hospitals, people were forced to undergo treatment in private ones. He said the treatment of patients had been turned into a business by some private hospitals, who were charging Rs 10 to 15 lakh. "There are many cases where such hospitals treated the patient and took Rs 15 lakh from the family but the latter still died." — TNS

In Ropar, cops to ferry people to vaccination centres

ROPAR, MAY 14

To expedite vaccination drive in the district, the police have decided to use their hospital ambulance to ferry people to

inoculation centres.

SSP Akhil Chaudhary said the local cops would conduct meetings with sarpanches, other prominent people and

civil society members to motivate maximum people for the vaccination drive. He said the idea was to ferry people from their homes to nearest vacci-

nation centres. The need was felt as the district is mostly rural and there are some far-flung areas where people, especially elderly citizens,

may find it difficult to reach the centres. It will also help single mothers, whose husbands or family members work somewhere else. — TNS



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Door to Door Screening for Covid Test in Rural Areas



Sh. Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana

Panchayats are being encouraged to implement Test, Track and Treat Strategy

- Teams will aware every household in villages by visiting door to door and such teams will identify covid patients after screening.
- During the screening, patients with mild and moderate symptoms will be given "medicine kit" and patients with severe symptoms will get immediate medical attention in nearby medical centres.
- Such multi-disciplinary teams will include Trainee Doctors, Asha and Anganwadi Workers.
- With the support of panchayats, Village Dharamshalas, Government schools & AYUSH centres etc. will be set up as isolation centres where oximeter, steam machine, thermometer and other essential medicines will be arranged.

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Man held for vehicle theft

ABOHAL, MAY 14

The police have arrested Dilbag Singh (35) of Balluan village and recovered a pick-up van that his gang had looted last month.

Ghamurwali police station in charge Kartar Singh said gang members Himanshu (22) of Dharam Nagar, and Bharat Valmiki (18) of Sant Nagar had been arrested earlier too. — OC

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| 1 | Providing water supply to Harizan Basti in Village Kahanpur and Gurdialpur under Jaswan Pragpur Constituency District Kangra HP (SH:- Construction of reinforcement cement concrete over head storage tank of 50000 litre capacity with 5 meter staging height at Village Kahanpur) | 950000/- | 19000/- | 250/- | Three months |

1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://htenders.gov.in>, by the interested bidders/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage Two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility information and criteria and Financial bid should be put in separate envelope and all two separate envelopes should be put together in a single envelope. The bids shall be submitted online electronically.
3. Bid evaluation of criteria- Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) will be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal will rest with the JSV Department who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
4. As the bids are to be submitted online and are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
5. **KEY DETAILS WILL BE AS UNDER:-**

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| a | Date of Online publication | 08.05.2021 at 5:00 P.M. |
| b | Downloading of e-tender Documents | From 08.05.2021 at 5:00 P.M. to 17.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. |
| c | Date of submission of e-tender | From 08.05.2021 at 5:00 P.M. to 17.05.2021 at 11:00 A.M. |
| d | Physical submission of eligibility criteria, pre-qualification documents, earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents (in original) | Up to 11:00 A.M. on 17.05.2021. |
| e | Date of opening of bids: | |
| 1) | Cover-1 Eligibility information and Criteria | On 17.05.2021 at 11:30 A.M. |
| 2) | Cover-2 Financial Bid | Shall be intimated separately |

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (Two) covers:-
1. Cover-1 shall contain Scanned copies of "eligibility information and criteria".
2. Cover-2 shall contain the "Financial bid" on the prescribed format.
2. Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of following "eligibility information and criteria" (Scanned copies to be uploaded): In case of Exemption of EMD the tenderer shall have to submit affidavit and list of works, where he has used the exemption in order to ascertain the amount exempted, mandatorily.
3. The Earnest Money (unless Exempted) should be deposited (**through online (e-payment) & offline mode**) duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur in the shape of National Saving Certificate in any Post Office in H.P. or Time Deposit Receipt/FDR of any Scheduled/Nationalized Bank, having its branch at Dehra or Pragpur and should reach the Office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag Division, Pragpur on or before the date and time of opening the technical bid (mandatory).
4. The cost of tender form **through online (e-payment) & offline mode** as shown above in shape of Demand Draft, only drawn in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Pragpur payable at Pragpur.
5. Copy of Certificate of registration with I&PH Department (Now JSV) in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.
6. Income Tax, PAN No. (Permanent Account No.), GST registration, EPF registration and latest clearance certificate thereof, are to be submitted with the eligibility criteria.
7. Copy of similar Work done/Experience Certificates.
8. The authorization letter regarding digital signature certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered tenderer to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.
9. A scanned copy of undertaking that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions Stipulated in the contract document before quoting the rates.
10. Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" which will be opened at a later date to be notified separately & shall be opened only of those contractors/firms whose documents as per eligibility Information "Cover-1" are found in order. The Financial Bids shall contain only Financial Bid/Offer on departmental schedule of quantity/BoQ where contractors/firms will quote his/their offer for each item.
11. Earnest money of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained for a period of 120 days.
12. No subletting of work by the contractor is permissible.
13. In case, opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day.
14. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.
15. Ambiguous/telegraphic/Conditional tenders or tenders by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/considered in any case.
16. Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reasons.
17. The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s).
18. Any enquiry/clarification regarding tender can be obtained by e-mail of the divisional office under e-mail address i.e. xeniphpragpur@gmail.com and office telephone No. 01970-245045.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division,
Pragpur.

5 minors among 6 drown in Ldh

Victims include four siblings, youth trying to save them also dies

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LUDHIANA, MAY 14

Five minors, including four siblings, drowned in a pond at Maangarh village on the Ludhiana-Chandigarh highway this afternoon. A man tried to save the children by jumping into the pond but he also drowned.

The minors were taking a bath when they got stuck in a marshy area. A villager who saw the children drowning jumped into the pond but he too got stuck. The authorities called in divers who struggled for over two hours to retrieve the six bodies. Koom Kalan SHO Harshpal Singh Chahal, who visited the scene, said the five children were aged between 4 and 10 years.

The siblings have been identified as Priya (4), Monu (6), Chhoti (8) and Laxmi (10). The fifth child has been identified as Kalim (10). The minors' parents worked as migrant labourers. The siblings' father Sanjay is a native of Lucknow and currently



Divers try to locate the bodies of children in a pond in Ludhiana on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

CM ANNOUNCES ₹50,000 EX GRATIA

Expressing deep shock over the tragic incident, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday announced ex gratia of ₹50,000 to the families of

each of the five children who drowned in a pond in a Ludhiana village, as well as for the migrant who also died while trying to save them. The CM extended his

heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved migrant families, and directed the district authorities to offer all possible support to them in this hour of grief.

lives at Maangarh village. Kalim's father Mohd Fahim, too, is a native of UP and a resident of the village.

The SHO said the sixth victim had been identified as Rahul (22). His father Nirgun Saha is a native of

Bihar and currently residing at Maangarh. The bodies were later handed over to parents.

Bittu joins chorus against Sidhu

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Ravneet Bittu

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14

Days after advising Capt Amarinder Singh to give his

Home portfolio to some other minister if he could not deliver justice in the Kotkapura police

firing case, Ludhiana MP Ravneet Bittu today came out in support of the Chief Minister by targeting Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu.

He said Sidhu's expiry date for jumping ship was near and that he would change the party soon. Bittu's attack on Sidhu came hours after the latter targeted the CM by tweeting: "Why after six years we are still awaiting another investigation by SIT. Since cognisable evidence is available—Why not immediately arrest the main accused? The police can easily take action in normal course!" Statement from 2018,

opposed Sidhu as he was not a traditional Congress man and was a pariah leader. Bittu, who had challenged Sidhu after he quit as Cabinet minister, said his stand on the SIT investigation into the Kotkapura police firing remained the same and he hoped the CM would fulfil the poll promise.

A few days ago, Bittu was part of the meeting attended by MP Partap Bajwa and ministers Sukhjinder Randhawa and Charanjit Singh Channi as part of the regrouping to pressure the CM to act fast against the perpetrators of sacrilege and subsequent police firing cases.

For the past few days, the CM's camp has been actively targeting Sidhu through ministers. So far, seven ministers have sought Sidhu's suspension for indiscipline from the high command.

Man sexually exploits minor, held

ABOHAL, MAY 14

The police arrested a man for allegedly exploiting a 16-year-old girl, his distant relative, for the past four months.

A complaint was submitted to the police in this regard and a case under Sections 376 and 506 of the IPC and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act was registered.

Father of the victim Jaswinder Singh of Tootwala village said they had recently shifted to Khuyiansarwer village and had been visiting the house of the accused, their distant relative. He said his daughter, a Class X student, revealed that the accused had been forcing her for physical relations whenever other members of the family were away. The girl has been medically examined. — OC

Jarnail Singh, former AAP MLA, dies of Covid

NEW DELHI, MAY 14

Former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA from Rajouri Garden Jarnail Singh died of Covid-related complications here on Friday morning. He was in the ICU at a Delhi hospital for over nine days.

Jarnail had notably resigned from his seat in the Delhi Assembly to contest the 2017 Assembly poll in Punjab. He contested the high-profile Lambi seat against Parkash Singh Badal and Capt Amarinder Singh. Badal won the seat.

Jarnail, a former journalist, had quit his job after he hurled a shoe at the then Union Home Minister P Chidambaram in 2009 at a press conference. He was angry that Chidambaram had welcomed the clean chit to his party colleagues – Jagdish Tytler and Sajjan Kumar — in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots case. Jarnail was taken into custody, however, the Home Minister did not press for charges and asked the journalist be released.

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A survivor of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, Jarnail was a resident of Lajpat Nagar in Delhi. He authored a book titled 'I accuse: The Anti-Sikh Violence of 1984', detailing several unknown aspects.

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Bhagat Singh's nephew succumbs to infection

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Abhay Singh Sandhu

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Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu, too, mourned the demise. He recalled the role Sandhu played as a social activist, working relentlessly to spread the ideology of Bhagat Singh at the world level. He shared his sympathies with the bereaved family.

IN MEMORIAM

Till memory lasts and life departs you will always live in our hearts

IN EVERLASTING MEMORY OF

Er. SANDEEP ARORA

Ex. Principal, Govt. Polytechnic College, Ferozepur

—Fondly remembered & missed by:

Navjot Arora (Wife)

Khusboo & Tina (Daughters)

All Family Members

Er. Sandeep Arora

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Capt. Harjot Singh Kandola IAS (Retd.)

(S/o Late Sdr. Harchand Singh Kandola)

Kandola, Grewal and Sanghera Family (98886-20001)

All are requested to follow the COVID-19 guidelines and pray for him.

Please send a message on WhatsApp at 98780-77770 for receiving the link for Antim Ardas.

REMEMBERANCE

Poor health infra to blame for surge, not us: Farmers

RAVINDER SAINI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 14

Hitting back at Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for his remarks that the farmers' protest is responsible for a spike in Covid cases in rural areas, protesting farmers at Tikri and farm organisations alleged the government intended to sabotage the protest through these baseless statements.

But the farmers are firm on not moving from Delhi borders until the three farm laws are repealed.

"We condemn the CM's remarks. The governments at the Centre and in the state have failed to control the Covid and people are losing their loved ones due to poor health infrastructure," said Phool Singh Sheokand, state president, All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS).

Sumit, working secretary of the AIKS, said if the protest was responsible for the spread of Covid, why infection was rampant in states where the farmers' movement was negligible. "The CM



Farmers stage dharna at the Tikri border on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

'LIKE TABLIGHIS, GOVT DEFAMING FARMERS'

Earlier, the state had defamed the Tablighi Jamaat for the Covid spread. Now, it is defaming farmers. People working in Delhi, Gurugram and Faridabad, who visit their villages, could be the reason behind the spike. Gurnam Charuni, BKU LEADER



must explain the factors behind the surge in cases in other states," he added.

Inderjit Singh, a senior member of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha, said how could the CM make such a baseless statement when the death of no farmer camping on the Delhi borders had been reported due to Covid

in the past five months.

Gurbaksh Singh, a protesting farmer at Tikri, said the Chief Minister intended to scare the farmers by making such illogical statements so that they start moving from the borders but the farmers had vowed not to go back home without getting their demands met.

Bhiwani, and 10 in Ambala. Till Friday, 6,402 people have lost their lives in the state since the Covid outbreak.

Today, 2,144 new infections were reported in Gurugram, followed by 1,146 in Hissar, 826 in Faridabad and 748 in Sonipat.

With 14,577 recoveries, the number of active cases came down to five figures for the first time in May, as the figures had crossed 1 lakh mark on May 1. — TNS

Till Friday, 6,402 people have lost their lives in the state since the Covid outbreak.

However, with the death of 164 more persons, fatalities continue to be a worry.

In all, 16 people succumbed to the virus in Rohtak today, followed by 15 in Gurugram, 12 in Jind, 11 each in Hissar, Panipat and

Surge in deaths, fear grips Hisar villages

DEEPENDER DESWAL

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HISAR, MAY 14

Ukiana block's 31 villages reported 133 deaths in the past one week. Of them, 38 deaths were suspected to be caused by Covid, authorities claimed. Notwithstanding this, there is a sense of fear among villagers — the fear of contracting the virus and succumbing to it.

The fear is palpable. Village streets, otherwise buzzing with activity, are deserted. Gatherings have been banned and agricultural work suspended.

Rachna, the sarpanch of Kinala village which witnessed 12 deaths in a week, said: "Earlier, people did not take Covid seriously. They neither maintained social distancing nor followed protocols, but the recent surge in deaths made them realise the seriousness of the situation. There is a sense of fear



A deserted street in Bahalpur village of Hisar district. TRIBUNE PHOTO

VETS DEPLOYED IN ISOLATION WARDS

Veterinary surgeons will take care of Covid patients in the isolation wards being set up in villages of Hisar district. Civil Surgeon Dr Ratna Bharti has written to the Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department, requesting him to deploy 61 veterinary surgeons in PHC and CHCs in rural areas and small towns of Hansi, Barwala and Uklana.

PVT HOSPITALS OVERCHARGE

"Fleecing by private hospitals was a major reason that villagers were shying away from treatment. A family living in a village cannot afford exorbitant room charges of ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per day." Raju Maan, MEMBER, CONG COVID RELIEF PANEL

of the village, said: "Villagers believe they would die if they get admitted to hospital. Persons having fever and other symptoms prefer to take medicines from quacks rather than visiting hospitals."

In Prabhawala village, 22 persons died in the past 10 days but, until yesterday, the district administration did not take any action.

"An isolation ward came up only yesterday. A majority of villagers have fever, but they avoid getting themselves tested," said Prabhawala resident Bhagwan Dass.

The sense of fear is so much that no one visits bereaved families to offer condolences.

Raju Maan, a member of the Congress Covid relief committee, said fleecing by private hospitals was a major reason that villagers were shying away from treatment.

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A team of the Health Department visited the vil-

lage today and collected samples of 76 persons. An isolation ward has been set up, but none of the ailing villagers has been admitted there.

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Active cases under 1L after 14 days

CHANDIGARH, MAY 14
Even as the number of active cases dropped below 1 lakh for the first time in the past 14 days, Haryana today witnessed a little dip in new Covid cases as 10,608 tested positive in the state.

However, with the death of 164 more persons, fatalities continue to be a worry.

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10,608 FRESH CASES
164 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS
ACTIVE CASES 99,007

WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

| DISTRICT | +VE | DEATHS |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Gurugram | 2,144 | 15 |
| Hissar | 1,146 | 11 |
| Faridabad | 826 | 8 |

G'gram cops search for absconding wrestler

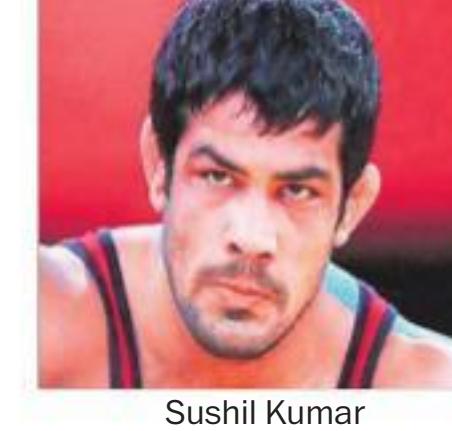
GURUGRAM, MAY 14

Wanted Olympian wrestler Sushil Kumar is reportedly hiding in Gurugram. Suspecting that he is hiding in some under-construction residential society in new Gurugram, the crime unit has launched a search operation and is combing suspected societies.

Sushil is absconding in the murder case of a wrestler at the Chhatrasal Stadium in Delhi. According to crime unit sources, just before the killing of wrestler Sagar Rana at the stadium on the night of May 4, some miscreants and wrestlers of the Sushil group came to Guru-

gram. They were looking for a house on rent and PG in an area around IFFCO Chowk, but returned without finalising any house.

Sagar Rana and others had allegedly occupied Sushil's flat located in Delhi's Model Town area. — OC



Sushil Kumar

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COVID-19 BED AVAILABILITY IN GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE HOSPITALS

| | OXYGEN BEDS | ICU BEDS (Without Ventilator) | ICU BEDS (With Ventilator) |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Total Available | Total Available | Total Available |
| Government Hospitals | 3970 1872 | 630 29 | 386 56 |
| Private Hospitals | 6363 1361 | 1304 177 | 1035 103 |
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A Legend Passes Away



Shri BL Passi
May 6th, 1930 – May 12th, 2021

*The end of an era, a visionary departs, He conquered life & touched so many hearts,
The world stands still to mark that he's gone, But for decades to come his legacy lives on.*

With profound grief and sorrow, we announce the sad demise of our beloved Raju. A kind and loving husband, father, and grandfather, he was a legend of his time. He will be missed by all. We request friends and family to keep him in their prayers.

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

GEETA PASSI (Wife) PAV & TARUN KAPOOR (Daughter & Son in law)

SANJAY & SHALINI PASSI (Son & Daughter in law) SHARUK & SONIA PASSI (Son & Daughter in law)

SHIV & KABIR KAPOOR, ROBIN PASSI, INAAYAT & SUVEER PASSI (Grand Children)

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Tardy vax drive

Centre should not leave states to fend for themselves

THE irony is painful: India's vaccination drive is floundering at a time when it should have been progressing at full throttle to fight the crippling second wave of the Covid pandemic. No less painful is the growing perception that the Centre has left the states to fend for themselves to meet their vaccine needs. Several of them, including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Delhi, have opted for global tenders to procure vaccines. Punjab has decided to join the global COVAX alliance for sourcing the shots rather than banking on the Central government. It's a classic case of gross mismanagement: a country which liberally provided vaccines to over 80 countries is now scrambling desperately for supplies, with the states forced to vie with each other to get the best prices in the international market.

In four months after the launch of its vaccination programme, India has managed to fully inoculate just 3 per cent of its citizens, while 10 per cent of the people have received one shot each. In stark contrast, the US and the UK have administered one dose to around half of their population, while about one-third of their citizens have been completely vaccinated. With the third wave seemingly inevitable, the grim situation may worsen in India as the vast majority might remain unprotected against the deadly virus.

The Centre has announced that over two billion doses would be made available by the year-end, enough to cover the entire population, and that the number could be raised to three billion by the first quarter of 2022. These distant targets have nothing comforting to offer as it's the short-term requirements which merit serious attention and prompt action. The government has taken too long to reassure companies that it would provide 'all possible assistance' to them to manufacture vaccines in India. Major international players like Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are still not on board. The longer the Centre takes to remove production bottlenecks and plug supply gaps, the weaker the vaccine lifeline will become. With India losing roughly three lives to Covid every minute, there's not a moment to lose.

HP emerges as hotspot

Weddings and religious congregations trigger high Covid positivity

AS social and religious gatherings flagrantly took precedence over the precautionary Covid practices prescribed to keep coronavirus at bay, Himachalis need to individually introspect why their state has emerged as a hotspot with an alarmingly high Covid positivity rate. Large-scale weddings and pilgrimages, along with the inability of the government to foresee and control the brazen slip-ups, have slid the small hill state into an unprecedented public health crisis. The modest medical infrastructure is tottering under the burgeoning numbers of patients. While pointing out the worrisome fact a couple of days ago that nearly 90 per cent of the country is witnessing a high positivity rate of Covid-19, the Centre had highlighted that Himachal Pradesh was among the states seeing a disturbing trend.

After the national positivity rate having dipped slightly to settle below 20 per cent, HP's positivity rate has significantly climbed by 6 per cent in the past one week and crossed the 26 per cent mark as the virus has penetrated the hinterland. Particularly staggering under the strain of an immense caseload is Sirmaur — that has registered a mountainous 38.4 per cent positivity rate — as also Shimla, Solan and Mandi, all with more than 30 per cent rate. Notably, as per the WHO, the positivity rate should remain below 5 per cent for two weeks, before a government could start easing restrictions. With the state's health services, not surprisingly, proving inadequate to cater to the surge of those in need of urgent medical care and equipment, including the life-saving oxygen, the case fatality rate (CFR) among Covid patients in the state stands at 1.42 — higher than the national average CFR of 1.09 per cent.

It is imperative for the people to strictly adhere to the containment and corrective measures put in place. Public cooperation at the local level holds the key to breaking the deadly chain of transmission. At the same time, as the Himachal High Court directed, the government's Covid response strategy must ensure equitable access to testing, medicine and hospital beds across the state.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship. — Benjamin Franklin

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1921

NEW PROBLEMS IN INDIA.

THE suggestion that has already been made and seems to have been generally supported that there should be an informal conference between the Government of India and the non-co-operation leaders leads to the consideration of the question whether the Government is prepared to make certain concessions likely to satisfy non-co-operators in order to induce them to abandon some of their methods and to concentrate their energy on the furtherance of the common aims and objects of all genuine patriots and well-wishers of India. In order to effect a reasonable compromise in any matter, both parties must approach each other in a conciliatory spirit. The inauguration of the reformed Councils and the changes effected in the Government are said to have been so successful that their authors are highly pleased with the first experience of the new regime and their supporters of the new regime and their supporters among Indians are overjoyed. His Majesty the King Emperor's message refers to the Swaraj, the beginnings of which have been granted and Lord Chelmsford assured us of the end of autocracy in India. There are a great many thoughtful people in India who are of a similar opinion and consider that the full attainment of Swaraj in India will be more rapid and the future more hopeful. Non-co-operators, of course, do not accept this view and, though their aim is the attainment of real Swaraj, their immediate grievances are in respect of the Punjab wrongs and the Khilafat question. And if these two questions are solved immediately, then the efforts of both the Government and the people can be concentrated on the question of Swaraj and the means of attaining it at the earliest possible time. The question is whether the Viceroy is prepared to discuss these problems with the non-co-operation leaders with a view to closing them to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Brace up for recession

Govt must prepare for worst-case scenario as things won't be resolved on their own



AUNINDYO CHAKRAVARTY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

IN February this year, a restaurateur friend turned optimistic. Business was back to 70 per cent of pre-Covid days and things could only get better. There could be no stronger signal that India's economy had turned the corner. Experts had predicted that restaurants would be the last places to see a full recovery. They are closed spaces where masks have to be taken off to eat. Customers were expected to be scared of returning to this basic normal behaviour after a year of social distancing. So, if people were back, other parts of the economy would be on their road to recovery.

As we now know, this optimism was short-lived. Within a month, lockdowns began across major metropolises. Car sales, which had recovered in the first three months of this year, dropped sharply in April. CMIE's jobs data tells us that about 73 lakh people lost their livelihood over the month, and because of lockdowns, the number of people actively looking for work dropped to its lowest level since May last year. CMIE's consumer sentiments index, which had seen a steady rise from November last year, dropped below that level in early May. Less than five out of every 100 people surveyed, expected their incomes to rise this year.

Lockdowns shut down factories and businesses in key industrial states like Maharashtra in April and May. Fuel consumption in April dropped to its lowest level since September 2020. Railway freight slipped to below November 2020 levels. Finished steel production dropped below June 2020 output, as did steel consumption. Some of this was because of supply shortages caused by lockdowns. How-



DOWN AGAIN: Sales of goods are dropping sharply across industries. TRIBUNE PHOTO

The wave has hit rural areas too. Apart from the unimaginable human tragedy, it could cut farm output and disrupt food supplies, causing food prices to rise.

ever, as the example of tractor sales shows demand dropped at a faster pace. CRISIL's data says retail sales of tractors dropped by 40-45 per cent in April compared to a month earlier, but wholesale supplies to dealers dropped by only 20-25 per cent.

This is a repeat of what we saw during the first Covid lockdown of 2020. Sales of goods dropped sharply across industries in April. The trend is most likely to have continued in May as more cities came under lockdowns. Most companies will see their sales volumes drop in the first quarter of this fiscal, even if a general rise in prices stems the fall in revenues. Last year, there was a global recession which caused raw material prices to collapse across the world. This helped India's big corporates make record profits, because costs dropped faster than the drop in revenues.

This year, the picture is different. All other big economies are opening up. And as these countries begin to achieve their vaccination targets, economic activity is likely to revive, unleashing a year of pent-up demand.

This recovery in the developed world is already causing a big rise in the prices of fuel and other industrial inputs. Indian companies will not be immune to this, since domestic prices of raw materials are influenced by the global commodity cycle. That means input costs will go up. If India's second wave continues for longer, and if there is a third wave, then we will see a sharp fall in demand. Sales will continue to fall, but input costs will rise. This could mean that corporate profits will shrink this year instead of expanding.

India's stock market boom in 2020 was entirely rational. It tracked the expansion in profits, even though the economy tanked. Markets go up as a whole when the share of profits relative to interest and wages goes up. That is exactly what happened in India in 2020. Real wages fell and the RBI ensured that interest rates remained low. If profits contract this year, there is a danger that the markets will drop in response.

On the face of it, fluctuations in the stock markets are par for the course. However, in an economy like India,

where the top 1 per cent of households drive a large part of additional consumption demand, stock market falls affect consumer sentiments. People who invest in markets or have significant mutual fund portfolios, tend to track their financial wealth on a regular basis. When markets go up it generates a 'wealth-effect' amongst such investors. They feel more confident about buying new cars, upgrading their refrigerators or even spending more on holidays. The reverse happens when markets fall. Affluent households with financial investments cut back on discretionary spending.

If private profits shrink, corporate sector jobs will also take a hit. People will either not get increments, or have to take pay cuts, and in some cases even lose their jobs. Again, these people form the backbone of India's consuming classes. If their income reduces, demand will shrink further, forcing companies to cut prices. It is a vicious cycle where input prices, determined by global growth, will rise, while the prices of finished products will fall. Companies will cut back on production to meet the lower demand. That means they will have no reason to invest in new factories or offices.

There is another warning sign for India's economy and that is coming from the rural sector. We are seeing reports of Covid spreading to villages in this wave, and our healthcare system is simply not equipped to handle that. Along with the unimaginable human tragedy, this could also affect the Kharif sowing season. This could reduce farm output and disrupt food supplies causing food prices to rise. That will be a double whammy — high food inflation in the middle of low income.

One can only hope that the *babus* in our ministries are reading these signals and are working out a detailed plan on how to tackle it. We have already witnessed how overoptimism about Covid turned out. Hopefully, the government will prepare for a worst-case scenario this time, rather than hope that things will be resolved on their own.

Along the lines of an idea clash

RS DALAL

IWAS posted at Ambala for practical police training in March 1976. In the very first week, I was assigned supervisory charge of the district Police Lines. The lines were established by the British in the 19th century, and seeing them, I always felt as if time had stood still. The banyan trees with thick straggling aerial trunks and their huge canopies reminded one of the Raj era. The mud-and-brick dull yellow barracks, housing the policemen, wore a dilapidated, dull and uncared-for look.

The hustle and bustle at the lines made up for the uninspiring quietude of those structures. There were hundreds of policemen living in forced bachelorhood in barracks. The only independent

residence was that of the Lines Officer.

The lines were always bursting with activity. Every day was fully packed — morning PT, parade followed by weapons training, school, games and finally the mandatory evening roll-call. And no one could leave at any time without permission. The aim was to instill discipline through a tough boot camp-type training schedule.

Thus, no policeman wanted to be posted to the lines. The expression 'Line Hazar', because of such bleak personal prospects, was taken as officially insulting and socially stigmatizing. Surprisingly, even the public knew about it. They vociferously demanded instant 'transfer to lines', whenever they had a complaint against a field police official.

I was expected to attend morning

parade twice a week and evening roll-call once a week, apart from playing games with policemen regularly to promote esprit de corps.

But maintaining discipline amongst such a motley group of policemen living together in barracks was quite a challenge. Despite close monitoring, instances of minor misdemeanours were still reported.

One morning, when I was on a surprise round, I noticed two policemen standing before the lines officer's room. 'Why have you been made to stand here?' I asked. They dug chins deeper into their chests and didn't look up. 'Sir, they are charged with queer sexual behaviour and the night duty officer caught them in flagrant delicto,' explained the lines officer, who was red in face with anger. 'Didn't I tell you

to sanction leaves liberally?' I joked to calm him down. 'A grave misconduct deserving harshest punishment, sir,' he indignantly maintained.

Modern-day psychologists have thrown up new light on these frailties. I said as the two accused were profusely asking for forgiveness. 'Can't we give them another chance to mend their ways since they are so full of remorse?' I asked him. 'No provision for any mercy!' The inquiry has to be as per the rules,' he was clear. 'Don't we have to take into account the new research on the subject?' I countered. 'Sir, discipline is enforced only with a strong hand,' he said with dead seriousness.

And divergence of ideas and approach between a hard-boiled cop and a fresh young entrant to service would thus go on and on.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vaccination dose gap

Reference to 'Covishield dose gap widened to 12-16 weeks'; leave aside the criticism that the move aims at hiding the present vaccine shortage. To vaccinate as many people as possible might be the intent behind it. If by widening this gap, the efficacy of the vaccine reaches 82.4 per cent, why was the Covid Working Group sleeping over this vital information all these months? Such a benign approach, when our vaccine need outweighs the supply, is simply unimaginable. A vaccine recipient, it is told, is immune to Covid only after 15 days of the second dose. Is the second one a booster dose or just the completion of a single process? Does the first dose make a person safer while he/she waits for the second? These questions demand answers.

HIRA SHARMA, BY MAIL

Didi's grouse

The writer has absolved Didi of all the sins in his article "Post-election mayhem". Elections have been held simultaneously in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Assam also. There is no report of any hyperactivity on the part of the Centre in these states.

Didi has made her state a special case because of her non-cooperative attitude towards the Centre and her volatile demeanour.

If the Centre deployed special police forces in Bengal elections, it was only to ensure free and peaceful elections. What is her grouse? Did she not win? Were the Centre's forces seen helping the BJP? There is nothing wrong with the ECI's conduct, even if certain police deployment traditions were altered.

LR SHARMA, SUNDERNAGAR

Rural areas soft target

Lack of awareness about Covid among the people in rural areas is becoming a major problem. Despite the increasing number of corona cases, the rural population is not taking it seriously, resulting in a higher number of deaths in rural areas than in urban areas. Corona cases are on the rise in rural areas due to the lack of health facilities and public awareness. Most people do not wear masks and do not care about social distancing. If this continues, it will be our carelessness, and not the lack of health facilities, that will be responsible for what will follow.

LAVNEET VASHISTH, MORINDA

Villages under virus attack

Refer to 'Devastating pandemic raging in rural UP'; the writer has put the blame on the government, but he himself is an accused in the contribution of the spread of the virus in rural folk by leading huge gatherings at the Delhi borders, where the farmers come and go frequently to and from their villages, disobeying Covid guidelines, and thereby becoming super-spreaders. Rural Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh are becoming hotspots of the deadly virus, but the media and political parties are turning a blind eye. Time will come when people will not forgive them for their blunder.

ASHOK KUMAR, BY MAIL

Humane programmes

Reference to 'Poor patients can dial "181" or "112" to get free food at home'; it is a phenomenal initiative taken by the Punjab Government during Covid surge. We need more humane schemes like this. People are suffering from this pandemic, they don't have adequate sustenance. The government should provide food not only to poor patients, but also to the needy who can't afford meals in these hard times. As the situation is not favourable, all states should start such pro-

grammes to make sure people don't have to suffer like last time.

RAKHI, NEW DELHI

Not the time to be petty

Apropos of the recent debate over donations by Amitabh Bachchan to the DSGMC for Covid relief, Sikhism is a religion of tolerance and one that believes in the service and welfare of all. This philosophy is visible in terms of the welfare activities seen lately as India combats the second wave of the deadly coronavirus. Nevertheless, it is distressing to see certain elements, for the sake of petty political mileage, scandalising the donations made by several celebrities towards the fight against Covid. One such example is the donation offered by Amitabh Bachchan towards Covid relief to the DSGMC. Certain hardline elements are criticising his donation on the basis of allegations from the past. In doing so, they are standing in opposition to Sikh tenets of tolerance and compassion. Everyone is free to participate and contribute towards langar and 'seva'. Thus, criticisms and allegations, especially at a time when there is scarcity of resources and many lives are in danger, are uncalled for. People should rise above these trivialities and stand united against the pandemic in these trying times.

CHARPREET K LAMBA, CHANDIGARH

How China's anti-India blitz backfired



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FOR authoritarian regimes, channels of information and communication like the press and social media are strategic domains to be controlled and manipulated — unlike in democracies where they are meant for free expression and information. This is because they have huge political incentives to keep the people in a sugar-coated bubble as a matter of regime security.

Precisely for this reason, the Beijing regime maintains a near monopoly over the nation's social and media landscape to protect its interests. A usual practice of the Chinese media is to multiply and magnify all the negative things befalling other countries while its domestic coverage creates the image of all-is-well under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). This tradition of reportage has indeed earned its media an apt epithet called — China's happiness and the world's suffering.

Recently, this practice glared up when the CCP social media post on the official Weibo page of the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission (CPLAC) mocked India in the most indecent way possible by juxtaposing an image of a Chinese rocket launch with that of a mass

cremation in India with the caption — 'When China lights fire v/s when India lights fire'. However, the post was taken down after being criticised by Chinese netizens, calling it 'insensitive' and a 'classic case of propaganda failure'.

However, the CPLAC is not only the official organ mocking India's pandemic situation, the Ministry of Public Security (MPS) has also published a similar post on its official page with the picture of a temporary hospital in Wuhan, comparing it with the image of a crematorium in India. This time, the caption read — 'China's Fire Mountain, India's Fire Mountain', along with the sentence — India's cremation ground for dogs is used for humans. It was also deleted after the backlash.

The question is: how official are these posts on official pages? Some Indian China watchers have said the post seemed not to have been vetted or endorsed by the Chinese government since it was eventually deleted. However, such arguments sound too simplistic, given the highly centralised nature of the Chinese system. It is extremely unlikely for junior officials to publish such posts on official pages without the prior approval of the higher authorities. In fact, it is the senior authorities who are mostly taking a call on what to post, when and how.

Two Chinese official entities published the posts — the Ministry of Public Security on April 30 and CPLAC on May 1. The former is under the State Council, in charge of police and public security while the latter is a central party organ responsible for political and legal affairs of

the CCP. The MPS posted first and then the CPLAC followed it. To begin with, how much weight and significance they have in Chinese politics?

As central state and party entities dealing with public security, politics and law enforcement, they are not only important but have tremendous power and influence in China and the party leadership keeps a close eye on the functioning of these structures.

As a regime obsessed with social and political stability, they are seen as linchpins for its security — and moreover, they are equally important



SCATHING ATTACK: Slamming 'incompetent democracies' like India for failing to check Covid, China has been gloating over its own success. REUTERS

for individual leaders to survive in the jungle of Chinese factional politics and power struggle as they play crucial roles in the politics of purge and rectification. To put it straight, without some inputs from the higher echelons of the party, no such posts will be published on these official pages poking inappropriate fun at a fellow neighbour going through the most painful time.

It is also interesting to note that on the same day the Ministry of Public Security published the post, President Xi Jinping sent his message to Prime Minister Modi — expressing

his condolences and solidarity. The next day, the CPLAC followed suit with a more jeering caption.

To my observation, this is a usual Chinese diplomatic style where it comes up with a two-in-one approach — holding out an olive branch in one hand and a stick in the other. This is a psychological warfare to put the other party in an uneasy position in order to understand how it reacts to the two scenarios. In the present context, how PM Modi would react to Xi's message of support while his government also mocks India's tragedy in the most obnox-

ious way. Should India accept the offer by swallowing the scorns, or ignore China to its immaturity?

However, more than the international dimension, it is the domestic imperatives factoring here. After the origin of the coronavirus and its early mismanagement — China launched a massive propaganda offensive to change the narrative by portraying itself as the new saint saving the world — instead of the original sinner. This it did by suppressing information and report on the Covid situation in China while its channels have only reported on the awful Covid situation in other countries. The message has been how efficient and strong is the Chinese authoritarian system in controlling the pandemic as compared to the 'incompetent democracies' like the US, European countries and now India.

The other factor is, as the CCP prepares for the celebration of its centenary in July this year, its propaganda machinery has been recalling the glorious history and achievements of the party. To stoke nationalism and burnish the regime's image, the tragedies wreaked by the virus have added fuel to the fire through propaganda. But the one on India went too far and hit too low.

But the one on India went too far and hit too low. Even at personal risk, some Chinese netizens found it too crass to ignore without protests. China's propaganda blitz meant to polish its image ended up making a mockery of itself in the eyes of the civilised world — instead of downgrading India.

Time to optimally use armed forces during crisis



LT GEN KJ SINGH (RETD)

FORMER GOC-IN-C, WESTERN COMMAND

The demand for handing over control to the armed forces is primarily due to loss of confidence in existing infrastructure, besides inefficient logistics.

Shortages have been exacerbated due to profiteering and cornering of resources. The armed forces can help in setting up centralised war rooms and coordinated communications network. The biggest gain would be the elimination of local manipulation.

As the nation battles the mega second wave of Covid along with an infodemic tsunami, questions that rattle the hapless and desperate population are — when will the armed forces take over and why are they not being given responsibilities of oxygen supply and managing hotspots like Delhi? Two former Army commanders and many senior veterans have felt that the forces are being utilised sub-optimally. Yet, the government has stated in court that it cannot ask the Army to take over in Delhi. The Delhi High Court has concurred with this argument.

The forces have finite medical resources and the existing medical system in Delhi, even in normal times, works on support from the field hospitals of formations in the vicinity. Unlike civil hospitals, paramedical and nursing support in Military Hospitals (MHs) and Base Hospitals (BHs) has been a cause for concern. This can be attributed to spartan manning norms. The flexibility in the emergency response system was further eroded with the winding up of medical TA (Territorial Army) civil hospitals in 2014.

An objective assessment would establish that niche capabilities, especially in logistics of forces, including the Air Force and the Navy, are being extensively utilised. It is most evident in the transportation of cryogenic oxygen plants and containers. The Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (EME) has also repaired and resuscitated non-functional oxygen generation plants. In addition,



UNDER STRAIN: Health infrastructure has been under pressure amid the pandemic. PTI

the forces have helped to set up the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) hospitals, including manning them. It is a matter of concern that locations for the so-called DRDO hospitals appear to have been chosen more for optics and parochial considerations. Even the naming of such temporary facilities has some political overtones. It would be better to honour medics like Maj Laishram Singh (Ashok Chakra) and the Covid Yodhas by naming them.

The MHs have raised bed capacities by 10-15% to accommodate civilian patients, subject to availability.

It also bears mention that the veterans are up in arms and letters have been shot off to the Raksha Mantri (RM) lamenting this step, even when many veterans are running from pil-

lar to post to find beds. This fact has been acknowledged and put on record by the MoD, which has questioned the very relevance of the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).

The unfortunate part is that bureaucrats prefer to raise objections and queries, whereas they are responsible for finding solutions. It is indeed time to fix accountability, release adequate funds and reduce the pendency of unpaid bills. The bottom line is that the liability of healthcare for veterans is absolutely non-negotiable. While it is accepted that the system is literally swamped, yet more empathy and better communication will help to alleviate the veterans' plight to some extent.

The demand for handing over the situation to the armed forces is primarily due to loss of confidence in the

existing crumbling infrastructure and inefficient logistics. Shortages have been exacerbated due to most reprehensible tendencies of profiteering and cornering of resources by the power brokers and fixers. The only solution is nabbing them and exemplary punishment through fast-track tribunals. Such criminals should be publicly shamed and socially ostracised. Contrived shortages have fuelled rumours and panic.

The armed forces can help in setting up centralised war rooms and coordinated communications network extending to regional nodes. Oxygen supplies and distribution can be managed by departmental TA units, which have domain competence in supply and distribution. These units can be assisted by a regular technical and logistics unit, which can handle any situation. The biggest gain would be the elimination of local manipulation.

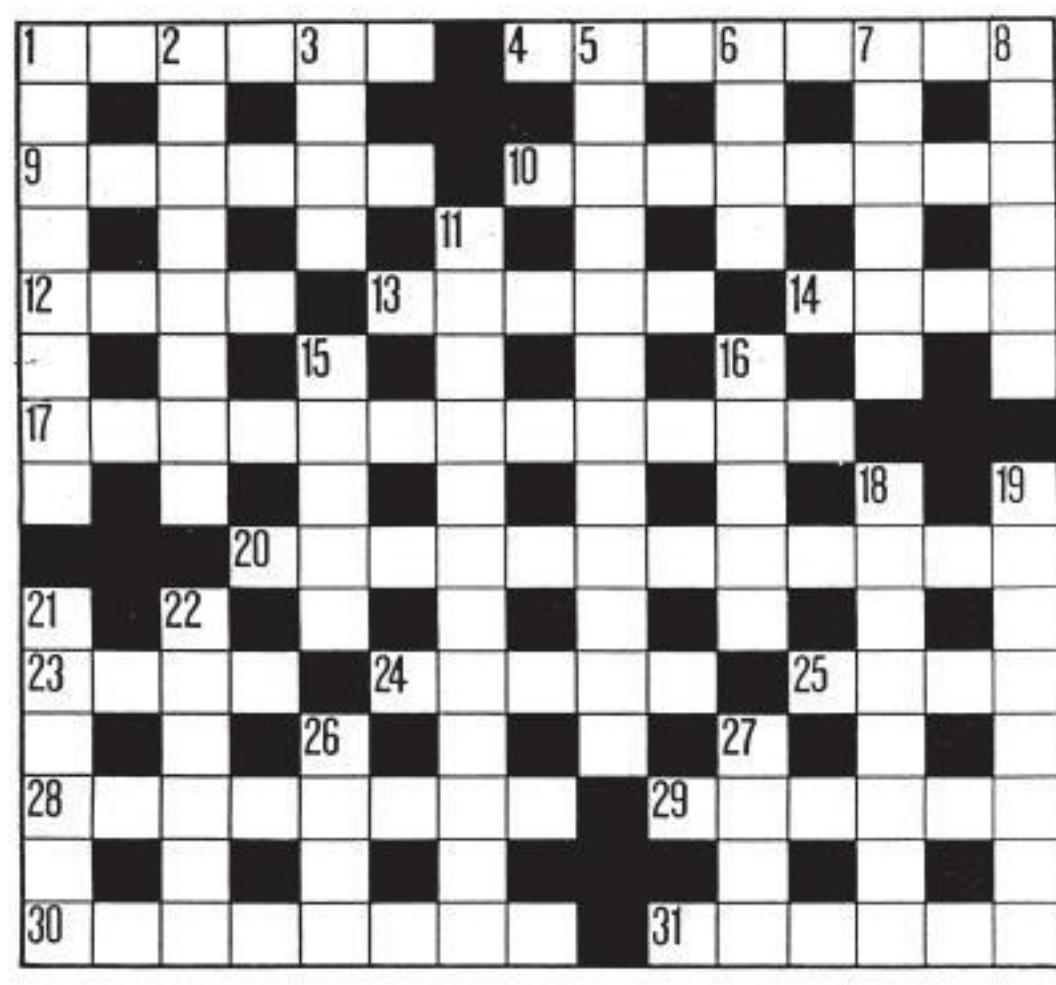
The present government has juked a large number of colonial-era laws, but our response is still driven by the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. It is time a contemporary statute is drafted and operationalised. Concurrently, the Disaster Management Act, 2005, should be updated and include an addendum on pandemics and health emergencies. Notwithstanding the fact that 'emergency' is abhorred in political lexicon, yet it will be a good idea to lay down norms for national emergencies. With our resilience, we should be able to overcome this crisis, but it is axiomatic that we learn lessons and are better prepared to avert the next lurking challenge. The frequency of

such emergencies in all probability is likely to increase in future.

The response has to be institutionalised and driven by statutory and mandated bodies. The NDMA and NDRF are not seen to be active, it will be appropriate that they are empowered in staffing and given due authority. Even states, except a few like Orissa, have notional state-level structures. Our disaster management matrix is based on response time and quantum of force. In all eventualities, the first responders have to be well-trained organic elements, civil defence, Home Guards and the police. In remote areas, the Army, due to its location, could also be concurrent, the first responder. They have to be supplemented with the NDRE, CAPFs, armed forces and NGOs, depending on the scale of tragedy.

The NDRF is the designated primary responder, but has very limited capacities and only nominal ones in public health. Secondary responders include all others with the Army called in only as the ultimate responder. The raising of the NDRF and proliferation of demand for the Army has resulted in marked hesitancy on the part of the forces to get sucked into routine functions. Capability building for disaster relief in the forces needs to be funded. It is worrying that the forces are not represented in any of the 11 empowered committees and even the Supreme Court has not included them in the specially constituted task force, despite a stellar record and domain competence. It is time the expertise of forces is tapped in planning and management of critical functions.

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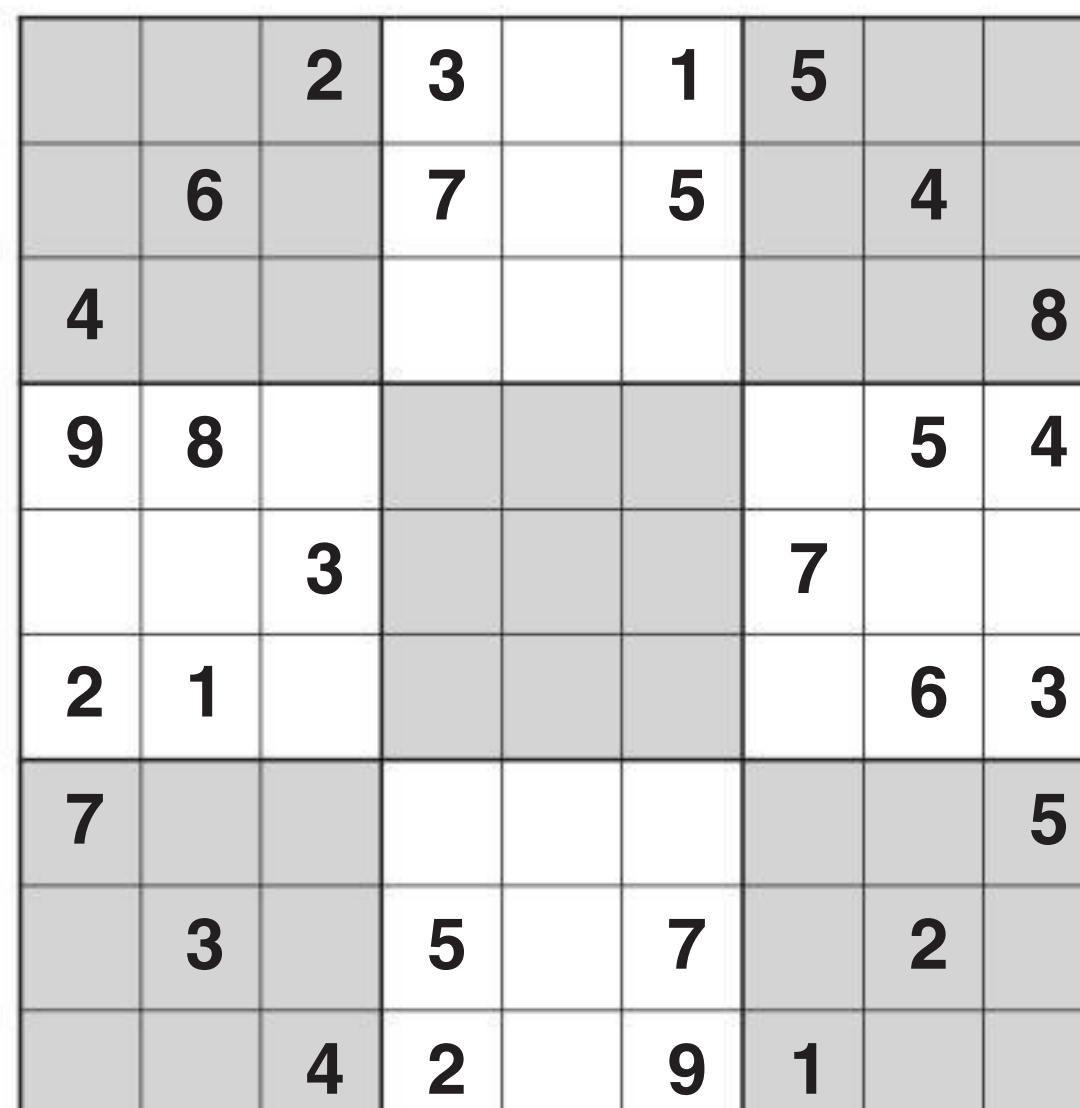


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Punjabi Hindu Saini Manglik boy, 5'-7", July 93, B.Tech, own business, Chandigarh, upper caste welcome, Marriage Bureau excuse 94635-80929, 94788-03080. (CL21012559)

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Suitable match for handsome Hindu Saini boy, 23.7.1990, 7:58 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-6", B.Tech (Electrical), Govt job. Father Retd. SDO. Seeks beautiful, Govt employee/ teacher. WhatsApp: 9646161309. (CL21014310)

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Ahluwalia Sikh turbaned boy 1991/ 5'-8", MBA. Finance. Required educated girl. Marriage bureau excuse. 77400-01516. (CL21013578)

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Match for Chahang Bahit boy 30.11.1990, 3.30 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-5", BCA, MNC, Mohali. Father retired. Mother in Service. Palial and Kuddu Gupta excuse. Mobile 94170-16005, 95307-0383. (CL21013904)

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Match for 06.06.72 Sikh Rajput unmarried boy, Graduation. Diploma Computer Electronics, Vaishno family, sister married, living England, business Mohali. No bars. Contact: 81460-81877. (CL21016814)

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Rudhiana based Hindu Tonkashatriya boy, Squadron Leader in Air Force, 3.10.89, 5'-9", Doctor/ Lecturer/ Centre Govt. job, girl preferred. Upper caste no bar. 94633-47023. (CL21013128)

Ludhiana based Hindu Tonkashatriya Bedi boy, 1990 born, height 5'-7", BA, PGDCA, own business required educated, fair girl. Contact 98785-97900. (CL21013478)

Tonkashtriya MCA boy Dec 1987, birth Ropar 22:10 hrs, Local, working IT company. 94677-59360. (CL21013747)

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Suitable match for Rajput Maid boy 1987, birth Ropar 22:10 hrs, Local, working IT company. 94677-59360. (CL21013747)

SM4 Manglik Maid Rajput boy 7.7.1985, 5'-9", double MA, B.Ed, Teacher. 80547-46428. (CL2101321)

Suitable match for Rajput Maid boy 1987, birth Ropar 22:10 hrs, Local, working IT company. 94677-59360. (CL21013747)

SM4 Manglik Rajput boy 1987, 5'-9", BA, PGDCA, own business required educated, fair girl. Contact 98785-97900. (CL21013478)

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TONK-KASHATRIYA

Suitable Professionally qualified match for B.Tech, Engineer Tonkashatriya Canadian PR handsome fair boy April 1992, 5'-10". Non-drinker, non-smoker. 98852-01655, 9888518198. (CL21010568)

SM4 Sikh Australian PR boy, 5'-11", fair complexion. Looking for NRI girl. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 94631-89380. (CL21013545)

Ramgarhia Canadian PR boy 29, 5'-10", M.Sc, Engineering good. Cast no bar. WhatsApp: 984271-43087. (CL21014180)

1988/6-'3", handsome Dhiman

Brahmin boy based in Canada, BS & MS (USA) working for Major MNC, US work seeks a PQ very fair, slim, beautiful girl from USA/Canada/North India background. Upper caste Hindu/Sikh/Jain no bar. WhatsApp details with photo +91 99175-20585.

Agencies excuse. (CL21010406)

Ramdasia Sikh vegetarian, 28/ 5'-8", Govt. employed boy seeks Govt employee girl. Patiala. 96461-89333. (CL21013101)

Match for Balmiki/Mazhi boy Sept, 1987, 5'-10", working in MNC. Well settled Radha Soami family Mohali. Preferred girl working in MNC, Tricity Chandigarh. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: 98143-30027. (CL21013124)

Ramdasia Sikh boy, 29 yrs, 5'-9", M.Sc (Biotechnology), veg, teetotaler, currently working in California USA, Upper caste no bar. 98762-91276, 98838-33416. (CL21013128)

Suitable match for 1963 widower 5'-6", Govt. Employee, Salary 10381/- monthly, SC from Mohali, Chandigarh, Ambala, Panchkula preferred. Mobile: 95014-65990. (CL21012357)

Ravidasia Sikh vegetarian, 28/ 5'-8", Govt. employed boy seeks Govt employee girl. Patiala. 96461-03333. (CL2101310

JAT SIKH

Suitable match for Jat Sikh boy, height 5'-9", 1992 born, B.Tech, MBA in Finance from university of Manitoba (Canada), working in Financial Institution Canada. Father Class-I Officer (from Chandigarh). Mohali based educated & status family. Call/WhatsApp: 97803-41009, 97803-0098. (CL2101340)

Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh handsome vegetarian boy, 27, 6'-0", B.Tech, Software Engineer, package 10 lakh. Upper middle-class Jalandhar based family. WhatsApp: 9779230251. (CL21013516)

Suitable match for UK born Jat Sikh Dhilwan boy, 33 years/ 5'-10", IT Engineer, family well settled in UK, girl should be well educated, good spoken English and family oriented. WhatsApp: 004-7436771954. (CL21013179)

Jat Sikh Bangu boy, 1992 born, 6', Engineer, urban & rural property. We are seeking tall (5'-5") not above than 28 years. Preferred IELTS cleared. Send biodata & photograph at WhatsApp no. 9814140038. Marriage bureau excuse. (CL21014100)

Jatt Sikh boy Surrey Canada PR applied 6'-1", October 89. B.Com, 98152-52911. (CL21013607)

Suitable and educated match for Jat Sikh, US citizen, well qualified boy of 38 yrs. Short marriage annulled. Nicely settled family. E-mail: gisingh1976@gmail.com M: 9915947125. (CL21002699)

Seeking bride with family values for well-qualified US citizen Jatt Sikh 6'/5'-9", divorced (brief marriage), working in Healthcare. Jatt Sikh, Rajput, Ramgarhia, Saini families from US/ Canada can call! WhatsApp at 562-541-3856. (CL21013486)

Jat Sikh born 1981, 5'-9", boy, profession Law Graduate, service as Asstt. Advocate Gen. Pb. & Haryana High Court, 8 years as Class-I officer. Father senior Advocate. Mother graduate. Sister married M.L.A. LL.B. Property beautiful Bungalow at Chandigarh more than 2 kanal, huge property. Divorced - married for short period (Issueless). Mob: 98140-11565. (CL21012999)

Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh boy, 1994, 5'-9", M.Tech Computer Science Software Engineer (M.N.C) Bangalore. Send biodata/ photo. M: 9815564373. (Hoshiarpur). (CL21013061)

Jatt Sikh boy, veterinarian (B.V.Sc & AH), 5'-1994 from status, affluent landlord and business family. PR in Canada, currently pursuing licensure examinations seeking match of a qualified Doctor. Veterinarian or US citizen preferred. 7499-40213 or matrimony7474@gmail.com (CL21013083)

Jat Sikh born 1991, 6'-1", Law Graduate, landlord family with rural and urban property. Bureau excuse. Contact: 90406-00071. (CL21013111)

UK citizen Jat Sikh boy 1986/5'-11", Design Engineer working MNC seeking professionally qualified girl (Preferably stem Graduate). Interested please share picture with biodata or linkedin profile. Contact: forth1986@hotmail.com (CL21013118)

Professionally qualified match for Jat Sikh boy, 1989, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA from reputed university, IELTS cleared, 7.5 bands, pursuing for Canadian PR, working Manager in company. Father retired Senior Class-I, Pb. Govt., preferred academic IELTS or PR holder or work permit girl. (CL210131827)

Jat Sikh boy, Nov. 1987, 5'-10", M.Tech, Computer Science, Software Engineer, Germany, Blue card, highly paid. Caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. Girl must be of Software/Electronics. Contact with CV/ pics on WhatsApp: 62802-61561. (CL21013188)

Jatt Denist, handsome, 34, 5'-7", working Ludhiana, good urban property. Joint house Canada, preparing DDS. Seeks match from Canada. 78148-39113 (CL21013827)

Jat Sikh Grewal boy 1980, 5'-11", Revenue Patwari (M.Tech). Father Advocate, property rural/urban 11.5 acre, Govt. job preferred. 94646-61618. (CL21013897)

Seeking alliance for 90 born, turbinated Jatt Sikh Grewal boy, working in NCR, Canada PR approved. Email: gurjeetwali@gmail.com Contact: 98016-13001. (CL21013161)

Suitable match for Jat Sikh Canadian citizen boy B.Com, 1994/ 5'-6". M: +91-86996-33352. (CL21013169)

PQF match for American citizen Jat Sikh boy, 27, 6'-2", Master in Computer Science, working as Software Engg. family settled in USA, prefer USA/ Canada, 001636575615 (WhatsApp) email: vijaypal.sangha@gmail.com (CL21013216)

1992 / 5"-8", B.Tech (CSE) Website Developer, Earnings 70,000.PM, (Mohali), Residence Amritsar. No Agriculture land 98768-42679, 98764-18980. (CL21013233)

Seeking extremely beautiful tall slim, educated bride for handsome Jat Sikh boy 1993 born, 6'-2", B.Com., MBA businessman boy with urbanised and financially sound family. WhatsApp: 88722-50011. (CL21013252)

Alliance invited for Jat Sikh boy, 5'-8", 36 years, clean shaven, Advocate Supreme-Court, High Court, Graduate from Stephen College, New Delhi, LL.M from University of Wales UK. Father retired Addl. DGP, six DGBs among close relatives. Top class family. WhatsApp: 94170-57637. (CL21013275)

Jat Sikh boy 1993, 5'-10", Govt. Teacher preferred Govt. Teacher employed Sangrur 73552-20213. (CL21013343)

Looking tall, beautiful, educated match for Jat boy 91, from Business family having U/R properties. Bureau PR excuse. 73476-12920 (CL21013438)

Match for well settled Jatt Sikh boy, 5'-8", 1995. Engineer working in Mohali. Contact: 98034-02421. (CL21014262)

Match for Jat Sikh boy 1993/ 5'-6", MA, B.Ed, 11 Acres Land, Plot in Kharar, Village near Chandigarh, Parents retired. Govt. Employee. Sister Canada Citizen. 98159-90740. (CL21013457)

Match for August 1992 born, 6'-1", slim, convert educated, working as Officer in Govt. Bank. Family settled in Mohali. WhatsApp: 81469-91871. (CL21013488)

Match for Jatt Sikh 28, 5'-8" boy, Agricultural Manager in Govt bank, good agricultural land near Ludhiana, well educated family 97818-43220. (CL21013497)

Canadian citizen turbaned Jatt Sikh family from Malwa seeking PQM for their 6 ft.1.8' 1995 born son, professionally qualified Engineer working with reputed organization. Girl should be a professional, Doctor, Dentist, Lawyer or Engineer. Plz send biodata with latest pictures to WhatsApp # 0409665911 or mangat54@yahoo.com (CL21013498)

Wanted educated/ Govt. job girl for Jatt Sikh 1991, 6', Police Inspector handsome boy (having rural/ urban multicrores property) 97810-10122. (CL21013558)

Well-settled parents seek US born and raised professional match for their USA born and raised son 28/ 5'-11", Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D), working as Pharmacist with CVS. Please respond with biodata and picture at jmatrimony1992@gmail.com (CL21013499)

Suitable match for handsome Jat Sikh boy, 1983 born, 5'-9%", B.Tech, MBA (UK), based in Canada, working in reputed MNC. Father Doctor. Email: edevdh83@gmail.com (CL21013509)

Want slim, beautiful Amritdhari Medico Doctor or Software Engineer match for Medical Engineer boy/Cana/ PR/MEng./Govt. job in Govt. Hospital Vancouver Canada, 26 yrs, 5'-7", Hanjra. 98881-97479. (CL21013670)

Tall beautiful girl in Australia for handsome Jat Sikh Sardar PR boy in Australia. 6.7.1992/ 5'-11". May be on Study Visa, work permit or PR girl. 94172-35176. (CL21013671)

STM for Jat Sikh vegetarian boy 26 years, 5'-10", very handsome, MBBS, doing Govt. job PCMS-L, preparing for MD exam, 28 acre agriculture land. Father SDO, mother Sci. Teacher. 98147-86400. (CL21013684)

Suitable match for Jatt Sikh boy 5'-10", 1992, Canadian citizen boy (Electrical Engineer), seeks professional alliance from a reputed family. Please contact 204980352, talvirks@gmail.com (CL21013728)

Canada PR M.Tech August 1993 born, Jatt Sikh boy, seek equally qualified tall girl, Majha preferred. 88724-02702. (CL21014340)

Jat Sikh born 1981, 5'-9", boy, profession Law Graduate, service as Asstt. Advocate Gen. Pb. & Haryana High Court, 8 years as Class-I officer. Father senior Advocate. Mother graduate. Sister married M.L.A. LL.B. Property beautiful Bungalow at Chandigarh more than 2 kanal, huge property. Divorced - married for short period (Issueless). Mob: 98140-11565. (CL21012999)

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Well educated, beautiful, tall girl for issueless divorcee, 37, 6'-1", handsome Engineer, MBA boy. 97863-40841. (CL21014333)

We want two America citizen educated girls for two Jat Sikh boys age 28 years/ 6', B.Tech, ECE 4 years Degree, vegetarian now in America on Visitor Visa and 25 years, 5'-9", B.Sc. Nursing. Parents are in Govt. jobs. All family have multiple Visa of America. WhatsApp: 88728-00112, 98557-56315. (CL21014352)

Suitable match for handsome Jat Sikh boy, 1983 born, 5'-9%", B.Tech, MBA (UK), based in Canada, working in reputed MNC. Father Doctor. Email: jmatrimony1992@gmail.com (CL21014359)

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Want slim, beautiful Amritdhari Medico Doctor or Software Engineer match for Medical Engineer boy/Cana/ PR/MEng./Govt. job in Govt. Hospital Vancouver Canada, 26 yrs, 5'-7", Hanjra. 98881-97479. (CL21013670)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Gursikh, November 1985, 5'-10", working as Associate (Clerical) with SBI. Family settled in Chandigarh. Preferred working girl. 81465-72626. (CL21013684)

Suitable match for Ramdasia Gursikh, November 1985, 5'-10", working as Associate (Clerical) with SBI

ARORA

Suitable match for Arora boy 1989, 5'-7", HR Professional in MNC (Noida) 9 LPA, family based out of Jalandhar. Call 78885-32927. (CL21012334)

Suitable match for non- Manglik, Arora boy 07.09.1993, 10:36 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-5", MA Economics, own business, teetotaler, pure vegetarian family. 62393-85880, 98159-59332. (CL21013249)

B.Tech, MBA, CA, Doctor match settled or wants to settle Dabbi for Arora boy March 92, 5'-8", B.Tech IT, MBA IIM working DP World Dubai, 80 lacs package @ 70093. 82366, 78887-95731. (CL21013267)

5'-11", 31, BDS, own clinic, job Chandigarh (WPH), Patiala, 81465-71634. (CL21013385)

Professional match Arora boy 19.11.1987, 03:18 am, Ludhiana, 5'-10", CA, working reputed Company, 6 lac. Simple marriage, 92160-65400, 79736-16224. (CL21013399)

Match for Hindu Arora Manglik boy 1991, 6.45 pm, Govt. Teacher, full salary for Govt. employee girl preferred. 83601-30050, 83601-14135. (CL21013406)

Suitable match for Hindu Arora boy 5'-11", 24.08.1993, 3.41 pm, Ludhiana, Mechanical Engineer, working in reputed Insurance Company. Father Banker. Brother married. 98722-02798. (CL21013575)

Wanted beautiful & educated girl for pure vegetarian Arora boy 06.09.1995, 5.5-5.5 am, Kamal, 5'-11", B.Tech (Kuk), M.Tech (Melbourne, Australia) Director in own School. Income 12 LPA. Contact (WhatsApp) 70156-51389. (CL21013584)

Hindu Arora 26, 5'-9", BCA, vegetarian businessman boy high status family Dharamkot want beautiful girl 98780-11185. (CL21013808)

Beautiful bride for Barnala based Graduate Arora boy working in own mobile phones business good income 5'-10", 4 June 1988, 10 p.m. Father retired Govt. Employee. 98888-48845. (CL21013892)

Hindu Arora Manglik boy 14.9.1988 (6.10 am, Khanna), 6', B.Sc. (IT), LLB, Advocate, 98883-21722, 78145-36004. (CL21013898)

Employed/unemployed match for Arora boy working in Baddi as Manager 2.09.85, time 15.20, Delhi, 99886-64887, 99886-38258. (CL21014023)

Looking BDMS girl for Rajpura born 12.03.91 at 7.57 a.m., 5'-6", MDMS boy, Own clinic IELTS 8.5 Band applied Canadian PR. Upper caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. 98884-21003. (CL21014116)

Educated smart match for Fashion Management Post-Graduate, 09.05.1989, 11.18 a.m., Moradabad, 5'-6", Kidswear business at Moradabad, decent income, respectable Punjabi family. Phone: 98977-87180, Email: kkabbhi1@gmail.com (CL21014222)

Rajpuri Gursikh 26/5'-8", +2, Amritdhari businessman boy, middle class family Ludhiana, want educated girl. 98780-11185. (CL21014161)

SM4 Punjabi 1987 born, 5'-9" boy, working as Bio-Medical Engineer at Civil Hospital, Panchkula. M: 94167-44073, 99966-44073. (CL21014271)

Rajpuri boy 11.10.1996/ 5'-6", 6:20 am, Kotkapura, Graduate, good business, for educated and beautiful girl. 98780-07311. (CL21013030)

KHATRI

Beautiful professional match for handsome Khatri boy, 5'-4", 26/9/87, 6:41 am Khanna (Ph.), MCA, working in Software Company at Mohali, package 7 lacs. Parents retd. Family settled at Mohali. Contact Mobile: 9888691646, Email: naresh.kverma98@gmail.com (CL21013314)

Punjabi Khatri, handsome, smart, good looking 45, Delhi affluent status family, Sr. Post salary 60 LPA, short marriage, no issue, caste no bar. Preferred unmarried working/ non-working. WhatsApp: 81303-32039 No broker, vivahele@gmail.com (CL21010569)

Himachali Khatri, 5'-8"- 70 kg, 27.10.1987, 9:15 am, Mandi, Software Professional Gurgaon, Pkg. 25.6 Lakh. Seeks qualified, beautiful and slim girl. Upper caste no bar. Ph.94180-02297. (CL21013033)

We are looking for a professionally qualified, beautiful and amicable match for Canadian citizen Hindu Khatri boy, 30, 5'-10", working as Software Engineer. WhatsApp: +6479137980. (CL21013066)

Match for Khatri boy working accenture, Gurao, package 23 lacs, 5'-9", Chandigarh born, 10 July 1990, 12.40 pm. 78885-15853. (CL21013093)

Looking for an alliance for Sikh Khatri boy 31, 5'-6", Diploma holder, in Ambala, seeking a decent educated bride, between age 27-31 years, no demands. C- 94170-47568. (CL21013103)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy 28, 5'-8", ETT Teacher. Wanted Govt. Teacher girl. Mobile: 89681-49100. (CL21013169)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri boy 28, 5'-8", Regular Clerk at Amritsar Court, 95013-00482. (CL21013701)

Match for handsome Khatri boy, 5'-9"/ 91 born, B. Tech (CSE), running business. 98777-08888. (CL2101374)

Suitable match for Hindu Khatri, 5'-4", unmarried, 58 years, Gazetted officer Retd. Pensioner. Contact: 981564588. (CL21013190)

Khatri boy 1993 Govt. employee Punjab Civil Secretariat required working girl upper caste welcome. 96467-34020. (CL21013212)

Punjabi Khatri boy 29.11.91, 2.22 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-7", Graduate, own business. 98887-03758. (CL21013218)

Wanted suitable match for 7th April 83, 6.15 p.m., Chandigarh born, tall and handsome Chopra boy, 6'-1", fair complexion, LLB Hons. Running gold jewellery showroom. 98146-10512. (CL21013219)

Wanted suitable match for 7th April 93, 6:15 pm, Chandigarh born, tall and handsome Chopra boy, 6'-1", fair complexion, LLB Hons. Running gold jewellery showroom. 98146-10512. (CL21013220)

Slim, beautiful match for Khatri boy, 5'-11", M.Com, MA (English, Economics), B.Ed. English Govt. Teacher. Salary 70,000. Jalandhar. WhatsApp: 79140-10027.

epaper@tribuneindia.com

Wanted Suitable beautiful tall girl, CA/CS professionally qualified or in Govt service for very handsome Khatri boy, Chartered Accountant, doing own practice, 5'-11", May 1994, Jalandhar born, Radhasoami family. Mother, father in education profession. Caste no bar. Mobile: 91-9465238235. (CL21013261)

Match for Khatri handsome boy, 5'-11", 03.10.1984, Patiala, Mater's Degree from abroad working for UK based IT Company. Annual package 15 LPA & runs IT Company as well. Seeks beautiful, qualified girl from Punjab. Preferred Government employee. Contact: 98724-03367. (CL21013264)

Match for Hindu Khatri boy, 13.10.1988, Chandigarh, 5'-11", Graduate, working as Assistant Manager in Hotel industry. Required employed girl. Contact: 98722-77565. (CL21013271)

Match for Punjabi Khatri boy, 6', fair, Handsome, non Manglik, Pure vegetarian, 01-03-1991, 8:25 p.m. Chandigarh. B.Tech (PU), SBI Deputy Manager, Income 15-20 Lacs. Well settled family Chandigarh. Preferred Tricity employed beautiful slim fair girl. Kundli must matching. Marriage Bureau excuse. 98156-11449, 62841-49261. (CL21013309)

US citizen MBA/CPA Hindu Khatri boy 27/5'-11", seeks alliance from professionally qualified, homely, beautiful girl. Interested parents should contact. Marriage bureaus excuse. 77179-71331, 79860-60958. (CL21013861)

Match 4 Manglik handsome Khatri boy 5'-5", 7.12.1992 (Ambala), 9:34 am, B.Tech., working MNC Gurgaon. 81680-78520, 94164-98977. (CL21013878)

Handsome Khatri Sikh boy 33/3'-3", short mrg. Iless divorcee Delhi seeks beautiful homely girl, unmarried or Iless divorcee, preferably interested to migrate to Canada. Send photo/ biodata to WhatsApp: 93122-46095. Email: r4upinder@gmail.com (CL21013896)

Khatri boy (Mohali) 18.12.1986, 5'-8", Clerk, middle class family. Caste no bar. 70099-53378. (CL21013900)

Wanted a suitable match for Khatri Punjabi boy age 30, 5'-10", B.Tech, fair complexion working as Asstt. Manager in Nationalised bank at Jalandhar. Contact: 98144-75320. (CL21013928)

Khatri Manglik boy 16.12.1987, 6:9 a.m., Nakodar, 6', high scale business, M.Sc. 62843-62392. (CL21013930)

Khatri, Non-Manglik, 5'-10", 08.03.1990, 10:15 a.m., Karnal, working MNC Noida, 10 LPA, 82959-37724. (CL21013933)

Suitable match for Punjabi Khatri boy, 5'-9", 29.05.1991, Diploma, private job, Panchkula, 98720-07975. (CL21013467)

Manglik/ Non-manglik Match for Hindu Khatri fair boy, PR Canada, 5'-7", 2nd Jan.1990 (1:20 pm, Patiala), B.Tech., MBA (India), in India on vacation till June 2021, completed Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (Canada, Ontario). Looking for slim, fair girl preferred in Canada. Upper caste no bar. Marriage bureaus excuse. 95010-90057. (CL21013506)

Professionally qualified match for handsome Khatri boy 04.07.1989, 05:47 pm, Ludhiana, 5'-8", B.Tech. from Thapar University, working at Bangalore package 9 Lacs, family settled at Ludhiana. 98724-85831. (CL21013517)

Suitable match for Punjabi Hindu Khatri boy, 5'-8", 04.04.1991, 10 pm, Chandigarh, B.Tech., Own fitness center at Mohali. Monthly income 2.50-3 lakh, non-drinker, non-smoker. Contact: 94176-08192, 94638-87719. (CL21013546)

Sawala Khatri boy 5'-2", Software Engineer, 1994 only son double storey kothi, no dowry Caste bar Software Engineer girl required. 94166-28905. (CL21013558)

Suitable match for Verma boy age 35, 5'-8", Physiotherapist Mohali. Contact: 80547-70162. (CL21013595)

Khatri Walia issueless divorce boy 81, 5'-9", B.Com., wanted suitable slim match. Contact: 98147-10010. (CL21013619)

Suitable match for Khatri handsome boy 5'-8%", DoB 27.7.1989 (6:00 pm Patiala) Chemist shop. 99882-03685, 98151-70401. (CL21013633)

Match for Govt. employee Chandigarh, 5'-5", 1990. Govt. employed. Preferred Mb: 76963-36027. (CL21013648)

Match for handsome Khatri B.Com., boy, 19 September 1986, (07:29 am, Chandigarh), 5'-8", only child. Own well established business and house Chandigarh. (Income eight figures). Girl require from reputed family. Call/ WhatsApp: 98148-25145, 98145-25145. Email: vlopkhavale@gmail.com (CL21013651)

Professionally qualified match for Gursikh Arora/ Khatri boy, 13.11.1995, 5'-7", done BDS. Affluent family, own business. Preferred Amritsar, BDS/ working girl. Contact: 98884-73472. (CL21013657)

Khatri Manglik boy 28, fair, 6'-2", well educated, own business, reputed family, worthy assets. Beautiful girl required. 79734-93730, 79864-39609. (CL21013695)

Bhawarpuri Khatri 07.01.1988, 11:30 a.m., Rajpura, 5'-8", Regular Clerk at Amritsar Court, 95013-00482. (CL21013701)

NM Hindu Khatri boy B.Tech, CSE working in FIS (MNC) Mohali as technology lead 3.31.91, 8 am, Patiala, 5'-10", income 20-25 lac, Canada PR in process reputed business family. 80545-00059, 80542-00059. (CL21013715)

Khatri boy 10.08.1988, 10.45 a.m., Barnala, 6'-2", permanent Govt. job, Mohali. 98720-75959. (CL21013723)

Professional/ non medico very well establish & sober suitable match for Khatri Arora boy, 85 November born, 5'-10", Schooling Doon School, Dehradun, MBA, Delhi University, LLB (GNDU). Sober nature. Very well to do family. Father/ Mother reputed Doctors. Required beautiful, sober, good nature, educated, compatible match. Contact: 98147-27300. (CL21013741)

Compatible match for Manglik, 31, 5'-10% MBA boy from respectable Hindu Sood Khatri family. Own established business. Father/ Mother retired Senior State Services Officer. Caste no bar. Mob: 98149-00026. (CL21013744)

Wanted suitable match for 7th April 83, 6:15 p.m., Chandigarh born, tall and handsome Chopra boy, 6'-1", fair complexion, LLB Hons. Running gold jewellery showroom. 98146-10512. (CL21013748)

Slim, beautiful match for Khatri boy, 5'-11", M.Com, MA (English, Economics), B.Ed. English Govt. Teacher. Salary 70,000. Jalandhar. WhatsApp: 79140-10027.

Khatri Chopra boy, 27.03.1987, 12.15 pm, Nabha, 5'-9", PGDCA, Senior Accountant, good income: 88720-66354. (CL21013772)

Khatri boy 9.7.1991, 5'-7", M.Sc. Biotech, well settled own business. 98145-24111. (CL21013821)

Good looking/ unmarried match for handsome & well settled business boy, 21.10.84, 2:20 am, Ambala, 5'-7". Graduate, 98145-64605, 94169-54649, naveen.khanuja1@gmail.com (CL21013839)

Suitable match for Advocate Khatri boy 23.11.1995 (Khanna) 5'-7". Private practice, own chamber. Wants Govt. Tr/Prvate reputed institute employee, 5% Lakh per year. 94179-92621. (CL21013848)

Wanted issueless match for divorcee Khatri boy 15.12.1983 (9 p.m., Khanna) 5'-10", job at Delhi, salary 10 lac per annum. Own flat. 98147-40440. (CL21013851)

US citizen MBA/CPA Hindu Khatri boy 27/5'-11", seeks alliance from professionally qualified, homely, beautiful girl from Punjab. Preferred Government employee. Contact



PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENSION OF DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS

Due to the imposition of lockdown in the Union Territory, Chandigarh w.e.f. 04.05.2021 in view of the outbreak of Covid-19, the E-Sampark Centres closed upto 11.05.2021. As such, the due date for payment of water bills of the consumers of Group 1 Cycle 02 where in the due date for payment was falling between 05.05.2021 by cheque and 06.05.2021 by cash and Group 2 Cycle 02 due date 11.05.2021 by Cheque and 12.05.2021 by Cash. It is notified for the information of General Public that the due dates for payment of water bills for the consumers of Group 1 Cycle 02 and Group 2 Cycle 02 will be 31.05.2021 without surcharge.

Executive Engineer
MCPH, Division No. 2, Chandigarh

BSF recovers weapons dropped by Pak drone

JAMMU/NEW DELHI, MAY 14

The BSF on Friday recovered an AK-47 rifle, a pistol and some ammunition dropped by a Pakistani drone from the border belt of Samba district in Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The drone is suspected to have flown back into the Pakistani territory after it dropped the consignment, officials said.

Congratulating the troops, IG, BSF Jammu, NS Jamwal termed the recovery as a "big achievement", and said the force is ever alert and vigilant on the International Border (IB) to thwart away the nefarious designs of Pakistan.

"BSF troops carried out a search operation in the Samba sector. At about 1215 hours,



Arms and ammunition found near the border in Samba. PTI

the troops recovered an item wrapped in a yellow-coloured polythene bag in a field," a BSF spokesperson said.

After taking due precautionary measures, the packet

was opened and one AK-47, one pistol, one magazine, 15 rounds of 9 mm ammunition, one wooden frame, used to attach the payload with the drone, and wrapping material were recovered, the spokesperson said.

The Border Security Force guards the India-Pakistan International Border. He said the recovery was made at a distance of 250 metres from IB inside Indian territory.

The efforts of alert BSF troops deployed in multi-tiered grid have once again resulted in neutralizing the designs of Pakistan, the spokesperson said. Officials said this was the same area where a tunnel was detected on November 22 last year. — PTI/TNS

3,027 fresh cases, 60 deaths in J&K

SRINAGAR, MAY 14

Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 3,027 fresh Covid-19 cases that took its tally to 2,36,790 while 60 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 3,027, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 1,511 were from the Jammu divi-

sion and 1,516 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said. Jammu district recorded the highest number of fresh cases at 534, followed by 379 in Srinagar and 308 in Budgam. The number of active Covid-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir dropped to 52,001 from 52,848 on Thursday. — PTI

3 die of Covid in Ladakh

LEH, MAY 14

Three more patients died of coronavirus in Ladakh, taking the death toll in the union territory to 161, while the infection count reached 15,916 with 109 fresh cases, officials said on Friday.

Of the 109 new cases, 86 were reported in Leh district and 23 in Kargil district, they said.

There are now 1,547 — 1279 in Leh and 268 in Kargil — active coronavirus cases in the UT, the officials said.

As many as 82 patients in Leh and 24 in Kargil were discharged after they were cured of the infection in the past 24 hours, they said. — PTI

Left alone, man carries mum's body...

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Talking to *The Tribune*, Bir Singh said his mother developed fever and breathing trouble on May 12. On a local doctor's advice, he took her to Tanda medical college in his car. Due to the non-availability of any bed there, he brought her back home and administered the prescribed medication. She, however, died yesterday morning, he said.

"I informed the village pradhan and my relatives. Two PPE kits were arranged, but no one came forward to help me out in performing the last rites. I then lifted the body of my mother on my shoulders and walked down to the cremation ground, about 1 km away. There also, I alone had to do everything to cremate my mother," he said.

The CM said the block development officers (BDO's) had been designated as nodal officers in rural areas to ensure that government help was provided to the affected families in all such cases.

"In urban areas, the municipal commissioners, executive officers/secretaries concerned of the urban local bodies should work in close coordination with hospitals and provide resources such as PPE kits, body bags, disinfectants, sanitiser, waste disposable bags etc. for the proper disposal of Covid victims' bodies," the CM added.

HUDA URBAN ESTATE TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING EMPLOYEES WELFARE ORGANISATION (HEWO)

C-3, SECTOR 6, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all serving and retired employees of HSVP, Urban Estate and Town & Country Planning Department that cancelled membership of flats have been floated at GH Site, Sec-19 & GH-20, Sec-21D, Faridabad vide this office letter No. /HEWO/2021/9820 dated 13.04.2021. The category, number of flat, area, cost of flats and detailed terms and conditions for submitting application are mentioned in the aforesaid letter. The above said circular letter has also been hosted on website of HSVP i.e. www.hsvphy.org.in at HEWO page. The last date for receipt of applications has been extended up to 18.06.2021 due to Covid-19 lockdown.

Sd/- Superintendent
For Managing Director HEWO,
Panchkula.
PRDH/1083/11/18/2022/2924/31/4

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

3rd Floor, Town Hall Extension Building,
Near DC Office, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh.

Contact No. 0172-2700062

Applications are invited for Grant of financial assistance under the scheme "UT Chandigarh Fund for Persons with Disabilities" from eligible Govt. Institutions/Voluntary Welfare Organizations/Trusts providing welfare services to Disabled Persons in Union Territory, Chandigarh during the financial year 2021-22.

Application form along with detailed information of the scheme is available on the official website of this department i.e. www.chdsw.gov.in.

Complete applications along with requisite documents must reach this office latest by 31.08.2021 positively.

27 black fungus cases in Haryana, 5 this week

FROM PAGE 1

the PGIMS and state nodal officer for Covid 19.

What is worrying is the fact that a majority of these cases have come to the hospital during the second wave of the deadly virus – 5 of these came in the past one week.

"Almost all those who survived the infection had to undergo surgeries of the ear, nose, throat (ENT) or the

eyes," revealed Dr Chaudhary. Doctors say that mucormycosis is a very rare infection, which is caused by exposure to mucor mould, a fungi, which is commonly found in soil, plants, manure, and decaying fruits and vegetables.

The black fungus attacks the sinuses, brain and lungs and can be life-threatening in diabetic or severely immuno-

compromised patients. Doctors believe mucormycosis, which has an overall mortality rate of 50%, is perhaps being triggered by excessive use of steroids, which are being administered to severe and critically ill Covid-19 patients to save their lives.

Doctors are prescribing steroids to reduce inflammation in the lungs due to Covid-19. But as a side-effect, the steroids also reduce immunity and raise blood sugar levels in both diabetic and non-diabetic Covid-19 patients.

"Whenever a suspected case of mucormycosis comes to the hospitals, ENT surgeons do a nasal endoscopy to diagnose the infection. Once confirmed, the treatment which can include sur-

geries begins immediately. The fungus grows speedily and once it affects the brain, it can be life-threatening," said Dr Chaudhary.

He said the PGIMS has in stock 180 injections of Liposomal Amphotericin B that are needed in the treatment and order has been placed for 400 more since nearly 30 injections are normally consumed on a single patient.

MAI BHAGO ARMED FORCES PREPARATORY INSTITUTE FOR GIRLS MOHALI

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Link shall remain open till 1800 hrs on 23 May 2021

For more information: Contact: 0172-2233105,
Email to: maibhagoafpi@yahoo.in

HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG TENDER NOTICE

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

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | Estimated Cost | Ernest Money | Time of Completion | Cost of Form | Last date of sale of tender form | Divisional office up to |
|---------|--|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | R/M of LWSS Parag Salakhina (SH:- Replacement of centrifugal pump set coupled with existing 50HP motor). | 3,20,000/- | 6,400/- | One month | 250/- | 17.05.2021 up to 5.00 P.M. | |
| 2. | R/M of Sewerage System to Solan Town (SH:- Restoration work of damaged wall of 2.90 MLD STP at Zone-B) | 4,37,599/- | 8,750/- | Three months | 250/- | —do— | |
| 3. | Operational & General Running of Pumping Machinery of LWSS Badron in G.P. Satrol, Tehsil Kandaphat, Distt. Solan, H.P. for one year. | 3,25,326/- | 6,500/- | One year | 250/- | —do— | |
| 4. | Installation and energisation of Bore Well at Dagron Augmentation of LWSS Dharampur in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (Under Drought CRF). | 2,86,310/- | 5,800/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 5. | Installation and energisation of Bore Well at Village Mandi Matkanda (Near Namskar Hotel) in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (Under Drought CRF). | 2,86,310/- | 5,800/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 6. | Installation and energisation of Bore Well at Village Bhre-Ka-Khech in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (Under Drought CRF). | 2,86,310/- | 5,800/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 7. | Installation and energisation of Bore Well Augmentation of LWSS Dharampur in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (Under Drought CRF). | 2,86,310/- | 5,800/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 8. | Augmentation of LWSS Masool Khanna in G.P. Jangeshu, Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (SH:- Balance work). | 4,89,184/- | 9,400/- | Three months | 250/- | —do— | |
| 9. | Augmentation of LWSS Dharampur, Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (SH:- Manufacturing, supplying & fixing of fencing panels of size 1.20 x 1.80 mtrs.). | 2,25,000/- | 4,500/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |
| 10. | Replacement of Old rising main and change of connection of LWSS Solan from Ashwani Khad (SH:- Supply and erection of APC Panel for 330 HP Motor) Stage 2nd Job. 1. | 4,94,765/- | 9,900/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |
| 11. | Replacement of Old rising main and change of connection of LWSS Solan from Ashwani Khad (SH:- Supply and erection of APC Panel for 330 HP Motor) Stage 1st Job. 2. | 4,94,765/- | 9,900/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |
| 12. | Providing WSS to various villages in Kasauli constituency in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (SH:- Detailed survey and preparation of all drawing related to Rising Main of Booster Stage & 2nd stage). | 3,44,100/- | 6,900/- | Two months | 250/- | —do— | |
| 13. | Providing WSS to various villages in Kasauli constituency in Tehsil Kasauli, Distt. Solan, H.P. (SH:- Detailed survey and preparation of all drawing related to Rising Main of Booster Stage & 2nd stage). | 2,92,300/- | 5,800/- | Two months | 250/- | —do— | |
| 14. | AIR & M/O drinking water supply scheme to Solan Town from Giri River (SH:- Rewinding of 85HP motor set No. 2 at Raw water stage, Repair of pump etc.). | 3,13,800/- | 6,300/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |
| 15. | R/M of LIS Dohemar 1st and 2nd Stage (SH:- Providing and fixing MCCB, valves etc.). | 2,11,000/- | 4,200/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 16. | R/M of LWSS Badron 2nd Stage (SH:- Replacement of pump set 32/14H, 10 Stages coupled with existing 25HP motor). | 2,50,000/- | 5,000/- | 15 days | 250/- | —do— | |
| 17. | Improvement & upgradation of DWSS Solan from Giri River (SH:- Providing supplying and fixing welded wire mesh fabric for balance area of 14.72 MLD water treatment plant at Gaura in Tehsil & Distt. Solan (H.P.). | 1,83,253/- | 3,665/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |
| 18. | Improvement & upgradation of DWSS to Solan Town Giri River (SH:- Cleaning & disinfection of 14.72 MLD raw water tank, pre-sedimentation tank and clarifier/clarifier tank at Gaura). | 2,78,250/- | 5,600/- | One month | 250/- | —do— | |

The tenders forms and other detailed can be obtained from website <http://www.hpirh.org>

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK

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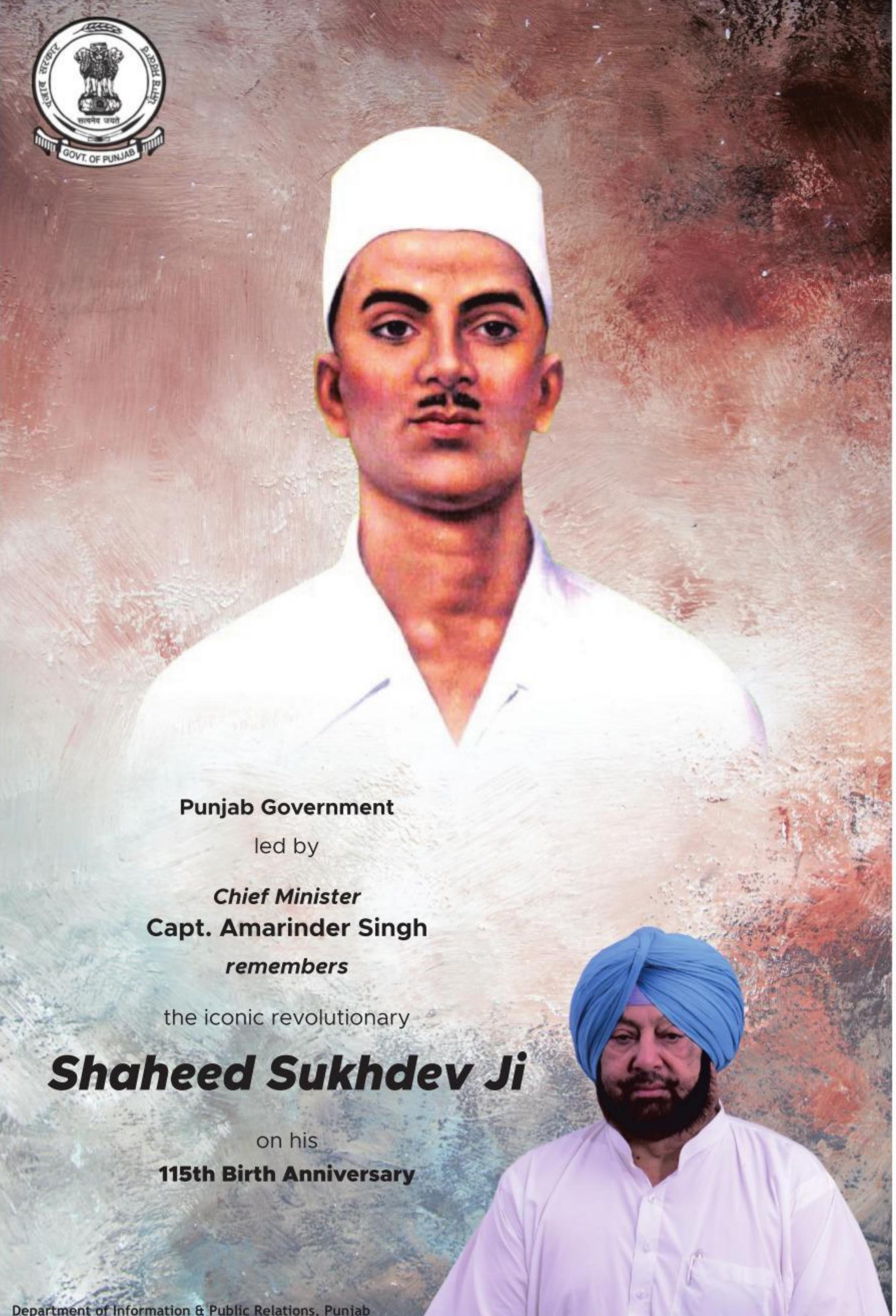
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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 2/9/2021-3ME1/Spl. 01 Dated: 14.05.2021
Applications on the prescribed Proforma are invited for the Direct Quota posts of **Assistant Professors** in various Departments. The Details of Posts, Application Form, Educational Qualifications, Age, Criteria for Selection, last date of applications and Instructions are available on the official website www.punjabmedicaleducation.org.
Sd/- (Dr. Sujata Sharma)
Director,
DPR/Pb/4564 Research and Medical Education, Punjab.

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION
(Ministry of Labour and Employment, Govt. of India)
District Office- Near SBI, Amloh Road, Mandi Gobindgarh-147301, Telephone: 01765-252355
E-mail: do.mandi@epfindia.gov.in, Website: www.epfindia.gov.in

| Sr. No. | PF Code No. | Name of the Estt. | Period of Default |
|---------|--------------|--|--------------------|
| 1 | PB/CHD/38982 | M/s Lions Security Agency, Near JMD Kanda, G.T. Road, Mandi Gobindgarh | 09/2012 to 04/2019 |

The Employer of the above said Establishment is not producing record with regard to the work executed by him and is not traceable. Whereas identification of workers engaged by the respective establishment is necessary for the assessment of dues.

Any person whosoever has worked with the above said Establishment should appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the publication in newspaper with proper record to establish the relation of master and servant with the employer and details of P.F. liable to be deposited by the said employer. In case no person appears on the given date, the case will be concluded on the basis of available record/evidence in the office.

(Mohan Singh)
Assistant P.F. Commissioner/OIC

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER*

Online bids on items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kaza, District Lahoul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in three covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Department/PWD/CPWD/other department and Govt. undertaking departments.

| Sr. No. | Name of Work | E/Cost | E/Money | Cost of Form | Time |
|---------|--|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 | Providing LIS to Village Nidang in G.P Tabo SH- S/E of Pumping machinery and allied accessories, Laying & jointing of G.I. flanged pipe in Rising main and P/F and installation of DG Set suitable to the requirement of installed Pumping Machinery | Rs. 2458002/- | Rs. 44430/- | Rs. 400/- | Six Months |

1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://htenders.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

3. KEY DETAILS WILL BE AS UNDER:-

| | |
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| 1 Date of online publication | 11.5.2021, 5.00 p.m. |
| 2 Downloading of e-tender Documents | From 11.5.2021 at 5.00 a.m. up to 17.5.2021 at 5.00 p.m. |
| 3 Date of submission of e-tendering | From 11.5.2021 at 5.00 p.m. up to 17.5.2021 at 5.00 p.m. |
| 4 Physical submission of earnest money deposit and cost of tender form | Up to 18.5.2021, 11.00 a.m. |
| 5 Date of opening bid | 11.30 a.m. on 18.5.2021 |
| (i) Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria and Technical Bid | |
| (ii) Cover-2 Financial Bid | Shall be intimated separately |
| 6 Site Visit | — |
| 7 Pre-Bid Meeting | — |

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in Two (2) covers:-
Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of "Eligibility information and Technical Bid".
Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.
4. Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of following "Eligibility Information" (Scanned copies to be uploaded in pdf File).
a). The earnest money shall be through online mode (e-payment) or FDR of any nationalized bank/NSC/Saving Account of any Post office of Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Kaza, Certificate of exemption along with affidavit to ensure Correctness of information.
b). The cost of tender form (non-refundable) in the shape of online (e-payment)/Demand Draft/Banker Cheque (Preferably non account Payee) duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kaza, Distt L&S (HP).
c). Certificate of registration with Jal Shakti Department in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.
d). Income Tax Return for the year 2019-20 or 2020-21.
e). Registration of GST.
f). PAN (Permanent Account No.).
g). EPF with documentary proof.
h). The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered tenderer to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.
i). The contractor/Firm shall submit/upload the scanned copies of the documents as required in NIT through online mode except Earnest Money and cost of Tender form and should submit Physically in original on or before 18.5.2021 up to 11.00 A.M. i.e. tender opening date failing which the bid will be declared as non-responsive. Exemption of earnest money shall be available.
j). A scanned copy of undertaking that I have carefully studied all the Terms & Conditions stipulated in form PWD 6&8/12 as well as special Terms & Conditions appended along with schedule of quantity along with special terms and conditions before quoting the rates in the BoQ chart and that I have visited the site of work before quoting the rates.

Technical bid shall contain.

i) The contractor/firm who are authorized for offering pumping machinery have to upload the performance curve chart along with selection of pumps and motors as per duty conditions (+10% duty head and -15% duty head). The hard copy of original curve chart of pump equipment shall be supplied separately duly indicating points and other conditions along with BHP, to ascertain the uploaded documents. The Gen set should be as per the requirement of Pumping Machinery.
5. Cover-2: shall contain "Financial Bid" which will be opened at a later date to be notified separately and opened only of eligible contractors/Firms whose documents are as per Eligibility Information "Cover-1" and Cover-2 shall contain only Financial Bid/Offer on Departmental schedule of quantity/BoQ where contractor/Firms will quote his/their offer for each item.
6. Earnest Money of L1, L2 and L3 shall be retained for a period of 120 days.
7. In case, opening day is a holiday, the tenders shall be opened on next working day at the same time.
8. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days.
9. Ambiguous/Conditional tenders or tenders by Fax/E-mail shall not be entertained/considered in any case.
10. Conditional bids are liable to be rejected without assigning any reason. The Executive Engineer, reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders/bids without assigning any reason(s).
11. Any enquiry regarding tender can be obtained on e-mail of the Divisional Officer under e-mail address eeiphkaza@rediffmail.com

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Kaza.



Palestinians gather at the site of destroyed houses after Israeli air strikes in Gaza Strip. REUTERS

Israel pounds Gaza with artillery fire to counter rocket attacks

GAZA/JERUSALEM, MAY 14

Israel pummelled Gaza with artillery fire and air strikes on Friday, killing 13 people including three children, local health officials said, as it targeted Palestinian militant tunnels to try to stop persistent rocket attacks on Israeli towns.

The largest Israeli operation against a specific target since the conflict began included 160 aircraft as well as tanks and artillery firing from outside the Gaza Strip, Israeli military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Con-



Palestinians during a protest in the West Bank. REUTERS

followed the 40-minute pre-dawn offensive on the fifth day of the most serious fighting between Israel and Gaza militants since 2014.

Gaza's ruling Hamas group launched the rocket attacks at Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in retaliation for Israeli police clashes with Palestinians in Jerusalem. At least 122 people have been killed and 900 wounded in Gaza, Palestinian medical officials said.

Among eight dead in Israel were a soldier and two children, Israeli officials said. — Reuters

Kabul mosque blast kills 12 during Friday prayers

Taliban condemn attack; no group claims responsibility

KABUL, MAY 14

An explosion inside a mosque on the outskirts of Afghanistan's capital Kabul killed at least 12 people during Friday prayers as worshippers gathered for the Eid ul-Fitr holiday during a ceasefire.

The Taliban insurgent group, which declared the three-day truce for the holiday, condemned the attack in a statement, and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Ferdous Fararamz, spokesman for the Kabul police, said the mosque's Imam was among the 12 dead and that at least 15 people were wounded in the blast at a mosque in the capital's Shakar Dara district.

The blast came less than a week after an explosion at a school killed 80 people, most of them schoolgirls from the ethnic Hazara Shi'ite Muslim minority.

The Taliban also denounced that attack and no one claimed responsibility. US officials believe the attack



Journalists at the site of the blast in Kabul. AP/PTI

VIOLENCE RISES AMID US TROOP WITHDRAWAL

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on the school may have been the work of a rival militant group such as Islamic State. Such groups have not signed on to the holiday ceasefire.

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US, Oz look to expand Quad collaboration

WASHINGTON, MAY 14

The US and Australia are looking forward to doing a great deal more through the Quad collaboration, top diplomats from the two countries said here as they discussed China in their talks.

"Our countries are working with India and Japan to advance a shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific," US Secretary of State Tony Blinken said at a news conference along with visiting Australian Foreign Minis-

ter Marise Payne.

Blinken also said the United States won't leave Australia alone in the face of economic coercion by China. "That's what allies do," Blinken added.

Payne said discussions were held over Australia's relationship with China. — PTI

British, US scientists call for further probe into Wuhan lab leak theory

LONDON, MAY 14

A group of leading UK and US scientists, including Indian-origin Cambridge University immunology and infectious disease expert Ravindra Gupta, on Friday called for more investigation to determine the origin of the Covid pandemic, including the theory of an accidental release from a lab in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

In a letter published in the journal 'Science', the experts from world leading universi-

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| NATIONS | DEATHS |
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| US | 5,98,567 |
| BRAZIL | 4,30,596 |
| MEXICO | 2,19,901 |
| UK | 1,27,668 |
| ITALY | 1,23,927 |

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ties such as Harvard, Stanford and MIT said knowing how Covid emerged is critical for informing global strategies to mitigate the risk of future outbreaks.

They caution that hypotheses about both natural and laboratory spillovers must be taken seriously until there is sufficient data. "Theories of accidental release from a lab and zoonotic spillover both remain viable," they write.

"We agree with the WHO DG, the US, the EU and 13 countries that greater clarity is necessary," they note. — PTI

Oli sworn in as Nepal PM

KATHMANDU, MAY 14

Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, heading a minority government, was sworn in as Nepal's Prime Minister on Friday, four days after the embattled leader lost a crucial vote of confidence in Parliament.

President Bidya Devi Bhandari administered him the oath at Shital Niwas. The 69-year-old Chairman of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) was reappointed in his capacity as the leader of the largest political party. — PTI

Exports jump to \$30.63 bn in Apr



TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS TO \$15 BN

■ Imports too rose to \$45.72 billion last month as against \$17.12 billion in April 2020, the data showed.

■ Trade deficit widened to \$15.10 billion as against \$6.76 billion in April 2020

■ Exports in April 2020 had plunged by a record 60.28% due to the pandemic-induced lockdown

pet, handicrafts, leather, electronic goods, oil meals, cashew, engineering, petroleum products, marine products and chemicals. — PTI

GoAir files papers for ₹3,600-cr IPO

NEW DELHI, MAY 14

GoAir, which has rebranded itself as 'Go First', has filed preliminary papers for an initial share sale worth Rs 3,600 crore and the proceeds will be mainly used to repay dues amid the aviation industry facing strong headwinds due to the coronavirus pandemic.

After taking to the skies 15 years ago, the Wadia group-promoted budget carrier is looking to mop-up the amount through issuance of fresh equity shares. It also has plans to raise up to Rs 1,500 crore by way of a pre-IPO placement.

Once the shares get listed, Go Airlines (India) Ltd will be the third operational scheduled carrier after SpiceJet and IndiGo to trade on Indian bourses.

In a release on Friday, GoAir said it has filed a draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) for an initial public offer (IPO) to raise up to Rs 3,600 crore through issuance of fresh equity shares. — PTI

service, handicrafts, leather, electronic goods, oil meals, cashew, engineering, petroleum products, marine products and chemicals. — PTI

Petrol, diesel prices reach record high

NEW DELHI, MAY 14

Petrol and diesel prices on Friday touched record high levels across the country after rates were increased for the fourth time this week.

Petrol price was hiked by 29 paise per litre and diesel by 34 paise a litre, according to a price notification by state-owned fuel retailers.

The increase propelled rates in Delhi to climb to an all-time high of Rs 92.34 a litre for petrol and Rs 82.95 per litre for diesel.

Rates had already crossed the Rs 100-mark in several cities in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and with the latest increase, prices in Mumbai too were inching towards that level.

A litre of petrol in Mumbai now comes for Rs 98.65 and diesel is priced at Rs 90.11 per litre. This was the fourth increase in prices this week and eighth hike since May 4, when the state-owned oil firms ended an 18-hiatus in rate revision they observed

BRIEFLY**BIRMINGHAM****Sharma makes cut; Sandhu, Bhullar bow out**

Shubhankar Sharma shot a 1-under 71 in the second round to qualify for the weekend rounds at the British Masters. Sharma was even-par after two rounds and made the cut, which fell at a 1-over. Ajeetesh Sandhu (74-72) missed the cut by one shot, while SSP Chawrasia (75-76) and Gaganjeet Bhullar (77-76) had a rough week. Meanwhile, in Cape Town, Tvesa Malik shot an even-par 72 to tie fifth — two shots off the lead — after the first round of the South African Women's Open golf tournament.



Rafael Nadal in action against Alexander Zverev. REUTERS

Rafa gets revenge**ROME, MAY 14**

One week after his quarterfinal loss to Alexander Zverev at the Madrid Open, Rafael Nadal took his revenge against the German at the Italian Open here today. The nine-time champion saved all eight break points he faced in the second set to defeat Zverev 6-3 6-4 and enter the semifinals. Nadal's win ended a streak of three straight losses against the world No. 6. "I played a very solid match with not many mistakes, playing the way that I have to," Nadal said.

Nadal is now just two wins away from equalling Novak Djokovic's record haul of 36 ATP Masters 1000 titles.

The Spaniard is through to his 12th semifinal here. He will face first-time ATP Masters 1000 semifinalist Reilly Opelka tomorrow.

Opelka defeated Federico Delbonis 7-5 7-6(2).

In the women's tournament, top-ranked Ash Barty retired from her rainy quarterfinal against 17-year-old American Coco Gauff while leading 6-4 2-1 due to a right arm injury. — Agencies

Players need to put team above self: Ex-coach Raman

Former India coach writes to Ganguly about prima donna culture in team

NEW DELHI, MAY 14

WV Raman, who has been ousted as the national women's cricket team coach, has written to BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, alleging that there is a "prima donna culture" in the team.

In his email, which has been copied to National Cricket Academy (NCA) head Rahul Dravid, Raman has also offered to present a roadmap for women's cricket in the country, if he is asked.

In a surprising move, the former India Test player was not retained as the head coach of the women's team, when the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) picked Ramesh Powar for a second stint. Raman's major achievements included a

runners-up finish for India in the women's T20 World Cup last year; though very little cricket was played with him in charge. "As far as I know, Raman has said that he has always 'believed in team being placed above everybody else, and insisted that no individual can really be a prima donna,'" a source privy to Raman's email said.

Raman's letter to the two former India captains is sure to ruffle a few feathers, given that it has always been the coaches who have either stepped aside or been sacked after serious differences with players, most notably ODI captain Mithali Raj.

The letter has been copied to Dravid because Raman believes that he can contribute towards building a roadmap for Indian women's cricket. "When it comes to building a coaching manual or a training program for cricketers, it is the NCA which takes charge," the source said. "So if Raman has any inputs with regards to training modules for upcoming women cricketers, the best person certainly is NCA head Dravid." — PTI

admit that a mail to both Ganguly and Dravid has gone out. It is learnt that Raman has written about certain individuals who need to place the team above self.

Raman, it is learnt, is dismayed by allegations that he is not proactive as a coach. He wrote that he oversaw three training sessions (for Trailblazers, Velocity and Supernovas) between 1pm and 9pm in humid UAE conditions during the Women's T20 Challenge in 2020.

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'No excuse!' Paine after criticism of 'sideshow' comment

MELBOURNE: Australian cricket team captain Tim Paine was compelled to issue a clarification today regarding his comments on the methods of the Indian team, following which he received severe criticism online. Though Paine stood by his comments that his team indeed got distracted by India's "sideshow" during their home Test series loss earlier this year, he clarified he didn't offer them as an excuse for the defeat. India had won the series 2-1. A day after being heavily criticised online by Indian fans for his comments regarding the Indian team, Paine clarified his views while chatting with former Australian wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist in a podcast. "I was asked a number of things, and one of those was talking about the challenges of playing against India. One of them is the distraction they can create," Paine said. "There was a lot of talk that they weren't going to Brisbane. They're always changing gloves and bringing out physios and all that can get on your nerves. Just said that was one of the things that probably distracted me and took my eye of the ball at times," Paine said. TNS, AGENCIES

TENDER NOTICE

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

| Sr. No. | Description | E/Cost | E/Money | Time | Cost of From |
|---------|---|--------|---------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | Upgradation of water-testing Laboratory Nohradhar (SH:- Supplying and installation of laboratory apparatus, certified reference material (CRM) and chemical for water testing Laboratory at Nohradhar). | 298804 | 6000/- | 3 Months | 250/- |
| 2 | CAD to L15 Dhammander and adjoining village in GP-Tall Bhujal, Matla Bakhog & Kot Padhog, Teshi Raigarh, Distt. Simour, H.P. (SH:- C/O RCC irrigation tank 50000 liters capacity). | 289144 | 5800/- | 2 Months | 250/- |
| 3 | CAD to L15 Dhammander and adjoining village in GP-Tall Bhujal, Matla Bakhog & Kot Padhog, Teshi Raigarh, Distt. Simour, H.P. (SH:- C/o protection work for main line at RD 870). | 265764 | 5350/- | 3 Months | 250/- |

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 4:00 P.M. dated 17/05/2021, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above. The tenders shall be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar up to 2:00 P.M. dated 18/05/2021 and shall be opened on the same day at 3:00 P.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives if any.

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Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nohradhar

SHIMLA JAL PRABANDHAN NIGAM LIMITED**NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER**

Online bids on Item Rate basis are invited by the Additional General Manager Sewage SJPNL Shimla, 171001, Himachal Pradesh on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractor/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh JSV Department, Central/State Government, Department or Govt. undertaking in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.

| Sr. No. | Description of Work | Estimated Cost | Earnest Money | Time | Cost of Form |
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| 1. | Sewerage Scheme for Shimla Town (SH:- Providing and laying sewerline and main hole construction works for Beolia, Gussan, IT Bhawan (HBC) Mehal to STP Panthaghati | 10,437,052/- Only | 10,75,580/- Only | Twelve Months | Rs. 5,000/- Only |

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| c | Date of submission of e-tender | From 08.05.2021, 5:00 p.m. up to 24.05.2021, 11:00 a.m. |
| d | Physical submission of EMD Cost of tender form and eligibility documents | Up to 11:00 a.m. on 24.05.2021 |
| e | Date of Opening of bids:- Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria | 24.05.2021 at 11:30 a.m. |
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In Birmingham, Vihari leads Covid-relief work in India**NEW DELHI****Race-walker Irfan negative in second Covid test****Olympics-bound race-walker KT Irfan and four other elite track-and-field athletes have returned negative for Covid-19 in a confirmatory second test conducted at the SAI centre in Bengaluru.****NEW DELHI****Hussey negative, Saha gets conflicting results****CSK batting coach Michael Hussey has recovered from Covid-19, paving the way for his return to Australia. However, SRH's Wriddhiman Saha has received conflicting results in two coronavirus tests. AGENCIES****TODAY ON TV****EPL****BURNLEY VS LEEDS 5PM****SOUTHAMPTON VS FULHAM 7:30PM****BRIGHTON VS WEST HAM 00:30AM (SUNDAY)****STAR SPORTS**

Hanuma Vihari has created an army of volunteers from friends and 'followers'.

ly April to play in the English county for Warwickshire and is expected to join the Indian team directly in the UK when

they arrive on June 3.

Vihari is shocked by the obstacles that Covid-19 patients and their families encounter on a daily basis.

"With the second wave being so strong, getting a bed became a difficulty and that is something which is unthinkable. So, I decided to use my followers as my volunteers and help as many people as I can," Vihari, who has more than 110,000 followers on social media, said. "My goal is to actually mainly reach out to those people who are not able to afford or

arrange for plasma, beds and essential medicine."

Networking

When distress calls and messages for help started pouring in, Vihari wanted to create a network of help-givers and he found support from common people, his own family and Andhra cricket teammates like Prithviraj Yarra. "I have around 100 people on a WhatsApp group as volunteers and it's due to their hard work that we have been able to help a few people," Vihari said. — PTI

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BRIEFLY

PM releases ₹20,000 cr under PM-KISAN scheme

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday released the eighth instalment of over ₹20,000 crore to more than 9.5 crore farmer beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme on Friday. PTI

China rover to attempt Mars landing by May 19

Beijing: China has said its Tianwen-1 Mars probe and accompanying rover are expected to land on the red planet sometime between Saturday and Wednesday. PTI

DJ held for making spoof on Gujarat CM

Ahmedabad: The police have detained a 30-year-old disc jockey (DJ), Pradeep Kahar, in Vadodara city of Gujarat on the charge of harming Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's reputation by making and uploading a video by using a part of the latter's past speech, officials said on Friday. PTI

SC panel chief visits WB, asks Mamata to dismiss erring cops

POST-POLL UNREST Alleges police hand in glove with perpetrators

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MAY 14

Noting that the police failed to invoke the provisions of the Scheduled Caste Atrocities Prevention Act with regard to the incidents of atrocities against Dalits in post-poll violence, National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) chairperson Vijay Sampla has asked the Mamata Banerjee-led West Bengal Government to immediately dismiss and take legal action against police officers responsible for the lapse.

Sampla, who landed in Kolkata on Thursday on a two-day state tour, said had the police invoked the Scheduled Caste Atrocities Prevention Act, the

ASSESSING MAY 2 POLITICAL VIOLENCE

■ **Vijay Sampla** is among the battery of dignitaries from New Delhi who have been visiting West Bengal in the wake of the post-poll violence
■ **BJP chief JP Nadda** and National Women Commission chairperson Rekha Sharma also visited the state recently

displaced Dalit families would have received compensation and the district administration would have been under compulsion to provide them shel-

REPORT SOUGHT ON DISPLACED CHILDREN

New Delhi: The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights has asked authorities in Dhubri and Kokrajhar in Assam to visit camps housing children who reportedly fled post-poll violence in West Bengal and submit a report detailing their number and atrocities faced by them. In a letter, it has asked the district magistrates to record statements of the children and file zero FIRs in cases where atrocities against them have been reported. PTI

ter and ration.
"At present, the affected families are getting nothing and miscreants are roaming about freely," Sampla, who was talking to reporters

Bracing for 'Tauktae'



People pull a boat ashore amid strong winds in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. PTI

53 NDRF TEAMS ON STANDBY FOR FIVE STATES

■ The NDRF has earmarked 53 teams for Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat ahead of Cyclone 'Tauktae', which is developing in the Arabian Sea

■ The Indian Meteorological Department says a pressure area had formed over the southeast Arabian Sea and the adjoining Lakshadweep area on Thursday

Covid keeps 70 Aussies off 1st repatriation flight from India

MELBOURNE, MAY 14

Several Australians in India who were scheduled to return home by a repatriation flight initiated by the Australian government were grounded on Friday because either they were infected with Covid-19 or were considered a close contact of someone who was positive, a top Australian diplomat said.

The repatriation flights facilitated by the Australian government for its stranded citizens in India resumed from Friday following a two weeks ban due to Covid crisis in India.

"Many passengers on the first flight on Friday were grounded due to Covid-19 positive test results," Australian High Commissioner to India

COUNTRYWIDE E-OPD BY MILITARY DOCTORS

New Delhi: Retired military doctors have come forward to provide free consultation on a web-based platform. Called 'e-Sanjeevani', the service is available at www.esanjeevani-icpd.in. It functions like an OPD with an aim to provide free medical consultation to citizens across India. PTN

Barry O'Farrell was quoted as saying by the ABC News.

About half of the 150 seats on the flight set to leave New Delhi on Friday night will be left empty after more than 40 people tested positive to the virus, meaning they and their close contacts — a total of about 70 people — cannot

fly, the report said.

O'Farrell said people who were signed to go on the flight were all put up in hotels, paid for by the state-run Qantas Airways, so that they could do the first round of pre-flight testing, and that the results of the second round had not come back yet.

The high commissioner said all passengers were made aware of the increased testing rules required to fly back to Australia.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed, as are those Australians who will not be on today's flight," he said.

O'Farrell said anyone who had tested positive would still be considered vulnerable and be given priority on future flights. — PTI

Patients die as T'gana stops AP ambulances

HYDERABAD, MAY 14

Despite Telangana High Court orders, the police on state highways continue to block the entry of ambulances carrying Covid-19 patients from Andhra Pradesh.

Two patients from Andhra Pradesh died on Friday after the Telangana Police did not permit vehicles to cross the interstate border at Kurnool.

Officials have lodged a protest with their Telangana counterparts saying despite the acceptance of these patients by hospitals in advance, two natives of Nandyal and Kurnool died in the ambulances due to delay in medical aid. Sources said the development took place at the Panchalingala check-post on National Highway-44 where around 40 ambulances were forced to return. — TNS

Black fungus cases in Maha, 52 dead

MUMBAI, MAY 14

As many as 52 persons have died due to Mucormycosis, a rare but dangerous fungal infection, in Maharashtra since the Covid-19 outbreak last year; a senior health department official said on Friday.

Mucormycosis, also known as black fungus, became a much talked about subject after some recovering and recovered Covid patients were found infected with the disease, whose symptoms include headache, fever, pain under the eyes, nasal or sinus congestion and partial loss of vision.

13 more patients die at Goa hospital

PANAJI, MAY 14

Thirteen more Covid-19 patients died at the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) in the early hours of Friday, a senior health department official said, taking to 75 the number of people who have succumbed at the government-run facility over the last four days.

The horror at the GMCH is continuing even as the Goa bench of the Bombay High Court is hearing petitions related to deaths during the "dark hours" at the premier hospital. While the state government has not revealed the exact cause of recent deaths at the GMCH, it has told the HC that there were "logistic issues" related to supply of oxygen.

On Thursday, Advocate General Devidas Pangam had told a Bench of Justices Nitin Sambre

TOLL 75 IN 4 DAYS

■ Goa Government has not revealed the exact cause of the deaths

■ It told the HC there were "logistic issues" related to supply of oxygen

■ 26 patients died on Tuesday, 21 Wednesday, 15 Thursday and 13 on Friday

and Mahesh Sonak that there were logistical issues involved in maneuvering the tractor, which carries the trolleys of oxygen and in connecting the cylinders to the manifold (group of large gas cylinders). The number of patients who died during the dark hours (between 2 am and 6 am) has touched 75 over the last four days. The HC is hearing a bunch of petitions on recent deaths allegedly due to lack of medical oxygen. — PTI

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Centre moves SC, wants BC reservation order reviewed

NEW DELHI, MAY 14

The Centre has moved the Supreme Court seeking review of the May 5 majority verdict which took away the power of state governments to declare socially and educationally backward classes (SEBC) for grant of quota in jobs and admissions.

The Centre has maintained that while the police in the affected areas were found to be hand in glove with miscreants, the administration was indifferent to the plight of the Dalits at the receiving end of the violence. The victims were living in constant fear, Sampla said.

The NCSC chairman, who was a Cabinet Minister in the first Modi-led government, said Dalit families had left their homes in Nabagram village in Burdwan district and Nabasan village in South 24 Pargana district.

In Bardhaman city also, houses were attacked and set afire and looted. Residents fled their houses, the NCSC chairman said.

The bench, in its 3:2 majori-

(NCBC), gives exclusive power to the Centre to identify and declare SEBC, as only President can notify the list.

All five judges of the bench, however, had held the amendment as valid and said it did not affect the federal polity or violate the basic structure of the Constitution.

The petition for the review of judgement, which was filed on Thursday, has sought an open court hearing into the matter and also stay of the majority verdict on the limited aspect of the amendment till the plea is decided.

The Centre, in its plea, has said that majority verdict had upheld the validity of Article 342A, but in doing so, the bench had interpreted that the provision denies the states from exercising the power which they undoubtedly had for identifying and declaring SEBC in their respective states. — PTI

**MARATHA QUOTA**

■ The Centre's plea comes days after the apex court ruled that only the President has the power to identify and add a community to the socially and educationally backward classes' list

■ The SC had unanimously set aside Maharashtra law granting quota to Marathas and refused to refer to the 1992 Mandal verdict putting a cap of 50% on reservation to a larger bench

ty verdict, had ruled that the 102nd Constitutional amendment, which also led to setting up of the National Commission for Backward Classes

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Three prisoners were shot dead in a clash at Ragauli district jail here on Friday, the police said.

One of them died in an exchange of fire with jail officials after he shot dead the other two prisoners, jailor SP Tripathi said. The deceased inmates have been identified as Anshu Dixit, Merazuddin alias Meraj Ali and Muqeem Kala, officials said. "Dixit shot dead Ali and Kala, and held some of the other prisoners at gunpoint and threatened to kill them. He was later killed in exchange of fire with police," IG Chitrakoot Range, K Satyanarain said. — PTI

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