

Anti-defection issue generates heat in House

Members miffed at no action on disqualification of MLAs switching parties, floating new ones



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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2

Even as the Secretary of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha re-laid the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Disqualification of Members on Ground of Defection) Rules, the issue of members of the Opposition parties "cosying up" to ministers and Speaker generated a lot of heat in the House on the second day of the Budget Session today.

At least four members of the House—Sukhpal Singh

SIDELIGHTS



Congress MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu arrives at Vidhan Sabha.

34-MIN QUESTION HOUR

Question Hour ended in just 34 minutes, as many MLAs whose questions were listed for the day, were absent. Most of the questions dealt with poor civic amenities

RELIEF SOUGHT

AAP MLA Meet Hayer raised the issue of PRTC employee Manjot Singh, who ferried stranded pilgrims from Hazur Sahib, and died of Covid. Initially, the government had announced ₹50 lakh relief to the family, but later denied it saying he was not a regular employee.

DHINDSA SEEKS ACTION

Former Finance Minister Parkinder Singh Dhindsa raised the issue of two elected councillors being denied a certificate by the Sangrur administration. He said the EC had asked the government to initiate action against the SDM concerned, but it has failed to do so.

PBI VARSITY DISCUSSED

Sale of JCT mill at Mohali, poor fiscal health of Panjab University, suicides by debt-ridden farmers and poor arrangements at Faridkot Medical College were also discussed during Zero Hour.

Khaira, Baldev Singh, Nazar Singh Manshahia and Amarjit Singh Sandha (all elected as AAP MLAs)—are under the scanner after the first two floated their own party in 2019 and contested elections on a different party symbol, and the latter two joined the Congress.

Almost two years later, the issue of their disqualification is hanging fire, and there is little hope of the issue being decided in the present term of the Vidhan Sabha, which ends in early 2022. This is because the mandatory constitutional requirement of the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Disqualification of Members on Ground of Defection) Rules

ACTING AS PER CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

I am moving as per the legal and constitutional requirements to bring into force the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Disqualification of Members on Ground of Defection) Rules. If someone has misgivings about the implementation of the Rules, they are free to seek legal recourse. Rana KP Singh, SPEAKER

BUDGET LIKELY TO BE PRESENTED ON MARCH 8

The Business Advisory Committee on Tuesday met under the Chairmanship of Speaker Rana KP Singh and is learnt to have decided to present the Budget on March 8 and conclude the session on March 10. The minutes of Tuesday's meeting would be tabled in Wednesday's session.

to be laid in the House for 30 sittings of the House, may not be fulfilled before the next elections are announced. "Till date, the

Rules have been laid for just five sittings of the House," Shashi Lakhampal Mishra, Secretary, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, told *The Tribune*.

The issue of the disqualification of these MLAs came up during Zero Hour, when rebel AAP MLA Kanwar Sandhu took a jibe at his other colleagues from the AAP, saying they had brought disrepute to the House by tearing and burning the copies of Governor's Address yesterday. This led to a strong reaction from both the AAP and Akali Dal, which said the issue of members switching sides to the ruling party was what was denting the dignity of the House.

Raising the issue, SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia said, "Without taking any names, I would like to point out that some members of the House had hob-

nobbed with minister Bajwa (referring to Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa) and some are also in touch with you (addressing the Speaker) to leave their own party. Even this does not behove well for upholding the democratic traditions of the House. I would appeal to you (Speaker) to bring into force the Punjab Legislative Assembly (Disqualification of Members on Ground of Defection) Rules, at the earliest."

Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema, too, demanded that the Rules be implemented at the earliest. "I have written to you several times on the issue," the AAP leader said.

FARMERS 'MISLED' ON DEBT RELIEF

SAD MLA Bikram Singh Majithia on Tuesday demanded a criminal case against CM Capt Amarinder Singh, PPCC president Sunil Jakhar and Cooperatives Minister Sukhjinder Randhawa for the suicide of father-son duo of Dasuya who believed in the Congress' loan waiver promise

■ He said 1,500 farmers had laid down their lives in despair. The government had promised it would give a compensation of ₹10 lakh and a government job to the next of kin of the victim but had reneged on this promise also

ment or private banks, cooperative societies or arhatiyas.

They said the Punjab Government participated in meetings in which the three agricultural ordinances, which later took the shape of laws, were finalized, and amended the Agricultural Produce Marketing Act (APMC) in 2017, months after it came to power. They claimed Punjabis were angry over the government for not defending them against the persecution by the Delhi Police.

The SAD also pointed out that other agricultural issues which needed a resolution including timely release of hundreds of crores owed to sugarcane farmers and ensuring increase of the State Assured Price on the pattern of Haryana and UP.

Allocate 2 days for farm debate: SAD

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The legislative wing of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today requested Speaker Rana KP Singh to allocate two days for exclusive discussion on emergent issues concerning the farmers even as it demanded the Congress government announce minimum support price (MSP) for vegetables and fruits.

The legislative wing, which handed over a representation in this regard to the Speaker, said the two-day discussion besides covering the issues of the complete farm loan waiver promise, farmer suicides and the Congress government's failure to take up the issue of repeal of the three agricultural laws with the central government, should also spell out the way forward.

The representation said one such way ahead was announcing MSP for all vegetables and fruits immediately. It said this measure would provide much needed security to vegetable and potato growers as well as kinnar growers besides others.

SAD legislators, including Bikram Singh Majithia, NK Sharma, Pawan Tinu, Gurpartap Wadala, Manpreet Ayali, Harinder Chandumajra, Dilraj Bhundev, Kanwarjit Barkandi, Baldev Khaira and Sukhwinder Sukhi, said the state was in the midst of an agrarian crisis due to the failure of Capt Amarinder Singh to keep his promise to waive all farmer loans, be it from govern-

₹200-cr scholarship fund released to colleges: FM

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2

The issue of non-payment under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme to the students belong to socially disadvantaged sections of the society created a stir in the House, with the Opposition Benches demanding its immediate release.

Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, however, clarified that the Rs 309 crore received from the Centre under the scheme, Rs 200 crore had already been released to the colleges.

"It is only in case of colleges that indulged in fake admissions of SC students that the

Those involved in admission scam left out

payment has not been released. We have warned the colleges that their affiliation will be cancelled, if they withhold the degree of any student," he said.

The issue was raised by SAD legislator Pawan Kumar Tinu, who said colleges were unwilling to release the degrees of students as their fees had not been settled because of non-release of the post-matric scholarship. — TNS

Capt takes guard



Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh speaks during the Budget session on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Cong, Akali MLAs in spat over 'tainted' past

VISHAV BHARTI

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2

Congress and SAD MLAs today engaged in heated exchange over their "tainted" pasts during the debate on the Governor's Address in the Assembly. The verbal spat between Congress MLA from Patti Harminder Singh Gill and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MLA Bikram Singh Majithia started when Gurpartap Singh Wadala raised the issue of government failing to celebrate the centenary of Nankana Sahib massacre.

Replies to that, Gill said the function was organised at native village of the martyrs in Gurdaspur. However, he raised the issue of alleged support of Sunder Singh Majithia to Mahant Narayan Dass, who was the main accused of massacre of Sikhs in Nankana Sahib. He said Narayan Dass sought support from two people Maharaja Bhupinder Singh and Sunder Singh Majithia. He claimed that Maharaja Bhupinder Singh refused to extend any support; however, Majithia allegedly helped him.

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OPPN CORNERS CONG OVER CIVIC POLLS

Both SAD and AAP MLAs tried to corner the Congress over the alleged misuse of state machinery during the recently held local bodies' elections. SAD MLA from Muktsar Rozy Barkandi said the government registered cases against the Akali candidates. Leader of Opposition Harpal Cheema asked about the Congress' performance in the 2016 local bodies elections.

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Against liquor unit, Fazilka villagers gherao DC office, block highway



Villagers block the main gate of the District Administrative Complex in Fazilka on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FAZILKA, MARCH 2

Women, villagers and farmers gheraoed the office of the Deputy Commissioner here today, in protest against setting up of liquor factory in Hiranwali village of Fazilka. The women and the villagers blocked the main gate of the District Administrative Complex (DAC) for several hours, and also blocked the Fazilka-Abohar highway.

Activists of BKU (Ekta-Sidhpura) and Dakaunda also participated in the agitation. Fazilka Beopar Mandal, Bar Association and Pesticides Dealers Association also announced support to the agitation.

FEAR TOXIC WASTE

Residents of 15 villages have been blocking the national highway near Hiranwali Maur for the past two weeks... the unit's toxic waste would impact environment and water resources. Anil K Jhunjha, SARPANCH

Meanwhile, four villagers, including two women ended their fast unto death after assurance from Fazilka Congress MLA Davinder Singh Ghubaya that they would get justice.

Farmers Manoj Jhunjha

and Davinder Saharan said the panchayat of several villages had brought the issue into notice of the district administration several times, but the administration failed to stop the construction of the unit allegedly due to pressure from higher authorities as the unit was being set up by a senior Congress leader of the area.

Anil Kumar Jhunjha, sarpanch of the village, said residents of about 15 villages had been blocking the national highway near Hiranwali Maur for the past two weeks. The villagers had pleaded that toxic waste water of the unit would result in degradation of environment and subsoil water resources.

Rise in mercury may affect crop yield: Experts

age temperature for the week came down to 27°C. This is still abnormally high for this time of the year when the wheat crop is at the ripening stage.

Farm experts say that high temperature stress is a major environmental factor that limits yield in wheat. Every one degree increase above the mean temperature of 23°C will result in fall in wheat yield. The high temperature reported in the last week could lead to a loss in wheat yield by almost three

per cent, they warn. In the ongoing rabi marketing season, the total area under wheat cultivation in the state is 35.10 lakh hectares. With an expected yield of 50.5 quintals per hectare, the state is targeting a production of 177 lakh tonnes. However, officials in the state Agriculture Department said if the temperature remained as high during this week, it would hit the production as the yield loss of seven to eight per cent could be

there. It may be added that sources in the Meteorology Department say that there is no prediction of rain in the coming week. They, however, say that even if the temperature falls till March 20, the yield loss can be minimised. Punjab's Director Agriculture Sukhdev Singh said they were keeping a close watch on the rising temperature and had issued an advisory to farmers to irrigate their fields so that the crop does not get stressed.

Gherao SDO's office

president, Bharti Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugrahan), Lambi block.

Meanwhile, Inderjit Singh, SDO, Soil and Water Conservation Department, Malout, said, "The farmers are forcing us to do illegal work. We have already told them about it, but they are now just building pressure on us." The farmers, who were blocking the gate, did not allow officials to come out of the office. Some officials of the civil administration and police held a meeting with protesting farmers. However, the protest was continuing till the filing of the report. — TNS

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A joint statement

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Malout farmers protest no water supply in fields

MUKTSAR, MARCH 2

A large number of farmers today gheraoed the office of the Soil and Water Conservation Department in Malout, claiming that department officials had not laid the underground pipeline to the fields of two farmers of Warungkhera village here.

The farmers said water from the Sirhind feeder was to be supplied to the fields. "The pipeline to a large portion in the village has been laid, but the officials, acting under some political pressure, are returning the fee deposited by two farmers in 2017. We will not allow this to happen and continue our protest until justice is done," said Gurpash Singh,

Canadian civil groups out in support of farmers

SUKHEEM BHASIN

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BATHINDA, MARCH 2

More than 100 labour, community and civil society organisations in Canada and other countries have issued joint statement in solidarity with farmers of India. The organisations include Canadian Labour Congress, Alberta Federation of Labour, British Columbia Federation of Labour, British Columbia Teachers' Federation, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Manitoba Federation of Labour, National Union of Public and General Employees and many more.

In the statement, they have stated that the farmers'

agreement for the repeal of the agricultural laws has become the largest and longest sustained non-violent movement in the Indian history, surpassing Mahatma Gandhi's historic Dandi March against the abhorrent salt law of the British colonial regime. These laws were drafted

without any consultation with farmers or their representatives, the farmers' unions. The farmers have consistently opposed these laws, which go against the promises and commitments made to farmers by different governments over several decades, the statement read.

For several months hundreds of thousands of farmers protesting peacefully on the borders of the national capital have faced and withstood repressive policing including water cannons, tear gas and barricades in the freezing conditions of a Delhi winter. At least 220 farmers have died as a result of the harsh conditions, a few unfortunately by their own hands as despair overcame them.

"We salute the heroism of farmers and pay homage to the departed souls. We demand that the Government of India stop vilifying the movement and criminalising the democratic rights of defenders who are part of the widespread support for it from diverse sections," the statement added.

THEIR SACRIFICE A GLOBAL EXAMPLE

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Portal glitch hits vax drive on Day 2, only 2,769 take the jab

730 NEW CASES, 10 DEATHS REPORTED

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2 Even on the second day of the Phase-2 of the vaccination drive, technical glitches affected the online registration portal. As a result, only 2,769 persons could be vaccinated on Tuesday.

The drive was launched in the state yesterday under which vaccine was to be administered to senior citizens aged above 60 and citizens aged 45 to 59 having co-morbidities as specified by the government. On Tuesday, just 2,769 eligible persons were vaccinated. In two days, 3,838 people received the shots.

Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, state's nodal officer for Covid, said the connectivity issue with the portal affected the drive on the second day consecutively. "We have taken up the matter with the Government of India. Hopefully, the situation will improve on Wednesday," he said.

In Jalandhar, around 143

persons received the first dose of the vaccine. District immunisation officer Dr Rakesh Chopra said, "Due to technical faults, there were problems in the registration process. Only one private hospital administered vaccinations."

At the Civil Hospital, Jalandhar, 200 people, including health and frontline workers, got vaccinated on Tuesday. At least 20 private hospitals are expected to start operations tomorrow onwards.

At the Abohar Civil Hospital, as many as 208 persons were vaccinated till the evening.

50-yr-old cop develops facial paralysis after Covid shot

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PATIALA, MARCH 2 In the second case of adverse effect following immunisation (AEFI), a policeman reported Bell's palsy — facial paralysis — after being administered Covid vaccine here today.

The cop is out of danger, but he is being monitored by a medical team. Health officials said the 50-year-old frontline worker had come to receive the first dose of the vaccine at Government Mata Kaushalya Hospital. After receiving the vaccine, he developed Bell's palsy. He was given steroids to reduce inflammation and is being monitored by a medical team

Besides, an employee of the Health Department also reported minor side effects on Tuesday. However, officials said it was due to his ongoing health issues. He had received the vaccine last week.



TREATMENT ON

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Dr Veenu Goyal, district immunisation officer, said it was the second AEFI case.

Patiala Civil Surgeon Dr Satinder said, "We have informed the higher authorities regarding the case. We are constantly monitoring his health."

HC raps cops for 'sorry state of affairs'

ACCUSED BEING 'PROTECTED'

SAURABH MALIK
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2 Rapping the Punjab Police for "a very sorry state of affairs" in a case where two women aged around 87 were beaten up, but the accused were not arrested despite lapse of about 18 months since the dismissal of their anticipatory bail pleas, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the IG, Bureau of Investigation, to remain personally present before the Bench for unnecessary harassment in the matter.

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missed, but the police officers were giving notices instead of arresting them. He was asked to explain why Rs 2 lakh costs be not given to the petitioner before the Bench for unnecessary harassment in the matter.

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Justice Sangwan took note of the state's submission that departmental proceedings had been initiated against ASI Deepak Kumar and ASI Kulbir Singh. Besides, a third inquiry, marked by Bureau of Investigation Director to Patiala AIG was pending.

Justice Sangwan asserted the first inquiry was conducted by the Roopar SSP. The second by the Roopar IG and the version given by the accused was found to be false. "A third inquiry had been ordered in gross violation of the own instructions of the

Director-General of Police that repeated inquiries should not be conducted".

He ruled that final decision would not be taken by the AIG on the third inquiry. The directions came on a petition by Gurcharan Singh for action against the accused named in the FIR registered on July 5, 2019, for outraging religious feelings, wrongful restraint, criminal intimidation and other offences under various Sections of the IPC. The Bench was told that the accused were roaming freely and not being arrested. The petitioner's counsel submitted that a respondent-accused got an FIR registered on July 7, 2020, against the petitioner. It showed that respondent-accused came to the police station for FIR's registration. But he was not arrested in the FIR, despite dismissal of anticipatory bail application by the HC.

Ropar gets award for effective implementation of scheme

ROPAR, MARCH 2

Agriculture Department officials have handed over the national award bagged by the district for effective implementation of the

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana to DC Sonali Giri here.

The district got the first position in the country in the category. Chief Agricul-

ture Officer Avtar Singh had received the award from Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on February 24 on completion of two years of the scheme on February 24. Under the scheme, annual subsidy of Rs 6,000 is given to the registered farmers in three instalments of Rs 2,000 each. — TNS

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Govt mulls reducing aid to private colleges

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2
In the garb of bringing 'reforms in grant-in-aid policy', the Punjab Government is planning to reduce its share of financial aid to 136 private colleges by 20 per cent.

Implemented in 1979, the policy covers 136 private colleges of the state. Initially the grant was made available to a college, which came existence before 1978 within the area of Punjab and which was affiliated to Panjab University or Guru Nanak Dev University, on or before that date.

The purpose of the scheme was to fulfil the social responsibility of the state government by promoting quality higher education at a reasonable fee to the students of the state. A total of 3,312 teaching and 2,406 non-teaching posts were covered under the scheme.

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meeting in this regard took place last week.

As per the existing norms, the college management's chairman heads the selection committee for the recruitment of faculty. The government is planning that DPI's nominee will chair the committee.

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every five years, they said.

College teachers and managements are seeing the development as government backtracking from its responsibility of providing higher education. Prof Rabinder Nath Sharma said the reduction in aid would cost students dearly. "The government is withdrawing from higher education, the burden of this will be borne by the students. All stakeholders—teachers, principals and managing committees—have been excluded from the process of so-called reforms," he said.

DPI (Colleges) Paramjit Singh confirmed that the meeting had taken place, but he only attended it briefly as he was in quarantine.

RAVNEET SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, MARCH 2

Paucity of funds at Punjabi University, Patiala, has pushed its employees and students to resort to frequent protests. The university now looks up to the state government for special grants to pull it out of financial slump.

The university has failed to deposit the salaries of its employees on time for the last several months. As such, the university's teachers' association, PPUTA, and non-teaching employees have been staging protests for over 150 days now. The shortage of funds has also led Class-IV employees to protest.

Officials said the university's expenditure increased over the years, but its cumulative income remained static. As of 2020-21, it faced a budget shortage of Rs 291 crore. Dr Nishan Singh Deol, president, PPUTA, said, "The state grant to the university in 1991-92 was Rs 15.15 crore—85 per cent of its budget. It was merely 15 per cent of the university's total budget of



Pbi varsity students to block traffic on Mar 4

Rs 676 crore of 2020-21. The university is in desperate need of funds to pull it out of the financial slump and the state government should provide it a special grant."

Research has also suffered a blow. Prof Lakhwinder Singh, former additional Dean, Research, said, "The university was initially established for the purpose of research and postgraduate teaching, but it now fails to allocate any grants for research. Works, including Sikhism encyclopedia, have been carried out here. Now research projects carried out at the university are either self-financed or funded by other universities."

Mukstar's Sadi Rasoi running out of steam

ARCHIT WATTS

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MUKTSAR, MARCH 2

The District Red Cross Society, which had been running 'Sadi Rasoi' till March last year before the Covid outbreak, has now shown its inability to run the subsidised kitchen due to the paucity of funds.

The Congress, in its election manifesto in 2017, had promised a decent meal for Rs 5.

Though the price of a 'thali' was initially fixed at Rs 5, after two months, it was doubled. Now, the District Red Cross Society has sought permission from the Deputy Commissioner's office to fix the price at Rs 20.

Currently, the subsidised kitchen is shut and the needy people are requesting officials to reopen it.

Sources in the district administration said there was a proposal to give 'Sadi Rasoi' on lease or to convert it into a restaurant.

Prof Gopal Singh Makkar, secretary, District Red Cross Society, Muktsar, said, "Due to the paucity of funds, we have



FINANCIAL CRISIS

Due to the paucity of funds, we have proposed to increase the price of 'thali' to ₹20. We are mulling to provide a packed 'thali' at ₹30. We can run Sadi Rasoi this way only or the state should provide monetary help. Prof Gopal Singh Makkar, SECRETARY, DISTRICT RED CROSS SOCIETY

made a proposal to increase the price of 'thali' to Rs 20. Besides, we are mulling to provide a packed 'thali' at Rs 30. We can run 'Sadi Rasoi' this way only or the state government should provide some monetary support. We don't have much sources of income and are unable to bear more losses. Even the support from philanthropists is negligible.

Further, we don't get subsidised ration."

"We have to give salaries to 12 persons, who run this kitchen. A lot of money has been spent on buying utensils, furniture, chapatti and dough-maker machines. A library hall has been converted into the kitchen," he said. This kitchen had also won the 'SKOCH Award' in the past.

Man consumes acid, dies

PATIALA, MARCH 2

A gardener working at Punjabi University, Patiala, died on Tuesday morning after he accidentally consumed acid, taking it for a medicine.

Officials at the Patiala Sadar police station said the family of the deceased, Gurpreet Singh (34), claimed he was depressed due to lack of funds as the university had failed to provide salary on time.

ASI said Gurpreet was the only bread earner in the family. After he consumed acid on Monday evening, he was admitted to the Vardhman Hospital in Urban Estate here. The ASI said, "His wife Bhupinder Kaur informed us that he worked as a gardener at Punjabi University. He consumed the acid accidentally taking it for a medicine. He died on Tuesday morning." — TNS

BRIEFLY

SDM to probe fire incident
Sangrur: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ramvir has ordered a magisterial inquiry to ascertain reasons behind the fire that broke out at a chemical factory in Malerkotla town here. "There is no loss of life. I have directed the SDM, Malerkotla, to conduct a probe into the incident," he said. TNS

23 held under NDPS Act

Muktsar: The police registered 24 cases under the NDPS Act and arrested 23 persons over the past four days. Muktsar SSP D Sudarvizi and SP(D) Rajpal Singh said around 39 kg poppy husk, 20,610 sedative pills, 1 kg opium, 21 gm heroin and 68 bottles of tranquiliser were seized during that period. TNS

Youth dies at rehab centre, kin cry foul

Tribune News Service

ANOTHER PLAINT

I am at the centre for the past one year. I have been beaten up many times. Inmate

staff two days ago that led to his death. He was not provided medical aid, they alleged.

Jaipal Singh, SHO, Charik police station, reached the spot. The deceased youth's mother, Karamjit Kaur claimed that her son was not given medical care. Instead, he was left in

the open to die.

However, Inderjit Singh refuted the allegations and claimed he himself was beaten up by the inmates for which he had complained to the police. Meanwhile, a septuagenarian showed injury marks on his back. He alleged the owners and staff beat him up.

No case has been registered so far. The family of the youth urged the police to take footage of CCTV cameras, which will reveal the truth about the inmates' plight.

Robbers' gang busted, 2 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FEROZEPUR, MARCH 2

The police today claimed to have cracked a case of robbery, within five days, in which Rs 7 lakh were stolen from a salesman of a private company on February 25. The police have arrested two persons in this case.

Bhagirath Singh Meena, SSP, said Gopal Sharma, a resident of Kot Kapura, who was working as a salesman with a private firm had come to Zira on February 25. While he was going back after collecting the payments, two motorcycle-borne youth snatched his bag containing Rs 7 lakh, receipt book, and other important documents, the SSP said.

Following the incident, the police checked the CCTV footage and the accused were identified. "Two accused, identified as Gurjot Singh of Bamb village and Gursewah Singh, alias Vicki of Zira, were arrested near Kot Ise Khan village and Rs 4.7 lakh were recovered from them. The police also recovered the motorcycle and a car that they used to rob people," said SSP. Two more accused, are absconding.

The parents of the girl alleged that the girl had been murdered and the case should be probed thoroughly. On Tuesday morning, the board of doc-

Job assurance a ray of hope for train tragedy victims' kin

GS PAUL

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, MARCH 2

Two years after the tragic incident, in which a diesel multiple unit (DMU) train had mowed down a crowd standing on the rail tracks near the Jaura railway crossing to watch Dussehra festivities, a ray of hope has emerged among the victims' families after the state Cabinet's approval to offer jobs to the next of victims' kin.

At least 59 persons had lost their lives in the incident that occurred on October 19, 2018.

An FIR was registered against unidentified people. However, no arrests were made. Lately, a departmental action was taken against two civic officials for negligence.

Deepak, who had lost his father Virender and uncle

34 eligible as per their qualification



The tragedy victims' kin pray at a temple after getting job assurance.

The Centre and the state had given an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh and Rs 5 lakh, respectively, but the affected family members had alleged that the amount could hardly secure their future. Jobs have been assured to 34 eligible family members.

Pawan, said, "The government responded quite late. Now, with the Cabinet approval, other formalities should not take time."

Mukesh Kumar, who lost his son, was happy that his daughter Nancy would be able to take care of the family after getting a job.

Girl 'mauled' to death by dogs

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, MARCH 2

A 5-year-old girl was mauled to death by stray dogs at Labour Colony, Bathinda, on Monday evening. The girl has been identified as Aditi Sarkar of West Bengal.

As per the information, the girl was playing outside her hut, when she was suddenly attacked by a herd of stray dogs and badly bitten. The dogs even dragged the girl to the bushes near the colony, causing severe scratches on her body. The girl was admitted to the emergency ward of the Civil Hospital at night, where she died.

The parents of the girl alleged that the girl had been murdered and the case should be probed thoroughly. On Tuesday morning, the board of doc-

tors conducted postmortem of the victim's body. Beant Singh, SI, Sadar Bathinda police station, said as per the primary investigation, it seemed a case of death due to dog bite

FAMILY ALLEGES MURDER

The father of the victim alleged her daughter did not go out of the house after 7 pm. She must have been abducted and killed by a person living nearby, because two to four days ago, there had been a quarrel with a labourer, who worked with him, he said. He demanded a fair investigation into the matter.

The Sadar Bathinda police station is currently investigating the case. Doctors said the whole matter would be clarified after the postmortem report arrived.

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due biting by dogs, but the allegations made by the family were being investigated.

The exact cause of the death would be known only after the postmortem report arrived. If anything emerged in the report, the police would take an action, he said.

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Moreover, the agreement says that businessman has to construct a 'house' on the piece of land. A livid Oberoi said

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KALANAUR (GURDASPUR), MAR 2

The much-vaunted Banda Singh Bahadur memorial, which was to be set up on a piece of land owned by the Punjab Wakf Board, has hit a roadblock with Dubai construction magnate Surinder Pal Singh Oberoi, who is financing the prestigious project, claiming that the agreement "drafted by the board was full of holes". Oberoi said he would not sign it till he was

presented with an "acceptable version" of the pact.

"The memorial was to be built by my social organisation 'Sarbat-Da-Bhala' at a cost of Rs 2 crore. It was to be a tribute to the great Sikh warrior and commander of the Khalsa Fauj. However, the proposed agreement drafted by the Punjab Wakf Board is full of holes," Oberoi, BUSINESSMAN

the construction of the nearby Kartarpur corridor. He had also spent a massive amount of money on providing PPE kits, sanitisers and masks to the Punjab Police and civil hospitals during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Earlier this month, Oberoi, Gurdaspur Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohammad Ishfaq and board officials had visited Kalanaur and finalised the site. Oberoi wanted the lease to be signed for a period of 33 years while the board said it would lease out the land for just 35 months. The businessman had agreed to pay a flat yearly rent of Rs 48,000, but the Wakf Board said there should be a 5 per cent increase every year. "This is not acceptable," he said. Moreover, the agreement says that businessman has to construct a 'house' on the piece of land. A

Haryana to table Bill on 'love jihad'

Will form part of the Bill on religious conversions | Sent to Khattar



GEETANJALI GAYATRI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2

Haryana is all set to table a Bill on 'love jihad' during the budget session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha which begins on March 5 and it will form a part of the Bill on religious conversions. It has been sent to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar by the Home Department.

According to the information available, the Bill is likely to deal with religious conver-

ONE-YEAR JAIL, ₹1-LAKH FINE

While conversions made using any allurement, marriage and coercion will be declared null and void as and when a complaint is received, it will be made punishable with one year jail and Rs 1 lakh fine. Also, anybody concealing his religion with the idea of marriage will also be punished with imprisonment.

sions which take place due to allurement by way of education or providing improved health services, employment or any material benefits as also coercion where an individual is forced to convert to another religion or by way of marriage.

Sources close to Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij said that any conversions through these means would be punishable under the law once the Bill gets the nod of the Vidhan

Sabha and is approved by the Haryana Governor.

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Sources said that the Bill

deals with punishment for mass marriages where the religion is concealed. This too forms part of the Bill prepared by the Home Department and it lays down the conditions for marriage when the man and woman belong to different religions.

Sources maintained that a number of states including Orissa, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh have already enacted such Acts. Though no concrete data is available on the marriages where religious conversion was forced, sources in the government maintain that the need for such an Act has become a necessity since such complaints are on the rise.

DGP Yadav gets 1-yr extension

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 2

Haryana Director General of Police Manoj Yadav, who was due to return to Central depu-

tation, has been given extension of one year "beyond" February 20, 2021 by the Ministry of Home Affairs. — TNS

SKM to oppose BJP in poll-bound states

MUKESH TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT, MARCH 2

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of the protesting farmer unions, decided to campaign against the BJP and its alliances in five poll-bound states and the morcha will start campaign from Kolkata on March 12.

Besides, the SKM will block the traffic on the KMP Expressway at various points

on the 100th day of protest on March 6 for five hours from 11 am to 4 pm.

Balbir Singh Rajewal, Yogender Yadav, Dharmendra Malik, Ramzan Chaudhary, Jogender Nain and Abhimanyu Kohar in a press conference said the morcha had finalised programmes for the next two weeks in the national general body meeting.

Rajewal said the farmers' protest was going to complete

100 days at Delhi's border on March 6. That's why there will be a five-hour blockade of the KMP expressway connecting various protest sites outside Delhi. This would be between 11 am and 4 pm. Toll plazas would also be stopped from collecting toll.

Besides, the day would be marked by flying black flags on houses and offices to signify support to the movement and to protest against the gov-

ernment on March 6. The SKM also asked protesters to wear black bands on that day.

The SKM would mark March 8 as Mahila Kisan Diwas. Women would manage the stages and make speeches on that day, he added.

Yogender Yadav said the SKM had held a meeting with the 10 Central trade unions, who had given a call to mark March 15 as 'anti-privatisation day'.

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Hearing Loss affects people of all ages

54 Sainik School students test +ve

KARNAL, MARCH 2

Karnal has witnessed a sudden surge in the cases of the Covid-19 in the last one week.

On Tuesday, 78 cases were reported. Of them, 54 were students of Sainik School, Kunjpura, forcing the authorities to come into action.

"Three students of the Sainik School have tested positive on Monday, following which we got collected the samples of contacts and all the students of the hostel and staff members. On Tuesday, samples of 54 students, out of 390 samples collected by us, were found positive," said Dr Yogesh Sharma, Civ-

il Surgeon. After surfacing of a huge number of cases in a single day, Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav on Tuesday declared the school building as containment zone.

Chandigarh: As many as 4,557 people above the age of 60 and 471 in the 45 to 60 age bracket with comorbidity got their first dose of Covid vaccine today. According to sources in the NHM, 209 session sites were held today across the state.

Besides them, 1,270 healthcare and frontline workers got their first dose of the vaccine while 2,405 got their second dose. — TNS

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Rape and marriage

A rapist can't be 'incentivised' by allowing him to marry victim

WILL you marry her?" The Supreme Court's poser to a man accused of raping a minor girl is disturbing to say the least as it reflects a shocking lack of gender sensitivity in the judiciary at the top. Though the court clarified that it was not forcing the accused to marry the victim, the very idea is absolutely insensitive. The court's comment trivialises sexual violence against women. It's worse than the Madhya Pradesh High Court's 2020 order granting bail to a molestation accused on the condition that he would request the victim to tie him a 'rakhi'.

It's not for the first time that such a suggestion has come from the courts. In July last year, the Orissa High Court had given bail to a man accused of raping a minor for marrying the victim who had turned an adult by that time. There are several such examples from across India. Rape is all about sexual assault or intercourse without consent. The offence becomes all the more serious if the victim happens to be a minor as she can't give valid consent. But often victims are coerced to marry their violators due to fear of stigma, pressure from family and society. Unfortunately, courts end up giving sanction to such marriages. One can understand such a suggestion in a case of 'rape on false pretext of marriage' or where the accused and victim were live-in partners as it could be a case of a relationship gone sour.

A civilised society has certain non-negotiables which can't be tinkered with. The bottom line is that rape is the worst form of crime that violates a woman's body, mind and soul. The perpetrator has to be awarded deterrent punishment. He can't be incentivised by giving legal sanction to his gruesome act by allowing such marriages. Despite all its good work, even in the 21st century the Indian judiciary remains a male bastion. There are only two women judges in the SC against a sanctioned strength of 34. As on September 1, 2020, there were only 78 women judges in 25 high courts against a sanctioned strength of 1,079. Addressing gender deficit is important to deal with this problem.

Cleaning the Augean stables

Huge task for HP regulator as scams taint pvt colleges

AT long last, the scandal-ridden higher education in the private sector in Himachal Pradesh is in for a massive clean-up. The Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission (HPPEIRC), the regulatory body, is knee-deep into the task of screening and scrutinising the functioning of private colleges and universities dotting the state. Over the past few years, the quality of education imparted in various institutes has been questioned with the exposure of a range of horrendous frauds, and irregularities, ranging from fake degrees, sale of degrees, unqualified and ineligible staff, appointments and college affiliations. Many institutes that are supposed to be temples of learning have been reduced to teaching shops, playing with the careers of innocent students. With nearly 200 colleges and 17 private universities in the hill state—spanning such diverse fields as pharmacy, nursing, law, arts, and education—to regulate, the job at hand for the commission is indeed Herculean.

The latest skeleton to tumble out of the closet is that a majority of the college principals are ineligible for the post they occupy. Of the 61 private colleges examined so far, 45 heads do not meet the prescribed criteria. More than 30 are either overage or working in an officiating capacity, even as five institutions have been found to be headless. Earlier, about half a dozen vice-chancellors came in the HPPEIRC firing line when it came to light that their appointments were not as per the UGC norms. The commission has also been constrained to order the refund of salaries of staff that were deducted by the managements of some colleges during the Covid crisis in disregard for government orders.

An overhaul of the sector is imperative. At stake is the future of not only the nearly 23,000 students of the private colleges and universities but also that of the many more prospective ones. The grim state of affairs calls for the plugging of the shortcomings in the system that has led to the standards falling to such deplorable depths. Stringent action against the wrongdoers and regular monitoring of institutes will help clean the Augean stables.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every segment of the population, and every individual, has a right to expect from his government a fair deal. — Harry S Truman

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1921

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

THE Finance Member of the Government of India was perfectly justified in prefacing his speech in introducing the Budget for 1921-23 with the dolorous remark that his task was one which few members of the House could envy him. Neither the perfect candour nor the admirable lucidity of the speech could obscure the fact that the budget which the hon. member was introducing was the most disappointing, that it had fallen to the lot of a Finance Member to introduce for many a year. A rise in military expenditure, a heavy deficit and consequent new taxation, a poor monsoon, an unsatisfactory exchange and an all but unprecedented trade depression which "there is no practical step which the Government can take at present to put an end to" these are some of the main features of the statement made by the hon. member. Nor was the position improved by the circumstances that for the first time the representation of the people had obtained some semblance of power and responsibility in regard to the budget. From the point of view of the Government it introduced a new factor which no Finance Member had had to reckon with in the past. To quote from the hon. member's speech, his predecessors "addressed a House which had the power of criticism, and nothing more. Their budget proposals were laid before the Council for information and discussion; they did not require the specific approval of the Council and the most unqualified expression of disapproval did not entail their modification." To-day, save for certain items which cover a large proportion of the total expenditure, "all proposals for expenditures" to quote again from the hon. members, "are subject to the vote of the House; and this is qualified only by the power of the Governor General in the Council to restore any provision if he can certify that such provision is essential to the discharge of his responsibilities."

It's changed for Spain's farmers

Amended law prohibits sale of food below the cost of production



DEVINDER SHARMA

FOOD & AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

SHAUN DIVER is a sheep farm manager in Ireland. He has 240 sheep on his farm. Last month, he sold 455 kg of sheep wool for euro 67. Tagging the receipt, he tweeted angrily: 'It costs euro 560 to shear these 240 sheep. This is wrong, seriously wrong.'

This reminds me of a farmer from Maharashtra's Ahmednagar district, who, in December 2018, sold 2,657 kg of onions for Re 1 per kg. After adjusting the transportation cost, labour charges and market fees incurred, Shreyas Abhale was left with only Rs 6 to take back home. To register his protest at the brutality of the markets that farmers are faced with, he had sent a money order of Rs 6 to the CM.

These are not just two exceptional cases. World over, farmers are struggling to make both ends meet. Victims of unfair prices, market manipulation, farmers continue to suffer ruthless exploitation at the hands of food supply chains. Even the US National Farmers Union acknowledges: 'Over the past several decades, policymakers have weakened price supports for American farmers, resulting in a never-ending cycle of overproduction and low prices that has pushed tens of thousands of small and mid-sized farms out of business.'

That's the reason why 20 big players, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, as per media reports, have provided farmers with a direct income support of \$475 billion per year between 2015 and 2017 so as to meet the price shortfall farmers suffered. A clear indicator that supply demand criteria of determining the right price for farmers produce had left farmers high and dry.



LOSERS: Farmers are protesting the world over. Unless farm incomes are connected with realistic food prices, it is futile to expect farming turning into a profitable venture. REUTERS

Spain's new law will have greater implications for India, at a time when farmers have been demanding that MSP should be made their legal right.

No wonder, for decades farmer protests in most countries had remained focused on the need to provide a guaranteed price. But only recently, coming after months of protests by Spanish farmers, Spain has emerged as the harbinger of a global initiative — moving towards a new normal — by bringing in a law that prohibits sale of food below the cost of production. This is exactly what the farmers everywhere wanted. The historic initiative — to penalise retailers and wholesalers for the sale of food that results in losses for the farmers — will not only reset the food supply chain template, but also strengthen small-scale agriculture.

The reverberations will certainly be felt across the continents. Already France and Germany have introduced laws to stem the flaws in the food supply chain practices but these were not strong enough. In France, a 2018 Ordinance to amend an existing law to prohibit reselling below the actual price, allowing a 10 per cent increase in retail food prices, did not see a rise in farmer's income as expected.

To prevent what it calls 'destruction'

of value in the food supply chain, Spain has taken a lead by legalising what farmers had always been fighting for — guaranteeing a price that covers the cost of production — a definite decision that political leadership across the globe had shied away from. So far the effort has been to protect consumers (and the industry) at the cost of farmers. In other words, it is farmers who have been subsidising the consumers and corporate all these years. This has to change.

Bringing in amendments to the existing 2013 food supply chain law, Spain had made suitable amendments (under the new 'Royal Decree-Law 5/2020'), which became effective from February 27. The objective is to ensure that the price agreed between the primary agricultural, livestock, fishery or forestry producer or a group thereof and its primary purchaser covers the effective cost of production'. On the need to work out the 'effective cost of production', Spanish lawmakers can perhaps learn from the Indian experience.

Nevertheless, for those violating the provisions, in other words, sell-

ing below the cost of production, stringent penalties have been enshrined, ranging from euro 3,000 to 1,00,000 that can increase to euro 1 million in severe cases. France had earlier announced a punitive fine of euro 75,000.

To the question that ensuring cost of production to farmers would force the supply chains to pass the additional cost to consumers, Marita Wiggertshäle, senior policy adviser with Oxfam Germany, said as the implementation had begun recently, there were no analyses of the impact on consumer prices. Earlier, at the time of introducing the new law, Luis Planas, the minister of agriculture, fisheries and food had told the media, that if everyone 'takes responsibility for the food chain' the retail prices will remain normal. His French counterpart, Didier Guillaume, too, had earlier appealed to supermarkets to stop the practice of extracting 30 to 40 per cent margin on food products.

Spain's new law will also have greater implications for India, especially at a time when protesting farmers have been seeking repeal of the Central laws and demanding MSP to be made a legal right for farmers, ensuring that no trading takes below this price. What it effectively means is ensuring a minimum assured price that covers the cost of production, plus profit for all 23 crops (not only for wheat and paddy) for which MSP is announced. And like in Spain, making MSP a legal instrument does not mean the state has to procure the entire produce. It only raises the price band for farmers, making it obligatory for private trade to ensure fair price delivery to farmers.

Experience shows unless farm incomes are connected with realistic food prices, it is futile to expect farming turning into a profitable venture. The claim that increased private investments will bring enhanced incomes to farmers hasn't worked either. Nor has unregulated markets ensured a higher farm price. Like in Spain, to penalise any trading below MSP will go a long way in making farming overcome agrarian distress and become an economically viable proposition.

A patent for joie de vivre

LT GEN RS SUJANA (RETD)

TIME passes by rapidly, or 'tempus fugit' as they say. We joined the military academies in 1967, trained for four years, became officers and served in our service for 20 to 40 years. A decade back, all of us hung our uniform and over a score of us settled in the lovely environs of the tricity and adjoining areas. Bygone years create linkages among people, so have our military linkages connected us in lifelong friendships and camaraderie.

The times were tough but eventful, now that we have arrived safely in 'flaming June', the past deserves to be remembered and celebrated. Our continued togetherness could help in making our future equally memo-

rable, something akin to the words of Robert Browning in his poem 'Rabbi Ben Ezra' — 'Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made.'

Thus, we set out to rejuvenate our fond relationship. Nothing could be better than meeting socially, but we decided to create a special format. To call it a 'course get-together' was too drab, it had to be special to the tricity fraternity. We decided two names — 'Double Outdoors' and 'Tricity Company Operating Base (COB)'.

The first name was a throwback to our training years when on particular days, the physicals were taxing, say drill followed by physical training and other variants. The COB was a touch-back to the environment in which

most of us spent years in the Army battling the enemy and the environment. Different indeed, but we still felt that the name should be more specific to our activities during these meets.

Brains racked, we stuck to the acronym COB, but the full form changed to 'Charcha Over Beer'. That decided, 'Double Outdoors' also needed to be addressed, and so a game of golf was proposed prior to the COB. What an idea! One never had such unanimity in agreement, true to the words, 'Once more (we had decided) on my (our) adventure brave and new: fearless and unperplexed, when I wage battle next, what weapons to select, what armour to induce.'

A monthly affair, hosted by one among us, it would be, weather per-

mitting, a round of golf followed by 90 minutes of 'charcha', snacks, accompanied by a potion of one's choice as a thirst quencher. Months passed by, the fun was loaded, reminiscences, leg-pulling and an all-prevailing spirit of joie de vivre. But then struck the pandemic and all this came to a grinding halt. Sadly, the cruel hands of Covid took away one amongst us.

We took this in our stride and hope for better times to continue, our incomparable COB encouraged by the words: 'When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all uphill, and you smile but have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit, rest, if you must, but don't you quit.' We only slipped in patenting it!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Circus at Vidhan Sabha

The circus on the first day of the Budget session in the Vidhan Sabha of Punjab was ridiculous. At a time when Punjab is suffering from so many problems, politicians are putting on such a show. The elections are approaching and politicians of every party are making efforts to woo people. The Opposition creates a scene to convince people about the promises that have not been fulfilled by the Congress. Where were they all these years? Why does, in routine, no one asks what has been done or is being done for the people?

RAMANJOT KAUR, SULTANPUR LODHI

Hindi word of 2020

Oxford Languages, the world's leading dictionary publisher, has named 'aatmanirbharta' (self-reliance) as the Hindi word of the year 2020 in its English dictionary. The term was first mentioned by PM Modi publicly in May 2020, at a time when the country was in the grip of the corona pandemic. The Oxford Hindi word of 2019 was 'samvidhaan'; in 2018, it was 'nari shakti'; and in 2017, it was 'Aadhaar'.

RK ARORA, AMRITSAR

Wrong precedent

The appointment of a professional political strategist as principal adviser by the Punjab Government has set a

wrong precedent. It is unethical to appoint a political analyst to hold public office equal to the rank of Cabinet minister at the expense of the taxpayer's money. His only job is to guide the ruling party to garner votes through his agency and not for the 'betterment of people'. Token honorarium fee is a joke compared to his entitled privileges which amount to a whopping six-digit figure to carry out his assignment from the state exchequer.

ANIL VINAYAK, AMRITSAR

Political appointment

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor has been engaged by the Punjab CM as his principal adviser on a deceptive ₹1 token honorarium, but he will have a plethora of perks and privileges of a Cabinet minister in the guise of 'betterment of people of Punjab'. It is actually for boosting individual and collective party winnability at the hustings. Such engagements out of the public purse are discriminatory vis-a-vis other candidates in the electoral fray. Fair play warrants a statutory ban on such blatant misuse of taxpayer's money.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

OTT content

With rapid improvement in technology and increasing levels of Internet penetration across India, the way people consume media is changing.

These platforms include brutal, abusive and violent content which affects the impressionable minds of teenagers, children as well as adults. Though the FTII is against censorship on the content of OTT platforms, intervention by the government in the form of regulation is right.

LAKSHAY GURU, CHANDIGARH

Education standards

Refer to 'Reduce learning deficit to boost education'; higher education institutes, specially private ones, have been harping on increment of student strength. The quality of education imparted by these institutes can be seen from the job profile of students passing out. Inadequate infrastructure and staff crunch in higher medical education institutes has been a cause of serious concern. Quality of education has gone so poor that some higher institutes have been selling degrees. Students from Punjab have been immigrating to other nations for education and employment. The lack of job opportunities in India has further made education only about degrees.

WG CDR JASBIR MINHAS (RETD), MOHALI

Learning deficit

'Reduce learning deficit to boost education' underlines a serious but less talked about issue that has a bearing on what kind of world leader India will

become. There is disturbingly little mention of the poor quality of our education. One only hears of Himachal's high literacy accomplishments, for instance, but never that the vast majority of our undergraduate students have learning levels of middle school grades. What they understand and do in college remains a mystery! However, while poor budgets are a big reason, political and bureaucratic apathy is a key continual cause. After all, these people never have to send their children to run-of-the-mill government schools or colleges.

VINAY TANDON, KASAULI

Consult, collaborate

Apropos of 'Link farming with employment to stem rot', the observations are correct in the light of shrinking job avenues. In the best interests of the nation, those at the helm must honour the spirit of collective wisdom, expertise, consensual approach and sentiments of the masses. The nation faced the music of unilateralism in the wake of demonetisation, GST, CAA, instant lockdown and farm laws. The ever-rising spectre of unemployment and farmers' unrest should wake the polity from its slumber, exhorting it to initiate strong measures to resolve these crises, instead of frittering away the nation's rich resources, time and energies.

PK SHARMA, BARNALA

Military upgrade beset by fiscal opacity



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Air Force (IAF) special projects too are financed from the CAB.

It's not unusual or exceptional for a substantial proportion of the CAB being spent on domestic procurement. For instance, between FY 2014-15 and FY 2018-19 (up to December 2019), the expenditure on this count averaged around 60 per cent of the CAB, merely 3 per cent less than what was announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for this year at a webinar in New Delhi recently.

Rajnath Singh also stated that this allocation would have a 'multiplier impact' on enhancing India's Defence Industrial Base, boosting Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) and 'start-ups' and augmenting domestic employment opportunities. As objectives go, Rajnath Singh's declarations cannot be faulted; but, as always, a yawning gap between intent and reality remains.

And the reality is that the bulk allotment of Rs 70,221 crore for domestic purchases will, in all likelihood, serve 'committed liabilities' or outstanding payments for past platform and equipment buys. According to reliable estimates, these obligated liabilities account for 80-90 per cent of the entire CAB, leaving little or, at best, scarce monies for fresh purchases. Therefore, it is certainly not as if the entire amount of Rs 70,221 crore would be awarded to local military vendors and material suppliers for new contracts.

The services are more than conscious of this drawback. In March 2018, then Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Sarah Chand had informed the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (SCoD) that the

marginal increase in the CAB for his service for FY 2018-19 had dashed all expectations to pursue its long-delayed modernisation drive.

He declared that the prevailing financial enhancement was barely enough to neutralise inflation and rise in taxes, much less cover the Army's committed liabilities, 'Make in India' projects, bankroll infrastructural development and more importantly, acquire badly needed ammunition and varied ordnance for operational efficiency in a turbulent neighbourhood.



Lt Gen Chand also revealed that 68 per cent of the Army's equipment was

in the 'vintage category', with just about 24 per cent in the current, and merely 8 per cent in the 'state of the art' classification, hinting that with declining CAB allocations, it would be challenging to modernise the force.

The extent of committed liabilities for FY 2012-22 was not disclosed at the webinar, though the MoD has this information and conveys it to SCoD, whenever asked. This is significant because in a recent report, the SCoD had even cautioned the MoD that inadequate allocations for committed liabilities in successive defence outlays would 'definitely lead to a default sit-

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DAMPER: The MoD has abandoned the idea of creating a semi-autonomous and overarching Defence Acquisition Organisation. PTI

uation' on this count. Consequently, it will take far more than just the fiction of committing 63 per cent of CAB to the domestic defence industry to promote *Atmanirbharta*.

Indian and foreign defence industry executives, too, are aware of the MoD's budgetary realities. And if the announcement evoked contrived enthusiasm at the webinar, it was only because these expectant vendors, operating in a depleting global market for military equipment, have to exist in the Indian MoD's perpetual 'twilight zone'; for them, it's similar to being drowned in liquid oxygen, where para-

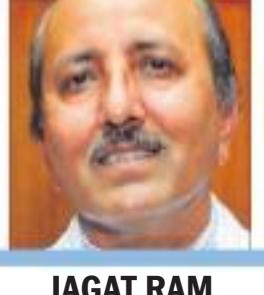
doxically, the liquid will not let them live, and the oxygen will not let them die, as they wait endlessly on tenders being issued and contracts awarded.

Apart from the opacity surrounding the amounts available for new contracts, vendors also face the perennial apprehension of tenders either languishing interminably, or worse, being arbitrarily scrapped. Underlying this entire tenuous process is their deadline uncertainty. Understandably, they tend to clutch on to all and any affirmative assurances emanating from the MoD regarding purchases, like at the webinar, and hope against hope that this time round, their fortunes might change for the better.

Over the decades, there has been no dearth of well-meaning efforts to improve the system, but they seem to have remained just that — mere endeavours. Many have largely been disjointed and un holistic, creating fresh complications and adversity and further pushing the MoD's itinerant bureaucracy — civil and military — into greater nebulousness. Continually moving the goal posts and flawed financial planning and procedures have only added to all-round uncertainty.

To try and overcome these problems, the MoD attempted in 2017 to create a semi-autonomous and overarching Defence Acquisition Organisation (DAO) to oversee development and acquisition of military capabilities. Four years later, it has abandoned the idea, opting instead to render the Defence Acquisition Procedure dexterous. The fundamental need for financial planning, too, has been left largely unaddressed, rendering the entire process of military modernisation unrealistic and overambitious.

Counter vaccine hesitancy to rein in Covid



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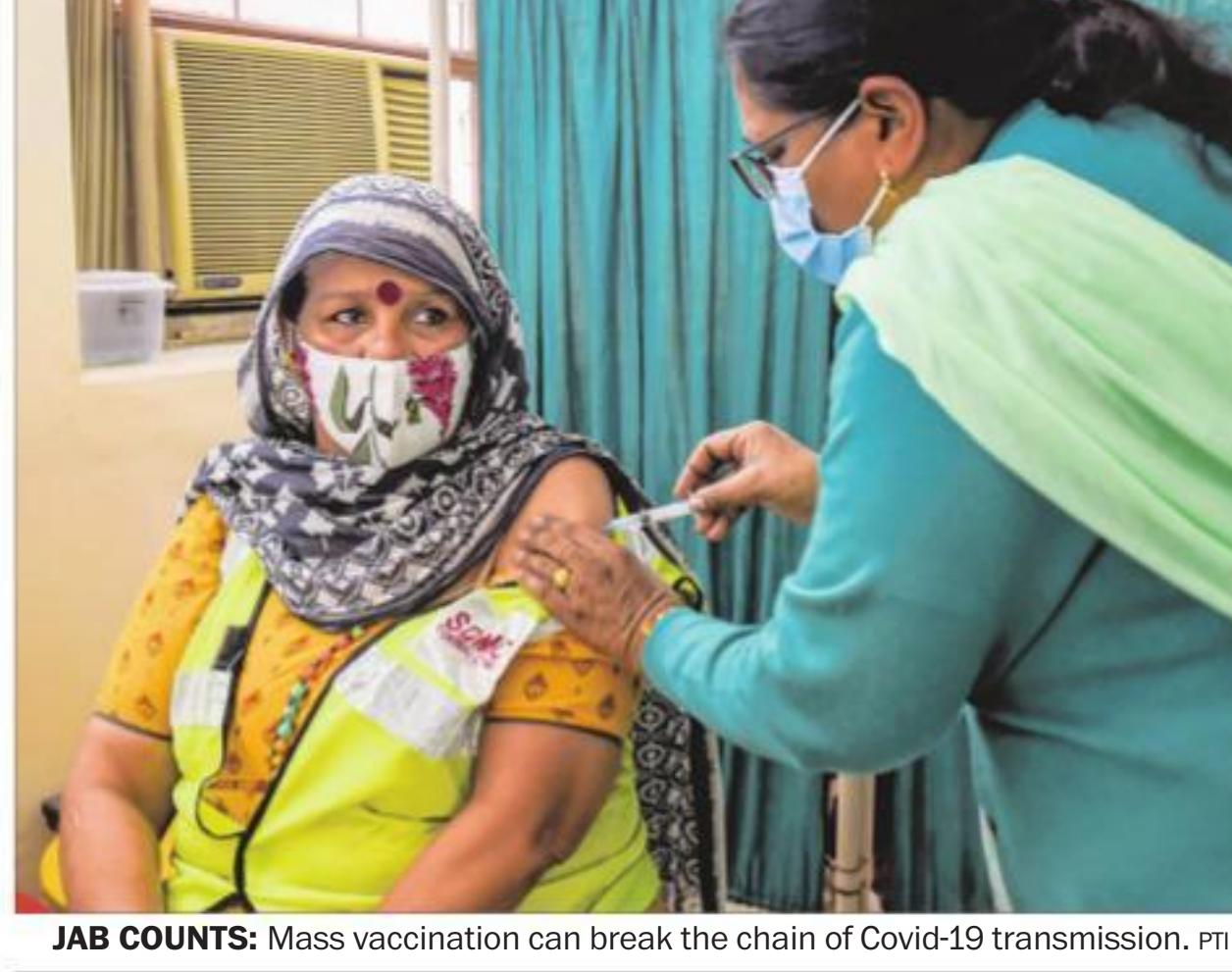
PROF, GASTRO DEPT

In India, complacency is a major factor for vaccine hesitancy. With the lifting of restrictions, most people feel the worst is over. They, however, do not take into account that the Spanish flu had ravaged the world for more than two years in three waves. Covid-19 has waxed and waned in the US, Europe and the Middle East in multiple waves. The Indian Council of Medical Research has warned that India may face more waves in the coming months.

More than a year after the first case of Covid-19 was detected in the Chinese city of Wuhan, the world continues to grapple with the pandemic. With there being primarily only supportive treatment of the disease, the medical community had pinned hopes on an effective vaccine. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines reported more than 90 per cent efficacy. To these were added vaccines developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca, Bharat Biotech, Gamaleya centre (Russia) and a couple of Chinese vaccines. Covishield (Oxford-AstraZeneca) and Covaxin (Bharat Biotech) are available in India.

Vaccines have helped mankind prevent many diseases, starting with smallpox. Of the 20 commonly used vaccines today, 13 are against viruses that cause diseases such as polio, Hepatitis B and chicken pox. While a majority of these are given to children, some are used to prevent diseases in adults as well. The basic premise of using a vaccine is to prevent a disease altogether or to mitigate it. The WHO had reported that 21 million deaths were prevented between 2000 and 2017, thanks to the measles vaccine alone. Yet, hesitancy against the use of vaccines is not uncommon.

The WHO recognises three key reasons for vaccine hesitancy: lack of confidence (safety and efficacy concerns, lack of trust in health services), complacency and inconvenience of getting the jab. While scientists admit that a vaccine gets introduced once phase 3 trials are over and the surveillance phase (lasting months to years) reports no adverse fallout, Covid vaccines received



JAB COUNTS: Mass vaccination can break the chain of Covid-19 transmission. PTI

same phenomenon is now being seen for Covid-19 vaccines. In January, India launched an ambitious programme to vaccinate three crore healthcare workers and other frontline warriors in the first phase, but vaccine hesitancy is coming in the way.

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emergency use certification because the data had proved their safety and the benefits far outweighed adverse events. There have been negligible side effects (0.08 per cent) from the two vaccines used, with occasional hospitalisation. Covishield is already widely used in Europe, and data on Covaxin has shown over 90 per cent protective antibodies.

Snags in the Co-Win portal have also accounted for poor acceptability of the vaccine at many centres.

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Spanish flu had ravaged the world for more than two years in three waves. Covid-19 has waxed and waned in the US, Europe and the Middle East in multiple waves. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has warned that India may face more waves in the coming months. Recent sero-prevalence data shows that close to 80 per cent of India's population is still vulnerable. A number of variants of the virus have emerged. The B.1.1.7 or the British variant is roughly 50 per cent more infectious. It has been detected in over 70 countries. The B.1.351 lineage, which emerged in South Africa in December, reduces the effectiveness of some vaccines. It accounts for 90 per cent of the cases there. The continuing occurrence of a high number of new cases in Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra is being investigated for possible import of variants from other countries.

Going by the current rate of vaccination, it will take another two to three years for the whole world to get vaccinated. An exit from the pandemic is possible only if the world develops herd immunity either by natural infection or by vaccination. Leaving behind pockets of infection will remain a threat to the rest of the world. Countries have tried lockdowns and restricted trans-border movement in an attempt to curb transmission of the virus — with limited success so far. If the virus continues to mutate with the emergence of vaccine resistance or more contagious or virulent strains, we may end up in

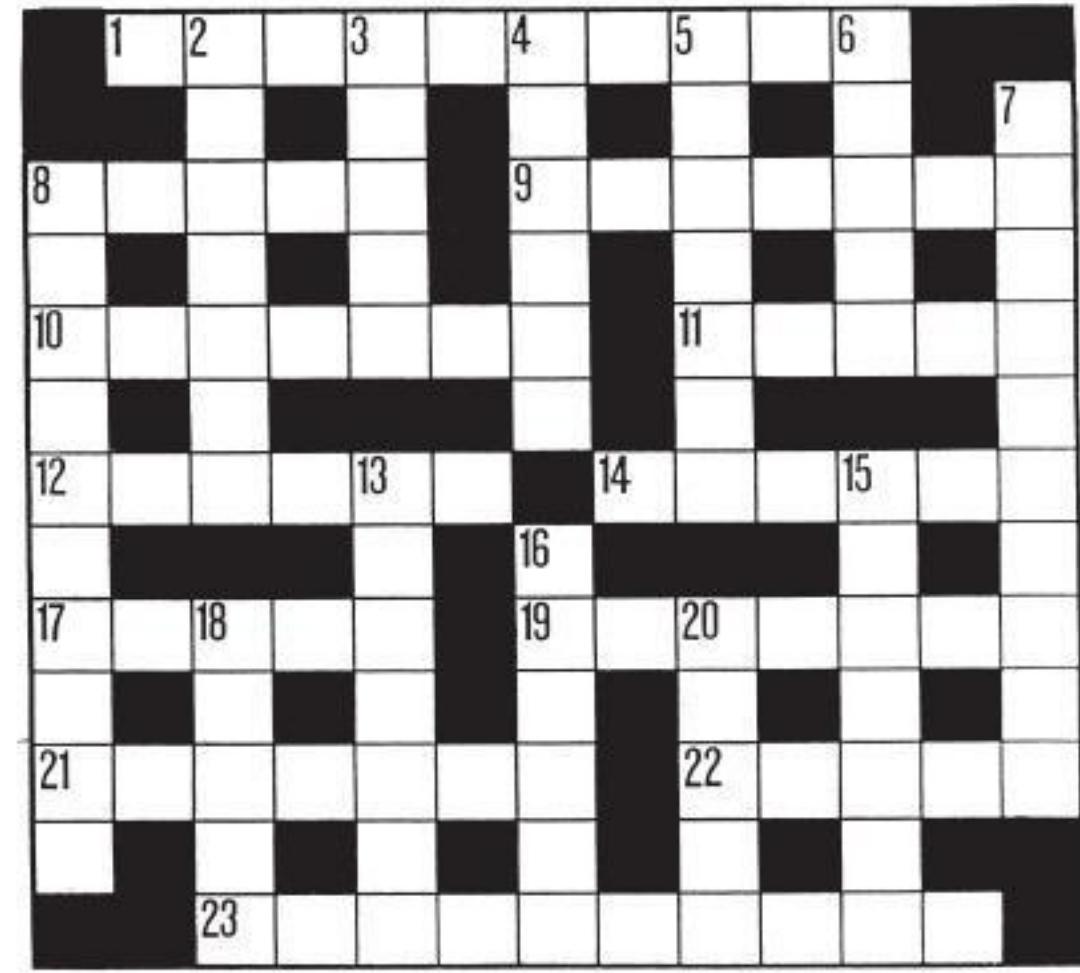
a vicious circle unless we stop the spread of the virus globally.

Tedros Ghebreyesus, WHO head, has pointed to the disparity between the rich and poor countries, with the former cornering 75 per cent of the available vaccines. India is in an enviable position with enough vaccines available for the frontline workers and more ordered for the rest. India is exporting vaccines to over 25 countries, with new ones being added every day. One can imagine the plight of those nations which do not yet have access to any vaccine.

To break the chain of Covid-19 transmission and eliminate the pandemic, mass vaccination is the only solution. Also, we have to keep following Covid-appropriate behaviour — wearing of masks, social distancing and washing of hands.

The ongoing vaccination drive must be strengthened. This can be done at multiple levels. To start with, each vaccinated individual should be given a badge mentioning 'I am protected' to highlight his or her status. Frontline warriors getting vaccinated should be given freebies, as was done for months in the US and UK. We could follow the example of Brazilian rap star MC Fioti, who has recorded a song titled 'Vacina Butantan', which has swept the country as the vaccine anthem. Corona survivors could be roped in to emphasise the importance of protection. Print, electronic media and social media should be involved to drive home the need for converting vaccine hesitancy into vaccine envy.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Accuse, 4 Apiece, 9 Ravioli, 10 Scant, 11 Strip, 12 Termite, 13 Of no account, 18

Council, 20 Suave, 22 Reply, 23 Morphia, 24 Dispel, 25 Osprey.

Down: 1 Fresh, 2 Cover, 3 Scorpio, 5 Poser, 6 Elation, 7 Esteem, 8 Fifth column, 14 Faux

pas, 15 Of sorts, 16 Scarred, 17 Legacy, 19 Clyde, 21 Abhor.

ACROSS

- 1 Savaging of a reputation (7,3)
- 8 External (5)
- 9 Short passage from book (7)
- 10 Interval between act and effect (4,3)
- 11 A fastening for a gate (5)
- 12 Inform (6)
- 14 Mouth of volcano (6)
- 17 To release (3,2)
- 19 Central European republic (7)
- 21 Warlike (7)
- 22 Agreement of aims (5)
- 23 In jail (6,4)

DOWN

- 2 Endeavour (7)
- 3 A reddish-pink (5)
- 4 Become known (6)
- 5 Intended humorously (7)
- 6 Flat cap without peak (5)
- 7 Poised for action (2,3,5)
- 8 Isolated and vulnerable (3,2,1,4)
- 13 Silly (7)
- 15 Small hunting dog (7)
- 16 Appeal to (4,2)
- 18 Pulsate (5)
- 20 Small firework (5)

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CALENDAR

MARCH 3, 2021 WEDNESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Phalgun Shaka	12
■ Phalgun Parvishtha	20
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 5, up to 12.22 am	
■ Dhruva Yoga up to 2.40 am	
■ Swati Nakshatra up to 1.36 am	
■ Moon in Libra sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: WEDNESDAY 18:22 HRS
SUNRISE: THURSDAY 06:46 HRS

CITY	MAX		MIN		
	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy
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New Delhi	30	14	11	10	8
Amritsar	28	11	10	9	7
Bathinda	30	11	10	9	7
Jalandhar	28	11	10	9	7
Ludhiana	29	13	12	11	9
Bhiwani	29	12	11	10	8
Hisar	30	12	11	10	8
Sirsia	28	13	12	11	9
Dharamsala					

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Required B.Pharma. and M.Pharma. candidates as Asst. Prof. for Baba Farid College of Pharmacy, Mullanpur Distt. Ludhiana. 98880-10178. (CL20103691)

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SIKH EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY Wanted a Regular Principal for Sikh National College, Banga Dist. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, (Nawan Shahar), Punjab in the grade, qualifications and reservations as prescribed vide the U.G.C./DPI (C) / Pb. Govt./ Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar norms.

Candidates must send the required documents along with the application and a Bank Draft of Rs. 1000/- + 18% GST (Non-Refundable) in the name of Registrar, Guru Nanak Dev University, Mullanpur Distt. Ludhiana. 98880-10178. (CL20103691)

Commercial RO Company for Bathinda requires- Sales Executive-02 (salary 10000- 15000), Service Technician- 02 (6000- 12000), Store Keeper- 02 (8000- 10000), Helper- 05 (salary 5000). Experience in RO line preferred. Interview on 07.03.2021 (Sunday) 10 am. Prein Environmental Solution, K-80, Industrial Growth Centre, Bathinda. 85589-4923. (CL20103527)

Saint Fateh Singh Convent School, Mau Mandi, Bathinda. Affiliated to C.B.S.E. Requires Teachers P.R.T & T.G.T- (Mathematics, Science, Social Science, English and Punjabi), P.G.Ts- (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Physical Education, Political Science & History). Also required M.Ed. Teachers for Arts, Hostel Warden and Marketing Representatives for admissions. Attractive salary. Free boarding for outsiders. Walk-in Interview on (Saturday) 06.03.2021. Contact: 98720-15239, 06.03.2021. Email: sfcsmaur@gmail.com (CL20103666)

CLASSIFIEDS

SITUATION VACANT

Required Vice Principal and PRT, TGT, PGT Teachers for all subjects, Marketing Manager, handsome salary. (Time 10:00 am to 4:30 pm on all working days) Indian Public Sec. School, Shimlaipuri, Tedi Road near Jain Da Theka Chouk, Ludhiana. Call/ WhatsApp: 98767-32524, 99159-87605, email ipslohra@yahoo.com (CL20102517)

Star Plus Convent School Bangi Road, Ramian-151301, Bathinda (Pb). A Senior Secondary School (C.B.S.E.). Requires Teachers for the following subjects Co-ordinators (at least 3 years experience in CBSE schools). PGT- Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Accounts, Business Study, English, TGT- all subjects. Receptionist, Accountant Special coaches for Badminton, Archery & Taekwondo handsome salary as per qualification and experience. Transport facility available from Bathinda and nearby places. Walk in interview on 6th March & 7th March 2021 between 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at school premises. E-mail: vkspc@gmail.com Contact: 85588-48073. (CL20102552)

For Circulation and Advertisement booking and other related queries please call at following numbers from Monday to Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

Circulation: 0172-2670319, 2670250, 2670442 **E-mail at** circulation@tribunemail.com

Advertisement: Classified: 0172-2670257, 2670338 **E-mail at** classified@tribunemail.com

Display: 0172-2670256, 2670342 **E-mail at** advt@tribunemail.com

Shivalik Int. Sr. Sec. Public School, Dehar Ambli Road, Naraingaon (Ambala) affiliated to CBSE requires following staff headmistress (Primary Wing). Candidate should be energetic, innovative, experienced and fluent in English. PGTs (History, Pol Sc., Biology, Sociology, English). PRTs (English, Science), Salary no bar and transportation from Ambala is available. Interested candidates may send their resume at shivalikips@gmail.com. Ph: 70561-1355, 81989-82114. (CL20102556)

Gilly Mundu Memorial Community School An English Medium CBSE affiliated Senior Secondary Co-educational Day School, (run by Buwankothi International Trust UK & India). Urgently required PGT's- Economics-1, Maths-1, TGT's- S.S-1, Science-1, English-1, PRT's- English-2, Maths-1, Science-1, S.S-1. Primary Co-ordinator-1. Candidate with good communication skills, Computer knowledge and experience of teaching in CBSE school should apply. Salary no bars for deserving candidate. Accommodation available for outstation candidates. Bhuma- Jhakkhal Road, Lehrian (Fatehabad) Haryana. Send your resume to hr@gmms.in or WhatsApp on 98122-65116. Contact No.: 94161-63981, 86839-23231, 98122-65116. (CL20102737)

Sanskriti KMV School (Affiliated to CBSE New Delhi) KMV Campus, Tanda Road, Jai. 0181-2491741, 2491941, 2491945 hr.sanskritikmvschool@gmail.com

REQUIRES • Middle School Coordinator (Min. experience required 10 yrs)-1 • PGT (English & Economics) -1 each

• TGT (Maths, Science, Social Science) -1 each

• Librarian -1

• School Canteen Contractor -1

Qualification & salary as per CBSE norms. Applicant must have good communication skills & experience of minimum 2-5 years.

Apply immediately with complete resume along with the testimonials at hr.sanskritikmvschool@gmail.com

PRINCIPAL CL20103681

Wanted excellent highly qualified experienced English Teachers for writing correction service, salary 40,000/- 50,000 per month, location Virtual online, mode of selection written test, telephonic interview and personal interview @ Chandigarh. Send detailed resume @ righttime123@gmail.com (CL20103411)

Mata Sabih Kaur Modern Senior Secondary School Bhowali District Tarn Taran. Requires PGT in Chemistry, Physics and TGT in Hindi, Punjabi, S.St. and Computer Teachers. Semi biotabs on mail or in school office within seven days. Mob. 94654-90255. Email: msfk_bw@yahoomail.com (CL20103413)

Baba Ganda Singh Public Schools (Barnala, Bhadour, Mehal Kalan, English Medium, CBSE Schools. Requires Vice Principal (for Barnala), PGTs- (Physics, Maths, Biology, Accountancy, Economics, Business Studies, Public Administration, Geography, Physical Education, History, Chemistry, IT), TGTs- (English, Science, Mathematics, Social Science, IT), PRT, Art Teacher. Preferred CTET & PTET qualified candidates. English essential, salary commensurate with experience. Apply online: bgschool77@gmail.com ,WhatsApp: 62845-68509. Interview for the post of Vice Principal- 14th Feb, 2021 and for other posts- 13th & 14th Feb, 2021 (10 a.m.- 2 p.m.) at Baba Ganda Singh Public School, near ITI Chowk, Dhanauha Road, Barnala (Punjab). (CL20103529)

1. Anil Kumar s/o Chander Kailash Resident of H.No. 542, Sector-6, Panchnauli have changed my name to Anil Sahney. (CL20103605)

1 Madhu Bala W/o Paul Bansal, #53, Tagore Nagar, Dr. Mela Ram Road, Bathinda have changed my name to Madhu Bala Bansal. (CL20103597)

1. Rajinder Singh S/o Surat Singh R/o # 38, Village Kajheri, Sector 52, Chandigarh declare that my son Ramandeep Singh is out of my control, I debar him from all my moveable/immovable property. Anybody dealing with him do so at his own risk. (CL20103604)

1. Alpana wife of No. 15694455W NK Abishek, VPO Jaith, Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra (HP) have changed my name from Alpana to Alpana Pathania vide Affidavit No. 144A 992951 dated 02.03.2021 before Executive Magistrate Haripur, Distt. Kangra (HP). (CL20103504)

1. Bhuvesh Pathania son of service Number JC5195174H, Ex Sub. Mohinder Singh, VPO Golwan, Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra (HP) declare that my name in my father's Army record has wrongly entered Bhuvesh Singh whereas my correct name is Bhuvesh Pathania. Concerned note. (CL20103527)

1. Sunita Kaur daughter of Bhag Singh now residing with her mother Hardeep Kaur, resident of Village Saini Majra, Tehsil Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Ropar

1. Gurdev Singh Mand s/o Late Lt. Col. Joginder Singh Mand, r/o 5-B, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Amritsar.

Suit for permanent injunction Notice to

1. Gurdev Singh Mand s/o Late Lt. Col. Joginder Singh Mand r/o 3632, West Court, Richmond, California 94806, USA.

In above titled case, the defendant(s) could not be served.

It is ordered that defendant(s)/

respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 22.03.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to

https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=

firozepur

Dated, this day of 25.02.2021.

Sd/-

District and Sessions Judge,

CL20103467 Firozepur.

In the Court of

Ms. Shaweta, PCS,

Civil Judge Junior Division,

Amritsar.

CNR No.

PBAS02-002917-2019

Next Date: 22.03.2021

Publication issued to:

Loveleen Handa

Petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, as amended upto date for dissolution of marriage between the parties by decree of divorce.

CNR No.:

PBFZ01-003291-2020

Next Date: 09.04.2021

Publication issued to:

Loveleen Handa

Spouse: Kamaljeet Sharma

Regency Place, Flat No. 11, Room No. 2, 15-17, Chapel Street, Luton Bedfordshire, UK

LU12SE.

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For details logon to

https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=

rupnagar

Dated, this day of 19.02.2021

Sd/-

Additional Civil Judge

Sr. Division,

Sri Anandpur Sahib,

District Registrar.

CL20103528

DISCLAIMER

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**HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA UNDERTAKING)**
Bays No 59-62, Sector 2, Panchkula.
Phone: 0172-2567945

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No.: 153/Tend/GPC/2020-21/3/4-A
Online Tender for one time purchase of Basket of Choice Model (परिवार नियोजन के सम्बन्ध) to Various Hospitals of Government of Haryana "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 02.03.2021 onwards on e-procurement portal www.etenders.hry.nic.in.

For Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula

PRDH/2222/11/34/2021/2021/31/4

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of allottees/stake holders of licensee commercial colony of M/s Rangoli Project Pvt. Ltd., Sector-16 & 17, Sonipat that Licence No. 221 of 2007 granted for setting up Residential plotted colony over an area measuring 48.325 acres in the revenue estate of Village Revli & Garhi Shahjhanpur, Sector-16 & 17, Sonipat in favour of M/s Rangoli Project Pvt. Ltd. stands cancelled by Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh vide his office Memo No. 61536 Dated 23.12.2013 under the provisions of Rule 18 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules, 1976. Now this project/commercial colony has been taken over by the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak/District Town Planner, Sonipat.

In view of the above, all the allottees, stake holders, collaborator or land owners if any of this project are advised to submit their claims/interest in the aforementioned project/colony in the office of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak within one month from the issuance of this public notice. Allottees/stake holder are also advised to submit all relevant documents i.e. copy of buyer/seller agreement, receipts of payment made to the firm in support of their claims/interest in the project. No claim will be entertained after the expiry of aforesaid period.

Sd/- District Town Planner,
Sonipat-cum-Member,
Secretary of the Committee
Constituted by DTCP, Haryana.

Date: 02.03.2021

PRDH-118/11/8/2021/1997/31/4

OFFICE OF CIVIL SURGEON

PANCHKULA, HARYANA

Ph. No. 0172-2573907,

Email: dhs.cspkl@hry.nic.in

Address: Civil Hospital, 5th Floor, C-Block,

Sector 6, Panchkula, Pincode — 134109

AUCTION NOTICE

The auction of following trees will be done on dated 10.03.2021 at 11:00 a.m. as per details attached.

Sr. No.	Name of Area	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Total Trees	Venue
1.	ON DFWO and CMO Office at Old General Hospital in Sector 6, Panchkula	16,040/-	20	CMO, General Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula
2.	Site for Oxygen Generation Plant in General Hospital Sector 6, Panchkula	400.00	10	General Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula

Note:-

1. Minimum amount of Rs. 10,000/- shall be deposited as participation money via Cash or DD.
2. DD will be in favour of "Chairperson SKS Civil Hospital, Sector-6 Panchkula".
3. Any other terms and conditions will be announced at the time of auction on site.

Sd/- Civil Surgeon,
Panchkula.

PRDH/1058/11/23/2021/1988/31/4

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT SONEPAT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that E-TENDERS for ALLOTMENT of Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends of district Sonepat are invited for the year 2020-2021. Schedule for invitation and evaluation for E-Tenders for Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends is as under:-

1. Starting date and time for 03rd March, 2021 (from 09:00 A.M. onwards) placing e-tenders.

2. Closing Date and time for 03rd March, 2021 (Till 05:00 P.M.) placing e-tenders.

3. Evaluation of e-tenders. 03rd March, 2021 (06:00 P.M.)

1. These e-Tenders will be submitted online as per public notice issued by the Department (published on 07/0th March, 2020) in the leading newspapers inviting e-Tenders for allotment of retail liquor licenses of Zone of vend for the year 2020-21. The public notice is available on the departmental website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

2. The detail of remaining Zone of vends in the District and venue for evaluation of e-Tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) & DETC (ST) concerned. The detail of remaining Zone of vends shall also be available on the departmental website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

3. The process of inviting tenders shall be continued by reducing the original reserve price as per Excise Policy 2020-21 and as decided by ETC, Haryana.

4. The e-Tenders shall be received and the Zone of vends shall be allotted in the manner prescribed in the Excise Policy for the year 2020-21 and the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to the State of Haryana), the rules framed thereunder.

5. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be within 10 days of the date of allotment.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana.

PRDH/1037/11/22/2021/1992/31/4

WESTERN RAILWAY

ENGINEERING WORKS

Advt. Tender Notice No. WTR/17/TS/2021/04 dt. 01.03.2021 for

tender on procurement of through E-Procurement mode only invited by Chief Engineer (Track Supply),

Head Quarter Office, Old Building 2nd Floor, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020 for Supply of the following items: Sr. No.: 1. Tender No.:

206016 Short Description: Spring Setting Device to RDSO Drg. No. T-

6216 Tender Quantity: 57,25,551/- Date of Closing

Tender: 23.04.2021 Sr. No. 2.

Tender No.: 216007 Short Description: Thick Web Switches Expansion Joint to RDSO T-8822

Tender Quantity: 38,12,500/- Date of Closing

Tender: 26.04.2021. The time of closing of E-Tender Box: 11.30 hrs on the date of closing of tender Since the above item are not available in GeM, hence tenders will be uploaded in IREPS website. For detailed tender conditions/ Corrigendum please visit www.ireps.gov.in

PRDH/1037/11/22/2021/1992/31/4

Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Hisar 125004

Final Mop-up (Physical) COUNSELLING NOTICE for B.V.Sc. & A.H. programme 2020-21

The candidates seeking admission to B.V.Sc. & A.H. programme at COVS, LUVAS and IVER, Bahu Akbarpur, Rohtak for the academic session 2020-21 are hereby informed that the Final Mop-up (physical) counselling for vacant seats is scheduled to be held on 08.03.2021. All the candidates who had applied for admission by filling admission form of LUVAS and filled/upload their NEET score are eligible for the counselling. The candidates who had not applied for admission by filling application form of LUVAS but participated in NEET (UG)-2020 examination and obtained NEET score, are allowed to participate in the Final Mop-up (physical) counselling by paying a fee of Rs. 1000/- on the day of counselling. Also the candidates who had applied for admission by filling application form of LUVAS but did not upload their NEET score on University admission portal are allowed to participate in Final Mop-up (physical) counselling by paying a fee of Rs. 5000/- on the day of counselling.

The candidates are advised to visit university website i.e. www.luvash.edu.in for more details and tentative vacant seats.

PRDH/1305/11/16/2021/1993/31/4

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOVT. COLLEGE BARWALA, PANCHKULA

1. Service Provider:- Sealed quotation are invited for the supply of Sweeper, Mat, Chowkidar and Laboratory Attendant of Contractual Service basis as per Haryana Government Rule subject to minimum DC Rate per month or fixed by State Government in General Administration Department from time to time. As per the conditions laid down by Haryana Government Outsourcing Policy, the service charges should not be less than 2.00 % and the service charges quoted by the tenderer upto 2 decimal points will be acceptable. Tenders should reach this office by 27.03.2021 and shall be opened on 31.03.2021 at 10.00 A.M. The tender should be a professional agency having valid licence to provide manpower, with at least three years experience of providing manpower to Govt. institutions, with national presence having vast manpower base of over 100 employees and should financial backup (attach proof of balance sheet, IT return FPF No. and ESI No.)
2. Canteen Contractor:- (Walk-in Interview on 30.03.2021 at 11.00 A.M.). Preference will be given to Ex-Serviceman. Work experience will be permissible.

Sd/- Principal,
Govt. College, Barwala (PKL).

PRDH/1031/11/6/2021/2007/31/4

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of allottees/stake holders of licensee commercial colony of M/s Jindal Realcon Pvt. Ltd., Sector-10 & 11, Sonipat that Licence No. 1283 of 2006 1283 of 2006 granted for setting up Group Housing colony over an area measuring 13.3125 acres in the revenue estate of Village Raipur, Sector-10 & 11, Sonipat in favour of M/s Jindal Realcon Pvt. Ltd. stands cancelled by Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh vide his office Memo No. 20349 Dated 10.10.2012 under the provisions of Rule 18 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules, 1976. Now this project/commercial colony has been taken over by the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak/District Town Planner, Sonipat.

In view of the above, all the allottees, stake holders, collaborator or land owners if any of this project are advised to submit their claims/interest in the aforementioned project/colony in the office of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak within one month from the issuance of this public notice. Allottees/stake holder are also advised to submit all relevant documents i.e. copy of buyer/seller agreement, receipts of payment made to the firm in support of their claims/interest in the project. No claim will be entertained after the expiry of aforesaid period.

Sd/- District Town Planner,

Sonipat-cum-Member,

Secretary of the Committee

Constituted by DTCP, Haryana.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of allottees/stake holders of licensee commercial colony of M/s Jindal Infra Build Pvt. Ltd., Sector-17, Sonipat that Licence No. 25 of 2009 granted for setting up Group Housing colony over an area measuring 12.156 acres in the revenue estate of Village Garhi Shahjhanpur, Sector-17, Sonipat in favour of M/s Jindal Infra Build Pvt. Ltd. stands cancelled by Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh vide his office Memo No. 1656 Dated 01.09.2015 under the provisions of Rule 18 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules, 1976. Now this project/commercial colony has been taken over by the committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak/District Town Planner, Sonipat.

In view of the above, all the allottees, stake holders, collaborator or land owners if any of this project are advised to submit their claims/interest in the aforementioned project/colony in the office of Senior Town Planner, Rohtak within one month from the issuance of this public notice. Allottees/stake holder are also advised to submit all relevant documents i.e. copy of buyer/seller agreement, receipts of payment made to the firm in support of their claims/interest in the project. No claim will be entertained after the expiry of aforesaid period.

Sd/- District Town Planner,

Sonipat-cum-Member,

Secretary of the Committee

Constituted by DTCP, Haryana.

UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

(A Power Distribution & Retail Supply Utility Govt. of Haryana)

Regd. Office: C-16, Vidyat Nagar, Sector-6,

Panchkula – 134109, Haryana

Office of CE/Admn. (GA Section), UHBVN, Panchkula

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CIN: U40109HR1999SGC034166

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited invites application from retired officers of State/Central/Govt./PSUs for the post of Superintending Engineer (Civil) in UHBVN on contract basis. For eligibility criteria and pay & perks etc. may please visit on www.uhbvn.org.in. The last date for applying the post is hereby extended by 21 days from the date of publication. The other terms and conditions will unchanged.

Under Secretary/GA,
For CE/Admn., UHBVN,
Panchkula.

PRDH/1135/11/2/2021/1989/31/4

पत्थर/स्टोन डस्ट के अवैध स्टोक की

नीलामी सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिसा नूहे के गांव विधावास, मेघाला में अवैध रूप से रस्क किए गए 154900 मिटिक टन पत्थर व 39200 मिटिक टन स्टोन डस्ट, जिसको रिचर्च प्राइस रु. 3,88,20,000 रुपये गई है तथा गांव खरखड़ी में अवैध रूप से स्टोक किए गए 4000 मिटिक टन स्टोन डस्ट, जिसको दिनांक 16.03.2021 को नीलामी की जानी है। नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिए बोल्डिंग के द्वारा बोल्डिंग रूप से खनन अधिकारी, गुरुग्राम के नाम जमा करवाया गया और उपर्युक्त उच्च बोल्डोवाटा को छोड़ कर आन्य सभी को अंदर ले सकाया गया। उच्च बोल्डोवाटा के बोल्डोवाटा की जानी है। नीलामी में भाग लेने के लिए जिसलिए उच्च बोल्डोवाटा द्वारा बकाया राश

SAINIK SCHOOL KUNJPURA, KARNAL-132023(HARYANA)**RE-TENDER NOTICE : 2021-23**

1. The Principal Sainik School Kunjpura invites sealed tender from reputed firms having relevant experience for the following:-

LEASE OF AGRICULTURE LAND		
1.	Piran Area-14 Acres	
2.	Mughalmazra Rd Area-25 Acres	
3.	Behind Dorm Area-22 Acres	

2. Tenders are in single bid system.

3. The tender documents containing Tender Form, Terms & Conditions can be obtained from the school office from 02 Mar 2021 on all working days between 1000 hrs to 1330 hrs or download from the School website www.skskunjpura.org. Cost of tender form is Rs.500/- Last date for sale of tender form by the school will be 22 Mar 2021 by 1630 hrs and last date for submission of tender form along with EMD is 23 Mar 2021 by 1700 hrs. For more details, please visit our website www.skskunjpura.org or call at 0184-2384551, 2384510 on any working day.

Principal, Sainik School Kunjpura, Karnal

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES****NOTICE INVITING TENDER AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

E-Tendering Notice No. 01/110A Dated 01.03.2021

E-tender are hereby invited on work order basis on behalf of the Governor of Punjab through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from approved and eligible Contractors/Agencies registered with the Water Resources Department Punjab and L & C Societies registered only with B & R Department, Punjab (Principal Department) as per notification of Punjab Govt., Department of Co-operation (Co-operation I-Banch) No. 76/52/79-C(15)4342 dated 02.10.2014. The detail of works and bidding process is available on above mentioned website. All tendering process such as sale of tender documents, Processing fee, deposit of Earnest Money, submission of bid document and any corrigendum shall be carried out online through our website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Prospective bidders are advised to visit the above website frequently.

For any query Contact: eubdc@gmail.com

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Gurdaspur Division UBDC, Gurdaspur.

**GOVT. OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF W/S & SANITATION
NOTICE INVITATION ONLINE BIDS**

For and on behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 1, Sri Muktsar Sahib invites competitive bids for Augmentation existing water supply scheme for Village Kotla Hazure Wala Block Kotkhai District Sri Muktsar Sahib (Under Nabard XXXII Project) from eligible bidders for the work mentioned below:

Package No.	Name of Scheme	Approx. Value of work	Bid Security	Bid Processing Fee	Period of Completion
DWSS-W-9295	Kotla Hazure Wala	22271073/-	445422/-	5900/-	12 Months period for completion of work

1. Availability of bidding document on Website from 03.03.2021 (11.00 A.M.) to 24.03.2021 (11.00 A.M.)

2. The deadline for submission of bids online is 24.03.2021 at 11.00 Hours.

3. Part I bid named Technical Qualification part of bid will be opened on 24.03.2021 at 12.00 A.M.

4. Pre-Bid conference will be conducted on 12.03.2021 at 11.00 Hours at the office of Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 1, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Note:- Other details including eligibility criteria of bidders can be seen in the bidding documents on websites: [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in). For any clarification regarding e-tendering process, please contact this office e-tendering helpline of 0172-297263, 0172-2972028, 01633-262153. Rectification/extension of time, corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website & will not be advertised in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

DPR/Pb/2102

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PWD B&R BRANCH****NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS**

Bid No.: 02 Dated: 25.02.2021

1 On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, PWD B&R Br, Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders/related with elevator lift/Co-operative L&C Societies for the Project/Work(s) detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on the item rate basis/percentage rate basis/Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) format of Lump Sum Contracts. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s):

Sr. No.	Name of Project/Works/Work	Bid Security/Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. value of the Project/Work (Rs.)
1.	Providing E.I. in Godown of EVMs and VVPATs at Distt. Mansa (Goods-cum-Passenger Lift)	Rs. 73816/-	Rs. 5000/-	6 Months	Rs. 3690780/-

(col. 6 to be deleted for Lump sum Project/Works)

2. Important dates are as under:

i) Period of availability of Tender online shall be : From 02.03.2021 to 15.03.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.

ii) Last date & time for online submission of bids shall be : 15.03.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.

iii) Date & time of opening of Technical Bid : 16.03.2021 up to 10.00 A.M.

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website <https://eprocpwdpwu.pwd.gov.in>.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Elect. Divn. PWD B&R, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/2115

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, JALANDHAR**AUCTION NOTICE**

Sealed applications are invited from the general public up to 15.03.2021 till 4.00 P.M. along with refundable earnest money of Rs. 10,000/- in cash, for auction of Lease/Contract of the various Public Utility Services for Judicial Courts Complex, Jalandhar, Nakodar and Phialaur for the period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 as per following schedule:

Sr. No.	Name of Judicial Courts Complex	Detail of Utility	Date of Auction (Time)	Venue of Court Complex
1.	Jalandhar	1. Canteen 2. Parking (cycle/scooter/motor-cycle stand and car)	22.03.2021	Jalandhar
2.	Nakodar	1. Canteen 2. Parking (cycle/scooter/motor-cycle stand and car) 3. Three (3) Shops Area 11'6" x 11'-6" (Appox) for the allotment of various Public Utility Services for the financial year 2021-2022. One shop can be utilized for two different Public Utility Services i.e. Photostat service/computer service, petition writers, stamp vendors, typists and juice bars, with approval of the committee.	18.03.2021	Nakodar
3.	Phialaur	1. Canteen 2. Parking (cycle/scooter/motor-cycle stand and car)	19.03.2021	Phialaur
		The date of auctions, complete terms & conditions can be viewed on the website http://districts.ecourts.gov.in/jalandhar till 15.03.2021.		Sd/- Auction Committee, Sessions Division, Jalandhar.

Dated 23.02.2021 DI-21612

Sd/- Auction Committee, Sessions Division, Jalandhar.

DPR/Pb/2073

IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, HARYANA SINCHAI BHAWAN, SECTOR-5, PANCHKULA, HARYANA

Website: www.hid.gov.in

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Haryana (I&WRD) invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from Indian consulting agencies for Emppanelment as Consultants in I&WRD for the various categories.

The EoI Document containing the details like category of work, application fee, eligibility criteria, scope of work etc., can be downloaded from the departments official website www.hid.gov.in. Last date of submission of EoI is 15.03.2021 sealed envelope marked to the captioned address, containing EoI and non-refundable fee of Rs. 5000/- by way of DD/Pay Order in favour of Registrar, I&WRD, payable at Panchkula/Chandigarh may be submitted mentioning "EoI for empanelment of consultants along with the category (s) applied for on the top of cover".

Applicants meeting the qualification criteria may be invited for presentation/proposal before the selection committee of I&WRD. The applicants are requested to attach the required documents duly attested by the Class-I Gazetted Officer/Notary.

Sr. No. Ref. No. Tender Notice No. 181 Dated: 2.3.2021

Short Term E-Tender Notice

Online e-tenders on percentage rate basis (below, at par or above the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned work are invited from the L&C Societies enlisted with Principal Department i.e. PWD (B&R) as per the Pb. Govt. Notification No. 76/52/79-C(15)4342 dated 02.10.2014 and eligible contractors enlisted in PUDA/Central Govt. Departments/PSUs for the appropriate class and category. The first preference will be given to the L&C Societies and in case no tender is received from the L&C Societies or the documents submitted by the L&C Societies are not found to be in order, only then the tenders of the contractors will be considered.

Sr. No. Name of Work Tender Cost Earnest Money Time Limit

1	Repair/renovation works at Bus Stand Shri Anandpur Sahib	Rs. 26.20 Lac	Rs. 0.52 Lac	One month
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Date for online submission of bidding documents From To Place Technical bid Financial bid

04.03.2021, 10.03.2021, O/o Managing Director, PUNBUS, Chandigarh, 11.00 a.m. 4.30 p.m.

For other details, terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids, visit our website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in).

For participating in the above e-tender, the interested Societies/Contractors/Firms shall have to get themselves registered with state wide e-procurement portal [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in). In case of any help/query, contact help desk No. 0172-2791326, 0172-2791226, 9814041266 and 9888024910.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (GW), PUNBUS

DPR/Pb/2091

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Sealed tenders are invited in three-part Bid System for providing Canteen Services on round the clock basis in NFL, Nangal Unit for a period of two years. EMD shall be Rs. 20,000/- & Document Fee shall be Rs. 750/- Last date of receipt / opening of tenders at 02.50 pm / 03.00 pm on 01.04.2021.

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Rahane predicts another turner

However, batsmen of both teams feel batting will be easier with red ball

AHMEDABAD, MARCH 2
England should brace themselves for another trial by spin in the fourth and final Test against India from Thursday, with the home side's vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane expecting a similar pitch to those in the previous two matches.

England made a bright start to the four-match series, defeating India by 227 runs in the opening Test, but the hosts rallied strongly with comprehensive wins in the second and third matches for a 2-1 lead.

India defeated England by 317 runs in the second Test in Chennai and then completed an extraordinary 10-wicket win inside two days in the Day-Night Test in Ahmedabad, with spinners from both sides running riot on a helpful surface.

The world's largest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad will also host the final test from Thursday, played this time with the traditional red ball.

"I think the wicket will be similar to the last two Test matches. It will be a spinning track," Rahane said.

Pink ball effect

Rahane, 32, felt it was the pink ball, rather than the pitch, that made it difficult for batsmen to score runs during the third Test.

"Pink ball made the difference, it was coming much quicker off the wicket compared to the red ball. That's the adjustment we had to make," the middle-order batsman said.

Young England opener Zak



Ajinkya Rahane fields during a training session. BCCI

Crawley echoed Rahane's sentiments on the Motera strip, which he believes will be "similar" in nature but the red ball will make it "slightly easier" for the batsmen.

"I think it will be a very similar pitch this week. It wasn't easy to score for sure, but it was the same for both sides, and they played very well compared to us," Crawley said. "I do think that it will be slightly easier. I felt that the pink ball was a bit harder (to play) and that ball skidded on quite quickly, which is why Axar (Patel) got so many wickets through leg before and bowled."

Not bothered by criticism

The Ahmedabad pitch has been heavily criticised by a section of former England cricketers and pundits, but



Rohit Sharma was one of only two batsmen who scored half-centuries in the third Test. BCCI

Rahane said the Indian team is not bothered by the comments.

"See, let people speak

what they want to. The wickets, when we tour abroad, no one speaks about how seaming they are. They

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always speak about the technique of the Indian batsmen, I don't feel we need to take seriously what people say," Rahane said.

"...You see, when we tour abroad, the first day wicket is damp. When wicket becomes grassy and behaves up and down, then the pitch becomes dangerous but we haven't complained about it or we have never spoken about it," he added.

A draw in the fourth Test will be enough for the hosts to seal their spot against New Zealand in the June final of the inaugural World Test Championship, but Rahane said India are thinking only about a win. "We respect the England team. They are a very good, balanced team," he said. "We played good cricket in the last two Test matches, England played really well in the first Test. We are not taking them lightly. It's another match. We just want to go out there and give our best." — Agencies

Indian men held 1-1 by Germany, women lose again



Gurjot Kaur and Jette Fleschutz vie for the ball. PHOTO: HOCKEY INDIA

Sania returns to action with doubles win

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2
Sania Mirza made a winning return to tennis after a year, reaching the doubles quarterfinals at the Qatar Total Open with partner Andreja Klepac in Doha.

The Indo-Slovenian pair beat Nadia Kichenok and Lyudmyla Kichenok of Ukraine 6-4 6-7(5) 10-5 in the opening round of the WTA 500 tournament.

It was Mirza's first match in 12 months and it was at the Doha Open where she played last in February 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic halted sport across the world. The former world No. 1 herself had recovered from Covid-19 in January this year. — PTI

Manisha records best World Cup finish

NEW DELHI: Manisha Keer recorded her best-ever finish at an ISSF World Cup Shotgun stage, finishing seventh in the women's trap competition in Cairo today. Manisha was hard done by a final round of 21 as she finished with a score of 113 in qualifying.

Top six shooters qualify for the 60-shots final round. In men's trap, Prithviraj Tondaiman finished 26th. Lakshay Sheoran finished 34th while Kynan Chenai finished 36th. PTI

Saturday and Monday.

Hat-trick of defeats

The Indian women's hockey team resisted well but Germany walked away with a 2-0 win in the third game in Dusseldorf.

Sonja Zimmermann (26') and Franziska Hauke (42') scored the goals for Germany.

The fourth match of the series will be played on Thursday. — TNS

Manika, Sreeja advance into final round of singles qualifiers

DOHA: Star paddler Manika Batra and young Sreeja Akul moved to the final round of the women's singles qualifiers at the WTT Contender here today. Commonwealth Games gold medallist Manika got the better of Romania's Irina Ciobanu 11-7 15-13 11-8. Sreeja beat Thailand's 87th-ranked Orawan Parangang 11-5 11-5 11-6. Earlier, in the final

round of the mixed doubles qualifiers, Sathiyam Gnanasekaran and Sutirtha Mukherjee grabbed a spot in the main draw after an 11-5 11-7 11-5 straight-set victory against Puerto Rico's Daniel Gonzalez and Melanie Diaz. However, the country's other mixed doubles pair of Achanta Sharath Kamal and Manika lost. PTI

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA MULLANPUR GARIBDAS NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF FIRMS

KV, AFS, Mullanpur Garibdas invites applications for registration of firms, suppliers/service providers for the financial year 2021-2022 for computer hardware/software, printers, E-board/smart board, printing and publishing work, medals and memento, stationery, photography, furniture and fixture, musical instruments, sports equipment, audio visual aids, teaching aids, transport, supplier of sanitary materials, AMC of photostat machine and computer, Tent and catering services, suppliers of security, sweeping and gardening services, Library books, mats, curtains, paints, Tapestries, CCTV camera, fancy dress and costumes, craft material, science lab material, electrical items. Interested firms/suppliers are requested to send application along with PAN NO. and GST NO. details through registered speed post latest by 29.03.21. Registration will not be done if above documents are not attached.

Principal,
KV Mullanpur.

NAGAR PANCHAYAT, SARDULGARH, LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
LG/NP/N.P Sardulgarh letter No. 177 Dated: 01.03.2021
(14 Days Tender Notice)

The Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh invites e-tender on Double bid system above, below or par for Repair and Replace of LED Lights for the Cost 24.98 Lacs from the enlisted firms/Contractor/L&C Societies /Dealers/Sub Dealers. Other detailed terms and conditions can be seen in the Office of the Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh on working day on e-Tendering website (<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>). Corrigendum, if any, will issued on website only. Date and Time Schedule:-

Sr. No.	Last date of online submission of Bidding document	Opening of Technical Bid	Opening of Price Bidding Document
1.	15.03.2021 05:00 p.m.	16.03.2021 09:00 a.m.	16.03.2021 11:00 a.m.

Sd/- Assistant Municipal Engineer, Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh. Sd/- Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh. DPR/Pb/2146

My time will come, says 23-year-old Hisar boxer Deepak

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2

Uncle's dream

"Padhai likhai kar lo, boozing se kya milega?" — Study hard, what will you gain from boxing? Deepak Kumar distinctly remembers this question that his parents and grandmother had posed to him when he decided that he belonged in the ring back in 2008.

The youngster hails from Haryana's Hisar — the 'City of Steel', as they call it for being India's largest manufacturer of galvanised iron.

The city gave Indian boxing one of its most successful names in Vikas Krishan Yadav, a two-time Olympian, a World Championship medallist and also an Asian Games champion.

Deepak is quite happy about the gradual strides he is taking towards "making it really big some day."

Had beaten world champion in semifinals of Bulgaria event recently



Deepak Kumar recently won silver at the Strandja Memorial.

"Chachaji (Ravinder Kumar) had a friend circle which was closely linked to boxing and he kind of prodded me into taking up the sport and I liked it. I am the first sportsperson in my family, such a proud feeling. And Chachaji is getting to live his dream through me," he said.

Armyman
A Naib Subedar in the Indian Army, Deepak recalled the time he brought up his interest in boxing with his home guard father and homemaker mother. "They wanted me to focus on education. They both said: 'What will you gain from this?' My grandmother

joined in too but then my uncle persisted and so did I. Eventually, they all came around," he said.

"It's not that I had a rough upbringing, I was taken care of but I always wanted to be self-reliant and help my parents. So, in my early years, I used to do the job of collection for a friend's newspaper vending agency. It was like earning some pocket money to take care of some of my dietary needs," he recalled.

As for education, Deepak intends to pursue his graduation in arts, now that he has found his footing in the boxing arena.

The soft-spoken pugilist went to Strandja for the first time. The European season-opener is a big draw for big names and he upstaged one of the biggest — world champion

Shakhobidin Zoirov of Uzbekistan — in the semifinals. "It was huge and I can say this is the biggest medal of my career, bigger than Asian Championship because there I was competing in 49kg, which wasn't exactly my comfort zone. 52kg is where I belong," he said.

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Sometimes, cricket gets forgotten in IPL, says Steyn

Says in Pak, Lanka leagues, focus remains on cricket

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2

Veteran South African fast bowler Dale Steyn has said he finds the Pakistan Super League "more rewarding" than the Indian Premier League (IPL), because "cricket gets forgotten" at times in the IPL.

In January this year, Steyn had made himself unavailable for IPL 2021. The 37-year-old had played for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the last edition of the IPL, where he got to play three matches and bagged one wicket. Currently playing for Quetta Gladiators, Steyn spoke about why he decided to skip this year's IPL.

"I wanted some time off. I found that playing in these other leagues was slightly more rewarding as a player. I think when you go to IPL, there are such big squads and so many big names and so much emphasis on maybe

the amount of money players earn and everything like that, so sometimes, somewhere down the line, cricket gets forgotten," said Steyn.

"When you come to like a PSL or the Sri Lankan Premier League, for that matter, there is an importance on the cricket. I have only been here for a couple of days and I have had people in and out of my room, just wanting to know about where I have played and how I went about it," Steyn said. "Whereas, when I go to something like the IPL that gets forgotten and the main topic is how much money did you go for in this IPL? That's just me being brutally honest. I wanted to stay away from that and really put more emphasis on playing and bringing good vibes to good cricket teams and tournaments I feel are worth it," he said. — Agencies

Conditions apply

1 Haryana Government has brought out the Last and Final Settlement Scheme.

2 The scheme will be launched on 03-03-2021, and allottees can get the benefits till 30-04-2021

3 The scheme shall be applicable to the allottees of residential plots and to Group Housing Sites. For more details allottee may visit the HSVF website (<https://www.hsvphy.org.in>).

4 The beneficiaries are eligible for availing loan for this scheme under "Atmanirbhar Haryana"

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Yogi slams TMC, says it's backing infiltration

Promises to end cow slaughter in West Bengal

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2021



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath addresses 'Parivartan Yatra' at Gazole in Malda district of West Bengal on Tuesday. PTI

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2

People in West Bengal's Malda town had a taste of "cowbelt" politics on Tuesday as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave preference to cows over livelihood issues while speaking at an election meeting in the communally sensitive town.

Adityanath said if the BJP was elected to power in West Bengal, cow slaughter and theft would stop within 24 hours of the swearing in of the government. Citing the example of his own state, he said after the BJP emerged victorious in Uttar Pradesh, illegal slaughterhouses shut operations almost immediately. He alleged that on the contrary, cattle smuggling was encouraged in the state.

Adityanath lambasted the ruling TMC for allegedly pursuing appeasement policies and endangering

Congress forms screening panels

New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday formed screening committees to shortlist candidates for the elections to WB, Kerala, TN and Puducherry. Party chief Sonia Gandhi appointed former MP from north-east Delhi JP

Agarwal as chairman of WB panel. Former MP CM Digvijay Singh will head the screening panels for TN and Puducherry. Congress stalwart HK Patil has been chosen to head the panel for Kerala. TNS

national security by allowing illegal immigrants into the state for vote bank politics. Incidentally, Malda district, which shares border with Bangladesh, has a

strong presence of Muslims. Responding to the charges, West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee said the UP CM should worry about his own state.

AIADMK, BJP discuss seat-sharing in TN

VIBHA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2

The AIADMK and BJP have discussed seat-sharing for the Assembly elections and also the possibility of the return of expelled AIADMK leader Sasikala to the party fold, sources said.

While the BJP does not want Sasikala to pose any threat or act as a vote-cutter to the NDA's prospects in the polls, the AIADMK is still getting used to the idea that her homecoming will help consolidate anti-Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam votes in their favour.

Apparently, Home Minister Amit Shah, Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi Palaniswami and Deputy CM O Panneerselv-

vam discussed the issue related to the return of late Jayalalithaa's confidante and her nephew, TTV Dhinakaran, into the AIADMK in seat-sharing talks.

Though AIADMK spokespersons claim that no such talks have happened and the AIADMK doors are firmly closed for Sasikala, the BJP, which has not specified its official position on Sasikala, also denied any such proposal.

While the BJP is seeking at least 33 seats in the 234-member Assembly, the AIADMK is not willing to part with more than 21 seats. The ruling AIADMK seems to have already committed 23 seats to another ally PMK.

The Congress on Tuesday defended the deal with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) in West Bengal, rejecting posers from former minister Anand Sharma, who had yesterday argued that the pact was against the party's secular ideology.

Hours after West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury attacked Sharma asking him and other letter writers to "not undermine the tree that nurtured them", the Congress also officially backed the pact.

It is undeniable that the Congress quota of 92 seats in Bengal stands filled and that is our primary concern. A

Will bring law to nullify CAA in Assam: Priyanka

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra today said the battle in Assam was not between the Congress and BJP, but between the identity of Assam and RSS ideology.

"It is an ideological battle. Here in Assam, we may not agree cent per cent with our allies on everything, but we do understand that we are fighting together to save Assam. Assam's identity has been attacked by the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act and we pledge to bring a law to nullify the CAA if voted to power," Vadra said in Assam today.

She also launched five guarantees during a poll programme at Tezpur, where she said the Congress would give Rs 2,000 a month to every homemaker, free power up to 200 units to all households, raise in daily wages to tea plantation workers from Rs 167 at present to Rs 365 and 25,000 government jobs. She also visited a tea estate. Vadra today wound up her two-day tour to Assam, where the Bodo People's Front walked out of the AIUDF which is viewed as a



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra interacts with tea workers at Sadhu tea garden in Biswanath, Assam. PTI

EMERGENCY WAS A MISTAKE: RAHUL

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday

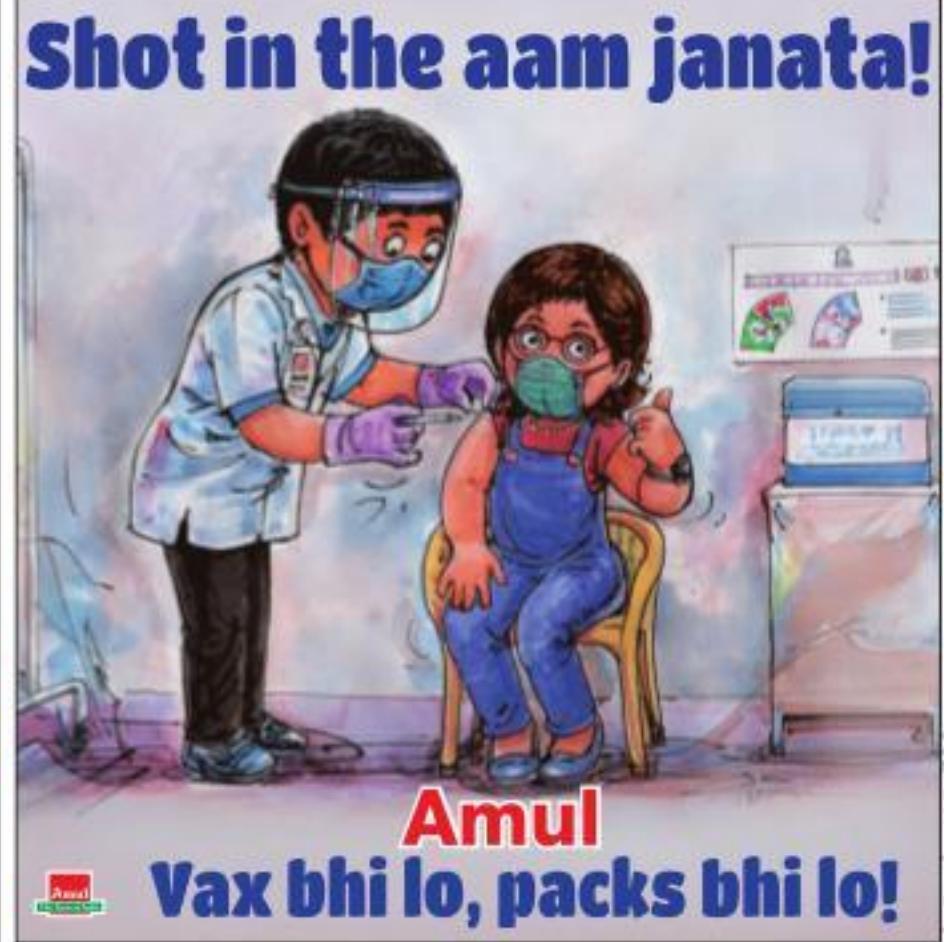
economic adviser Kaushik Basu, currently professor at Cornell University, Rahul said he was all for internal democracy in the Congress, which fought for India's independence and gave the nation its Constitution. TNS



said the Emergency imposed by late PM Indira Gandhi was a mistake but was "fundamentally different from the present day scenario as the Congress did not attempt to capture the country's institutional framework". In conversation with former chief

pro-illegal immigrant outfit.

The Congress is facing a tough challenge in Assam, where the BJP is accusing the grand old party of allying with the Badruddin Ajmal-led AIUDF which is viewed as a



BJP sweeps Gujarat local body elections

State Cong chief, Oppn leader quit

In six municipalities and 15 taluka panchayats, no party has got clear majority. The BJP's success followed its victory in all six municipal corporations. In the second phase where polling was held on February 28, the BJP again left the Congress far behind by winning 6,236 out of 8,470 seats.—PTI

Tender Notice Water Supply & Sanitation Department Government of Punjab

Dated: 01.03.2021

Executive Engineer, WSS Division, Sri Anandpur Sahib invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Department of Water Supply & Sanitation, Punjab for the following works.

Sl. No.	Brief Description of the Works	App. Cost (in Rs.)	Bid Security (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs)	Completion period	Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids	Date & Time of Technical Opening
1	Laying of distribution pipeline in various tangular and temporary toilets Sets at Different Sites during the celebration of 400th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji in April 2021 at Sri Anandpur Sahib. (Under Deposit Work).	177500/-	3550/-	1000/-	1 Month	12.03.2021 12:00 p.m.	12.03.2021 1:00 p.m.
2	Fixing and dismantling of 400 No. temporary toilet sets and 100 No. urinals at different sites of during the celebration of 400th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji in April 2021 at Sri Anandpur Sahib. (Under Deposit Work).	343151/-	6870/-	1000/-	1 Month	12.03.2021 12:00 p.m.	12.03.2021 1:30 p.m.

Date & Time of start of Sale of Bid Documents:- 01.03.2021 at 02.00 p.m.

Bids processing fee: As per Website.

For details visit website: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: All Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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