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SERENA SETS UP VENUS CLASH AFTER COVID HIATUS **SPORT**



THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

Desi flavour to US election, Kamala picked as Joe Biden's running mate

If elected, will be first woman Vice-President and first Indian-American to hold post



Democrat nominees Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. FILE

BORN TO INDIAN MOTHER AND JAMAICAN FATHER

Father Donald Harris, professor emeritus, Stanford University, from Jamaica & mother Shyamala Gopalan was cancer researcher from Chennai.

MANY FIRSTS AS INDIAN-ORIGIN WOMAN

Became district attorney for San Francisco, California
Elected California's Attorney General; joined the Senate

SURPRISED, SHE WAS DISRESPECTFUL TO BIDEN: TRUMP

A little surprised that he picked her. She was very disrespectful to Joe Biden and it's hard to pick somebody who's that disrespectful. Donald Trump, US PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 12
In a major breakthrough for Indian-Americans in US politics, Joe Biden has picked Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate to woo black voters and the influential Indian diaspora which could play a key role in his bid to defeat Donald Trump in the presidential election.

By naming the 55-year-old lawyer and moderate Democratic politician from California as his vice-presidential candidate in the November 3 election, Biden made history by selecting the first black woman to compete on a major party's presidential ticket.

Kamala, whose father is from Jamaica and mother an Indian, is a Senator from California. Biden, 77, made the announcement in a text message to his supporters on Tuesday, ending days of suspense.

"Joe Biden here. I've chosen Kamala Harris as my



Kamala (left) with sister Maya & mom Shyamala in a 1970 photo.

DRIVEN BY MOM'S ADVICE

Don't sit around and complain, do something

running mate. Together, with you, we're going to beat Trump. Add your name to

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South Block may not have wished for this VP nominee

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

For the nativist strategic watchers in Delhi, Kamala Harris' pick as Joe Biden's Vice-President nominee may not mean the continuation of India's season in the US that began with the "Howdy Modi" rally in Houston last September and carried through with a return rally in Ahmedabad this February.

Since then, and especially after the Galwan Valley clash of June 15, there has been a spate of statements, beginning with the White House siding with India.

Harris' mother Shyamala does have an Indian connection but her marriage to a Jamaican-British academic

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100 days on, no headway, more troops on ground

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

Exactly 100 days after troops of India and China were first involved in a physical clash on the north bank of Pangong Tso, little has changed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh.

In fact, troop levels have increased since the first clash. Both sides have added numbers to their war-waging equipment, including artillery guns, tanks, rocket launchers, missiles, fighter jets and drones.

After the May 5-6 clash, there was another physical clash at the north bank of Pangong Tso in mid-May.

The third clash was at Galwan on June 15 when Indian Army lost 20 soldiers, while the People's Liberation Army (PLA) lost an unspecified number of its men.

Five meetings at the Lt General-level were conducted between June 6 and August 2. It was decided to go ahead with de-escalation.



LAC STANDOFF

COURTESY: IAF/TWITTER

LIGHT COMBAT HELICOPTERS DEPLOYED IN LEH

Two Light Combat Helicopters developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited have been deployed for operations at high altitude in Leh. It is a potent weapon platform because of its state-of-the-art systems and highly accurate weapons that are capable of hitting any type of target during day or night.

China, however, backed out of the agreement.

Barring success in creating a 3-km buffer zone at Patrolling point 14 (Galwan) and PP 15 (Hot Springs), there has been no breakthrough. China is adamant on not moving further away from the LAC from its position at Finger-4.

The PLA has a similar

stance as regards PP 17 and PP 17-A, near Gogra. At 900 sq km Depsang plains, talks have been unsuccessful.

The restoration of status quo ante (as on April 2020) seems a distant goal as Ladakh gets ready for a long winter that will see below freezing night temperature by the end of this month.

Forget and forgive, Gehlot tells MLAs upset at Pilot return

JASALMER/JAIPUR, AUGUST 12

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot today said resentment among Congress MLAs was "natural" after the return of dissident legislators to the party-fold, but he asked them to forgive, forget and move on.

With just two days to go for the Assembly session, the party is taking any chances, deciding to keep them together at a resort in the state capital.

Gehlot camp MLAs were flown back to Jaipur from Jaisalmer, where they were together at another hotel.

They were taken straight from the airport to the Fairmont hotel on the outskirts of the city, where they had stayed before being moved to Jaisalmer. The MLAs—mostly from the Congress and some allies—are expected to remain there till the Assembly meets on August 14. — PTI



Charred vehicles vandalised by a mob in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

States mustn't procure Covid vaccine on their own: Centre

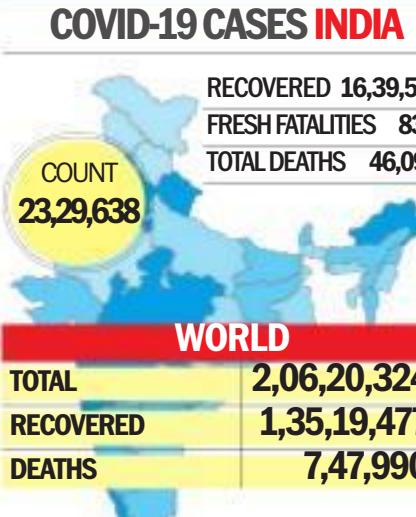
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12
The Centre today began the process for future Covid-19 vaccine procurement, asking the states not to chart their separate pathways.

The advice came at the first meeting of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration. Globally, 24 vaccines are in human trial stage. These include three vaccines under trial in India — Oxford University-Serum Institute's Covishield; Bharat Biotech-ICMR's Covaxin and the Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D. The last two are indigenous.

Chaired by VK Paul, Member, Health, NITI Aayog, the task force today discussed conceptualisation and implementation mechanisms to create a digital infrastructure for inventory management and delivery mechanism of the vaccine. The meeting came as

AIIMS chief: Cases have neither peaked, nor plateaued

COVID-19 CASES INDIA



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India's Covid count touched 23,29,638 cases with 60,963 new infections in 24 hours and 56,110 record recoveries over the same period. The toll has climbed to 46,091 with 834 new fatalities over a day.

PLEA IN SC OVER COVID 'MISMANAGEMENT'

With cumulative national load climbing, AIIMS (New Delhi) Director Randeep Gulati said the cases would rise as testing had been ramped up and there was no cause for panic as long as the death rate was low. He said the cases had neither hit the peak nor reached a plateau. "The cumulative disease load should not overwhelm us." — TNS

EDIT: RUSSIAN VACCINE

3 die in B'luru firing after MLA's house attacked over post

BENGALURU, AUGUST 12

Three persons were killed in police firing after a mob went on a rampage over a social media post allegedly put out by a Congress legislator's relative even as the government termed the violence a "well-planned act".

Around 110 persons were arrested in connection with the rioting at Pulakeshi Nagar Scores, including 50 policemen, were injured in the overnight violence.

MLA Akhanda Srinivasa Murthy's house and a police station were targeted. The government said a district magistrate would conduct an inquiry even as it decided to recover losses caused to public property from the rioters. BACK PAGE

Soldier, militant killed in Pulwama gunfight

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 12

A jawan of the Army's counter-insurgency unit and a local militant commander were killed in a gunfight in Pulwama this morning. Another soldier was injured in the gunfight.

In a separate incident, militants targeted an Army patrol along the Baramulla-Srinagar highway in north Kashmir, injuring a soldier.

The gunfight at Kamrapiro in Pulwama broke out when joint teams of forces launched an operation in the

Army patrol targeted in north Kashmir, jawan injured

area following an input about militants' presence there.

"Two soldiers were injured in the gunfight while Hizbul Mujahideen Commander Azaad Lalhari was killed," sources said. The injured soldiers were taken to a hospital in Srinagar where one of them, Sowar Jilajeet Singh Yadav of UP, succumbed to his injuries.

ACCEPT NEW POLITICAL REALITIES, SAYS FAESAL

"I'm making things clear for the youth. If you want to do politics, accept the new political realities... The facts on ground have changed, the politics must change accordingly." Shah Faesal, FORMER IAS TOPPER

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PDS packets dumped in Himachal forest area

RAVINDER SOOD

PALAMPUR, AUGUST 12
Over 300 packets of pulses meant for distribution through fair price shops on subsidised rates were found dumped in a forest near Thural, 30 km from here, yesterday. The packets carried the HP State Civil Supply Corporation (HPSC) marking. These were reportedly purchased from National Co-operative Consumers Federation Limited and were meant for the public distribution system (PDS). It is believed that the packets were dumped two days ago late in the night. "Fair price shops get limited supplies that are sold

within a week. The pulses may have been pilfered from a government godown and later dumped in the forest to avoid being caught," said locals.

Owners of fair price shops in Thural, Sai and Daroh areas said they had already exhausted the entire stock of pulses for the month of July and there was "nothing missing". Intriguingly, the Food and Civil Supplies Department is yet to take notice of the dumped packets. The district authorities too have not begun any probe.

However, Narinder Dhiman, District Food and Supply Controller, Kangra, said he was "personally looking into the matter".



100 Rohtak villages waterlogged

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ROHTAK, AUGUST 12

Farmers in over a 100 low-lying villages of Rohtak district have been battling waterlogging and salinity problems that threaten to render their land unfit for cultivation.

Though groundwater has been rising alarmingly in several blocks, it has reached up to 1.5 metres from the surface level in 16 villages and between 1.5 and 3 metres in around 100 villages.

Rohtas, Deputy Director (Agriculture), said groundwater could prove disastrous for farming if it reached one metre from the surface. "All



A farmer inside his waterlogged field at Karotha village.

crops need at least one metre space in the soil to flourish," he added. The average groundwater level in the district was 4.30 metres in 2010

and it was recorded at 3.58 metres this year, according to a survey by the Agriculture Department in June.

Kalanaur block witnessed the highest decadal rise of 1.45 metres, followed by Rohtak block at 0.94 metre and Meham and Lakhman Majra at 0.66 metre each. The count stood at 0.1 metre in Sampla.

Ankit of Karotha village in Rohtak block said due to the rising water table, their fields got submerged even during light rain. Dalvir Singh Rana, a hydrologist, said Rohtak district was geographically shaped like a bowl. Rohtas said horizontal surface drainage was the only solution to counter the menace.

Cops blame 'archaic laws'; locals point finger at nexus

voters, who were their clients. Significantly, the SHO of the Batala (City) police station was among the first to be suspended after the liquor deaths. Sources claimed he had been appointed to the position on the directions of a powerful minister.

The police, however, blamed "archaic laws" for failure to nab the culprits, pointing out that a tanker

carrying spurious liquor had been seized recently in the very area where 17 lives were lost. "Exactly 48 hours later, the accused was back in the streets with the supply," a senior officer said. The Punjab Chief Minister has spoken of the need to revisit the Excise Act enacted in 1914. It seems to have become ineffective.

Meanwhile, several persons booked in a dozen cases in Batala continue to sell spurious liquor. Triveni Chauhan and her accomplice Darshana Faujan, the prime accused in the Majha liquor deaths, have escaped punishment several times. Each time they are booked, they go into hibernation for a week or so and are subsequently back in business, "aided by local leaders", claimed sources.

No big fish, only small-time players in police net so far

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BATALA, AUGUST 12

Instead of going after the big fish responsible for the spurious liquor deaths in Majha, the police and the Excise and Taxation Department have launched a drive against those manufacturing 'desi' alcohol, seizing drums of 'lahan'. To date, the Batala police have



BOOZE SCAM

32 Barnala jail inmates among 1,020 new cases

Covid claims 39 lives in highest single-day spike

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12
The state on Wednesday witnessed a record 39 fatalities due to Covid-19, pushing the death toll to 765, while 1,020 fresh cases took the state's infection count to 26,909.

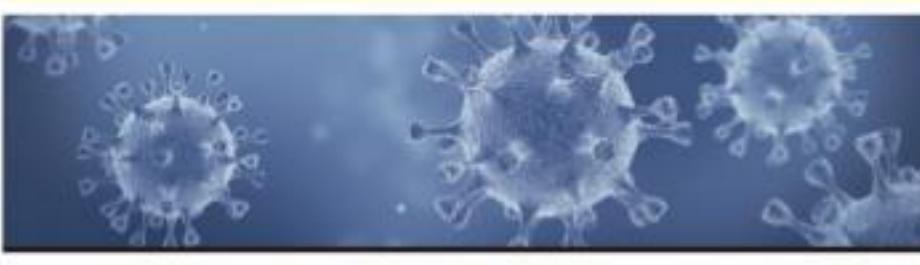
Thirteen fatalities were reported in Ludhiana, six in Hoshiarpur, four in Patiala, three each in Amritsar and Jalandhar, two each in Mohali, Gurdaspur and Pathankot and one each in Barnala, Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib and Sangrur.

Indicating another alarming situation, 32 prisoners from a Barnala jail were tested positive today.

Civil Surgeon Dr GB Singh said all 32 prisoners were lodged in the same barrack. He said the Health Department was trying to ascertain the source of infection.

"The jail authorities are shifting the infected prisoners to Moga. We are conducting contact tracing of all of them," he said.

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT					
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	5,930	202	Moga	630	6
Jalandhar	3,422	86	Fatehgarh Sahib	545	6
Amritsar	2,598	102	Tarn Taran	504	14
Patiala	3,099	61	Kapurthala	507	16
Sangrur	1,359	41	Fazilka	397	2
SAS Nagar	1,506	25	SBS Nagar	404	7
Gurdaspur	968	27	Faridkot	466	1
Bathinda	933	13	Barnala	540	10
Hoshiarpur	756	21	Ropar	400	6
Ferozepur	711	10	Muktsar	326	3
Pathankot	645	15	Mansa	243	1
Total positive	26,909		Deaths	675	



Ludhiana topped the districts with 229 cases, followed by Jalandhar (130), SAS Nagar (104), Amritsar (85), Patiala (70), Barnala (62) and Gurdaspur (39).

At present 142 patients are on oxygen support and 18 are on ventilator support.

A total of 422 Covid patients were discharged

after recovering from the infection. So far, 17,212 people have recovered from the disease.

There are 9,022 active cases in the state as of now, according to the Health Department officials.

A total of 7,11,260 samples have been taken for testing so far in the state, they said.

Dhindsa: Takht maryada must be restored

Tribune News Service



ASI suspended, booked for bribery

They asked the drivers to show the tax invoices of the goods. When the truck drivers asked Sukhmandar for his identity card, he refused to show it and instead, forcibly took Rs 800 from each of them. While he took money from the drivers, the ASI stood guard to ensure that the drivers did not create any trouble.

AP spokesman Navdeep Singh Sangha alleged that the police officials at nakkas used private manpower to collect bribe so as to escape the law. "The trend has been going on for the past many years," he alleged, while urging the government to streamline the police functioning at the grass-roots level.

Dhindsa said the Akal Takht was held in high esteem by the Sikh community. "However, it is now under the control of the Badals. There was a time when the Akal Takht could summon Maharaja Ranjit Singh, but now, Badals have lowered it to such levels that they forced the Akal Takht chief to pardon the head of Dera Sacha Sauda" the Rajya Sabha MP alleged.

Tirath Singh, president of Gurudwara Uday Vihar Singh Sabha, along with his supporters joined Dhindsa.

Cop, aide held for collecting 'goonda tax' from truckers

Tribune News Service

MOGA, AUGUST 12
An ASI of the Punjab Police and his associate, posing as a sales tax inspector, have been arrested for allegedly collecting "goonda tax" from truck drivers ferrying goods during the night at inter-district borders.

Confirming this, a senior official of the district police said a case under Sections 384, 419 and 34 of the IPC and Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, had been registered at the Kot-i-e-Khan police station against ASI Major Singh, posted at Balkhandi police post, and his accomplice Sukhmandar Singh, a resident of Galauti village.

The accused cop has also been suspended from the service and a departmental inquiry has been initiated against him.

Sources said the cop and his accomplice had set up a temporary police naka on the Amritsar road near Cheema village on August 10 and stopped two trucks.

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Now, Faridkot Maharaja's grandchildren move SC

Challenge HC order giving aunt share in property

Tribune News Service



A palace of the erstwhile ruler of Faridkot. FILE PHOTO

father's will to deprive her of her share in the property.

In her complaint, Amrit Kaur had alleged that to plunder and misappropriate her father's vast properties, Deepinder Kaur and 22 other persons had forged a will and used it to create a Trust. They imposed themselves as office-bearers and their family members and relatives were controlling

the Trust for the past over 30 years, plundering the late Maharaja's properties.

Though a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Punjab Police, constituted to investigate the allegations in the FIR, is yet to make a headway, the accused have challenged the High Court verdict. This case is listed for August 13 in the Supreme Court.

Reverse migration behind fresh spread in Bathinda

Tribune News Service

BATHINDA, AUGUST 12

The Covid-19 cases in the district are on the rise, with 781 cases having been reported in the past 13 days, taking the total number of cases to 933. More than 300 migrant labourers, who returned to work at Guru Gobind Singh refinery in the district's Rama Mandi have tested positive. Following this, the refinery

authorities directed the workers to defer their plan of coming back until the situation returns to normal.

A spokesperson for the refinery said the patients were not the employees of refinery, but were employed by contractors. Besides, none of the patients had entered the refinery's premises.

Meanwhile, six workers of a dhaba located on the Gomiana road, and one staffer of a hotel have tested positive



for Covid-19. The development has triggered panic among residents. Reportedly, the employees who have tested positive are migrant workers who had returned

from their native places recently. Subsequently, the area was declared a micro-containment zone.

A large number of cases have also been reported from the cantonment area, police stations, AIIMS and the special jail in the district.

The biggest spike in the district was reported on August 6, when 112 patients were tested positive. Later, on August 8, 104 persons were found infected.

As now the large numbers of patients are admitted to isolation centers in the district. The administration is facing problems in keeping them calm and making arrangements for them.

Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan said: "We are taking 1,000 samples every day as against 400 previously. Door-to-door testing with antigen kits in the micro-containment zones has been started."

DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH BLOCK NO. 18-B, SDA COMPLEX, KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-9 NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 3 YEARS GENERAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY(GNM) COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2020-21

Applications are invited from the eligible Bonafide Himachali female candidates for undergoing Diploma in 3 years General Nursing & Midwifery course in the following 41 GNM Training Institutions of Himachal Pradesh (i.e. 6 in Govt. Sector and 35 in private sector) for the academic session 2020-21. The total numbers of seats alongwith category wise distribution of seats in these institutions are as under:-

(i) **GNM Institute in Govt. Sector:**

Sr. No.	Name of College	No. of Seats
1.	GNM Training School, Zonal Hospital Mandi	30
2.	GNM Training School, Dr. RPPGMC, Kangra at Tanda	30
3.	GNM Training School, Zonal Hospital, Bilaspur	20
4.	GNM Training School, Zonal Hospital, Nahan	20
5.	GNM Training School, MGMSC, Khaneri, Rampur	30
6.	GNM Training School, Zonal Hospital, Chamba	30
		160

(ii) **GNM Schools in Private Sector:**

Sr. No.	Name of College	No. of Seats Under State Quota in Private GNM Schools
1	Chamunda Institute of Medical Sciences & Nursing School, Mohali, Kullu, Distt. Kullu	25
2	Lord Mahavira Institute of General Nursing & Midwifery, Naggar(Solan) VIII, Dattiwala, Swarghat Road, Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, H.P. PIN - 174101	20
3	Shivlal Institute of Nursing, Chhiber Complex, Kamla Nagar (Bhattakuffer), Sanjauli, Shimla, PIN - 171006	20
4	Awasthi Institute of Nursing, Ward No. 9, Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, H.P. PIN - 174101	25
5	Murari Lal Memorial School of Nursing Village - Nagali, PO - Oachghat, Distt. Solan, H.P. PIN - 173223	20
6	Sai Sanjivni Institute of Nursing, (Sai Sanjivni Hospital), Solan, PIN - 173223 Himachal Pradesh	20
7	Himayian School of Nursing (Maa Saraswati Educational Trust), VPO, Kala Amb, Teh. Nahan, Distt. Simour, PIN - 173030	15
8	Modern Institute of Nursing (Modern Shiksha Samiti), Near Bus Stand, Annadale, Shimla, PIN - 171003	20
9	Himalayan Group of Professional Institutions College of Nursing, Near Kisan Bhawan, Cinema Road, Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi (HP) PIN - 175015	20
10	Netaji Subhash College of Nursing, VIII, Parla, Tanda, P.O. Palampur, Distt. Kangra, PIN - 176061	20
11	Kamakshi School of Nursing, Nurpur Vill. Bassa Wazir, PO - Bhugnara, Teh - Nurpur, Distt. - Kangra, H.P. PIN - 176201	20
12	Kol-Valley Institute of Nursing, VIII, Nehar, PO - Harmora (Koldam), Teh - Sadar, Distt. Bilaspur, H.P. PIN - 174036	20
13	Himcapes School of Nursing, VPO Badhera, Tehsil Haroli, Distt. Una, H.P. PIN - 177209	20
14	Nanda Institute of Nursing, Hamirpur Road, Una, PIN - 174303	20
15	Maa Janki School of Nursing, Hira Nagar, Hamirpur, PIN - 177001, Himachal Pradesh	20
16	Guru Nanakcharya Society, Guru Nanakcharya Nursing School, Yol, Cantt, Dhamashala, Distt. Kangra, (H.P.) PIN - 176052	20
17	Grace School of Nursing, Mission Hospital Complex, Kangra, Distt. Kangra - 176001	20
18	Sri Sai School College of Nursing Village - Dadoh, PO - Upper Behli, Teh - Sunder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, H.P. PIN - 175018	20
19	Jeevan Rekha School of Nursing, (Jeevan Rekha Associates), Near Old Bus Stand Sunder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, PIN - 175018	20
20	Shrima Nursing School Rajindra Complex, Annandale Shimla, Distt. Shimla, H.P. PIN - 171003	20
21	Jahk Institut Of Nursing Near Mahatma Gandhi Medical Services Complex, P.O. Khaneri Khaner, Teh - Rampur Bushahr, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) PIN - 172001	20
22	Himachal Institut of Nursing (Puran Chand Charitable Trust) Paonta Sahib, PIN - 173025	20
23	Him Navodaya Nursing School (Him Navodaya Sikshan Sanshikan) Moh - Obri, Near Post Office Sultanpur Distt. Chamba, H.P. PIN - 176314	20
24	Swami Shri Rajeshwaranand Bharti Nursing Training Institution, PO - Kakira, Distt. Chamba, H.P. PIN - 176313	20
25	Bhogia Institute of Nursing, Village Budh (Baddi), Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, H.P. PIN - 173205	20
26	Mata Padmavati School of Nursing Near R & T Factory, Kolawala Brood Road Majua Jatra, Tehsil Nahan, Distt. Shimla, H.P.	20
27	Christian Nursing College (CITM) Complex near Head Post Office, Dhalpur, Kullu, H.P. PIN - 175101	20
28	VVM Institute of Nursing (Vidyavardhini Memorial Educational Society), J/III Malkwal P.O. Kawara, Tehsil Nurpur Distt. Kangra H.P. PIN - 176211	20
29	Priyadarshani Institute of Nursing, VPO, Raid, Tehsil Shahpur, Distt. Kangra H.P.	10
30	Gautam College of Nursing, Ward No. 10, Near Bus Stand Hamirpur, Distt. Hamirpur - 177001	20
31	Satyam Educational Society, Puhara, Village Lanjot, PO Bansoor, Tehsil Shahpur, Distt. Kangra, H.P. PIN - 176208	20
32	Abhilash College Of Nursing P.O. - Baiti Tehsil - Baiti Dist. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh PIN - 175008	15
33	Nandini School of Nursing, Vill Kanaid, PO. Kanaid Sunder Nagar, Mandi H.P.	15
34	Swakar School of Nursing, Main Bazar Sarkagh, Distt. Mandi H.P	15
35	Shri Balaji Hospital & College of Nursing , Kangra District Kangra	10
		670

NB: (i) The number of Govt./Private un-aided GNM institutions and total available seats may increase or

BRIEFLY

Scribe attacked in Ferozepur
Ferozepur: A journalist, Gurnam Singh Sidhu was thrashed by some persons on the Press Club premises. Sources said some persons entered into an argument with him over a mishap that had taken place earlier in the day. The matter turned ugly and Gurnam was thrashed. He was rushed to a hospital, where his condition is said to be stable. The process to register a case against the alleged accused was underway. — TNS

Govt lauds team for COVA app
Chandigarh: Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan said the government's COVA Punjab app kept evolving with time and during the lockdown, the technical team of Department of Governance Reforms had kept introducing new features. The app was formally launched on March 9. It aimed at providing citizens with protective care measures. — TNS

Body found from canal

Abohar: A case has been registered against four persons after the body of a 24-year-old man was found from a canal on Tuesday. Kavita, sister of the victim, Surinder Kumar of Shergewala village here, said her brother's friend Anuj Kumar took him out. Later, he with the help of his friends Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and Amit Kumar allegedly assaulted Surinder and threw him in the canal. — TNS

HC paves way for storing foodgrain at Sangrur site

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12 The Punjab and Haryana High Court has paved way for utilising 4 acres on the Sangrur-Ubbawal road for storing foodgrain kept "in low lying vulnerable area". The Bench, during the course of arguments, was told that "miscreants" had not allowed the storage "due to some political reasons".

Justice Raj Mohan Singh asserted it would be just and appropriate to direct the state and other respondents to ensure storage of foodgrain by Pungrain on the plinth to prevent "great financial loss" to the organisation and the petitioner-owner and also to ensure law and order situation at the site. "This arrangement, however, would be subject to final outcome of the writ petition after hearing all stakeholders..." Justice Raj Mohan Singh added.

The matter was brought to the High Court's notice after a petition was filed against the state government and other respondents by owner Sanjay Garg through senior counsel Chetan Mittal, Kunal



Storage of grain on the plinth will help Pungrain prevent loss

Mulwani and Sehej Sandhawalia. In his detailed order, Justice Raj Mohan Singh observed that the stand taken by the state and Pungrain appeared to be at variance to some extent. It was despite the fact that Pungrain was also a functionary of the state.

Referring to stand taken by Pungrain, Justice Raj Mohan Singh observed the organisation, among other things, stated that it started "utilisation of plinth by taking over and storing foodgrain by way of unloading the trucks". But, there was a strong protest by the inhabitants of Shiv Nagar Ram Nagar Basti.

The state counsel said

labour and trucks were requisitioned for the storage of wheat on the plinth on August 6. At the time of loading crates and wheat, some of the labourers were found to be unwell. They were sent to the Civil Hospital for testing samples. "Unless the report is received, the work of loading/unloading was not to be done by the labour union," the Bench was told.

Intervening on behalf of Basti residents, senior counsel Akshay Bhan, submitted the site could not be used for commercial purpose as the change of land use was not obtained by the petitioner from Sangrur Municipal Committee. Mittal submitted the site was situated in Sangrur revenue estate and the petitioner was using it for the "subject purpose" since 1996. The site, as per notified master plan, fell in the industrial area.

Before parting with the order, Justice Raj Mohan Singh said the violation in terms of master plan or CLU would be dealt with by the Municipal Council, Sangrur, in accordance with law. — TNS

52-yr-old murdered, two booked

BATHINDA, AUGUST 12

A 52-year-old man was allegedly murdered by a group of men in Balaha Mehma village here. After initial investigation, the Nehianwala police have registered an FIR against two persons.

As per the police, six persons entered the house of Bhola Ram during late night hours on Tuesday, and allegedly started misbehaving with his daughter. When he objected to it, they attacked him with sharp-edged weapons. Beant Kaur, daughter of the deceased, was married, but she was staying at her parents' home for the past four years.

The son of the deceased, in his statement to the police, said two persons — Harpreet Singh from Ramphu Phul and Sureet Singh — tried to kidnap his sister, and when they objected to it, six men attacked them and killed his father. Buta Singh, incharge of Nehianwala police station, said Harpreet Singh and Sureet Singh had been booked under Section 302 and other sections of the IPC and a manhunt had been launched to nab the accused. — TNS

One month on, Muktsar fields remain waterlogged

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MUKTSAR, AUGUST 12

Nearly a month after the rain left fields and some places in Muktsar waterlogged, the rainwater has not been drained out yet.

Many fields in Udekaran village, located next to Muktsar, are still waterlogged. The district administration has installed some water lifting pumps to drain out the rainwater, but this exercise is taking time.

The farmers said if the pumps had been installed some time ago, their crops would have been saved.

"The water lifting pumps were installed about five days ago. Now, our crops have decayed. The water-level is receding at a slow pace. There should be some permanent solution for the problem of waterlogging, otherwise we will have to bear losses almost every monsoon season," said Jagmeet Singh, a farmer.

Some people have migrated from the village because their houses are inundated. Jagmeet Singh of Haraj village said, "The administra-



Rainwater being drained out of fields at Udekaran village in Muktsar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

DELAY IN INSTALLING PUMPS

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tion has not come up with a permanent solution to resolve the problem of waterlogging in villages of the region. Some senior officers should visit the area and prepare a detailed project report.”

Avtar Singh, District Revenue Officer, Muktsar, said, “The state government has given the orders for a special ‘girdawari’ within 15 days. The rainwater is being drained out from Udekaran village.”

The rainfall on July 21 was recorded at 150 mm.

Soldier alleges assault by police, probe marked

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Hardeep Singh

ROPAR, AUGUST 12

A constable of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), posted in Kashmir, has alleged that he was thrashed at the Anandpur Sahib police station during the Hola Mohalla festival.

Hardeep Singh claimed that he was let off only after a local intervened and he tendered a written apology to the police. He claimed that the incident left him mentally disturbed. Incidentally, the then SHO Bharat Bhushan had been sent to the Police Lines for allegedly hushing up a rape case.

Hardeep said he had come to his home at Bajrur village on March 9, along with his friends Narinder Singh, Surjeet Singh and Tarlok Singh during. They decided to go to Anandpur Sahib to pay obeisance on

the occasion of Hola Mohalla.

After reaching Anandpur Sahib, Surjeet and Tarlok got separated due to the rush. After some time Hardeep received a call from Tarlok that they had been taken to the police station. He claimed that when he reached the police station, he saw cops thrashing Surjeet.

Hardeep said Tarlok told him that they fell in trouble when Surjeet raised objections over a police jeep blowing hooter. "The police, however, told him that they had misbehaved, so they were

being punished," he said. Hardeep alleged that even when he showed his identity card to the then SHO and requested him to leave Surjeet, he didn't budge.

"I told him that if Surjeet had done anything wrong he could register a case against him, but thrashing him was not justified," he added. Hardeep claimed that on this Bharat Bhushan got enraged and ordered other policemen to remove his turban and thrash him. They were let off after signing an apology, he said.

Meanwhile, Bharat Bhushan said Hardeep, along with his friends, was involved in hooliganism due to which they were brought to the police station and allowed to leave after he tendered an apology. SSP Akhil Chaudhary said he had asked the SP to probe the complaint.

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Adopt Delhi model on crop insurance: AAP

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has slammed the Punjab as well as the Union Government for "depriving" the farmers of agriculture insurance scheme, accusing the successive state governments of appeasing big corporate houses at the expense of the farmers, who were already facing deep fiscal crisis.

Party leaders Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Meet Hayer and Jai Krishan Singh Rouri said both the state and Central governments had adopted an anti-farmer stance over the issue of crop insurance scheme, spelling doom for the beleaguered community.

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Party says delay in formulating scheme has hit farmers hard

might be a compulsion for the state, but why it had not initiated steps to this effect at its own level during its over three-year tenure?

The AAP MLAs stressed that the government of Punjab should formulate a scheme on the lines of the Delhi model, where it paid Rs 20,000 per acre towards compensation to the farmers to offset the cross losses. The Congress had promised to pay a compensation of Rs 20,000 per acre to the affected farmers, but was shelling out a meagre compensation,

ranging between Rs 2,000 and Rs 12,500 per acre, which, they claimed, was also not being paid on time.



The accident site where vehicles collided near Abohar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

6 hurt as four vehicles collide

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHLAR, AUGUST 12

At least six persons were hurt after four vehicles collided near Khuyiansarwer village on the Abohar-

Sriganganagar highway on Wednesday afternoon.

Bajrang Dal activists, who rescued the injured, said a truck coming from the Kashmir valley collided with a canter

(mini truck), tractor and a bike.

Six persons were injured and shifted to private and government hospitals here. Their condition is stable now.

Bathinda students protest as college 'demands' fee



Students and ABVP workers protest outside Baba Farid College on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

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'PAY IN INSTALMENTS'

“We have told students that if they have economic problems, they can give application so that the management can give them time to pay. They can even pay in instalments.”

Rajinder Singh Dhanoa, ACADEMICS

The protesters raised slogans against the college management. Members of farmer unions were also present at the protest. Students said the college was demanding fee from them even as physical classes were not taking place.

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Rajinder Singh Dhanoa, Assistant Director, Academics, Baba Farid College, said, "As per the guidelines of the Punjabi University, Patiala, colleges have been asked to start online classes from August 1. So, the management asked the students to take admission and pay the fee."

He said, "We have told students that if they have economic problems, they can submit an application to their class teacher or head of department, so that the management can give them time to pay or even allow them to pay fee in instalments."

Dushyant Chautala and his wife at the Golden Temple.

On liquor smuggling, Chautala said the Haryana Government had been taking strong steps to curb it. Whenever a complaint is received in this regard, strict and immediate action is taken. More than 1,250 FIRs have been registered during the lockdown, he added. — TNS



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I, Service No. 15667536M, Hav Rajesh Kumar of Unit NCSC C/o 56 APO, Address: 592/GHA/872 Rajiv Nagar (Telegi), Post Kharkia, Tehsil & Distt. Lucknow, State (UP) PIN – 226025, have changed the name of my son from Arvam to Arnav Verma vide affidavit dated 06.08.2020 before 1st Class Magistrate Udhampur J&K. DI-7311-4

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State traces contacts of 92% Covid patients

F'bad, Charkhi Dadri, Jind, Rewari achieve 100% success

797 NEW CASES

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12 With 797 new cases reported on Wednesday, the Covid tally in the state crossed the 44,000-mark. Three more persons succumbed to the virus, taking the toll to 503. Two deaths were reported from Faridabad and one from Gurugram. TNS

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Couple shot dead in Faridabad village

Tribune News Service

FARIDABAD, AUGUST 12

The police have registered a case and launched a hunt in connection with a double murder that took place in Jasana village in the district on Tuesday.

A couple was found dead on Tuesday night at their house in the village, about 10 km from here. The reason for the murder is yet to be ascertained.

Though the incident took place around 2 pm on Tuesday, it came to light around 9 pm when a relative of the woman reached their house to deliver milk. He found the couple — identified as Sukhbir Chandila (28) and his wife Monika (26) — lying dead in a pool of blood.

Monika, who hailed from the same village, used to get milk from her parents' house in the evening. "As she failed to turn up on Tuesday till 8.30

Family suspects assailants killed them to loot valuables

pm, we decided to deliver the milk at her house," said Ramvir Singh, her father.

He claimed Sukhbir and Monika had been residing here for the past two years and they had no enmity with anyone. He suspected that they could have been murdered with an intention of robbery as cash, jewellery, laptop and phones were missing.

According to the police, four unidentified youths shot dead the couple soon after entering the house and decamped from there on two motorcycles.

Among HCS officers, Belina, Ballabhgarh SDM, will join the same post at Hansi. Ravinder Kumar, Bawali SDM, had been shifted as Beri SDM. Jitender Singh, Hansi SDM, will be Meham SDM. — TNS

Seven IAS, 4 HCS officers transferred

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

The state government has transferred seven IAS officers and four HCS officers.

Among IAS officers, Preeti, Bhiwani ADC, has been posted as Ambala ADC, while Rahul Narwal, Beri SDM, will be new Bhiwani ADC.

Abhishek Meena, Meham SDM, has been transferred as Mahendragarh ADC. Akhil Pilani, Assistant Commissioner, Ambala, has been posted as Thanesar SDM. Aparajita, Assistant Commissioner, Gurugram, will be new Ballabhgarh SDM. Ayush Sinha, Assistant Commissioner, Karnal, has been posted as Karnal SDM. Sachin Gupta, Assistant Commissioner, Bhiwani, will be Ambala SDM.

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SP to be awarded for speedy probe

Tribune News Service

KARNAL, AUGUST 12

Kaithal Superintendent of Police (SP) Shashank Kumar Sawan will be honoured with "Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation 2020"



ASP in Jhajjar district and he was assigned the case. The six-year-old girl was a daughter of a migrant labourer and lived in a rented accommodation in Bahadurgarh.

She was raped by another tenant in the building in September 2018. Sawan completed his investigation and also filed chargesheet in investigation of crime.

Part from Kaithal SP, two sub-inspectors of the Haryana Police — Anil Kumar and Rita Rani — will also be honoured with this medal.

Sawan was then posted as

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Advertisement No: Ro. No. 2023/2020-2021

In continuation of Advertisement No. Ro. No. 2023/2020-2021 dated 04-08-2020 please read as under:-

1. In line number 8 Class D may be read as Class B.
2. In line No. 10 the word Dadak may be read as Sadak.

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

Job No.	Name of Work	Estd. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1	Up-gradation of Sub-Divisional Laboratory at Rampur Tehsil Shimla (SH)- Prov. Supply & Installation of Lab. Equipment	593061/-	11865/-	400/-	One Month

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 17.08.2020 up to 5.00 P.M. and the same will be opened on 18.08.2020 at 10.00 A.M. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hipiph.org

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Rampur.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED ("A State Govt. Undertaking") CORRIGENDUM-2 (e-Tendering Mode only)

The date of Sale and Opening of tender for supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Dehydration plant 4500CLPH capacity for Bassi HEP (4X16.5MW) under Bassi Power House Division, HPSEBL, Jodhpur, District Mandi (H.P.) is hereby extended as per the following schedule.

Request/Issue for online tender documents:	From 30.06.2020 (10:00 Hrs.) to 22.08.2020 (17:00 hrs.)
Last date of submission of online tender	up to 24.08.2020 (11:00 Hrs.)
Date of opening of tender	24.08.2020 (15:00 Hrs.)

The detailed tender notification can be viewed/downloaded free of cost from website www.tenderwizard.com/hpsebl and tender document can be had after making prescribed payment. Any clarification / amendment shall be uploaded on the above website.

(Pratap Thakur)

Superintendent Engineer (Designs), Power House Electrical, HPSEBL Ltd, Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)-175019.

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Job No.	Name of Work	Estd. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Form	Time
1	Remodelling/Improvement of GWSS Kumsu Matrewal in GP Bhadawali, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (SH)- Site Development, Barbed wire fencing, C/o 1 No. RCC S/Tank 50000 Ltrs. Cap. & LJ of GI pipe various dia at different Node.)	1331837/-	26640/-	400/-	Six Months
2	Remodelling/Improvement of GWSS Masarna in GP Bhadawali, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Site Development, C/o 1 No. RCC S/Tank 40000 Ltrs. Cap. & LJ of GI pipe various dia at different Node.)	1418212/-	28400/-	400/-	Six Months
3	Providing GWSS to various Habitation of GP Krangla, Tehsil Nankhali, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Site Development, Barbed wire fencing C/o 3 Nos. RCC Spring Intake, C/o 1 Nos. RCC S/Tank 25000 Ltrs. cap. 2 Nos. & LJ of GI Pipe various dia at different Node.)	2680500/-	48524/-	400/-	Six Months
4	Providing LWSS Kashapat Khad to Dansa via Patiala Kuhlu and Chiksa Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- LJ of GI pipe 15mm dia -8718 Rmt, 20mm dia = 1290 Rmt & 25mm dia = 840 at different Node to Provide FHTC to Household.)	933095/-	18662/-	400/-	Three Months
5	Providing GWSS to Kalay Bonda and G/O village in GP Sarahan and Shahdhar, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (SH- LJ of GI pipe various dia at different Node to Provide FHTC to Household.)	778971/-	15579/-	400/-	Three Months
6	Providing GWSS to various habitation of GP Majholi Tipper & Kaleda Majheot in Tehsil Nankhali, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- LJ of GI pipe various dia at different Node to Provide FHTC to Household.)	3303776/-	57660/-	800/-	One Year
7	Improvement of LWSS Nogil Khad to Shingla,Uru, Umari, Kalna Devtan etc. in GP Shingla, Tehsil Rampur, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Site Development, C/o 1 No. RCC Storage Tank 40000 Itr cap, C/o 4 Nos. RCC Storage tank 15000 Itr. cap. C/o 2 Nos. RCC Storage Tank 10000 Itr cap , Barbed wire fencing , Pumping Machinery/170 BHP =2 Set, Providing, Laying & Jointing GI pipe of various dia at different Node.)	7044627/-	102946/-	800/-	365 Days
8	Providing LWSS to lefotu habitation of census village Addu Jwala in GP Addu/Bagalti in Tehsil Nankhali, Distt. Shimla (HP) (SH- Site Development, C/o RCC Nallah Intake, C/o Panel Fencing, C/o Sumpwell cum S/Tank 15000 ltrs cap. at Node No. 2, C/o Storage Tank 10000 ltrs cap. at Node No. 5, C/o Anchor Block & RCC Pillar, P/L GMS Tube fitting at various RDs.)	6952363/-	102025/-	800/-	365 Days

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G'gram woman lawyer ends life

Tribune News Service

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 12

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Equal rights for daughters

SC ends last vestige of discriminatory practice

THE Supreme Court verdict acknowledging equal rights to daughters on a par with sons as coparceners or equal inheritors in a Hindu family is welcome. The verdict does away with the last vestige of a discriminatory practice that continued despite the 2005 amendment to Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. There are two main schools of law followed by Hindus — Mitakshara and Dayabhaga. While Mitakshara School is followed in most parts of India, Dayabhaga School is confined to Bengal. Certain areas in South India are governed by Marumakkatayam, Aliyasantana, and Nambudiri systems of law. Notwithstanding its discriminatory nature, the original Section 6 of the Act was, in fact, a progressive provision to start with, given the fact that women did not have a share in the coparcenary property in the 1950s, and on the demise of an inheritor, the share of the deceased was passed on to his male heirs.

The Hindu Succession Act, 1956, made inroads into the male-dominated system. Though women didn't get equal rights in property, the law made it possible for them to inherit property. While the rest of India continued with the discriminatory practice, some states such as Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka amended the law, giving equal rights to daughters. It was in this light that Parliament amended the Act in 2005 to give equal rights to daughters. But due to conflicting verdicts delivered by courts on retrospectivity of the amendment, daughters continued to be discriminated against.

Maintaining that daughters cannot be deprived of their right to equality, the Supreme Court has now ruled that the 2005 amendment would be applicable to them, irrespective of whether they were born before or after it. Most of these laws are from the pre-Constitution era, when right to equality was not a fundamental right. Post-Constitution India must strive to achieve the constitutional objective of equality. While Hindu personal laws have been amended several times to make them compatible with constitutional provisions and principles, there is a need for similar changes in personal laws of all other communities. This calls for legislative intervention.

Russian vaccine

Scepticism tempers excitement over early end to pandemic

WITH its surprise announcement on Tuesday of having approved the vaccine for novel coronavirus, Russia has beaten all other candidates — there are over 150 of them in various stages of testing and trial, with five of them in the final leg — in the race for the vaccine, the production of which has been fast-tracked by most countries. The new vaccine has naturally triggered excitement, with hope floating for an early containment of the deadly virus even as the logistics and ethics of inoculation, mass production, procurement and general accessibility are being debated and discussed. Russia aims to first inoculate health workers and then teachers on a voluntary basis. Mass production is slated for October. It claims to have signed pacts with foreign countries to make 500 million doses of the vaccine that it has named Sputnik V.

However, tempering Putin's claim of the vaccine offering 'sustainable immunity' against Covid-19 is scepticism. The concern arises from the fact that Sputnik V is yet to undergo phase III trials on humans. Many experts have questioned its efficacy and fear that Russia, in reckless hurry, may have put national prestige before safety. WHO has specified the importance of vaccines passing through all stages of testing before being rolled out. Even if India were to procure Sputnik V, its phase II and III trials on locals are necessary before approval for use. And, that would take a few months.

There are three vaccine candidates — two indigenous ones and one from Oxford — undergoing human clinical trials in India. They are perhaps a better bet. The Dr VK Paul-headed expert committee, set up to consider vaccine administration, has already started confabulations with state governments and vaccine manufacturers so as to be ready with the wherewithal of inoculating people against the disease the moment a vaccine is cleared for use. With more than two crore people having been infected and nearly 7.5 lakh having died of Covid-19 till now, and economies having been crippled beyond any comparable event in almost a century, all eyes are on the magical shot.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Freedom is never given; it is won.

— A Philip Randolph

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1920

Political Labels.

In an article from which we have quoted, there is one passage which shows that the Civil and Military Gazette, at any rate, is moving, shall we say, towards a proper recognition of the actualities of the case. The journal divides opinion in India into five classes: conservative, moderate, progressive, reactionary and irreconcilable. The second, the fourth and the fifth it does not define, presumably because their import is unmistakably obvious. Of the remaining two, it defines the conservative as "the cautious friends of India and not reactionary living in the past of super-paternal Government," while by the progressive, it means the man "whom more often than not we call the extremist or even the agitator, but not the man who is endeavouring to pledge himself and his misguided followers to those forms of political agitation that can never prove anything but destructive of all liberty and all constitutional progress." We are not primarily concerned with the correctness or otherwise of the writer's classification or of his definition of the several classes. What does concern us is to point out that this is the first time that a journal of this class has admitted that the men whom it and its friends have more often than not described as extremists or agitators are many of them only progressive. But while congratulating the journal on this somewhat belated discovery, we may perhaps point in all humility that when the process will have advanced a step further, it will begin to realise that even the "irreconcilable" of today is only the progressive differently writ. All these terms are only relative.

Hypnotising nationalism

When conformity is a virtue and dissent criminalised, freedom is awakened intelligence



AVIJIT PATHAK

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ALLAMA Iqbal's *Sare jahan se achha, Hindustan hamara* used to enchant my soul when I was at school. Possibly, I was innocent. With wonder and reverence, I used to look at the pages of my history book; and I loved Bhagat Singh's courage, Gandhi's endurance, Subhas Chandra Bose's heroism and Nehru's charisma. And I imagined the greatness of India.

These days, I ask myself: Have I lost my innocence — the dream of my childhood? I am not cynical, yet, I can feel the pain of my wounded consciousness as the grand ideals of the freedom struggle fall apart. With the process of growing up, I saw poverty and unemployment, corruption and moral decay, gross inequality amid the glitz of vulgar affluence, caste hierarchy and communal politics, extremist movements and encounter deaths, and even the seeds of authoritarianism. And I began to laugh at the sort of 'patriotism' that, say, Manoj Kumar's films used to portray. Instead, the social realism as depicted in the films of Mrinal Sen and Shyam Benegal, the diaries of those whom Indira Gandhi sent to jail during the Emergency, or the imageries of the 1992 mandir-masjid politics occupied my consciousness. I lost interest in watching the spectacle called the Republic Day parade, or listening to the PM's speech from the Red Fort.

I tried my best not to fall into the trap of nihilistic despair. Instead, I began to realise that freedom could by no means be seen as a finished product that the likes of Bhagat Singh and Gandhi gave us as a 'gift'. As a matter of fact, freedom ought to be seen as a continual process of



DIFFERENT BONDAGE: What we are witnessing is a blend of stimulant nationalism and hypnotising consumerism.

I begin to see a seductive chain of domination in the propaganda machinery that equates the qualities of leadership with the psychology of narcissism.

becoming; we must orient ourselves to carry the spirit of freedom; and we must educate ourselves to see things clearly, and break the chains of domination as well as seduction — not violently, but ethically, politically and psychologically. Hence, even though ours is a free nation, in the sense that through the ritualisation of periodic elections we elect our own representatives, the freedom struggle is not yet over. After all, freedom is not easy to live with; and hence, irrespective of what the ruling regime says, we have to keep our eyes open. We must learn to demand freedom, and live with it. Freedom is awakened intelligence; freedom is engaged responsibility; freedom is an art of relatedness; and freedom is the transcendence of the dichotomies of 'rights' vs 'duties'. Freedom is not ahistorical; yet, freedom is the creative agency to overcome the structural constraints. In a way, freedom takes us to the domain of possibilities.

And today as I contemplate, I begin to see a seductive chain of domina-

tion in the propaganda machinery that equates the qualities of leadership with the psychology of narcissism; and nationalism with some sort of herd mentality that is desperate in finding and finishing its 'enemy'. A hyper-masculine saviour with his spectacular dramaturgical performances, we are told, can 'save us' — from Kashmiri terrorists as well as Chinese troops in Ladakh; and it is he who alone can give us a temple at Ayodhya, and restore the glory of the Hindu nation. And we — the reflexive creators, but the captive audience — must clap, and learn to obey because even the slightest difference from the messiah is likely to be condemned and stigmatised as anti-national. Conformity is a virtue; dissent is criminalised; and the magical power of this sort of hypnotising nationalism makes us forget what we can see if we dare to open our eyes: the life-condition of a poor Hindu is not fundamentally different from that of a poor Muslim; the 'Hindu' capitalist does by no means shed

tears for the 'Hindu' proletariat; and the record-breaking height of the statue of Sardar Patel does by no means eradicate the sufferings of the farmers in Vidarbha who are often driven to commit suicide. Paradoxically, nationalism as an ideology in our times, unlike what the champions of the freedom struggle thought about, tends to become a toxic stimulant. We hate more than we love. We do not create; we make noise. The gross symbolism, be it the chanting of Jai Shri Ram, or the display of the surgical strike on television channels, becomes more important than the honest or silent act of radical transformation or what Gandhi articulated in his talisman: Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man (woman) whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him (her).

Furthermore, it should not be forgotten that in our times, many of us — members of the aspiring middle class — fail to live with freedom because the cult of consumerism seduces us. This is a new form of social control. The mythical notion of a 'good living' perpetually bombarded on us by the spectacular culture industry transforms us into consumers. We consume not merely shaving lotion, detergent powder, diamonds and cars; we consume sex, desire and even politics. And the more we seek to consume, the more we deviate from what makes us caring, creative and compassionate. Because of our indulgence with the ever-expanding market-driven 'needs', it becomes exceedingly difficult for us to celebrate what Tagore regarded as the 'mind without fear'. Comforts silence us; atomisation insulates us; and we live with fear — the fear of losing what we 'have': a false notion of safety and security.

What a blend of stimulant nationalism and hypnotising consumerism! Is it yet another form of colonialism?

Connecting generations, and more

SURUCHI KALRA CHOUDHARY

MY grandfather always boasted that he and *The Tribune* settled in Ambala Cantt as expatriates. He regaled us with innumerable anecdotes: the midnight rendezvous to check the University Gazette for results, submitting matrimonial inserts for his children, path-breaking news breaks and what not. Early morning, he would thoroughly read the paper, imbibe the views and many a time men would gather around 'headmaster saheb' for updates. He opined the paper presented stark reality, and over the years, upheld its originality, shunning political lineage or patronage.

My father, too, turned out to be a die-hard *The Tribune* fan. An early riser,

he loves reading the paper with his morning cuppa. I entered this fan club pretty early as a pre-schooler. He would put me in his lap and we would recognise the letters in the bold print: 'T', 'E'. Growing up, *The Tribune* hosted my elocution lessons. I would read aloud a select paragraph. Whenever I was stuck at a new, unfamiliar word, he would ask me to fetch a dictionary. We would mark the word, write its meaning in the margin and reread. At a tender age, this sowed not only the habit of referring to a dictionary, but also taught me figures of speech. I learnt transcription way before my master's. My father taught me which news to find on which page, how to follow a story and capture the essence on the middle page — the pulse of the time. I nurtured an inter-

est in creative writing by reading the middles and editorials.

I remember vividly the midnight visit to Chandigarh to see how the newspaper was printed, rolled, cut, packed and dispatched. All through the years, no sooner would I enter Chandigarh than I would crane my neck to read the spot news on *The Tribune* board. I have seen the manual board turn electronic with the passage of time. However, I still relish the childhood habit and cannot pass by the roundabout without reading the board. My kids make fun of me, and often mimic my glee. But the connection is deeply ingrained.

As I sat, a coy, demure bride, my husband handed me a hot cup of tea and *The Tribune* — an instant connect. The transition was seamless, another avid fan entered my life. My husband is a

fanatic to the extent that whenever he returns home from his outstation trips, he unfailingly skims through all the missed editions. The papers are neatly stacked in his absence. Friends and relatives rely on him for information regarding admissions, vacancy, etc.

Perhaps the previous generations grew in an era when print was sacrosanct. My teenaged kids have not inherited the fascination. Their world is shrunk to their mobiles. Recently, my father underwent a surgery and had to shift to Delhi. He missed his *The Tribune*. My progeny had the last laugh. Just a click and they subscribed to the online newspaper. 'Read it whenever you want to, Nanu, and your spot news... these headlines will keep popping up on your screen!' Some associations run in the blood!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will spell doom

Apropos of 'Global N-order in a flux' (Aug 12), nuclear use today is fraught with an unimaginable holocaust for all living creatures on the planet as the present nuclear arsenals are a thousand times more powerful. The world needs to build a strong movement against nuclear pile-up, and, therefore, the UN must be strengthened, impartially playing its part in freeing the world of nuclear danger. India, the land of the Buddha, Mahavira, Guru Nanak and Gandhi, who strived for peace, compassion and universal brotherhood, should take an out-of-the-box lead for peace.

SUDERSHAN WALIA, AMRITSAR

Wasting nation's time

Apropos of 'A needless crisis' (Aug 12), the decision on the impeachment of former US President Bill Clinton mentioned that though no charge was proved, the nation's time, which could have been used for productive purposes, was lost. The same is the case here. Valuable time was lost which could have been better used during the Covid phase. But Indian politicians do not care about it due to their mindset. The Congress must have a full-time president, otherwise, similar inci-

dents will happen in other parts of the country, too.

YASH PAL RALHAN, JALANDHAR

Message from Rajasthan

The month-long stalemate in Rajasthan seems to have come to an amicable end. But it has conveyed an uninspiring message to the *aam aadmi*. Gehlot, despite being a seasoned politician, lost his cool and resorted to improper language. He was at his worst conduct during the crisis. The fear of losing the chair unnerved him. On the contrary, Pilot conducted himself with dignity and was composed throughout. We need such educated politicians (irrespective of party) who deserve a chance to run the government. The sinking ship of the Congress can be saved only by such leaders. It is hoped that the party high command realises this and has learnt a lesson.

PREM KUMAR SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

Kohinoor of Urdu poetry

The accursed coronavirus pandemic has taken the life of the Kohinoor of modern Urdu poetry. Tears welled up in my eyes on reading his obituary. Rahat Indori was my favourite poet. He was a poet of *bearami* and *bechani* (restlessness). He wrote about burning issues. His daring couplet is quoted often: 'Jo aaj

sahibe-masnad hain, kal nahin honge; Kirayedar hain, zati makan thodi hai/Sabhi ka khoon hai shamli yahan ki mitti mein; Kisi ke baap ka Hindustan thodi hai!' He would steal the show in mushairas and kavi sammelans, mesmerising audiences with his inimitable dramatic style of presentation of his poems and ghazals. He motivated the youth with couplets like: 'Toofanon se aankh milao sailabon pe vaar karo, Malahon ka chakkar chhodo tair ke dariya paar karo!' When at a book fair, I purchased all the books of Rahat Indori, the book-seller asked me if the poet was my relative. Replying in the affirmative, I told him, 'Khoon ka nahnin, rooh ka rishta hai.'

JASWANT SINGH GANDAM, PHAGWARA

Rahat bhai will be missed

Rahat bhai will live forever in the minds of those who value freedom of expression of voice, thoughts, and above all, alignment with a clear-cut concept of nationalism. A widely travelled personality, who was at home everywhere, Rahat Indori always mesmerised his audience with his unique style of rendering *nazms* and kept them spellbound. May his soul rest in peace. We will forever miss him.

DEEPAK KUMAR, PANCHKUL

Fake research degrees

The large-scale proliferation of fake and fraudulent research degrees has engulfed colleges and universities of Haryana ('500 PhD degrees under lens'; July 30). Such spurious research degrees are being issued by private universities in Himachal Pradesh and also in Rajasthan on monetary considerations. Persons holding such degrees are penetrating into private and aided colleges affiliated to Kurukshetra University. It is laudable that a probe has been ordered in all government colleges to verify the veracity of research degrees obtained from these private universities.

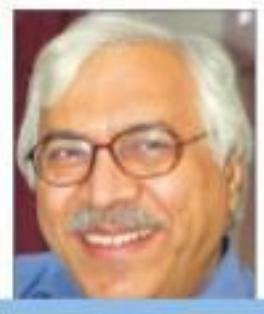
MANISH SINGH, KURUKSHETRA

Flood outbreak

In many states, the flood situation is grim. It happens every year. People have to pay a heavy price and it disrupts the economy. It costs loss of lives and properties. Building indiscriminately and illegal mining is only adding to the problem. The culprits should be punished. To make sure that the flood situation does not get out of hand, safety arrangements should be made before the onset of the rainy season to mitigate the loss of life and property.

NARENDER K SHARMA, JOGINDER NAGAR

Hoping for a new dawn in India-Lanka ties



SY QURAISHI
FORMER CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER OF INDIA

WITH Mahinda Rajapaksa's oath-taking ceremony for the prime ministerial post complete, the reign of the Rajapaksa has fortified and how. The ceremony was a foregone conclusion of the parliamentary election results declared on August 6.

Held on August 5 after a series of delays owing to the coronavirus pandemic, the parliamentary elections recorded a voter turnout of 71 per cent, lower than the 77 per cent turnout in the elections of 2015.

From the beginning, the General Election seemed heavily skewed towards the Mahinda Rajapaksa-led Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), which single-handedly won a thumping majority of 145 seats in the 225-seat national legislature. Casting 59% of the total votes to the SLPP, the Sri Lankan public has wholeheartedly given the nod to the two strongmen and brothers — Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the President and Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Prime Minister.

The breakdown of political opposition was signalled by the landslide victory of Gotabaya Rajapaksa in the presidential elections last November. The first nail in the coffin was the resignation of Ranil Wickremesinghe from the prime ministerial post due to the humbling defeat of the joint opposition candidate, Sajitha Premadasa,

as soon as the younger Rajapaksa won. The shattering loss brought to the fore the tussle between Wickremesinghe and Premadasa, tall-standing leaders of the United National Party (UNP), which culminated with the latter breaking away from the parent organisation to form his new venture, Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB). The decision bore fruit as the SJB rose as a distant second with 54 seats in the recently concluded elections, whereas the UNP was reduced to just one seat, prompting the resignation of Wickremesinghe, the UNP chief. The fractured Opposition paved the way for the Rajapaksa brothers to pursue their ethno-nationalist political campaign uninhibited.

Before contesting in the General Election, Mahinda Rajapaksa served as the interim caretaker Prime Minister, appointed by his President brother soon after Wickremesinghe left the post. Under the duo's synchronised governance style, the country was able to defeat the Covid-19 pandemic. This aggressive flaunt of unity, be it in the administration or photo-ops, also intended to serve the campaign promise of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to promulgate constitutional reforms and possibly a new Constitution. His vow to consolidate power under an executive presidency has gained momentum as Sri Lanka People's Freedom Alliance, wherein the SLPP is the main political party, has a total of 145 seats in parliament, forming a nearly two-thirds majority needed to pass constitutional amendments in the national legislative body.

The first step in fulfilling the President's long-standing stance would be to repeal the 19th Constitutional Amendment. The amendment was brought in to undo the changes done by the 18th Amendment of 2010. The



latter was promulgated when Mahinda Rajapaksa was elected as the country's President a second time after putting an end to the 26-year-long dreaded civil war. With the sole objective of centralising power under him and consolidating his control over the administration, the amendment removed the two-year term bar on running for presidency and made President the sole authority in appointing members of independent commissions (like the Election Commission), Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, amongst others.

The electoral laws were also not spared under this amendment as it disabled the Election Commission from holding public and private media accountable for its election coverage, and restricted its role to merely conducting elections. It allowed the

President to visit parliament once in three months and also enabled him to enjoy all privileges, except for the voting right that a Member of Parliament enjoys. However, the journey from parliamentary democracy to a presidential one was short-lived as Mahinda Rajapaksa was ousted in 2015, paving the way for the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. Re-instating the Constitutional Council, it made the Council's advice binding on the President regarding appointments to the independent commissions, depoliticising their nature. Additionally, the President was barred from re-contesting after the completion of two elected five-year terms.

Who would have thought that the 19th Amendment would meet the same fate as its predecessor? The irony is uncanny — the public that

threw the elder Rajapaksa out of power for passing the 18th Amendment, voted the younger Rajapaksa to victory to bring back the same amendment.

In terms of respect for civil liberties and human rights, the regimes of the elder and younger brothers are two sides of the same coin. While the former regime witnessed discrimination against the Tamil minority and rise of Sinhalese nationalism, the latter has been in the news for its undeterred Islamophobia and unregulated arrests of human rights activists and lawyers. One thing is for certain — that the centralisation of authority under the Rajapaksa brothers, and the weakened checks and balances on their power that are bound to follow the much-awaited constitutional reforms, will come down heavily on

voices of dissent. Though Sri Lanka and its immediate neighbour India are following similar patterns of a majoritarian government, the relationship between the two countries is of suspicion. The memories of Mahinda Rajapaksa's second-term proximity to China at the cost of India still haunt the latter. It may be recalled that in 2015, he had publicly attributed his defeat to the Indian intelligence agencies. The author met him at his residence in November 2019. When asked whether he still expects any 'foreign' interference, he replied with a wink that "hope it won't happen again".

Let's hope the exchange of Twitter greetings between PM Modi and Mahinda Rajapaksa would be a good start for cordial relations.

Biden-Harris combine unlikely to enthuse India



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Biden is disappointed by the measures the Govt of India has taken — the implementation and aftermath of the NRC in Assam and the passage of the CAA into law. In that 'covfefe', it will be useful to recall, Kamala Harris weighed in sharply on Pramila Jayapal's side against Jaishankar, not as two Tamilians ganging up against each other, but as two Americans speaking forthrightly for their country.



CLEAR VIEWS: With Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, US policy shift on India is unlikely.

SOON after Senator Kamala Harris was declared as the Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden's running mate, US President Donald Trump began calling her names. He called her 'meanest', 'most horrible' and threw in his somewhat more frequently used 'nasty.' These are epithets that the Indian foreign policy establishment would be almost tempted to use as well, with reference to the same development and its possible portents for India.

But diplomats, as we all know, always think twice before saying nothing. With barely 11 weeks and five days to go before the Election Day, the elections in America have become even more relevant for Indian policymakers. They realise well the importance of segueing from Howdy-Modi to BadhaihoBiden and exploring ways to smartly jettison that old slogan 'Abki Bar Trump Sarkar'. For the most disconcertingly long time, as policymakers must have watched, Biden has held a clear lead over Trump. It has been the widest polling gap in decades. It can even be mischievously argued quite successfully that the trial of 4G connectivity in select districts in Jammu and Kashmir is a visible part of the process of trimming our domestic sails to prevailing electoral winds in the US. As is the appointment, quite coincidentally, of a politician-type Lieutenant Governor for one of our newest and most controversial union territories, J&K. As the Chinese and Pakistanis bilaterally work it out, which is

more controversial — the Ladakh development or the Kashmir development — it remains a challenge and a bit of a puzzle how Lt Governor Manoj Sinha can open up political spaces as convincingly as 4G networks.

It is connected, in no small measure, to the significance of the Biden-Harris combine, should America back it on November 3. Consider the 'covfefe', that delightful Trump contribution to the English language, Dr S Jaishankar created when he chickened out — there is no other phrase for it, since it is his job, among other things, to explain his government's policy — of meeting the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Eliot L Engel and the committee's top Republican Michael McCaul and other members of the US Congress. He ducked that meeting after they

refused to drop at New Delhi's insistence, Representative Pramila Jayapal, from the team that was to meet him. This is what Jaishankar said, explaining his no-show: "I have an interest in meeting people who are objective and open to discussion but not the people who have already made up their minds."

The subtle reference here was to a resolution Jayapal had helped steer in the House of Representatives on Kashmir. This is what the resolution (Res 745) had to say and it bears reiteration: "That the House of Representatives rejects arbitrary detention, use of excessive force against civilians, and suppression of peaceful expression of dissent as proportional responses to security challenges; urges the Government of India to ensure that any actions taken in pursuit of legitimate security priorities respect the human rights of all

people and adhere to international human rights law; and urges the Government of India to lift the remaining restrictions on communication and to restore Internet access across all of Jammu and Kashmir as swiftly as possible; refrain from the use of threats and excessive force against detained people and peaceful protesters; swiftly release arbitrarily detained people in Jammu and Kashmir; refrain from conditioning the release of detained people on their willingness to sign bonds prohibiting any political activities and speeches; allow international human rights observers and journalists to access Jammu and Kashmir and operate freely throughout India, without threats; and condemn, at the highest levels, all religiously motivated violence, including that violence which targets against religious minorities."

It is, as you can see, quite a mouthful of full-bodied epithets as well, very unambiguous, very clear, and some would say, albeit privately, mean, horrible, and nasty to boot.

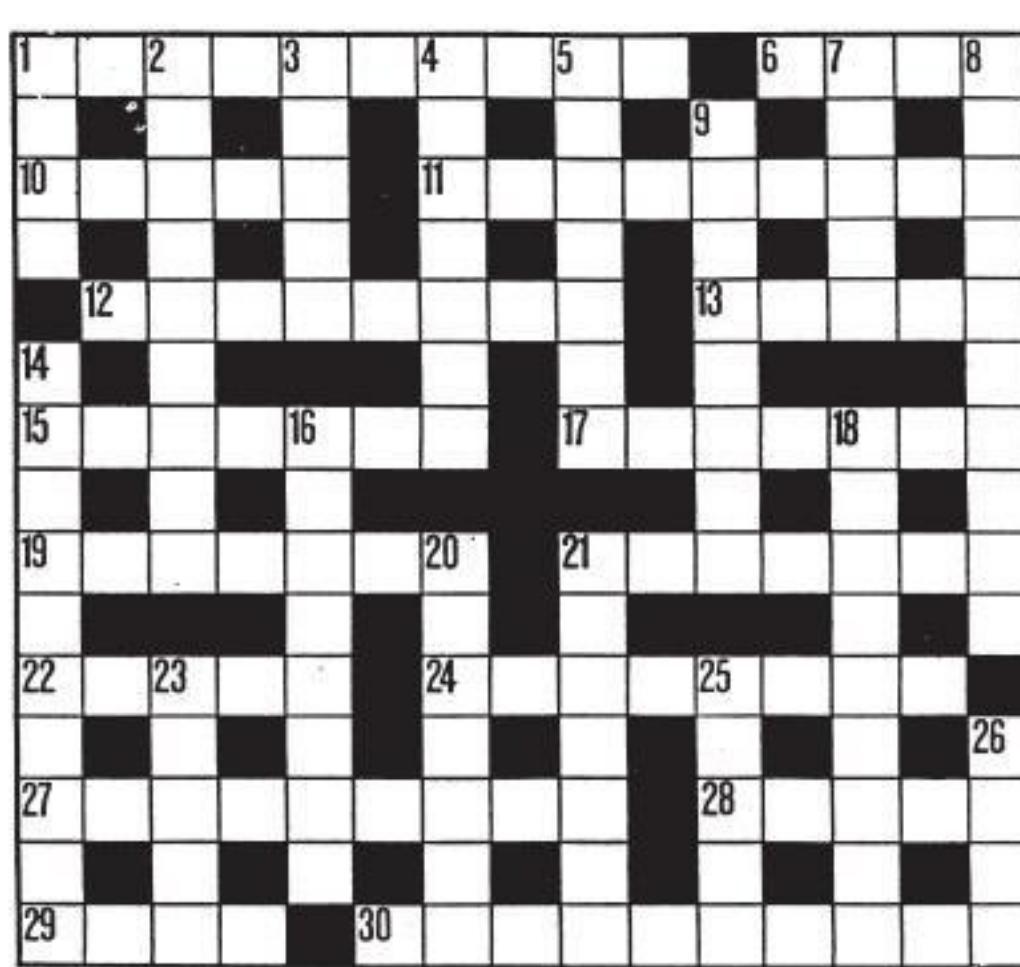
It will also be quite appropriate, although at the risk of tedious repetition, to point out that Biden has already made his views clear, not only on CAA, but also J&K: "In Kashmir, the Indian government should take all necessary steps to restore the rights of all people of Kashmir, restrictions on dissent, such as preventing peaceful protests or shutting down the Internet, weaken democracy." Biden is disappointed by the measures the Government of India has taken with

the implementation and aftermath of the National Register of Citizens in Assam and the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act into law. "These measures are inconsistent with the country's long tradition of secularism and with sustaining a multi-ethnic and multi-religious democracy."

In that coffee, it will be useful to recall, Kamala Harris weighed in sharply and heavily on Pramila's side against Jaishankar, not as two part Tamilians ganging up against one another — none of that diaspora nonsense — but as two Americans speaking forthrightly for their country. Again, for your reading pleasure, these are the remarks attributed to Harris' Twitter handle: "It's wrong for any foreign government to tell Congress what members are allowed in meetings on Capitol Hill." She underlined that she stood with Pramila Jayapal, and added, "I'm glad her colleagues in the House did too."

These words might come back to haunt our external affairs minister if there were to be a red carpet event, let's say a dinner where the humble pie has been served, and where he should have the good fortune of running into Vice-President Kamala Harris standing beside Representative Pramila Jayapal at the Biden White House, and the after-dinner conversation, also turns to Kashmir, since you can never discuss too much of a good thing. And yes, the good thing about chicken is that it is better not to count them before they hatch. That must be the soundest bit of analysis coming out of South Block today.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Fearful, 5 Visit, 8 Straw poll, 9 Rum, 10 Yoke, 12 Disciple, 14 Choose, 15 Strict, 17 Bulletin, 18 Stop, 21 Add, 22 Bete noire, 24 Enemy, 25 Loyalty.

Down: 1 Fishy, 2 Air, 3 Fowl, 4 Look-in, 5 Velocity, 6 Sore point, 7 Tempest, 11 Knowledge, 13 Assembly, 14 Cabbage, 16 Pistol, 19 Piety, 20 Envy, 23 Ill.

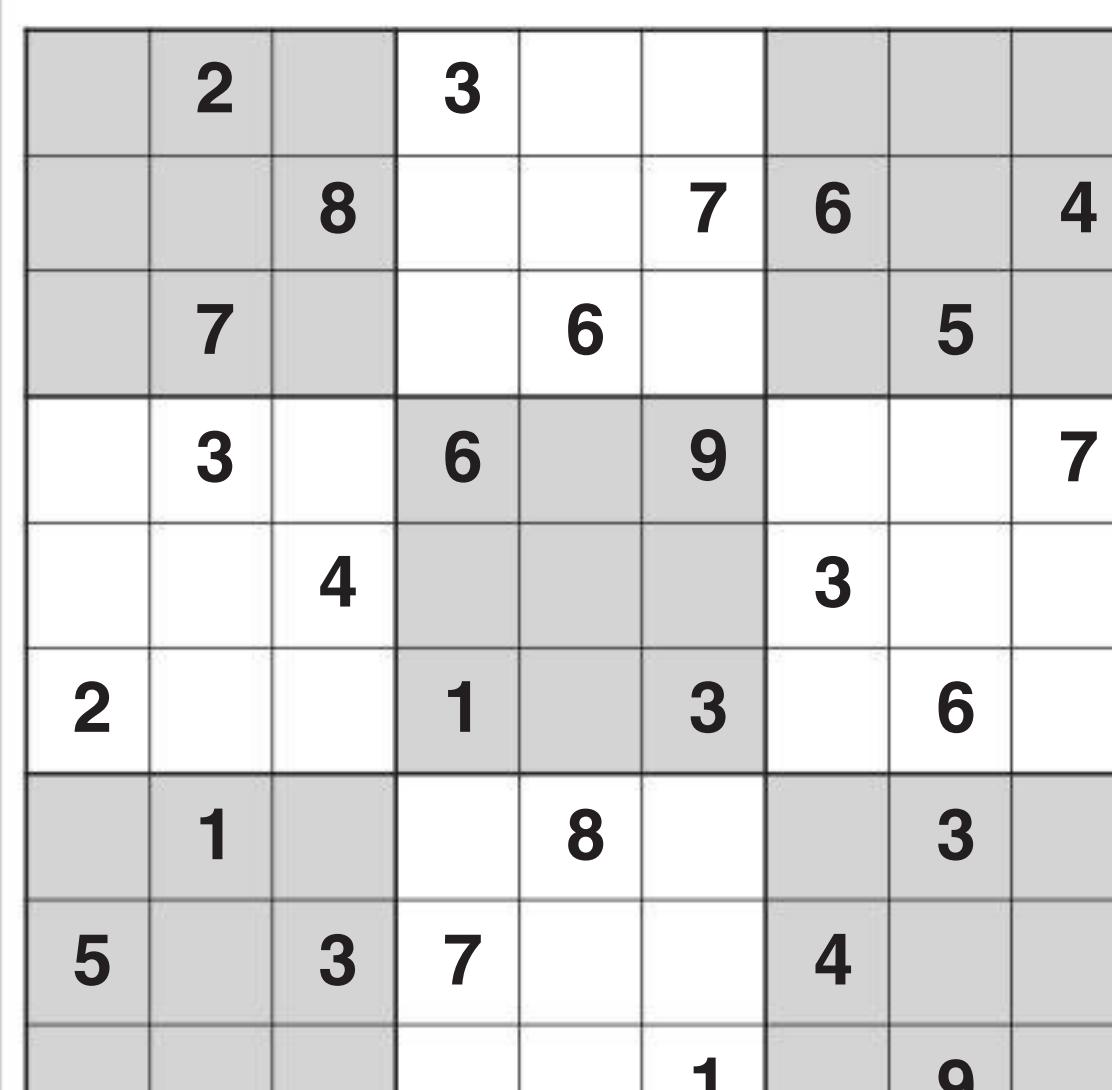
ACROSS

- 1 Firm trust (10)
- 6 Depressed (4)
- 10 Edge (5)
- 11 A radioactive element (9)
- 12 Detective story (8)
- 13 Heathen (5)
- 15 Cause of great affliction (7)
- 17 Fortress (7)
- 19 Caution (7)
- 21 A good buy (7)
- 22 Give opportunity for (5)
- 24 Source of wealth (4,4)
- 27 Inappropriately (3,2,4)
- 28 Aesthetic discernment (5)
- 29 Part of an egg (4)
- 30 Pretend to be asleep (4,6)

DOWN

- 1 Shape of a dice (4)
- 2 Fellow human (9)
- 3 Annoyed (5)
- 4 Cost incurred (7)
- 5 Bitterly sarcastic (7)
- 7 Yet to be paid (5)
- 8 Area between battle lines (2,4,4)
- 9 Data-processing device (8)
- 14 Science of human behaviour (10)
- 16 Rabble (8)
- 18 Deduction from symptoms (9)
- 20 Hoax (3-4)
- 21 Pretentious nonsense (7)
- 25 Ruinous (5)
- 26 Maxim (5)
- 28 Shaft of light (4)

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AUGUST 13, 2020, THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Shravan Shaka	22
■ Shravan Parvishtha	29
■ Hijari	1441
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 9, up to 12:59 pm	
■ Dhruva Yoga up to 9:50 am	
■ Rohini Nakshatra up to 5:22 am	
■ Moon in Taurus sign	
■ Shri Gugga Navami	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Dharamsala	22	19	
Manali	24	15	
Shimla	24	19	
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th August, 2020

S.O. २६५९(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, १९५६ (48 of १९५६) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH70 in the stretch of land from Km २२४ to Km २६४.९६० (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH70 in the stretch of land from NH70 (Sub Divisional Officer (Civil), Mandi) in the district of MANDI in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH.

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH

District: MANDI

S. no.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature Of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area(in Hectare)
1	2	3	4	5	6

Taluk: Kotli

Village: Arnodhi

1	488/1	Government	charagh villa darakhtan	०.१४६१०००(Hectare)	०.१४६१०००
2	488/1/1	Government	jungle mehfija gair mehduda	०.२८१६०००(Hectare)	०.२८१६०००
3	488/2	Government	charagh villa darakhtan	०.०००८०००(Hectare)	०.०००८०००

Village: Balahar (76)

1	253/3	Government	Charagh Bila Drakhtan	०.०७३८०००(Hectare)	०.०७३८०००
2	262/2	Private	baraani awwal	०.००२६०००(Hectare)	०.००२६०००
3	264/2	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	०.००४९०००(Hectare)	०.००४९०००
4	265/2	Private	baraani awwal	०.०१६४०००(Hectare)	०.०१६४०००
5	277/2	Government	charagh villa darakhtan	०.०३८०००(Hectare)	०.०३८०००

6	277/3	Government	charagh villa darakhtan	०.०६२३०००(Hectare)	०.०६२३०००
7	277/4	Government	charagh villa darakhtan	०.०२०६०००(Hectare)	०.०२०६०००
8	343/1/2	Private	barani doyam, gairmumkin beed	०.००६९०००(Hectare)	०.००६९०००
9	356/1/2	Private	baraani awwal	०.००५९०००(Hectare)	०.००५९०००
10	356/2/1	Private	baraani awwal	०.०००४०००(Hectare)	०.०००४०००
11	363/1	Private	khadater	०.०१४२०००(Hectare)	०.०१४२०००

12	365/2/1	Private	bagicha barani faldar	०.००४९०००(Hectare)	०.००४९०००
13	365/3	Private	bagicha barani faldar	०.००१०००(Hectare)	०.००१०००
14	366/2	Private	khadater	०.१०४६०००(Hectare)	०.१०४६०००
15	367/1	Private	barani doyam	०.००६१०००(Hectare)	०.००६१०००
16	518/1/2	Private	baraani awwal	०.०००८०००(Hectare)	०.०००८०००

17	521	Government	gairmumkin sadak	०.००६५०००(Hectare)	०.००६५०००
18	535	Government()	gairmumkin sadak	०.००८५०००(Hectare)	०.००८५०००
19	536	Government	gairmumkin sadak	०.०२५७०००(Hectare)	०.०२५७०००
20	548/257/2	Private	bagicha barani faldar	०.००१८०००(Hectare)	०.००१८०००
21	89/2	Government()	gairmumkin naali	०.०००६०००(Hectare)	०.०००६०००

22	37/2	Private	gairmumkin beed	०.००२८०००(Hectare)	०.००२८०००
23	64/2	Government	Gair Mumkin Nali	०.००१६०००(Hectare)	०.००१६०००

24	77/2	Private	gairmumkin naali	०.००१६०००(Hectare)	०.००१६०००
Village: Banog (1)					

25	37/2	Private	gairmumkin beed	०.००२८०००(Hectare)	०.००२८०००
26	64/2	Government	Gair Mumkin Nali	०.००१६०००(Hectare)	०.००१६०००

27	11/2	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	०.००५५०००(Hectare)	०.००५५०००
28	114/3	Government	Charagh Drakhtan	०.०२७१०००(Hectare)	०.०२७१०००

29	114/4	Government	Charagh Drakhtan	०.२९७४०००(Hectare)	०.२९७४०००
30	176/1	Government	gairmumkin sadak	०.०१०५०००(Hectare)	०.०१०५०००

31	176/2	Government	gairmumkin sadak</
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PIL in SC for probe into Covid 'mismanagement'

Tribune News Service



A health worker takes a blood sample at a dispensary in Sarai Rohilla, New Delhi. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MANAS RANJAN BHUI

WHAT THE PLEA STATES

- Filed by six persons, including some former bureaucrats through advocate Prashant Bhushan, the petition is likely to be taken up on Friday
- The Centre's response to the pandemic and its 'deleterious impact' on the lives and livelihoods of the citizens is a 'definite matter of public importance and warrants appointment of a commission' under Section 3 of the Act, it submitted

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The nationwide lockdown and the manner in which it was implemented has had a "devastating impact" on jobs, livelihood and the overall economy, the PIL alleged, terming it "arbitrary, irrational and without due consultation with experts or state governments".

"In spite of being the harshest and most restrictive lockdown in the world, it has failed to arrest the spread of the disease," the PIL submitted.

Referring to the "exodus" of migrant workers during the lockdown from cities to their hometowns, it alleged that the authorities failed to draw up a national plan and issue guidelines for providing relief to vulnerable sections under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. There was a delay in ensuring adequate supplies of PPE during the pandemic, it submitted.

Apex court considers starting few physical courts from next week

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The Supreme Court is considering resumption of physical functioning of at least two to three Benches from the third week of this month, Bar bodies have said.

A seven-judge committee of the Supreme Court held a virtual meeting on Tuesday with the office-bearers of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Supreme Court Advocates on Record Association (SCAORA) and the Bar Council of India (BCI) in this regard, they said.

A final decision will be taken by the seven-judge panel comprising Justice NV Ramana, Justice Arun Mishra, Justice Rohinton F Nariman, Justice UU Lalit, Justice AM Khanwilkar, Justice DY Chandrachud and Justice LN Rao in the next few days. SCAORA informed its members.

The Supreme Court has

**VIRTUAL FUNCTIONING SINCE MARCH 25**

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The SCAORA had been demanding resumption of physical court hearings from next month, saying 95 per cent lawyers were not comfortable with virtual court hearings for want of computer knowledge.

"Public and advocates are in the dark as to what is really going on in various courts of the country," the BCI, which regulates the legal profession in India, had said.

The SCBA too wanted resumption of physical court hearings. Now, the SCBA and SCAORA have informed their members that they have urged the judges' committee to restart physical functioning of the Supreme Court from August 18 with strict safety measures in place.

However, the committee noted that experts had recommended that physical hearings may restart after two weeks and upon fresh review at that point.

Widespread rains expected over northwest

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is expecting widespread rains with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places over major parts of northwest India (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh) during the next two to three days.

According to the IMD, a low pressure area is likely to form over northwest Bay of Bengal and neighbourhood by tomorrow. It is likely to persist and become more organised during subsequent two to three days. The western part of the monsoon though has shifted to the north of its normal position and is likely to remain there during the next 48 hours.

Due to this, widespread rains with heavy to very heavy rain at isolated places are also expected over Gujarat, east Rajasthan and parts of central India till August 15.

S. no.	Survey/ Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature Of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area(in Hectare)
1	2	3	4	5	6
19	1087/1	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0026000(Hectare)	0.0026000
20	1088/1	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0026000(Hectare)	0.0026000
21	1089/1	Private	gairumkin makaan v dukaan	0.0077000(Hectare)	0.0077000
22	1095/1	Private	gairumkin dukan	0.0010000(Hectare)	0.0010000
23	1101/2	Government	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
24	1101/3	Government	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0059000(Hectare)	0.0059000
25	1102/1	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0103000(Hectare)	0.0103000
26	1102/2	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0016000(Hectare)	0.0016000
27	1104	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0012000(Hectare)	0.0012000
28	1155/1	Government()	gairumkin sadak	0.0061000(Hectare)	0.0061000
29	1158/2	Private	baraani doyam	0.0170000(Hectare)	0.0170000
30	1174/2	Private	baraani doyam, gairumkin sadak	0.0168000(Hectare)	0.0168000
31	1176/2	Government	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0312000(Hectare)	0.0312000
32	1177/2	Government	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0049000(Hectare)	0.0049000
33	1186/2	Private()	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0057000(Hectare)	0.0057000
34	1190/1	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0012000(Hectare)	0.0012000
35	1194/1	Private	baraani awwal	0.0067000(Hectare)	0.0067000
36	1213/1	Private	baraani awwal	0.0016000(Hectare)	0.0016000
37	1268/1	Private	baraani awwal	0.0012000(Hectare)	0.0012000
38	1277/1	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0569000(Hectare)	0.0569000
39	1290/2	Government	gairumkin nali	0.0036000(Hectare)	0.0036000
40	1307/1185	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0087000(Hectare)	0.0087000
41	1308/1185/2	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0140000(Hectare)	0.0140000
42	1309/1280/2	Private()	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0047000(Hectare)	0.0047000
43	1335/1073/1	Private	gairumkin makaan v dukaan	0.0012000(Hectare)	0.0012000
44	1337/1090/1	Private	gairumkin dukan	0.0071000(Hectare)	0.0071000
45	1338/1090/1	Private	gairumkin dukan	0.0020000(Hectare)	0.0020000
46	795/3	Private()	baraani doyam	0.0008000(Hectare)	0.0008000
47	801/1	Government	gairumkin sadak	0.0093000(Hectare)	0.0093000
48	846/2	Private	baraani awwal	0.0067000(Hectare)	0.0067000
Village: Sain (23)					
1	565/2	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0051000(Hectare)	0.0051000
2	579/2	Private	Khadaitar	0.0030000(Hectare)	0.0030000
3	580/2	Private	Khadaitar	0.0022000(Hectare)	0.0022000
4	634/2	Private	Khadaitar	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
5	635/2	Private	Khadaitar	0.0129000(Hectare)	0.0129000
6	644/1	Private	dhani awwal	0.0081000(Hectare)	0.0081000
7	646/2	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0251000(Hectare)	0.0251000
8	647/2	Private	dhani awwal	0.0099000(Hectare)	0.0099000
9	648/1	Government	gairumkin kuhal	0.0042000(Hectare)	0.0042000
10	649/1	Private	banjar kaable kaashat	0.0040000(Hectare)	0.0040000
11	677/2	Government()	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0053000(Hectare)	0.0053000
12	678/1	Private	dhani awwal, gairumkin beed	0.0253000(Hectare)	0.0253000
Village: Saploh (21)					
1	120/2	Private	baraani awwal	0.0119000(Hectare)	0.0119000
2	121/2	Private	baraani awwal	0.0018000(Hectare)	0.0018000
3	155/2	Private	banjar kaable kaash	0.0008000(Hectare)	0.0008000
4	200/4	Government	gairumkin naala	0.0732000(Hectare)	0.0732000
5	200/5	Government	gairumkin naala	0.3970000(Hectare)	0.3970000
6	203/2	Private	khadater	0.0061000(Hectare)	0.0061000
7	291/2	Government	charagah villa darakhtan	0.0281000(Hectare)	0.0281000
8	430/201/1	Private	Khadaitar	0.0208000(Hectare)	0.0208000
9	433/201/1	Private	Khadaitar	0.0002000(Hectare)	0.0002000
10	434/201/1	Private	khadater	0.0006000(Hectare)	0.0006000
11	52/2	Private	khadater	0.0156000(Hectare)	0.0156000
12	57/5	Government	Jangal Mehfija Gair Mehdua	0.0437000(Hectare)	0.0437000
13	57/6	Government	Jangal Mehfija Gair Mehdua	0.0502000(Hectare)	0.0502000
Village: Bohin/ 61					
1	262/1	Government	Charagah Drakhtan	0.0051000(Hectare)	0.0051000
2	271/1	Government	Gair Mumkin Nali	0.0004000(Hectare)	0.0004000
Village: Chadyara/ 346					
1	10/2	Government	Charagah Bila Drakhtan	0.2436000(Hectare)	0.2436000
2	106/1	Private	Barani Abbal, Gair Mumkin Bid	0.0477000(Hectare)	0.0477000
3	107/1	Private	Barani Abbal, Bagicha Barani Falda, Gair Mumkin Bid	0.0886000(Hectare)	0.0886000
4	108/1	Government	Gair Mumkin Rasta	0.0024000(Hectare)	0.0024000
5	109/1	Government	Charagah Bila Drakhtan	0.0212000(Hectare)	0.0212000
6	11	Private	Gair Mumkin Gwayan	0.0063000(Hectare)	0.0063000
7	12/1	Private	Kalahu Doyam	0.0196000(Hectare)	0.0196000
8	133/2	Private	Banjar Kable Kasht	0.0393000(Hectare)	0.0393000
9	137	Private	Gair Mumkin Mukan	0.0138000(Hectare)	0.0138000
10	610/87/1	Government	Jangal Mehfija Gair Mehdua	0.0138000(Hectare)	0.0138000
11	637/7/1	Private	Bagicha Barani Falda	0.0099000(Hectare)	0.0099000
12	640/114/3	Private	Barani Abbal	0.0061000(Hectare)	0.0061000
13	705/7/1	Private	Bagicha Barani Falda	0.0908000(Hectare)	0.0908

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I, Ashish s/o Rakesh Kumar, resident 197/ 21, Sukhpura, Rohtak, have changed my name to Ashish Rose. (CL20028651)

I, Kulvinder Singh s/o Sukhdeep Singh Poonia, # 123, Kamla Nehru Colony, Bathinda have changed my name to Kulvinder Singh Poonia. (CL20028744)

I, Kalu s/o Hanuman Dass r/o Street No. 5, Dayal Nagar, Killianwali Road, Abohar, District Fazilka, have changed my name to Akshay. All concerned please note. (CL20028667)

Mrs Mary Singh spouse of Wg. Cdr. Gurparan Pal Singh (Retd.) Qila Kathgarh, Balachaur, Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab, changed my name from Mrs Mary Singh to Mrs Rabina Singh vide affidavit 06.08.2020 Ambala. (CL20028684)

I, No. 14350678Y Ex Hav Jaswinderjeet Singh s/o Mohinder Singh Dard r/o Noorpara Patti Samana, Tehsil Samana, Distt. Patiala, have changed my wife name from Paramjit Kaur to Parmjeet Kaur and her correct date of birth is 23.12.1962. All concerned note. (CL20028745)

I, Veena Chawla w/o Late Sh. Ramesh Chand Chawla, r/o C-177, Yamuna Mandi, Ward-I, Panipat declare that my son Arun Chawla, his wife Priya Chawla & their son Armaan Chawla are my out of control. So, I disown them from all my moveable and immovable property and relationships. I am not responsible for their actions. (CL20028682)

I, Manav Kalra s/o Pawan Kalra, # 164, Ward No. 4, Near Geeta Bhawan, Raman Mandi (Distt. Bathinda), has lost my 10th Class marks certificate, Roll No. 2206610, examination year 2015 issued by CBSE, Millennium School, Bathinda and all certificates of Class 12th (Unique ID 6607488, Index No. 2176535/067) issued by ISC Board, examination year 2017 done from Yadvinder Public School, Patiala. (CL20028742)

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State sees highest single-day rise, caseload reaches 3,636

SHIMLA, AUGUST 12

With 139 positive cases, the state today registered highest-ever single-day spike in infections, taking the tally to 3,636, including 16 deaths.

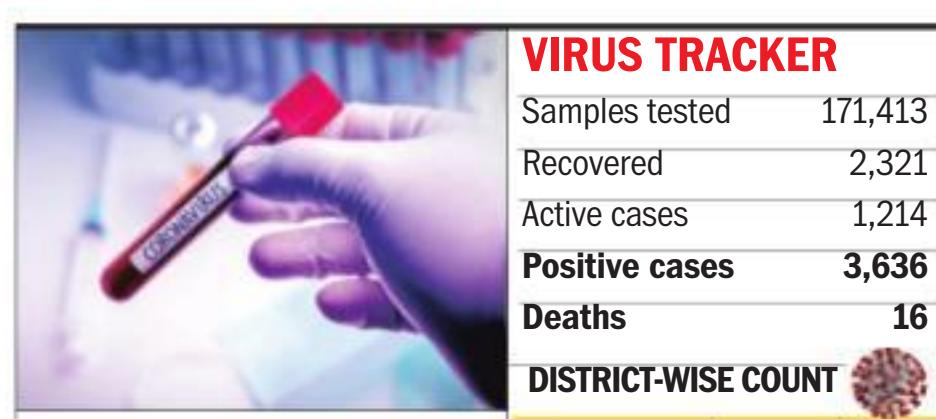
In the highest daily surge in Solan district so far, 47 cases were reported. The district houses the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh industrial hub. Besides, 24 cases were reported from Chamba, 20 from Sirmour, 17 from Kullu, 15 from Una, 13 from Kangra and two from Mandi.

In Solan, while 30 cases were reported in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) area, 12 cases were detected in Arki, six in Solan and two in Parwanoo. Among those found infected are four policemen.

Medical Officer (Health), Solan, Dr NK Gupta said six expectant mothers - two each from Arki and Solan and one each from Baddi and Nalagarh - also tested positive. Frontline workers from municipal committees with influenza-like infection and three health workers were also found infected.

20 cases in Sirmour

Solan: Twenty persons tested positive for Covid-19 in Sir-



Una authorities to go strict on defaulters

Una: After 15 Covid cases were reported in Bhatoli panchayat of Una subdivision last night, the district administration on Wednesday summoned a meeting of officials.

Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Kumar presided over the meeting. He said he had issued directions to the officials concerned to register criminal cases against the defaulters. oc

maur. Deputy Commissioner RK Pruthi said eight cases pertain to Paonta Sahib while one case each was from Nahan and Shillai. Two women and eight men also tested positive. Three women and two men from Nahan also tested positive in Nahan.

In Paonta Sahib, a woman and seven men tested positive. The personal security

VIRUS TRACKER

Samples tested 171,413

Recovered 2,321

Active cases 1,214

Positive cases 3,636

Deaths 16

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	294	-
Solan	903	1
Kangra	552	3
Chamba	254	-
Hamirpur	370	4
Sirmaur	462	1
Mandi	273	5
Bilaspur	148	-
Shimla	207	2
Kullu	121	-
Kinnaur	48	-
Lahaul & Spiti	4	-
Total	3,636	16

officer of Vice-Chairman of HP Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Baldev Tomar was among them. Tomar, his family and driver had already tested positive. The 52-year-old wife and 25-year-old son of the naib tehsildar, Kamrau, were also found infected. The naib-tehsildar had already tested positive. Others cases were from

Aikta Colony, Parotha, Purruwala and Sahula and comprise the contacts of Power Minister Sukhram Chaudhary, who had tested positive on August 6. The Deputy Commissioner said all patients had been shifted to Covid care centres.

7 CRPF men among 24 infected in Chamba

Dharamsala: As many as 13 Covid cases were reported in Kangra district on Wednesday.

Among those found infected are a 72-year-old woman and an 88-year-old man, both residents of Dehra, having a travel history of Mumbai, and a 33-year-old Army personnel with a travel history of Arunachal Pradesh.

Besides, a 48-year-old man from Pantehar village, near Baijnath, having a travel history of Maharashtra; two Army personnel with a travel history of Leh; a 60-year-old shopkeeper from the main bazar in Palampur; a 31-year-old health worker, a 45-year-old man, a 37-year-old woman, a 13-year-old girl, a 10-year-old girl, and a 22-year-old man lodged at the Army institutional quarantine at the Yol military hospital were found infected.

Though the migrants had returned to their native places amid the pandemic-induced lockdown, poverty forced them to come back in search of livelihood.

One of the labourers, who has tested Covid-positive, said they were forced to venture out of their houses and risk their lives to arrange two square meals a day. The state government was bearing the cost of their treatment, which was a major relief for them. —TNS

Covid cases among migrants a concern

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, AUGUST 12

The rising Covid cases among migrant labourers in Mandi and Kullu has become a major cause for concern. The migrants are returning from Bihar and Nepal in search of livelihood. As many as 47 labourers were found infected in Kullu district a few days ago, while more tested positive for Covid-19 in Mandi district.

Since the migrants do not have adequate accommodation and many members of a family share one room, it is difficult to contain the spread of infection among them.

Most of these labourers work at apple orchards, but they are not provided accommodation by their owners, forcing them to share rooms.

The film was shot in just 10 days in the remotest Dodra-Kwar area in Rohru subdivision of Shimla district. It was screened during World Premiere at the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles 2020, followed by the second international screening at the largest South Asian film festival in North America, IFFSA, in Toronto, Canada.

It lined up for Silvereye International Film Festival 2020 in New York.

'The Flying Trunk', inspired by the childhood memories of the director, is an account of a young boy's journey to find the truth of stories told by his grandmother.

Arush Thakur from St Edwards School, Shimla, Divya Sagar, Zunchi Devi and Sheetal Mehta have played the lead roles in the film, which has been funded by the Department of Language, Art and Culture, Himachal Pradesh.

The film was shot in just 10 days in the remotest Dodra-Kwar area in Rohru subdivision of Shimla district.



SIDDHARTH CHAUHAN

Childhood memories

■ Directed by Himachali filmmaker Siddharth Chauhan, the short film is an account of a young boy's journey to find the truth of stories told by his grandmother.

■ Arush Thakur from St Edwards School, Shimla, Divya Sagar, Zunchi Devi and Sheetal Mehta have played the lead roles in the film, which has been funded by the Department of Language, Art and Culture, Himachal Pradesh.

■ The film was shot in just 10 days in the remotest Dodra-Kwar area in Rohru subdivision of Shimla district.

art throughout the world by making more and more films on local stories and language," says Siddharth.

He feels that it is important to contribute to your hometown. "I have always believed in talent, opportunities and resources here and have created several employment opportunities for locals as well as my friends. I am going to follow and expand this model in the future as well," he adds.

Monsoon vista



Clouds hovering over a Mandi village make for a pleasant sight. PHOTO: JAI KUMAR

AMBHIKA SHARMA

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SOLAN, AUGUST 12

The move to convert the municipal committees (MCs) of Baddi and Nalagarh and 24 panchayats lying in its precincts into a corporation has become a ticklish issue in the area with locals resenting the proposal.

Notably, it is on the demand raised by the Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh Industries Association (BBNIA) while submitting suggestions for the annual budget in December 2019, that the state government has initiated the process for a municipal corporation. This would affect two Assembly seats of Doon and Nalagarh which were held by the BJP and the Congress, respectively.

However, till date, the PWD or the other authorities have not come up with a comprehensive policy to check landslide threat to public and private infrastructure in the area.

A proposal was mooted to widen the road. However, since the road falls in active sliding zone area the department is even finding it hard to maintain the double-lane road in the area.

Geologists from the Central University, Himachal Pradesh, have maintained

No such demand was put forth by the locals who say that this step should not be taken merely to appease the investors whose lone concern is to earn money.

As per the proposal which was being worked out 16 panchayats - Kalujhinda, Mandhala, Surajpur, Barotiwala, Bhatoli Kalan, Gullerwala, Lehi, Sandholi, Malpur, Thana, Kishenpura, Dhela, Hera, Kirpalpur, Rajpura and Radialy - would be fully included while eight others - Lodhijamra, Manpura, Saner, Manjholi, Palasi Kalan, Dhang Nihli, Bhatian and Dhabota would be partially affected.

Additional DC, Solan, Vivek Chandel, said the proposal once finalised will be sent to the state government for further action.

It has become a ticklish issue for the local BJP leaders ahead of the civic body and panchayat polls slated to take place by the year end. Nine panchayats of Nalagarh and 15 of Doon Assembly segments could be included in



TO AFFECT TWO ASSEMBLY SEATS

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the corporation as per the proposal. A population of 90,299 comprising 52,572 males and 37,727 females spread across 11,23,15,195 sq m area from 109 villages would be merged into the corporation.

BJP's Doon MLA Paramjeet

Singh when quizzed said, "I personally support the move as presence of multiple agencies in the area hampered speedier development but no hasty decision should be taken. The views of the elected representatives should be gauged before implementing the decision."

Congress MLA from Nalagarh, Lakhwinder Rana, while opposing the move, said it would add to the hardships of the locals who would have to get building maps approved for every construction big or small and they would be levied additional taxes. It was also detrimental to the interest of the rural habitations which were already facing threat of urbanisation.

Residents of the Miyar valley in Lahaul and Spiti district are irked over poor telecommunication services and irregular power supply.



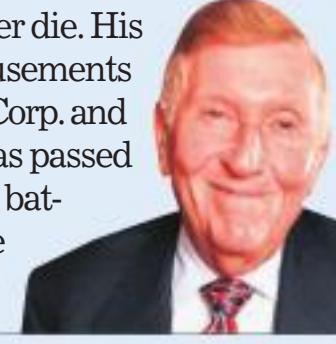
GLOBE TROT



SOCIAL DISTANCING: A swan sits next to a social-distancing marking in Bowness-on-Windermere, Britain. REUTERS

Media mogul Sumner Redstone dies at 97

WASHINGTON: Sumner Redstone, who built a media empire from his family's drive-in movie chain, has died. He was 97. Redstone built the company through aggressive acquisitions, but many headlines with his name focused on severed ties with wives, actors and executives. In multiple interviews, he said he'd never die. His tight-fisted grip on the National Amusements theater chain, which controlled CBS Corp. and Viacom Inc. through voting stock, was passed to his daughter Shari Redstone, who bat-tled top executives to re-merge the two entities that split in 2006. AP



British fossil hunters find bones of new dinosaur species

LONDON: Four bones found on a beach on the Isle of Wight, off England's south coast, belong to a new species of theropod dinosaur the group that includes Tyrannosaurus rex, researchers at the University of Southampton said on Wednesday. The new dinosaur, which has been named Vectaerovenator inopinatus, lived in the Cretaceous period 115 million years ago and was estimated to have been up to four metres long, the palaeontologists said. REUTERS

LONDON, AUGUST 12

The UK economy plunged into a deep recession as it shrank 20.4 per cent between April and June at the height of the Covid lockdown, according to new figures released on Wednesday.

Reacting to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) data, UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak admitted that it indicated that the "hard times" were here and that many more jobs would be lost. "We said before that hard times were ahead, and today's figures confirmed the same," Sunak told 'Sky News'.

"Hundreds of thousands of people have already lost their jobs, and sadly in the coming months many more will. But while there are difficult choices to be made ahead, we will get through this, and I can assure people that nobody will be left without hope or opportunity," he said.

It marks the first time in 11 years that the UK has tipped into a recession, which is defined by two consecutive three-month periods of falling GDP. The latest GDP figures released by the ONS showed that it fell by 20.4 per cent between April and June, follow-



COVID IMPACT: HARD TIMES AHEAD

In June, when shops selling non-essential goods were allowed to reopen, the British economy grew by a monthly rate of 8.7 per cent.

It began to bounce back in June with shops reopening, factories beginning to ramp up production and house-building continuing to recover.

Despite this, the economy remains a sixth below its level in February, before the virus started to impact. AP

ing a drop of 2.2 per cent between January and March.

"The recession brought on by the pandemic has led to the biggest fall in quarterly GDP on record," said Jonathan Athow, Deputy National Statistician at the ONS. "The economy began to bounce back in June, with shops reopening, factories beginning to ramp up production and house-building continuing to recover."

Despite this, the GDP in June still remains a sixth below its level in February, before the virus struck," said Athow.

"Overall, productivity saw its largest-ever fall in the second quarter. Hospitality was worst hit, with productivity in that industry falling by three-quarters in recent months," he said.

The sharp fall in output was largely driven by the lockdown-induced closure of shops,

hotels, restaurants and schools, with the services sector suffering the biggest quarterly decline on record. On a month-on-month basis, the economy grew by 8.7 per cent in June, building on growth in May.

Industry groups urged the government for action against a feared second wave of virus as well as Britain's exit from the EU, which will come into full force from January 2021. — PTI

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Rishi Sunak, UK CHANCELLOR



Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (R) hands over credentials to Namal Rajapaksa after appointing him the sports minister. AP/PTI

Rajapaksa kin dominate Lanka's new Cabinet

COLOMBO, AUGUST 12

has been assigned finance, urban development and Budhija affairs ministries.

Mahinda's elder son Namal Rajapaksa has been named the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports – a first time Cabinet position since he entered Parliament in 2010.

The eldest brother of the president, Chamal Rajapaksa was named irrigation minister in addition to being the state minister of internal security. His son Shasheendra Rajapaksa has also been given a state ministry.

One of the main features in the Cabinet is that while the veteran politician, Dinesh Gunawardena, has been renamed the foreign minister, a new state ministry of regional cooperation affiliated to the foreign ministry has been created. — PTI

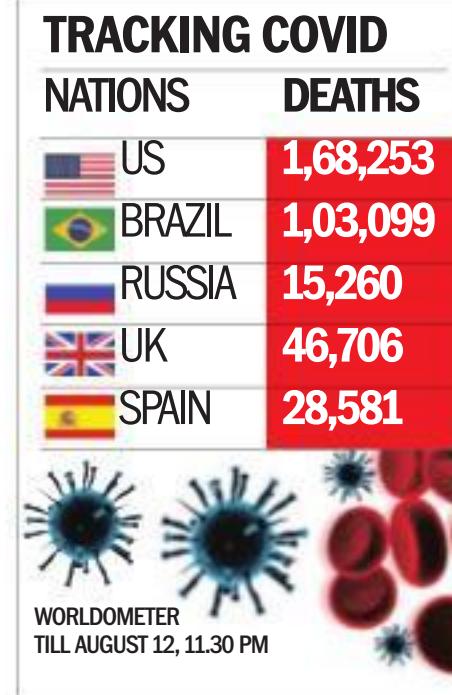
1,226 cases a day, Berlin blames holiday returnees

BERLIN, AUGUST 12

Germany recorded the biggest daily increase in new Covid cases in more than three months, data showed on Wednesday, with the health minister warning of outbreaks in nearly all parts of the country due to holiday returnees and party-goers.

The number of confirmed cases rose by 1,226 to 2,18,519, data from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) showed.

That was the biggest daily increase since May 9. The number of deaths remained relatively low, edging up by six to a total of 9,207. — Reuters



One in two youths victim of depression, anxiety

UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 12

Half of the world's youth population are subject to anxiety or depression-causing circumstances and more than a third are uncertain of their future career prospects due to the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a survey by the International Labour Organisation.

The ILO's 'Youth and Covid-19: Impacts on jobs, education, rights and mental well-being'

YOUNG WORKERS HIT HARD

The pandemic has left one in eight young people (13 per cent) without any access to courses, teaching or training.

It also inflicted heavy toll on young workers, destroying their employment and undermining their career prospects.



survey found that if urgent action is not taken, youths are at the risk of suffering severe and

long-lasting adverse impacts from the pandemic.

"The pandemic has disrupted

young people was an ongoing challenge. Now, unless urgent action is taken, young people are likely to suffer severe and long-lasting impacts from the pandemic," the report said on Tuesday.

The ILO survey aimed to capture the immediate effects of the pandemic on the lives of youths (aged 18 to 29 years) with regard to employment, education, mental health, rights and social activism. — PTI

BUSINESS

USD \$	Euro €	Pound £	JPY ¥	Yuan ₠	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
₹74.83	₹88.11	₹97.57	₹0.70	₹10.77	₹56.25	₹53.40	₹54.50	₹9.65

BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
37.38 38,369.33	14.1 11,308.40	₹51,855 Mumbai (MCX)	₹65,852 Mumbai (MCX)

IN BRIEF

BENGALURU

Mphasis bags US patent for artificial intelligence system IT solutions provider Mphasis on Wednesday said it has been granted a US patent for its artificial intelligence system for tracking, managing and analysing data. The patent relates to optimised data aggregation and analytics across physical and digital data sources, the company said. PTI

MUMBAI

Sensex snaps four-day rally; finance stocks wobble

The Sensex snapped its four-session winning run to close marginally lower on Wednesday as investors pocketed gains in finance, banking and consumption stocks amid mixed global cues. After touching a low of 38,125.81 during the day, the Sensex pared most losses to end 37.38 points lower at 38,369.63. PTI

NEW DELHI

Mozilla Firefox lays off 250 staff, shuts Taiwan operations Mozilla Firefox has laid off 250 employees and shut its operations in Taiwan. "Today, we announced a significant restructuring of Mozilla Corporation. This will strengthen our ability to build and invest in products and services that will give people alternatives to conventional Big Tech," Mozilla CEO Mitchell Baker said. IANS

MUMBAI

Hiring activities see uptick in July, says Naukri JobSpeak

There has been a slight increase in hiring activities in July compared to June, according to Naukri JobSpeak Index. About 1,263 job postings in July marks an improvement of 5% in hiring activities compared to 1,208 in June, as per the Index. PTI

New tariff plan not a new service, says Vodafone Idea

Telecom operator counters TRAI on priority offering

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

CONSIDER SERVICE QUALITY: VIL

- The company has countered TRAI's contention that the RedX plan, which commits higher speeds, should have been informed separately so different aspects could have been examined before such service was launched
- The telecom operator has urged the regulator to consider periodic reporting on the service quality and other material provided by the company "to objectively arrive at its query/conclusions"

so different aspects could have been examined before such service was launched.

"It is not a new service and the service remains same... A new tariff plan is not a new service," VIL said in its reply to TRAI on the priority plan.



the networks to cater to unprecedented increase in data usage arising out of below costs tariffs". An email sent to Vodafone Idea did not elicit a response.

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"The overall better experience to subscribers is the purpose of the tariff plan and we respectfully submit that start point of the question cannot be: 'induce customers to opt for RedX'. This is not the sentiment shared by consumers," VIL said. — PTI

Vodafone Idea also flagged the financial stress being faced by operators. It said the operators "have been compelled to reduce prices and go below costs with a double whammy of making continuous investments in

continuing numbers.

However, mini-lockdowns

Demand of fuel dips 11.7% in July

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

India's fuel demand is beginning to flatten after showing signs of returning to life, as consumption dipped 11.7% in July, official data showed.

Fuel consumption, a barometer of economic activity in the country, had slumped by over 45% in April as nationwide lockdown halted most vehicular traffic and shut industries. However, with easing of lockdown restrictions, the demand picked up in May and June with month-on-month increase in consumption numbers.

However, mini-lockdowns imposed by states to contain the spread of coronavirus seemed to have stopped this recovery, with fuel demand falling 3.5% in July over the previous month.



Diesel consumption declines 19.25%

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- Consumption of diesel fell 19.25% to 5.52 million tonnes in July

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Nondescript towns on global map, courtesy handicraft

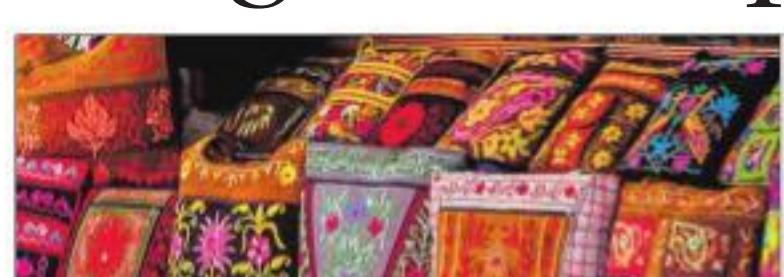
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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12

Towns like Patiala in Punjab, Kundli and Panipat in Haryana and Meerut Khurja, Moradabad and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh were nondescript for handicraft till a few years ago. However, the scenario has changed now with hundreds of exporters and export houses active in these areas and promoting regional art and craftsmanship in the global markets.

"There is a huge demand for leather handbags in the export market. Earlier, we used to supply to the domestic market but if we cater to the export market. So we are working with an export house now," he said. Similarly, over four dozen micro-level



remuneration for the artisans with many of them graduating from workers to entrepreneurs. Mohammed Mumtaz, a handbag manufacturer in the NCR region who used to be a worker in a factory earlier, now employs around 30-35 workers.

el artisans in Panipat are engaged in exports of stuffed seating stools which are in great demand in Germany.

According to the artisans, the Indian handicraft industry has had the status of cottage industry over the years,

but it has shown a promising growth and evolved as one of the major revenue generators in recent times. It has shown a continuous growth of 15-20% in the past few years.

"The state and regional clusters contribute significantly to handicraft exports. Over seven million regional artisans and 67,000 exporters are involved in promoting regional art and craftsmanship in the domestic and global markets," said Leo Shastri, Director, Usha Exim Pvt Ltd.

cantly to handicraft exports. The Indian handicraft industry is fragmented with more than seven million regional artisans and over 67,000 exporters/export houses promoting regional art and craftsmanship in the domes-

tic and global markets," said Leo Shastri, Director, Usha Exim Pvt Ltd. Earlier, e-commerce major Flipkart had collaborated with handicraft makers in Punjab and Phulkari to market their products online.

However, the pandemic and labour shortage have hit the exports. "Due to the pandemic, the exports of jewellery and home décor products have been immensely hit. The government should take steps to revive the exports and hike incentives so that the exporters can recover input costs," said Shastri.

Gold plunges ₹1,228, silver tanks ₹5,172

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

Gold prices tanked Rs 1,228 to Rs 52,946 per 10 gram in the national capital on Wednesday due to recovery in dollar and coronavirus vaccine announcement by Russia, according to HDFC Securities.

Silver prices also plunged Rs 5,172 to Rs 76,584 per kg from Rs 72,756 per kg in the previous trade.

"Gold prices witnessed recovery on Wednesday after falling below \$1,900 in morning trade," he added.

Patel further said that coronavirus vaccine announcement by Russia had triggered sell-off in safe-haven assets. — PTI

Sisters Serena and Venus set up clash on return after Covid-19 hiatus

Family matters



The last time Venus and Serena faced each other, at the 2018 US Open, the younger sister won in straight sets. REUTERS FILE

Pliskova wins

PRAGUE: Kristyna Pliskova (*in pic*) delivered the biggest upset of the Prague Open so far, ousting No. 2 seed Petra Martic 6-1 7-5 in the second round. Third seed Elise Mertens edged past Camila Giorgi 6-4 6-2 and seal her place in the quarterfinals.

COURTESY: WTA



CLASH OF SISTERS

SERENA	VENUS
18 HEAD TO HEAD	12
73 SINGLES TITLES	49
9 WTA RANKING	67
38 AGE	40
5'9" HEIGHT	6'1"

LAST THREE MEETINGS

2019 Rome Masters Rd of 32
Venus got a walkover
2018 US Open Rd of 32
Serena won 6-1 6-2
2018 Indian Wells Rd of 32
Venus won 6-3 6-4

aside the one break point she faced during an 80-minute win over Azarenka. "Honestly, it's really difficult to come back after all these months and play well," Venus said.

About her upcoming clash, Venus said, "One Grand Slam winner, former world

No. 1, to another. It's been quite the draw for me. But quite honestly, this is perfect, because I haven't played in forever, so I want to play the best players. And I think I got my wish playing Serena, so here we go."

In other action, former US

Open champion Sloane Stephens was upset 6-3 6-3 by Canadian Leylah Fernandez, Kazakhstan's Yulia Putintseva beat Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic 6-0 6-4 and Coco Gauff beat fellow American Caroline Dolehide 7-5 7-5. — Agencies

10 years after his big win, Atwal returns to Wyndham



Arjun Atwal said it felt "very special" to be back at the same event that he won 10 years ago. FILE PHOTO

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 12
Arjun Atwal, one of India's most decorated golfers, returns to the PGA Tour's Wyndham Championship this week. It was at the 2010 Wyndham Championship, staged at the Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina, that Atwal became the first Indian to capture a PGA Tour title.

The 47-year-old, still the only Indian to have won on the world's most prestigious golf tour, has vivid memories of the day when

he also earned the distinction of becoming the first Monday qualifier to win on the PGA Tour in 24 years. "I remember I was really nervous in the moments leading up to the winning putt as I knew that this was

my chance at making history," said Atwal, who had shot scores of 61, 67, 65 and 67 for a 20-under total to win by one stroke.

"Even though I don't think too much about past records, I must admit that it

does feel very special to be back at the same venue and event and the fact that it's been 10 years since that win also indicates how much older I am now," he added.

Joining Atwal will be Anirban Lahiri, who will end his five-month long coronavirus-forced break. "It's been a long, long time," said Lahiri. "I am hungry and all ready to go. I came to India for the Indian Open and then had to stay back as the Covid outbreak started spreading all over." — TNS

England eye series win

ENG VS PAK 2ND TEST



Broad says dad off Christmas card list

England quick Stuart Broad (*in pic*) says his father, match referee Chris Broad, is off his Christmas card list after he fined him for giving Pakistan's Yasir Shah a send-off in the first test. The bowler was fined 15% of his match fee and given a demerit point for his behaviour. After England's 'Barmy Army' supporters group tweeted the news of his sanction on Tuesday, Broad said of his father: "He's off the Christmas card & present list." Chris Broad would not normally officiate in a match involving his son but he is overseeing all six of England's home Tests this summer because of travel restrictions imposed to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Hafeez to self-isolate after bio-security breach

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said today that all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez will self-isolate until he tests negative for Covid-19 after breaching a bio-security protocol by posing for a photograph with a member of the public in England. The photo posted on Twitter by the 39-year-old was taken on a golf course next to the hotel where Pakistan are staying. Hafeez is not part of Pakistan's Test squad but is on the tour for the three-match T20I series starting August 28. REUTERS

chased down a target of 277. His batting is set to ensure he staves off being replaced by fellow gloveman Ben Foakes despite his rival typically being more accomplished behind the stumps.

A big debate now centers on the makeup of England's attack, given the quick turnaround of games — the three Tests this series take place in successive weeks — and

Anderson's acknowledgement that his radar was off at his Old Trafford home ground where he took one wicket across two innings.

England's all-time leading Test wicket-taker was rested for the second Test against the West Indies and selectors could follow a similar path a month later, especially considering Anderson's recent history of injuries. — AP

After six hockey players, SAI official tests Covid positive

VINAYAK PADMADEO
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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 12

There is no end to the woes of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) management. Days after six national hockey squad players tested positive for Covid-19 — they are under constant observation in a Bengaluru hospital — an assistant director in Bengaluru has tested positive for the virus.

The assistant director, whose name is being withheld as per the Covid protocol, is assigned to the coaching division. He undertook the test on Monday, but he has been on medical leave from August 3. He visited SAI's Bengaluru facility on Monday to get his medical leave extended. It is not clear whether he was able to meet the doctor on duty at the SAI centre.

Incidentally, the development comes on the day SAI announced that the men's and women's hockey teams will resume full training from August 19.

4 contacts

The assistant director is said to have met four of his colleagues from the coaching division before leaving the campus. RT-PCR tests will be conducted on the four staffers by tomorrow. However, if any other staff member develops the Covid symptoms, the RT-PCR tests will

be conducted on them and their primary contacts.

As per protocol, the administrative building will be closed until next Monday.

Hockey camp from August 19

Meanwhile, after consultations with Hockey India, SAI has decided to go ahead with the national camps from August 19. The decision has been taken despite the Covid scare in the Bengaluru centre. On Tuesday, the six players who had tested positive — Mandeep Singh, captain Manpreet Singh, Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Varun Kumar and Krishan Pathak — were moved to a hospital as a precautionary measure.

"After having had detailed discussions with all stakeholders including the Chief Coaches and core probables of both the teams and after giving the utmost priority to the safety and well-being of all the athletes, it has been decided that the sporting activities will be resumed at SAI's National Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru, as scheduled earlier," SAI said in a statement.

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

DRAFT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Mandi on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with any Department/Government undertaking as per his/her class of enlistment should be allowed.

Name of work:- Augmentation of Sewerage Scheme Mandi Town and Providing sewerage facility to adjoining villages of Mandi Town in Distt Mandi (HP) Sewerage facility to adjoining villages of Mandi Town in Distt Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, Jointing and Testing of DI pipe in sewer network, Construction of RCC manhole, flushing Tank, Providing house hold connections etc) (Panjethi & Saryardi Area)

Estimated Cost	: -	Rs. 2,60,48,352/- Only
Earnest Money	: -	Rs. 2,92,984/- Only
Time Limit	: -	One Year.
Cost of tender document	: -	Rs. 2500/-

The bids are to be submitted online which are to be encrypted and digitally signed by the contractor/firms. The bidders are advised to obtain digital signature certificate (DSC) from the suitable vendors or authorized agency at the earliest.

Schedule of tendering:-

1. Bid Submission start date 04.08.2020 05:00 PM
2. Bid Submission end date 17.08.2020 05:00 PM
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4. Opening of Financial bid Date and place to be notified separately.

CONDITIONS:-

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ii. Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No: CE(D)/KPDCCL/02 of 2020 Dated: 05/08/2020

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders (in two cover system, Part I - Techno-Commercial Bid & Part II - Price Bid) are hereby invited from OEM's System Integrator/Authorized channel partners or reputed IT companies having experience in implementation of IT infrastructure or providing maintenance services in major IT projects to be engaged as "Annual Maintenance Service Provider (AMSP) for Annual Maintenance Contract of Critical Equipment (Hardware) and Procurement of Software Licenses for Supply of IT Infrastructure in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and DRC Established at Jammu under J&K R-APDRP, Part-A (IT Project)"

1. Bidders/tenders are advised to study the Bidding Document carefully. Submission of e-Bid against this SBD shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedures, terms and conditions of the Standard Bidding Document with full understanding of its implications.

2. The tender document is available on website <https://jktdenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A Date & Time of downloading of the Standard Bidding Document	05/08/2020 : 0900 Hours
B Clarifications start date	09/08/2020 : 0900 Hours
C Clarifications end date	18/08/2020 : 1700 Hours
D Pre Bid Conference Date & Venue	19/08/2020 in the Office of Chief Engineer Distribution, KPDCCL, 1400 Hours

E e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)

F e-Bid submission (end) date & time 21/08/2020 : 1400 Hours

G Online Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time 05/09/2020 : 1400 Hours

H Online financial e-Bid opening date & time Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders

I Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids Office of the Chief Engineer (Distribution), KPDCCL, Srinagar

J Estimated Cost inclusive of taxes INR 18,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Eighteen Crores only)

K Cost of e-Bid document INR 10,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand only)

L Earnest Money deposit(EMD) INR 36,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh only)

3. The bidder/tenderers needs to submit the proof/copy of e-Bid document as stated in the above table through Demand Draft from any Scheduled Commercial Bank pledged to Chief Accounts Officer, Office of the Chief Engineer (Distribution), KPDCCL payable at Srinagar. The scanned copy of the Demand Draft must be enclosed along with the e-Bid but the original Demand Draft should reach the office of Chief Engineer (Distribution), KPDCCL by the due date and time.

4. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of Bank License, Letter of Credit or Letter of Credit Equivalent, KPDCCL. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department.

a. Hard Copy of original instrument of EMD shall be submitted to the office of Chief Engineer (Distribution), KPDCCL by or before the schedule date of technical bid opening.

b. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Website <https://jktdenders.gov.in>. This is conveyed to the technically qualified bidder/tenders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids shall be opened accordingly online on the same Website at the office of the Chief Engineer (Distribution), KPDCCL, Srinagar.

