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Global tally dips 12% in a wk, India sees 31% decline: WHO

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The global numbers of Covid-19 cases and deaths continued to decrease over the past week, which saw 2.6 million new cases and over 72,000 deaths, a 12 per cent and a 2 per cent decrease, respectively, as compared to the previous week, the WHO said in a new analysis today.

Baddi among 9 cities for Sputnik V pilot launch

The highest numbers of new cases were reported from India (6,30,650) but the significant news is that India reported a 31 per cent decrease in new cases over the previous week — higher than the global average decline of 12 per cent and higher than the decline reported by the other top Covid contributors.

Brazil saw 4,54,710 new cases, similar to the previous week; Argentina 1,77,693 new cases, 17 per cent less than last week; Colombia 1,76,661 new cases, similar to the previous week; and the US witnessed 1,05,019 new cases, 6 per cent increase.

While the number of cases reported globally now exceed 175 million, last week saw the lowest weekly case incidence since February 2021 and a decline in the number of new

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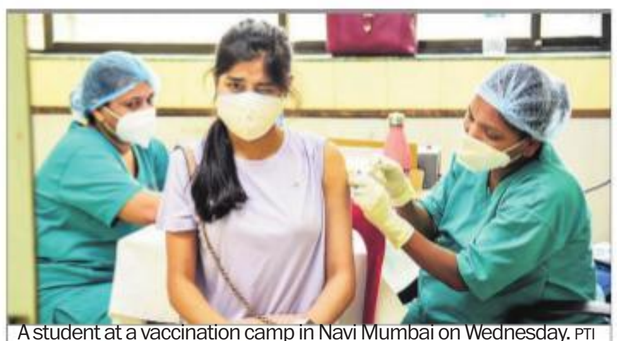

A student at a vaccination camp in Navi Mumbai on Wednesday. PTI

REPAIR & PREPARE ECONOMY, HEALTH INFRA

"The focus must be on repairing and preparing the health infrastructure as well as the economy for future challenges. **Narendra Modi,** PRIME MINISTER

NO CALF SERUM IN COVAXIN SHOT: GOVT

Amid a social media debate on the constitution of Covid shot Covaxin, the government has said the final vaccine product did not contain new-born calf serum "at all". Facts have been twisted, said the Health Ministry.

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY MIX CUTS FATALITIES

The University of Oxford has said an antiviral treatment for saving lives of hospitalised patients has been found. The treatment uses a combination of two monoclonal antibodies (casirivimab and imdevimab). TNS

Twitter, scribes booked under new IT rules for 'communal unrest' attempt

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh has become the first state to lodge an FIR against Twitter under the new IT rules in connection with a video purportedly showing an elderly Muslim man being thrashed and told to chant 'Jai Shri Ram'. The action comes as the microblogging site failed to comply with the amended IT rules, losing protection granted to social media intermediaries for third-party content uploaded by users.

The FIR names nine entities, including Twitter Inc, Twitter Communications India, news website The Wire, journalists Mohammed Zubair and Rana Ayyub, Congress leaders Dr Sama Mohammad, Salman Nizami, Masqoor Usmani and writer Saba Naqvi. The complaint was lodged late last night at the Loni Border police station in Ghaziabad by a local policeman, who alleged the video, which went viral on social video, was shared with an intention to provoke communal unrest.

"These people did not verify the truth of the matter and shared it online with a communal angle with an intention to disrupt public peace

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UP Police register case over video showing assault on an elderly Muslim

NINE NAMED IN FIR

Twitter Inc, Twitter Communications India, The Wire, journalists Mohammed Zubair, Rana Ayyub; Cong leaders Dr Sama Mohammad, Salman Nizami, Masqoor Usmani and writer Saba Naqvi

VIDEO GRAB OF ABDUL SAMAD

COURTESY: TWITTER

DELIBERATE DEFIANCE: GOVT

IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad slammed Twitter for "deliberate defiance", failure to comply with the new IT rules and "deliberately choosing the path of non-compliance".

Delhi Police move SC against bail to three student activists

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A day after the Delhi High Court granted bail to JNU students Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal; and Jamia Millia Islamia student Asif Iqbal Tanha in a Delhi riots case, the Delhi Police today moved the Supreme Court seeking reversal of the order.

In the hurriedly filed appeal, the investigators said the High Court "not only conducted a mini-trial but also recorded perverse findings which are contrary to record".

The petition also sought a stay on the Delhi High Court's order during the pendency of the matter before the top court, sources said.

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POLICE SHOULD ACT WITH COMPASSION: KIN

Rohtak: "We have been told that Natasha's release has been delayed due to procedural issues... The police should act with compassion and facilitate the release," said Natasha's aunt Sabita. **INSIDE**

Rethink decision on Paras: Chirag to LS Speaker

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Amid revolt by his party MPs, LJP president Chirag Paswan today indicated that he was "still in control of the outfit" and would continue to fight for the causes his father Ram Vilas Paswan championed.

He wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to "reconsider" his decision to recognise Pashupati Kumar Paras as the floor leader of the LJP.

Addressing the media here, Chirag blamed the JD(U) for the recent developments in his party. "During the state Assembly poll or maybe even before that, efforts were being made by the JD(U) to break our party," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Mithun quizzed over 'inciteful speech'

NEW DELHI: Actor-turned-BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty was on Wednesday questioned by the Kolkata Police over an 'inciteful speech' delivered by him during the West Bengal poll. — PTI

Pak court adjourns Jadhav case till Oct 5

NEW DELHI: A Pakistani court has adjourned till October 5 the hearing of a government's plea to appoint a counsel for Indian death-row prisoner Kulbhushan Jadhav on request of the country's top law officer. — PTI

NIA seeks custody of ex-cop in Ambani case

MUMBAI: The National Investigation Agency on Wednesday sought the custody of dismissed police officer Sunil Mane regarding the case of an SUV carrying explosives found near the residence of industrialist Mukesh Ambani. — PTI

Slugfest at PAC meet over vaccine drive

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A meeting of Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today witnessed a verbal slugfest between its chairman Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and MPs from the ruling NDA as the Congress leader sought to raise the issue of Covid-19 vaccination drive for discussion, sources said. Chowdhury started reading out a statement critical of the Centre's Covid management, which was vehemently opposed by BJP members. — TNS

Ordnance board goes, 7 firms to step in

AJAY BANERJEE
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

In a major decision by the Union Cabinet, the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), first set up by the British in 1775, now under the Ministry of Defence, will cease to exist.

Seven separate companies are planned to be created, each doing a specific manufacturing role. The existing 41 factories under the OFB will be subsumed under one or the other of the seven new companies, all 100 per cent government-owned public sector undertakings (PSU).

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday evening said, "I can assure the OFB employees (approx 70,000) that their service conditions remain the same. The pension and post-retirement benefits also shall remain the same."

The seven new (yet to be named) PSU entities will cover a separate sector. One will be the "ammunition and explosives group". This will engage in production of ammunition of various caliber and explosives.

The "vehicles group" will engage in the production of defence mobility and combat vehicles such as tanks, trawls, BMP and mine protected vehicles.

The "weapons and equipment group" will engage in the production of small arms, medium and large caliber guns and other weapon systems. The other four companies will

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DATES BACK TO BRITISH ERA

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Choksi defrauded PNB of ₹6K cr: CBI

NEW DELHI: Companies owned by fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi have allegedly siphoned off over Rs 6,344.96 crore from the Punjab National Bank (PNB) using fraudulent letters of undertaking and foreign letters of credit, the CBI has alleged in its supplementary chargesheet. **BACK PAGE**

Why bail pleas pending, SC raps Punjab & Hry HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

The Supreme Court has virtually admonished the Punjab and Haryana High Court for "defeating the administration of justice" by not listing a bail plea for hearing for over a year.

Expressing shock, a Division Bench made it clear that at least half of the judges were required to sit on alternate days during the prevailing pandemic to accord hearing to "persons in distress".

The rap comes at a time when the HC faces a pendency of 6,84,490 cases, including 2,94,927 criminal matters involving life and liberty. Of these, 1,05,830 (35.88 per cent) of the criminal cases are pending for one to three years and another 24,954 (8.46 per cent) for 10 to 20 years.

The HC went into restricted functioning mode in March-end last year following Covid outbreak, following which it cancelled the

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Says 50% judges should sit on alternate days to hear persons in distress

JUSTICE DELIVERY HIT

"Non-listing of applications for bail defeats the administration of justice. **SC Bench**

No headway, Sidhu adamant on PPCC president's post

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The resolution of Punjab Congress factionalism is all set to be delayed with MLA Navjot Singh Sidhu said to be reluctant on the post of Deputy CM offered to him to buy peace. Rahul Gandhi's second meeting with the AICC panel in four days remained inconclusive today. General secretary in-charge of Punjab Harish Rawat told The Tribune that the matter was likely to be resolved by July.

Sidhu is reportedly adamant on being appointed PPCC chief but the CM wants a Hindu leader on the post. It remains to be seen how far the Congress will go to "accommodate Sidhu," as recommended by the AICC panel.

'Harassed', says man who exposed fake Covid tests

BALWANT GARG
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, JUNE 16

A local insurance agent whose alert to the ICMR had blown the lid off an alleged scam involving the misuse of Aadhaar cards and mobile numbers to prepare fake Covid test reports of Kumbh pilgrims at Haridwar in April is feeling harassed as he has been receiving numerous calls related to the "expose".

The man (not wishing to be named) suspected something was fishy after he received an SMS from the ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), conveying him about his Covid report even though he never underwent a test.

The man alerted the ICMR, which raised the issue with the Uttarakhand health authorities. A preliminary inquiry indicated a large number of fake RT-PCR reports had been issued by allegedly misusing IDs of people who hadn't even visited Haridwar. The alleged scam involved private labs that were supposed to conduct free Covid tests of Kumbh visitors in lieu of payments from the government.

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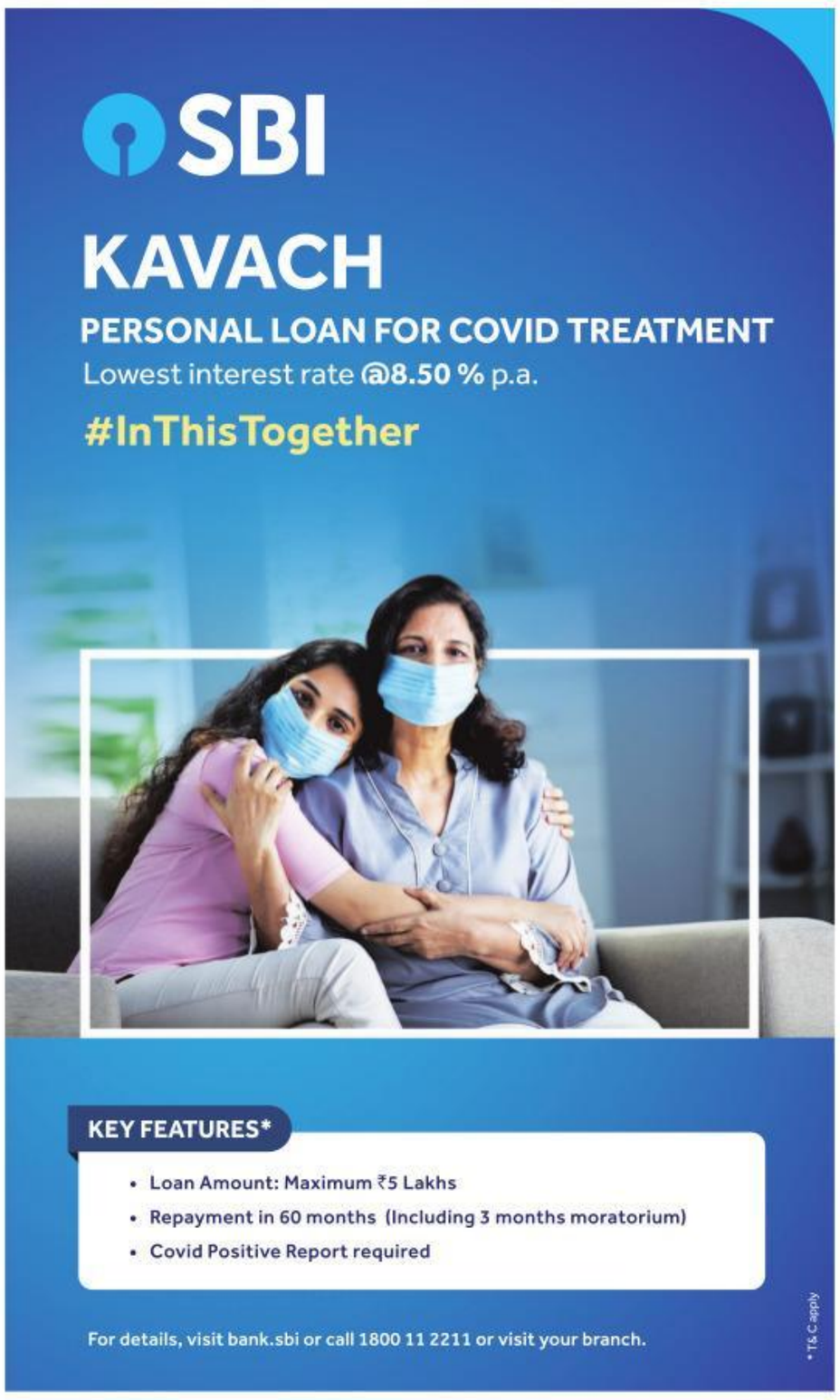
IDs misused by private labs to seek grants in lieu of free tests for Kumbh



Aravalli evictions: Man kills self outside house

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 16

"*Ghar tutne ki chinta mere pitaji ki chita ban gayi* (the stress of losing our house took the life of my father)," says a tearful Rajesh (32), younger son of Ganeshi Lal (72), who died by suicide here this morning outside his house in Khori village, which falls under the protected Aravalli area. Nearly 6,500 dwellings spread over 172 acres in Khori are facing demolition following the recent Supreme Court orders.

Ganeshi, who ran a small shop here, was found hanging from a tree outside his newly built two-room house. The family, including his two sons and daughters-in-law, learnt of the tragic incident around 6 am.

"My father looked stressed last night when he confided he was worried about our newly constructed house," says Rajesh, adding that they had exhausted their Rs 2.5 lakh savings on the construction of the house built on a 100-sq yard plot bought several years ago.

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GANESHI LAL

UNDER STRESS OF DEMOLITION

"My father looked stressed last night when he confided he was worried about our newly constructed house," says Ganeshi Lal's son Rajesh

100 BOOKED FOR STONE-THROWING

The police booked 100 Khori residents, who allegedly attempted to disturb law and order by resorting to stone-throwing after the incident.

Now jabs at 2 Shimla private hospitals too

SHIMLA: The Chief Medical Officer, Shimla, has approved two private hospitals for vaccination in the city (Tenzin and Siddhi Vinayak Hospital), but the authorities concerned have no clue as to when they would get the vaccine. Incidentally, only two private hospitals (Fortis in Kangra and Jindal Sanjeevani Hospital in Kinnaur) in the state have been able to procure vaccine so far. — TNS

MP Ravneet Singh Bittu

SC commission summons Bittu

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16
The Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes today summoned MP Ravneet Singh Bittu on June 22.

Commission chairperson Tejinder Kaur said the panel had received a complaint from Pawan Kumar Tinnu over a viral video and reports published in various newspapers in which Bittu had made unparliamentary comments.

She said the commission had decided to investigate the matter and summoned Bittu to appear personally on June 22 at 11.30 am under Section 12(2) of the Punjab State Schedule Castes Commission Act, 2004. — TNS

Congress in huddle as SAD 'eyes' its Hindu, OBC leaders

Many party men 'upset' over not being politically rehabilitated

RAJMEET SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16
As the Congress high command is brainstorming to balance the caste and community matrix in the Punjab unit, the party's state leadership is wary of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) trying to poach its second-rung Hindu and OBC leaders who have not been politically rehabilitated in the four-and-half years of the Congress rule.

Being seen as a move to woo the non-Jat vote bank, the development gains significance in the wake of the Mallikarjun Kharge panel reportedly suggesting that all sections should be equally adjusted in the party. Having influence in Anandpur Sahib, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Patiala and Ferozepur parliamentary segments, the OBC leaders in the party are reportedly upset over not being rehabilitated in the political setup.

In the wake of other parties wooing the Dalit, Hindu and OBC leaders, Capt Amarinder Singh today met leaders Satvir Singh Phallicikhi, Raman Bhalla and Dinesh Bassi, besides MLAs Chaudhary Surinder Singh, Sukhwinder Danny and Lakhvir Singh Lakha at his Sector-2 residence here.

Amid reports of the Chief Minister meeting the party's top leadership in the coming days to finalise the Cabinet and the party adjustment, regular interaction with MLAs have started and would continue over the next few days.

Sources say senior leaders from Delhi are taking feedback from the dissident group leaders regarding possible names of those who could be given important assignments in the government and the party. It is learnt that the high command wants to appoint the PPCC chief of its choice.

Anish Sidana, a senior party leader, said the time had come the party addressed aspirations of the OBC community, which had 32 per cent vote share in the state, as he sought to know why the post of PPCC chief or Deputy CM should be offered to an OBC leader.

Reports suggest that the SAD is in parleys with a former Hindu MLA of Congress from Malwa, who has been ignored by the party, besides trying to poach Hindu and Dalit faces from AAP. After Charanjit Singh Channi, son of Congress stalwart Dilbagh Singh, quit the Congress in 2016, no OBC leader has been groomed from the Doaba region so far.

"After the late Gaini Zail Singh, the Ramgarhia community has been totally sidelined by the party," said Rajpal Singh, a senior OBC Congress leader.

CM TO MEET MINISTERS TODAY

- Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has called a meeting of ministers on Thursday to discuss fiscal management of the sixth pay commission
- The meeting has been fixed before tabling the recommendations of the pay panel in the Cabinet, which will meet on Friday

The crop damaged in rain at Rauke Kalan village of Moga on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Rain-hit farmers seek financial aid

MOGA, JUNE 16
Recent rains coupled with hailstorm and strong winds have damaged vegetables, maize and direct-seeded rice in many villages of Moga district, inflicting huge monetary losses on farmers.

However, farmers engaged in sowing paddy with the traditional method of transplanting seedlings said the rains were beneficial to them.

Jaswant Singh, a farmer of Rauke Kalan village, who has taken 8-acre land on lease to cultivate watermelons and vegetables, said his crops were damaged in the recent rains. "Rain coupled with heavy winds in June is a strange thing for me, which has extensively damaged my crops," he said, urging the Punjab Government to compensate him adequately for the losses.

Assistant Plant Protection Officer Jaswinder Singh Brar said many villages of Moga-II block, including Jai Singh Wala, Chand Purana, Chand Nawa, Khukhrana, Jaimalwala, Sosan and others, were hit by hailstorm, rains and heavy winds in the past few days.

Moong cultivated on at least 230 hectares of land in these villages was damaged at the harvesting stage. Maize and cotton, which were at the infancy stage, were also damaged in some villages, he said.

There were also reports that farmers who had opted for direct seeding of rice (DSR) technology also suffered losses due to hailstorm as the upper crust of the soil became hard, adversely affecting the germination of paddy seeds. — TNS

New entrants with BJP leaders in Delhi. PHOTO: MUKESH AGGARWAL

In makeover attempt, BJP ropes in 'eminent' persons

VIBHA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16
The BJP today kicked off its poll plan for Punjab. A day after the high-level meeting, six "prominent" personalities from the state joined the saffron party in the presence of Punjab BJP chief Ashwani Sharma, general secretary in charge Dushyant Gautam and union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Those who joined the party are former All-India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) president Harinder Singh Kahlon, advocate Jagmohan Singh Saini, who is associated with the Intellectual Farmers Front (Patiala), advocate Nirmal Singh from Mohali, Kuldeep Singh Kahlon (former AISSF) from Gurdaspur, former Guru Kashi University VC Jaswinder Singh Dhillon and Col Jaibans Singh from Patiala.

While detractors termed the new entrants "politically irrelevant", BJP leaders said they were "important keeping in mind the prevailing perceptions in the state".

Former AISSF chief Kahlon among them

Ashwani Sharma said Punjab wanted peace, prosperity, and development and all those who wanted this would gain confidence when "persons of such stature join BJP".

Shekhawat said the "The social standing of new entrants will help in removing misconceptions in society," he said.

Punjab BJP general secretary Subhash Sharma said: "Fresh faces from the Sikh community in the party will help break the perception that people of Punjab or Sikhs are upset with the BJP. PM Narendra Modi has done a lot for Punjab and Sikhs and this is a reflection of that acceptance."

He said more "prominent personalities from social and political space" would join the party in the days to come.

The new entrants called the ongoing farmers' agitation "politically motivated" and said they would reach out to farmers to clear the air on all issues.

Anti-agri laws protester dies in Moga hospital

MOGA, JUNE 16
A 51-year-old farmer, who actively participated in the protest at Singhu border, has died after brief illness at a private hospital in Moga on Wednesday, activists of Kirti Kisan Union said today.

The deceased farmer has been identified as Amrik Singh, a resident of Chota Ghar village. He was associated with the Kirti Kisan Union. The activists of the farm unions wrapped his body in the Kirti Kisan Union's flag while paying last tributes to him. They termed Amrik Singh a 'martyr'.

Unions have demanded from Rs 5-lakh compensation to the kin of the deceased farmer, a government job for one member of the family and waiver of his pending loans. — TNS

Release jailed activists, demands BKU

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JUNE 16
Farmers under the banner of the BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) staged a protest against the arrest of intellectuals and rights activists by the Centre and demanded their release.

The protesters blocked the road leading to the Deputy Commissioner's residence and raised slogans against the Union Government before carrying out a protest march in the city.

Addressing the gathering, union's legal adviser NK Jeet said, "The democratic fabric of our nation is getting eroded under the current government. Those who write for seeking justice or protecting basic rights of others are labelled as anti-national and booked under serious laws such as sedition and UAPA. Activists implicated in false cases and arrested in Bhima Koregaon case are languishing in jails for three years now. There are elderly persons among those jailed who are suffering from serious illnesses, but they were not granted bail till now."

Harjinder Baggi, general secretary of the union, said, "It is time that people of the state as well as the nation wake up to the communal and divisive politics of the government and unite against it to protect and preserve the democratic fabric of the nation. There were brazen attempts at sabotaging the farm agitation, but unions collective resolve could managed to keep the stir on course. Our movement against three agricultural laws will continue until our demands are not met."

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) members protest the arrest of activists in Bathinda. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

4 SGPC staffers sacked for service rules' violation

AMRITSAR, JUNE 16
The SGPC has dismissed four of its employees and transferred other staff members posted at Gurdwara Gangsar Sahib, Jaito, in Faridkot district, after they were found guilty of violating service rules and "defaming" the gurdwara management.

The sacked employees are gurdwara manager Kulwinder Singh, clerk Sukhmandar Singh and sewadars Gurbaj Singh and Lakhbir Singh. They allegedly stored liquor on the gurdwara premises and indulged in immoral activities. This was opposed by local residents who staged a dharna outside the gurdwara.

Action has been taken on the basis of a report submitted by SGPC junior vice-president Baba Buta Singh, executive committee member Navtej Singh Kauni and the SGPC's flying squad. — TNS

Bathinda MC upgrades infra for rains

BATHINDA, JUNE 16
Bathinda faces waterlogging problems during the monsoon, but this year, the MC claims it has increased the capacity of pumping motors and ponds in the city.

MC commissioner Bikramjit Singh Shergill claimed during the monsoon this year, rainwater would drain out faster. Some of the water drainage works had been completed while some would finish by June 30 and July 15.

Increases capacity of pumping motors, ponds

Shergill said a 1,000 mm rising main has been made operational due to which there was no water accumulation on the Power House road after rain lashed the area a few days back. The water had been removed from the sludge carrier by making a pond in 10 acres taken on lease from the Waqf Board.

He said the Sanjay Nagar pond capacity had also been increased by 20 feet to drain out the water from the Sirki Bazaar area. Apart from this, the capacity of motors was being increased from 80 hp to 120 hp. The 7-acre DAV College pond has also been deepened by 18 feet. Along with this, two motors had been installed to drain out the water from here. — TNS

Women and children working in a paddy field in Mansa on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Patiala MC to hire ex-official, sparks controversy

PATIALA, JUNE 16
When the youth of Punjab are facing a dearth of jobs, the Municipal Corporation, Patiala, in a general house meeting on Tuesday, decided to hire its retired superintending engineer (SE) as a technical adviser.

He will be paid a sum equivalent to his last drawn salary minus the pension drawn every month. The official had retired from service on June 30, 2019. The matter was presented out of agenda and passed.

A Congress-affiliate councillor, who was a part of the general body meeting, said, "Youths in the state are without jobs. They should be hired and given responsibilities rather than re-hiring retired workers."

Mayor Sanjeev Kumar Sharma said it was a collective decision of the House. "The decision was taken with the approval of all the councillors present in the general house meeting." — TNS

Academicians join hands to secure future of deceased farmers' families

SAMEER SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Assist 127 with pension, money for cattle, kids' fee

BATHINDA, JUNE 16
The family of Leela Singh, a marginal farmer from Gharreli village in Bathinda district who lost his life during the ongoing agitation against the three agricultural laws at Delhi border, has received financial help for construction of a house and a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 (until his children become self-dependent), thanks to the Atam Pargas Social Welfare Council, a trust formed by a group of renowned academicians.

The council has been reaching out to families of farmers who died during the farm agitation to provide them succour in this hour of crisis. The council has 25 teams on the ground to conduct surveys and analyse the needs of families of farmers to provide them assistance accordingly.

A team of the council visited Bathinda recently and met 22 families of farmers who lost their lives during the agitation. In total, these teams have reviewed more than 152 families since February 2021 and based on their requirement, assisted 127 families of deceased farmers.

Apart from Leela Singh, many other families of deceased farmers have received not just financial help, but aid in other measure as well.

Council chairman Dr Varinderpal Singh said: "The affected families are being assisted after thoroughly assessing their circumstances and actual needs. The house of impoverished Leela Singh was in really bad shape with no door and crumbling walls, so we decided to provide all construction material to build a new house for the family. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Since there is no earning hand, a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 has been started for the family."

An elated Jaspal Kaur said, "We have started receiving monthly pension and also received first intalment of Rs 1 lakh for the construction of house. Our world had come crashing down after the death of my husband. We were living in utter despair but this help has given us a ray of hope. I am at least relieved of stress of my two daughters' education."

Two other affected families in Maur and Talwandi Sabo were provided buffaloes so that they can earn their livelihood. A farmer in Mansa was operated upon an eye. School and college fee of children to their career counseling and even free tuitions are also being given.

Members of the Atam Pargas Social Welfare Council with deceased farmer Leela Singh's family at Gharreli village in Bathinda.

Women, children make up for labour shortage in fields

SUKHMEET BHASIN
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BATHINDA, JUNE 16
Facing shortage of migrant labourers, farmers have roped in women and children for paddy transplantation in the fields. As paddy sowing has picked up pace in the region, farmers of various villages here have been hit hard by shortage of labourers.

According to farmers, a large number of labourers, belonging to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, have not returned this time. Those who have arrived are asking for high wages along with other facilities, which were unheard of two years ago.

The farmers point out that the shortage of labourers has also raised the wage cost considerably, thus adding to the already high input cost. Labourers, who otherwise charge Rs 2,800-3,200 for transplanting paddy on an acre, have now started demanding Rs 4,500-5,000 per acre for the job. Farmers are roping in local labourers who are charging around Rs 3,500.

Paddy transplantation is a labour intensive exercise in which at least two to three workers per acre are required. Though the state government is also encouraging them to opt for direct seeding of rice (DSR), a less labour-intensive method, a large number of farmers in Punjab go for the transplantation method.

With migrant labourers in short supply, women are being engaged at many places to do the job. Manjit Singh of Gobindpura village said besides women, children of local labourers were being engaged in transplantation as they were free due to their summer vacation. Punjabi labourers, who have in the past decade or so taken up jobs in urban areas, are also being persuaded by farmers to help them out.

Shingara Singh, a BKU leader, said it was a common practice in Punjab for women to help in paddy transplantation. But this time, the number had increased due to the shortage of migrant labourers.

Gurpreet Singh of Gillpati village said "The situation is likely to improve in coming days as migrant labourers will start coming in the region in a day or so due to advancement of monsoon season, the paddy sowing will pick up pace but high wages are still a concern".

FEW TAKERS FOR SOWING MACHINES

> Paddy transplanting machines are still not popular among members of the farming community. Many farmers still prefer manual transplantation to mechanisation.
> A Malwa farmer

CS: Make cancer facility functional

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

To provide better healthcare facilities to cancer patients in the state, Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan today directed the Medical Education Department to make the State Cancer Institute in Amritsar functional within the current fiscal.

Reviewing the progress of the cancer institute's ongoing civil and other allied works here, she said the Rs 120-crore project would have the state-of-the-art 150-bed complex that would provide world-class treatment facilities to cancer patients.

Fixing the timelines for the ongoing civil works being done by the PHSC, Mahajan said these should be completed by October and installation of equipment should be completed immediately after that. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also reviewed the progress of Tertiary Cancer Care Centre in Fazilka and asked to complete the ongoing civil works of the project by March 2022. — TNS

New SIT struggles to decipher pile of documents in Behbal case

Summarising 4K pages of probe reports mammoth task: Official

JUPINDERJIT SINGH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

A month after the state government reconstituted the special investigation team (SIT) into the October 2015 Behbal Kalan police firing incidents, the SIT officials are caught in making a head or tail out of the thousands of documents of past five years of investigation besides more than 20 writ petitions involving the incident.

This SIT headed by IG Naunihal Singh was reconstituted after earlier SIT head IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap put in his papers following the quashing of his probe into the Kotkapura police firing incident. Both incidents took place in mid-October 2015 when cops opened fire at people who were protesting against a series of sacrilege incidents.

The separate SITs into both incidents were reconstituted in mid-May this year. While the Kotkapura SIT headed by ADGP LK Yadav has hogged limelight and even summoned ex-CM Parkash Singh Badal, the other SIT is so far understanding the content of the documents.

"It is quite a quagmire. There are more than 4,000 pages of investigation. And nearly 95 per cent of it is the same line of probe followed by the disbanded Kotkpaura SIT having IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap as the key investigator. This was quashed by the High Court. Also, both incidents had same reasons and other than some police officials, the seniors were almost the same," said an official privy to the functioning of the new SIT. He said in contrast to the new Kotkapura SIT, the Behbal Kalan probe panel has to determine where to start the investigation and proceed thereafter. The biggest trouble is the more than 20 writ petitions, court directions and notices. "The SIT officials have sent several queries for a legal opinion so that there is no controversy later," the official said. Besides IG Naunihal Singh, Mohali SSP Satinder Singh and Faridkot SSP Swarandeep Singh are the members.

This SIT has not summoned any high-profile person so far. Sources said the SIT is making a summary of all the documents, and will proceed thereupon.

LEGAL OPINION SOUGHT TO AVOID CONTROVERSY

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Badal to appear before probe panel on June 22

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

Former CM Parkash Singh Badal will answer queries of the special investigation team (SIT) probing the Kotkapura police firing case on June 22 at his residence here.

The SIT had rescheduled his questioning after Badal expressed inability to appear before the panel on June 16 at a rest house in Mohali. Citing ill-health and his age, besides provisions of law in questioning a witness, Badal asked the SIT to visit his Chandigarh house.

Sources close to him said though the ex-CM was still indisposed, he would meet the SIT members on June 22. "He had appeared before the previous SIT also. He is all for following the law and has nothing to be afraid of," said a close-aide. Badal was the CM in October 2015 when the firing took place in Kotkapura on a mob protesting sacrilege incidents. Led by ADGP LK Yadav, the SIT wants to ascertain who gave the orders to open fire and whether cops fired at a peaceful mob or an agitated mob in self-defence. The team is also probing if the standard operating procedure in dealing with such situation was followed. — TNS

Parkash Singh Badal, ex-CM

KEY QUESTIONS

Led by ADGP LK Yadav, the SIT probing the Kotkapura police firing incident wants to ascertain:

- Who gave orders to open fire
- Whether cops fired at peaceful protesters or agitated mob
- If the SOP was followed

SAD slams Capt over power cuts

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

The Shiromani Akali Dal today lashed out at the government over alleged mismanagement of power supply during the paddy season.

In a statement issued here today, SAD Kisan Wing president Sikander Singh Maluka said the Congress government could not ensure regular power supply to farmers even during the first five days of the paddy transplantation season. He said leave aside supplying eight-hour power supply as per commitment, farmers were not getting supply for the past three days in many parts of the state.

He said the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) had failed to maintain supply. He said farmers were sitting on dharnas in front of PSPCL offices for not restoring supply after disruptions. He said it was shocking that the PSPCL did not have transformers and cables for restoration of power supply in many parts of the state. — TNS

Youth ends life in custody

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PATHANKOT, JUNE 16

A Patiala youth, who had eloped with a Pathankot-based girl a year ago, ended his life while in the custody of the Pathankot police.

SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana said the youth, Harmandeep Singh (24), hanged himself from the fan with a piece of cloth this morning. "He had been brought from Sanuar in Patiala district yesterday after the parents of the girl complained to the police that he was harassing their daughter. We produced him in a court yesterday, which sent him to judicial custody. The court had ordered that he undergoes a Covid test. We had lodged him in the Nangal Bhoor police station in transit remand," said the SSP. He added that an inquest had been marked into the incident.

MOGA WOMAN DIES BY SUICIDE

- A 20-year-old woman, who got married four months ago, has allegedly died by suicide at Auggar village of Moga
- Identified as Ramandeep Kaur, her mother Binder Kaur alleged that her daughter was harassed for dowry by her in-laws
- A case under Sections 34 and 306 of IPC (abetment of suicide) has been registered against her husband and his parents

Seeking regular jobs, teachers gherao PSEB office

One of them consumes poisonous substance

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOHALI, JUNE 16

An umbrella group of six teachers' unions laid siege to the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) building in Phase IX today. They were seeking job regularisation and enhancement in salaries.

Nearly 500 teachers gheraoed the building around 10.30 am, taking PSEB officials and administration by surprise. The protesters raised slogans against CM Capt Amarinder Singh, Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla and Education Secretary Krishan Kumar for not fulfilling their demands for the past four years.

Around five persons also climbed to the top of the building with petrol-filled bottles. Eyewitnesses said one protester tried to jump off the roof of the building, but was stopped by his colleagues. Another teacher, identified as Rajwinder Kaur of Malout, allegedly consumed a poisonous substance.

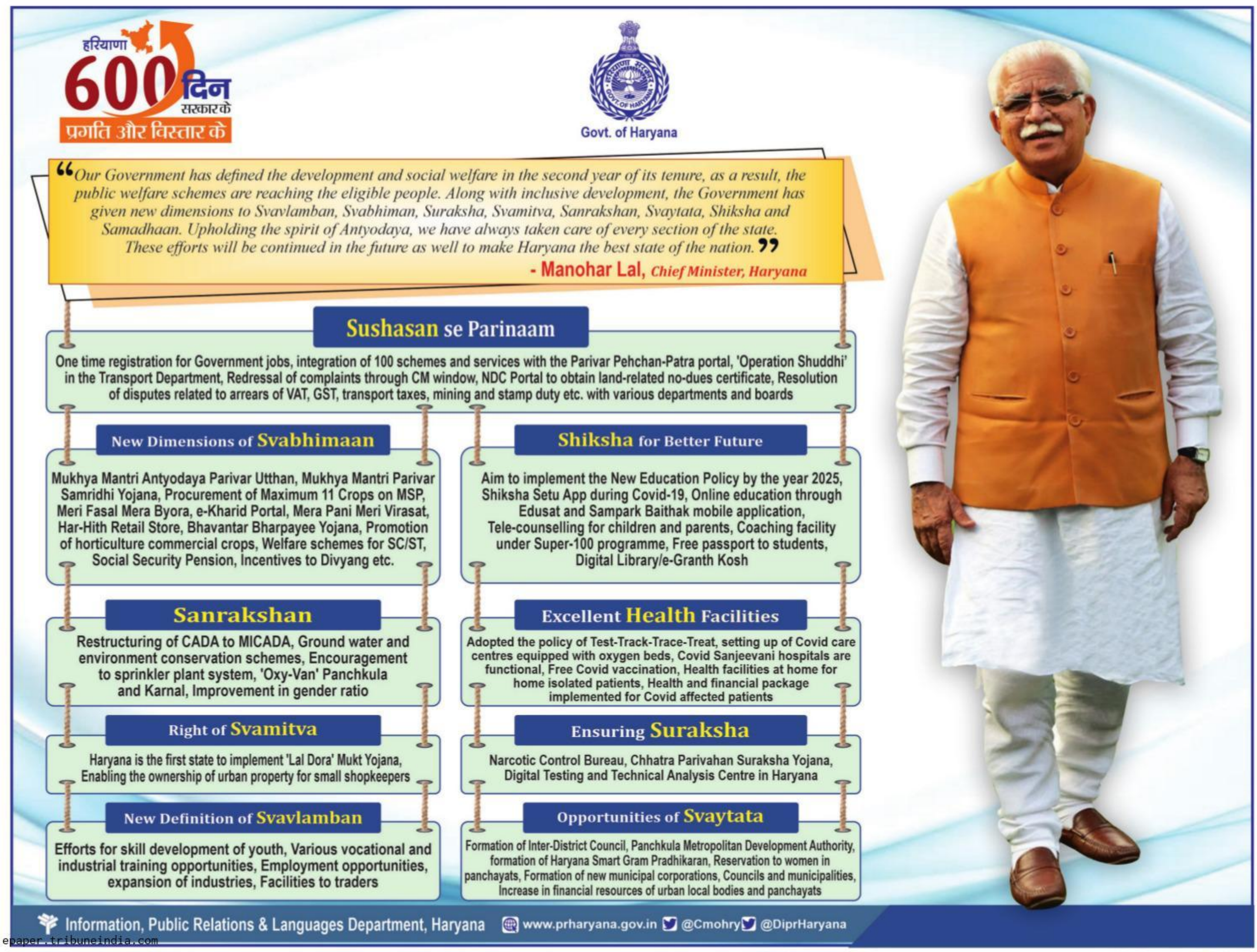
Heavy police force, led by Mohali SSP Satinder Singh, reached the spot and barricaded the area. Teachers and police indulged in a mild scuffle after breaking the barricades.

Sources said government officials and a group of teachers were engaged in negotiations till late in the evening.

The protesters claimed that a meeting of the teachers with the minister yesterday was postponed till June 22. The agitated teachers, including women, staged a sit-in and claimed they would not vacate the area without reaching any conclusion. There are nearly 13,000 temporary teachers, some of them employed 18 years ago, who are paid between Rs 3,000 and Rs 10,000 a month.

The SSP said, "All employees inside the building have been allowed to come out. The protesters are still there. Representatives of the union are holding a meeting with Capt Sandeep Sandhu, political secretary to the CM, in Ludhiana."

Cops stop protesters from entering the PSEB building in Mohali. VICKY



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Buildings mushroom near state prisons, pose threat to security

Sale of jail land 'compromised' surveillance, claim officials

ANIRUDH GUPTA

FEROZEPUR, JUNE 16

Paving the way for rapid urbanisation around various high-security prisons, the cash-strapped state government has reportedly sold over 300 acres of prime land belonging to various jails to generate revenue. But the move is now being seen as counter-productive. Every day, incidents are taking place where mobile phones and other items are being tossed over the prison walls. High-rise SCOs, residential and commercial complexes have come up in the vicinity of the prisons during the past few years.

The escape of three prisoners from the Patiala jail has already set the alarm bells ringing. And if buildings continue to mushroom, more such incidents cannot be ruled out.

As per information, the state government transferred chunks of land to the Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA) under the Optimum Utilisation of Vacant Government Land (OUVGL) scheme to generate surplus revenue. In Ferozepur, almost 21.80 acres belonging the central jail were transferred to PUDA under the scheme in 2008 following which a lot of residential and commercial hubs have come up near the jail.

Another 22 acres of central jail land in Gurdaspur were transferred to PUDA around the same time. Thereafter, 22.17 acres of land of the central jail in Jalandhar were transferred to PUDA. Around 25.6 acres of jail land in Faridkot were also sold, where Baba Farid University of Health Sciences has come up now. Even in Amristar, almost 93 acres of central jail land have been reportedly transferred to PUDA.

Security officials said any person with sinister designs could easily buy or rent a house or SCO close to the jail premises as PUDA further sold the land through auction to earn revenue for the government. Last year, more than 1,500 mobiles had been seized from various jails in the state due to stringent frisking and enhanced security measures but the incidents continue reportedly due to several buildings and roads being built in the proximity of the prisons.

Jail officials said the security had been compromised with the sale of part of its land under the OUVGL scheme. "The only preventive step can be installation of electric fencing to protect the boundary wall and more CCTV cameras and jammers for which a proposal has already been submitted," said a senior official.

A residential colony near the central jail, Ferozepur.

1,500 MOBILES SEIZED LAST YEAR

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Govt school axes trees sans nod, plaint filed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JUNE 16

Government Senior Secondary School at Todarpur village in the district has come under fire for felling over 20 trees on the school premises without approval from the Forest Department.

Senior advocate and activist HC Arora has filed a complaint to the Chief Secretary, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, and Secretary, School Education, seeking strict action against the school principal.

In his complaint, Arora has alleged, "Dharminder Kaur, Principal, Government High School, Todarpur (Samana) has sold more than 30 dek trees (China berry) and a few poplar trees for Rs 45,000."

"All trees were fully grown. No permission was taken either from the Forest Department, higher authorities of the Education Department or the gram panchayat," Arora said.

Dharminder Kaur, Principal, said, "Some trees had fallen on our school buildings during the storm over the last few weeks. Besides, some of the trees were a threat to children because they could fall on classrooms."

The trees which were cut at a school in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO

She said the decision to cut trees was taken after passing of a resolution by the school management committee. When asked about the permission from the Forest Department, she said, "The trees were inside the school boundary. Moreover, they were planted by us. Therefore, there was no such need."

Arora said school staff, including the principal, had approached him and promised that they would plant more trees at the school.

Open stadiums: Minister to dept

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

In view of the rapidly declining Covid cases, Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, Minister for Sports, Youth Services and NRIs Affairs, on Wednesday directed the Sports Department to open all stadiums, including those in Mohali, for players desirous to participate in national and international sporting events.

The minister said the state government had decided that the players aspiring to participate in national and international-level tournaments should be given exemption to practice in open stadiums as Covid cases had been sharply decreasing in the state. "Players and coaches will have to ensure compliance with the guidelines issued by the Health Department for the prevention of Covid," he said.

Special Secretary-cum-Director, Sports and Youth Services, DPS Kharbanda said district sports officers had been asked to complete the arrangements for opening stadiums. — TNS

Ward-wise vax drive on cards: Minister

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today said the Punjab Government was taking appropriate measures to cover every citizen in the ambit of Covid vaccination and the drive had been running in full swing in rural as well as urban areas of the state.

He said till now, of the 5,98,060 Covaxin doses received from the Government of India (GoI), around 4,90,041 had been utilised. From the state's purchase quota of around 1,50,850 Covaxin doses, 66,032 had been administered. On the same pattern, of the 48,16,580 Covidshield vaccine provided by the GoI, 46,43,786 had been used; and of the purchased 5,86,000 doses, 5,30,603 had been successfully administered till June 13. He said a total of 58,15,339 persons under different categories had been vaccinated till now.

The vaccination in the age group of 18-44 years had been expanded to include students studying abroad, foreign employed persons, shopkeepers, workers of hospitality industry, delivery boys, etc. The vaccination campaign would be conducted ward and village wise.

The Health Minister said the positivity rate between May 17 and June 12 in rural and urban areas remained almost same at 4.4 per cent. Urban areas with industries or high population, like Ludhiana, Amritsar, Mohali and Bathinda, reported more Covid cases than rural areas. Villages in small districts such as Ropar, Mansa and Muktsar had high number of Covid cases. Last week, all districts logged positivity of less than 5 per cent.

The statics from January to April indicated that this year, population between 21 and 40 years had been affected higher than those in other age groups, he said. Sidhu added the case fatality rate (CFR) remained high in rural areas than urban areas in the same period. The trend reversed after mid-May 2021. He said, therefore, all eligible persons needed to get vaccinated to reduce the CFR. He said all Civil Surgeons had been directed to step up the vaccination drive.

'DON'T STOP TREATMENT UNDER HEALTH SCHEME'

- The Health Minister has told all empanelled private hospitals that the treatment or e-card of the entitled beneficiary under the Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana shall not be stalled
- He said in case of any anomalies in the e-card of the beneficiary, the same shall be corrected only after the treatment of the patient

Fresh guidelines for govt offices

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

The government has issued fresh guidelines for attendance of staff working in its offices. Now, administrative offices will take decision at their level to call staff to work. The government has tasked the departments to decide about calling employees to offices.

The department heads have been asked to call specially abled, pregnant women and medically constrained employees to the office only if necessary. — TNS

COVID METER

Cases	688
Critical	507
Active	**10,046**
Deaths	**46**

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Patiala	69	2
Jalandhar	65	2
Bathinda	59	3
Hoshiarpur	57	0
Mohali	44	2
Total	5,89,828	15,698

CM also involved in kit 'scam': AAP

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

On Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's decision to give a clean chit to Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu and senior officials in the 'Fateh' kit procurement 'scam', AAP senior leader and Leader of Opposition (LoP) Harpal Singh Cheema said it proved the involvement of the CM, too.

Cheema asked Capt Amarinder why the government had sacked Neeraj Singla, Director (Finance) of the National Health Mission, if there was no scam in the procurement process. He said the Congress government had awarded the tender of 'Fateh' kits to a garment manufacturing company, which did not have any licence to manufacture medical equipment.

Cheema alleged the owners of the company were close to the Chief Minister which was why the government had repeatedly issued tenders and bought kits worth Rs 837 each at a hefty price of Rs 1,338. Commenting on the Chief Minister's defence of the Punjab Government, Cheema said the government was involved in all wrongdoings during its tenure.

Black fungus toll up in Muktsar, 4 die in 15 days

MUKTSAR, JUNE 16

Of the 23 black fungus patients in the district, seven have died recently. The data revealed that just two persons had been cured while the remaining were still undergoing treatment. Further, the data showed that four persons had died in the past fortnight.

A senior official of the Health Department said six mucormycosis patients were not infected by Covid-19.

Meanwhile, the Covid graph is coming down with every passing day. At present, there are just five micro-containment zones and one macro-containment zone in the district. In the past 24 hours, 26 persons tested positive for Covid in the district. — TNS

Soldier cremated with state honours

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JUNE 16

Soldier Jagraj Singh (26), who breathed his last at the Military Hospital in Chandimandir on June 14, was cremated with state honours at Sheikhpura village on Wednesday.

A large number of locals bid farewell to Jagraj Singh, who was the only son of a poor farmer. He had been serving the 23rd Sikh Battalion of the Army for the past seven years.

Jagraj Singh's mother Jasveer Kaur and father Major Singh said Jagraj had joined the Sikh Regiment after passing Class XII.

Jagraj Singh's elder sister Manpreet Kaur is a Punjab Police employee.

Jagraj Singh's regiment is currently in Rajasthan. He was injured during training in Rajasthan on June 5 and was taken to Suratgarh Hospital by the Army, but was later airlifted to the Chandimandir Military Hospital. He underwent an operation for his injuries, but passed away on June 14.

The kin of Sepoy Jagraj Singh at his cremation in Bathinda.

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I, Urvish Janagal s/o late Sh. Rakesh Kumar r/o Gian Bhawan, Bouri Mohalla, Jaunaji road Solan, Tehsil and District Solan HP declare that I have changed my name from Urvish to Urvish Janagal. All concerns please note. (CL21023123)

I, Harjinder Singh s/o Lakhmir Singh r/o 3495 Sec. 46-C Chandigarh declare that my son Amandeep Singh is out of my control. I disown him from all my moveable/immoveable property. I shall not be responsible for any of his acts and anybody dealing with him shall do so at their own risk. (CL21023136)

I, Balvir Chand s/o Sh. Chunni Lal r/o House No. 695, Ward No. 11, Multani Mohalla, Derabassi, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab-140507 have changed my name to Balbir Chand. (CL21023149)

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I, Daljeet Singh s/o Surinder Singh r/o Street No 3, Moga Colony, Mundian Khurd, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana, have changed my name to Surinder Singh Mundian. (CL21023178)

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I, Baldeep Kaur w/o Baljeet Singh Sekhon, r/o 525, Barewal Road, Citizen Enclave, Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, have changed my name to Baldeep Kaur Sekhon. (CL21023188)

I, Sunita Devi w/o Davender Singh Balain, resident 18 Subhash Nagar, Rohtak- 124001 Haryana, have changed my name to Sunita Balain. (CL21023207)

I, Darshan Kaur w/o SQN LDR Rajinder Singh Khangura Service No. 12211 r/o House No. 330, Sector 127, Shivalik City, Landran Road, Kharar, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali (Punjab) declare that I have changed my name from Mrs. Darshan Khangura to Mrs. Darshan Kaur. (CL21023250)

I, Sanjay Sharma r/o Village Suknal, PO & Tehsil Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra, HP have changed my minor son name from Sanchit Acharya to Sanchit. In future he may be known as Sanchit for all purposes. (CL21023253)

I, 2474396K retired Naik Kabal Singh resident Village Dhippan Wali, Tehsil and District Fazilka, declare my daughter's name wrongly mentioned as Sukhjit Kaur in my service record whereas her correct name is Sukhjeet Kaur. (CL21023279)

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Rakesh Kumar-I
Addl. Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Ludhiana.
Sanjana Arora
Vs.
Manish Sharma
CNR No.
PBLD01-001492-2020
Next Date: 08.07.2021
Publication issued to: Manish Sharma, Father: Sh. Parkash Sharma, H.No. 35, Mehuwala Mafi near Gas Godon, Dehradun.

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Deepak Kumar Choudhary,
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court,
Amritsar.
Maninderpal Kaur aged 33 years wife of Sh. Maan Singh, daughter of Sh. Kiratpal Singh resident of VPO Bal Kalan, Amritsar.
Versus
Maan Singh
CNR No. PBAS01-007599-2020
Next Date: 29.07.2021
Petition Under Section 13 [1(i), (ia), (ib) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 for dissolution of marriage by way of decree of divorce.
Publication issued to: 1. Maan Singh, Father: Gurbaksh Singh, R/o Village Bohlian, P.O. Jastarwal, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar presently residing at VIA SAN CRISTOFORD, 50 TREZZANO SUL NAVIGLIO MILAN, ITALY.
2. Gurpreet @ Simmi resident of at VIA SAN CRISTOFORD, 50 TREZZANO SUL NAVIGLIO MILAN, ITALY.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Sd/- Additional Principal Judge
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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Deepak Kumar Choudhary
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
Amritsar.
Kulbir Singh Randhawa aged about 33 years, resident of H.No. 7-F16/550, Hargobind Avenue, Gali No. 1, Majitha Road, Amritsar.
Vs.
Gurpreet Kaur
CNR No.: PBAS01-015477-2019
Next Date: 02.07.2021
Petition under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 for dissolution of marriage between the parties by way of decree of divorce.
Publication issued to:
Kulbir Singh Randhawa
Father: Kulwant Singh Randhawa R/o H.No. 7-F16/550, Hargobind Avenue, Gali No. 1, Majitha Road, Asr.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to:
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=amritsar
Dated, this day of 07.06.2021.
Sd/-
Additional Principal Judge,
Family Court,
CL21023160 Amritsar.

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Rana Kanwar Deep Kaur
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court-II,
Jalandhar.
Vijay Kumar s/o Rakesh Kumar r/o Khambra Colony, Gali No. 3, near Church of Ankur, Village Khambra, Jalandhar.
Versus
Vandhana w/o Vijay Kumar D/o Kamaljit R/o Village Subhana, Post Office Mithapur, Jalandhar.
Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.
CNR No.:
PBJL01-006748-2020
Next Date: 05.07.2021
Publication issued to:
Vandhana
Father: Kamaljit, Village Subhana, PO Mithapur, Jalandhar, Punjab.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 05.07.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=jalandhar
Dated, this day of 08.06.2021.
Sd/-
Additional Principal Judge
Family Court-II,
CL21023177 Jalandhar.

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COURT NOTICE

Civil Courts Rajpura
(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Sh. Imanbir Singh Dhaliwal,
Additional Civil Judge
Senior Division,
Rajpura.
Harnek Singh
Versus
Sher Singh
CNR No.
PBPTA0-000430-2021
Next Date: 02.07.2021
Suit for Permanent injunction
Publication issued to: Sher Singh son of Kashmir Singh son of Kirpal Singh, Village Kharola, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 02.07.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to
https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=patiala
Dated, this day of 12.05.2021.
Sd/-
Additional Civil Judge
Senior Division,
CL21023204 Rajpura.

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Bank of India ....Certificate Holder
Vs
M/s Sun Steel Fab ....Certificate Debt
PUBLICATION NOTICE
(See Section 25 to 29 of the RDDBFI Act, 1993 r/w Rule 53 of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)
Notice of Settling a Sale Proclamation
(THROUGH REGISTRED AD/DASTI/AFFIXATION)
To,
1. **M/s Sun Steel Fab** having at NH-21, VPO Gutkar, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi through its Proprietor.
2. **Sh. Sunil Gupta S/o Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta** R/o Lalgee Bhawan, VPO Gutkar, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi (Prop. of M/s Sun Steel Fab)
3. **Smt. Kamini Gupta W/o Sh. Sunil Gupta,** R/o Lalgee Bhawan, VPO Gutkar, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi.
4. **Sh. Dalip Gupta S/o Sh. Chaman Lal Gupta,** R/o Lalgee Bhawan, VPO Gutkar, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi.
5. **M/s Lalgee Meters & Electricals (India) Pvt. Ltd.** having registred office at Lalgee NH-21, VPO Gutkar, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi through its Director/Managing Director

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SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTIES:
M/s Lalgee Meters & Electricals (India) Pvt. Ltd. Gutkar in Mauja Gutkar /208, Distt. Mandi, H.P. Director Sh. Sunil Gupta & Smt. Kamini Gupta.
Given under my hand & seal of this Tribunal on **12.05.2021** at Chandigarh
Seal
S. K. Tiwary
Recovery Officer
DRT-I, Chandigarh

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State to place victim's audio clip before court

TIKRI ASSAULT CASE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

Just over a month after an FIR was registered for alleged sexual exploitation of an activist at the Tikri border in Bahadurgarh during her stay to participate in the ongoing farmers' agitation, the state of Haryana today told the Punjab and Haryana High Court that it would place on record the audio clip of the victim.

Referring to the clip, the state counsel told the Bench of Justice Augustine George Masih that the involvement of petitioner-accused Ankur in the commission of the offence was made out from it.

Taking a note of the submission, Justice Masih fixed the case for further hearing on June 21. The matter was placed before Justice Masih after the petitioner, through his counsel SS Momi, sought anticipatory bail.

Claiming innocence, Ankur submitted that he was being unnecessarily harassed and humiliated by the police even though his name was not mentioned at any stage by the victim or her father in the complaint. Momi submitted: "She had informed her father telephonically as well as when her father met her in hospital. She had not mentioned Ankur's name anywhere in the complaint or the FIR. He is innocent and has not committed any offence. No useful purpose would be served by sending the petitioner behind bars as there is nothing to be recovered from him."

The FIR in the matter was registered on May 9 at Bahadurgarh's city police station in Jhajjar district of Haryana. As per the allegations, a delegation of six, including the petitioner, claiming to be the members of the Kisan Social Army, reached West Bengal as part of the campaign by the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha. The victim met the group during the tour and joined the group on April 11 to travel to Delhi. — TNS

Cops must show compassion, says activist Natasha's family

SUNIT DHAWAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, JUNE 16

Family members of student activist Natasha Narwal, who were awaiting her homecoming after the Delhi High Court yesterday granted her bail in a matter pertaining to violence in Delhi in February 2020, were disappointed as she could not be released today.

Activists Natasha, Devangana Kalita and Asif Iqbal Tanha were not released as the Delhi Police told a court that it would take three days to verify the addresses of the sureties for the accused.

"We were hopeful that she would return home in Rohtak today. However, we have been told that her release has been delayed due to procedural issues. Now that Natasha and other students have been granted bail, I feel the police should act with compassion and facilitate their release," Natasha's aunt Sabita told *The Tribune* this evening.

Natasha's father Dr Mahavir Singh Narwal passed away recently while waiting and hoping for Natasha's release from the jail. She had lost her mother years ago. Her brother Aakash, who is a student, was also hopeful of her release and had gone to Delhi to receive her, said Sabita.

"The High Court's order (of releasing the arrested student activists on bail) should have been implemented within 24 hours of its pronouncement. In the name of physical verification of the addresses of the sureties, the police are seeking time for getting the court's order stayed by the Supreme Court," said Inderjit Singh, a Communist leader, who has been associated with Natasha's family.

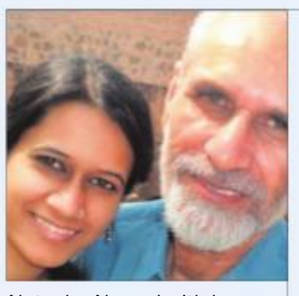
Natasha, who is a research scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and participated in anti-CAA protests, had been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and arrested in May last year in connection with the north-east Delhi violence.

She is also associated with 'Pinjra Tod', a collective of women students and alumni of colleges across Delhi that seeks to make regulations of hostels and PG accommodations less restrictive for women students.

HAVEN'T LOST HOPE

"The implementation of HC order has been delayed because of mere technicalities. It is frustrating. The wait becomes all the more difficult when you know the bail is nearby. But I haven't lost hope. Natasha will eventually come out of the jail.
Aakash, NATASHA'S BROTHER

TESTING TIMES FOR FAMILY


Natasha Narwal with her late father. FILE PHOTO

- Natasha's family has been through testing times
- Her father died on May 9 after battling Covid for two weeks
- Aakash was down with Covid then; Natasha was denied bail for performing the last rites
- She was released on interim bail to perform the last rites on May 11
- Natasha returned to the jail after the bail period ended

Power Dept withdraws 146 posts of engineer, cancels appointments

PRADEEP SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

More than two years after making a requisition for 146 junior systems engineers (JSEs) in the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN), the Power Department has shattered the dream of the selected candidates to land a government job by cancelling their appointment.

The Power Department has withdrawn the posts "due to non-requirement of regular JSEs". This comes days after the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) declared the results for filling the posts.

"The Board (of Directors) considered facts of the case and decided not to allow joining of 146 JSEs in the DHBVN since there is no requirement of regular JSEs in the nigam," states minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 7. The decision was conveyed to the HSSC on June 14.

The decision to cancel the recruitment has come nearly two years after the selection process for the posts was set in motion on July 5, 2019. The HSSC had initiated the selection process for the government posts only after it received a written requisition from the department concerned.

Subsequently, the DHBVN realised that it could "outsource the posts as per requirement against the sanctioned posts instead of direct recruitment".

A "letter war" between the HSSC and the DHBVN ensued last year with the commission asserting that since the online examination had already been conducted, the "requisition for the posts cannot be withdrawn at this stage".

Will court arrest if farmers nabbed, says Charuni

JHAJJAR CASE Threatens statewide stir against govt

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, JUNE 16

Bharatiya Kisan Union (Charuni) president Gurnam Singh Charuni on Wednesday threatened to launch a statewide agitation if anyone farmer was arrested in connection with the removal of the foundation stone of the district BJP office in Jhajjar on June 13. He gave the call to BKU activists to court arrest if any action was taken against accused farmers.

On Sunday, state BJP president Om Prakash Dhankar had laid the foundation stone of the district BJP office on the Rewari road. A few hours later, farmers protested at the site and removed the foundation stone.

"The state government is trying to instigate farmers. After having registered the case, the police have started conducting raids to arrest farmers. If any farmer is arrested in connection with the Jhajjar incident, farmers across the state will court arrest as had happened in Tohana," said the BKU chief in a video message.

He claimed the case had been wrongly registered as farmers didn't quarrel with anyone Sunday. "How can a case be registered for just removing some bricks?" added Charuni.

He said, "The BJP's ploy is to instigate farmers by registering FIRs. It employed such method in Kurukshetra where two FIRs were registered under political pressure. The party is getting FIRs registered through its party workers. The government should stop raiding houses of farmers. If it takes action against Jhajjar farmers, peasants across the state will protest."

Farmers stand inside a pit dug up for laying the foundation stone of the BJP office in Jhajjar. FILE

PLOY TO INSTIGATE FARMERS

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Gurnam Singh Charuni, BKU LEADER

Schoolteachers not to be assigned non-academic duty

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, JUNE 16

The Directorate of Elementary Education has directed all district elementary education officers (DEEOs) not to rope in government school teachers for non-academic duties such as management, training and supervision of any programme outside the school.

The DEEOs have been asked to call back all those teachers, who have been appointed as nodal officers for different projects and are working at the Block Education Office or other offices partially or full time.

They have also been directed to submit a report to the Directorate within a week that all such teachers have been sent back to their school concerned.

"The move aims at improving the quality of education and raising the strength of children in government schools. As teachers' engagement in non-academic works not only adversely affects the studies, but also takes a toll on students' strength. It also reduces the efficiency of teachers, who could not take classes due to other duties. As per the Right to Education Act-2009, teachers cannot be engaged in non-academic activities," said an official of the Education Department.

DIRECTIVES ISSUED

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Man sets self on fire outside police station; five arrested

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 16

A 57-year-old man died by suicide by setting himself on fire near the Sector 17 police station here on Wednesday.

Identified as Shankar Narula of Sector 16 here, the victim reportedly poured petrol and set himself on fire on the main road near the police station around 3.15 pm. He died on the spot. According to reports, Narula took the extreme step soon after he came out of the police station, where he had gone regarding his complaint of blackmailing by an unidentified person. Claiming that Narula was involved in the steel fabrication business had received a phone call from an unidentified person asking for money for not disclosing his identity perhaps in a honey trap case, police sources said he was upset with the blackmailing.

"We are probing the matter from all angles," said Naresh Kumar, SHO, Sector 17 police station. An FSL team collected the evidence from the spot.

Meanwhile, five persons, including four women, have been arrested in connection with the suicide.

The accused — Isha, Jeenat, Ashiya, Juhi and Arbaz — were nabbed by a crime branch team from Delhi on Wednesday. It is claimed one of the accused befriended Narula on Instagram a couple of months ago.

HAD FILED COMPLAINT RELATED TO BLACKMAILING

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Protester dies by suicide

Was concerned over fate of agitation

HISAR, JUNE 16

Concerned about the fate of the farmers' stir against the three controversial laws, a 55-year-old farmer died by suicide after having consumed poison at the Khatkar toll plaza in Jind district today.

The deceased — Satpal Singh of Khatkar village — had been serving food and tea to protesters at the toll plaza for months. He owned two acres.

Protesters said Satpal seemed to be in depression for the past three to four days and discussed the rigid stand of the Centre on their demands.

He was alone in the shed last night after other farmers returned home. When a group of farmers arrived today morning, they found him lying unconscious in the bed. A bottle of poison was recovered from the shed. His body is at the Narwana Civil Hospital for the autopsy. Azad Singh, district BKU leader, said: "Satpal was upset and concerned about the fate of the stir." TNS

249 test +ve

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

The state today reported 249 new Covid cases, taking the tally to 7.67 lakh. Besides, 39 more persons died. — TNS

COVID METER

Cases	249
Recovered	334
Active	**3,579**
Deaths	**39**

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Palwal	33	0
Yamunanagar	26	2
Hisar	22	5
State total	7.66L	9,109

Cops probe audio clips in Junaid case

GURUGRAM, JUNE 16

Investigating the alleged murder charges against 12 Faridabad cops, the Nuh police have come across an audio recording where a deal is being struck for Rs 6 lakh to release one of the five men detained by them. The Faridabad police is under fire after the death of a 22-year-old Punhana resident, Junaid, after his alleged brutal torture in custody.

The cybercrime team of the police had allegedly picked up Junaid and five others while they were returning from a wedding and brutally thrashed them. The families alleged that they had all paid money to get their children out and Junaid, who allegedly suffered internal injuries, died 10 days after his release.

Out to support their allegations, one of the families has provided an audio clip to the police and released it to social media, where a man, who is claimed to be a cop, is talking to a family on WhatsApp call and seeking Rs 6 lakh for the release of their son. The clip has been released on YouTube and taken up as an evidence by the Nuh police.

SP Narender Brijania could not be contacted. — TNS

POLICE UNDER FIRE

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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER"

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

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	Tender ID	Cost of form	Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e- tendering up to
1.	Annual repair and maintenance of Sewerage system to Solan Town in Tehsil and District Solan H.P. (SH:- 2.90 MLD STP & net work for Zone-B for a period of Six Months).	11,25,289/-	22,500/-	Six Months	2021_HPIPH_48594_1	400/-	23.06.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.

The tender forms and other detail can be obtained from website **http://hptenders.gov.in**

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan.
DPR/HP/1583 **HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

MAHARAJA AGRASEN MEDICAL COLLEGE, AGROHA (HISAR)
CORRIGENDUM

The e-tender was called vide this office endst. No. 319 dated 11.06.2021 scheduled to be opened on 06.07.2021. Having Tender ID 2021_HRY_175499_1. While entering the financial bid item, have on some clerical mistake like ref. of HSR No. & in Unit etc. Now same has been re-enter after correcting the same and as under:-

i) HSR No. of item is 15, 35, 67, 72, 92, 103, 112, 117, 118, 119, 123, 124, 125, 149, 152, 269, 270, 277 has been corrected.
ii) As where CSR/DSR has been metioned will be considered as N.S. item (For item No. 38, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 154, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191.
iii) Unit & quantities of item No. 126 & unit item No. 92 have been corrected.

Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged

Sr. No.	Name of Work with Tender ID	Estimated Cost (in lakh)	Earnest Money (₹)	Compl. Period (in days)	Start & Expiry Date of Tender	Cost of Tender Form (₹)
1.	Construction of Girls Resident Hostel at MAMC Agroha. (2021_HRY_175499_2)	495.00	990000/-	365	16.06.2021 to 05.07.2021	15000/- (Non-refundable)

Note:- For further details and e-tendering schedule visit **https://etenders.hry.nic.in**
DI-4436 **DIRECTOR**

SHIMLA JAL PRABANDHAN NIGAM LIMITED
NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

Online bids are invited by the Additional General Manager, Sewerage Division, SJPNL, Shimla, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system for the undermentioned work from the qualified and experienced contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HP I&PH/PWD Department.

Sr. No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Sewerage Scheme for Shimla Town (SH:- Providing and laying sewerline and manhole construction works for, IT Bhawan, (H.B.C), Mehali to STP Panthaghati.)	Rs. 4,54,55,000/- Only	Rs. 4,87,050/- Only	1 Year	Rs. 5000/- Only

KEY DATES WILL BE AS UNDER:

a	**Date of online Publication**	From 16.06.2021, 5:00 p.m.
b	**Downloading of e-tender documents**	From 16.06.2021, 5:00 p.m. up to 30.06.2021, 11.00 a.m.
c	**Date of submission of e-tender**	From 16.06.2021, 5:00 p.m. up to 30.06.2021, 11.00 a.m.
d	**Physical submission of EMD cost of tender form and eligibility documents**	Up to 11:00 a.m. on 30.03.2021
e	**Date of opening of bids:-**	
	Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria	30.06.2021 at 11.30 a.m.
	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
f	**Site Visit**	—

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website **https://hptenders.gov.in**

No. SJPNL-WSDD-Tender/2020-21-
DPR/HP/165

Additional General Manager, Sewerage Division, SJPNL, US Club, Shimla – 171001.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT.

Tender Notice No. : RE-UMB-EL-Advt./227 **Date:** 14.06.2021

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Firozpur for & on behalf of the President of India invites **OPEN E-TENDER** on web site **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following works. Tenderer may submit their Original/revised offer up to prescribed closing time & date. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender No. & Tender Title	App. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion Period (Months)	Cost of Tender Documents (Rs.)	Date of Closing
1. RE/UMB/EL/Gr.193A/ Steel/ TPT:- Transportation of railway material wire drums, Insulators, Other OHE equipments, steel structures, fabricated structure 1.5 M to 13 M long with cross section up to 600 MM X 600 MM and small parts steel items from Ding (Haryana) and Sangria (Punjab) Depot of Railway/ RE (Zones to Kurukshetra, (Haryana) depot of CPD/RE Ambala Cantt. Jurisdiction.	9,33,393	Nil	3 Months	Nil	12.7.2021 At 15:00

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** and the same can be downloaded from there. Technical details have been provided for in the software (IREPS) to which prospective registered tenderer will have access at the time of tendering. All other terms & conditions may be seen and downloaded from Railway website i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer
Railway Electrification, Firozpur
For & on behalf of the President of India
PR/44/2021/ANU

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NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, PUNJAB
Ph 0172-4012021

ADDENDUM

Reference to advertisement dated 12.06.2021 for recruitment of 320 posts of Community Health Officers under National Health Mission Punjab published in the leading newspapers as well as hosted on the website **http://bfuhs.ac.in.** and **https://nhm.punjab.gov.in**, it is notified for the information of all concerned that eligibility qualification and other terms & conditions of recruitment has been amended which are as under:-

- B.Sc Nursing/Post Basic B.Sc Nursing with integrated Bridge Programme of certificate in Community Health course in curriculum from a recognized Institute/University. Registered with Punjab Nursing Registration Council.

or

- B.Sc in Nursing/Post Basic B.Sc Nursing from a recognized Institute/University or Ayurevedic Practitioner (BAMS) from recognized University or Statutory State Board and Enrolment on State Register or Central Register of Ayurveda with 6 months course of Certificate in Community Health from a recognized Institute/University.

or

- B.Sc in Nursing/Post Basic B.Sc Nursing from a recognized Institute/University or Ayurevedic Practitioner (BAMS) from recognized University or Statutory State Board and Enrolment on State Register or Central Register of Ayurveda.

For details regarding eligibility qualification, selection criteria and other conditions log on to **https://nhm.punjab.gov.in and www.bfuhs.ac.in**

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the recruitment shall be published on the above website.

Sd/- Mission Director NHM, Punjab
DPR/Pb/5350

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A year after Galwan

India prepares for long haul in face-off with Chinese

A YEAR after the deadly clashes between the Indian and Chinese armies in the Galwan valley in eastern Ladakh, tension in the region continues and the trust deficit reigns supreme. The Army Chief's assertion that there can be no de-escalation without complete disengagement at all friction points gives a broad view of India's approach. However, 11 rounds of discussions between the two sides later, China, it is amply clear, has no intention of taking any further step back after the Pangong Tso troop withdrawal. The road ahead appears conflict-ridden. Galwan may have crystallised New Delhi's military, diplomatic and economic strategy towards Beijing, as well as recalibrated the short-term and long-term goals, but the challenges are only mounting.

If New Delhi was surprised at Beijing's deceit, the Chinese soldiers were taken aback by India's tactical military response. With no sign of status quo ante and China's belligerence continuing to pose a security threat, the military infrastructure has been ramped up, focusing on better road connectivity and modernisation of equipment. The enhanced boots on the ground could even become a permanent deployment. The preparations for the long haul are already being concretised. A glimpse of such a determined effort across the security establishment was visible in providing appropriate accommodation and clothing to the troops to endure the harsh winter in Ladakh.

The same synergy needs to be exhibited at the political level. Dealing with China, which has emerged as the biggest adversary, has to be seen as an Indian problem, and not just the ruling party's. The hesitancy in taking the Opposition into confidence on the foremost strategic issue, not being open to constructive criticism or discussing tough choices facing the country at the leadership level do not bode well. 'One Nation, One Voice' is a slogan that has not been forthcoming. Diplomacy alone will not deter Beijing, but a broad sweep of going the extra mile in strengthening ties in the neighbourhood will ensure collaborations India cannot do without.

Protest is not terrorism

HC picks holes in Delhi Police chargesheet

GRANTING bail to student activists Natasha Narwal, Asif Iqbal Tanha and Devangana Kalita, the Delhi High Court has made it clear that the right to protest is guaranteed by the Constitution, and it must not be conflated with terrorism. Booked under the stern Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for alleged involvement in riots in East Delhi last year, the three were incarcerated for over a year. A three-member Bench of the High Court ruled that Delhi Police's chargesheet against them had allegations that 'stretched inferences' and had 'alarming and hyperbolic verbiage'. Narwal and Kalita are accused of conspiracy to plan riots and destabilise the government on the pretext of protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC), while Tanha was accused of planning and organising protests across Delhi.

There was one underlying theme in three separate judgments on the accused — that Delhi Police had failed to provide any evidence to support the grave charges of terrorism or inciting violence. In the case of Narwal and Kalita, the Bench observed that the allegations against them 'are not even borne out' by the material on which they are based; in the case of Tanha, the Bench ruled that 'there is absolutely nothing' in the chargesheet that might link him to terrorism. The court noted that 'it seems that in its anxiety to suppress dissent, in the mind of the state, the line between the constitutionally guaranteed right to protest and terrorist activity seems to be getting somewhat blurred'. 'If this mindset gains traction, it would be a sad day for democracy,' it added.

Democracy is strengthened, not weakened, by plurality of opinion and the freedom to express it. Democracy is weakened when wild allegations of terrorism and sedition are foisted on people to muzzle them. As the High Court noted, 'The foundations of our nation stand on surer footing than to be likely to be shaken by a protest, however vicious, organised by a tribe of college students or other persons'. People protesting peacefully for their ideals are an important element of a democracy — invoking the most severe penal provisions against them belittles democracy and trivialises terrorism.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A creative economy is the fuel of magnificence. — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

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MARTIAL LAW PRISONERS.

IT was announced sometime ago that the files of the remaining martial law prisoners had been sent for by the Viceroy and that His Excellency was going through them individually, presumably to release as many of the persons concerned as could possibly be released without endangering the public safety. The public does not know what progress His Excellency has been able to make with this study of the cases, and when the relief can be expected, but a little bird whispers in our ears that the process has not yet reached the stage of completion and that His Excellency is, so to say, in the thick of it. It is on this assumption that it is not too late for His Excellency to consider the several aspects of the matter which the people of the Punjab themselves have always regarded as being of its essence, if he has not done so already, that we propose in this article to restate our position as briefly as we know how. To begin with, we have to remember the circumstances in which the alleged offences were perpetrated. It was a time of general excitement, almost without a parallel in the modern history of this province and country. Mahatma Gandhi, who is perhaps the farthest removed of anyone of his time from the vice of exaggeration, put the thing correctly when he said people literally went mad in those fateful days. It is not necessary to enquire into the causes of this madness, both immediate and remote: there is a clear difference of opinion on that point between officials and the people. Another point in regard to which there ought to be no difference of opinion is that the whole affair was political. The officials called it a rebellion. The people called it mob fury provoked by official measures and policy. Whether it was one or the other, its political character was writ large on its face. It is true that an attempt has since been made to deny the political complexion of the particular crimes.

Back where we began

For economic recovery, it is vital to give domestic consumption a major push

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HIT HARD: The unemployment rate reached 14.7 per cent in May. TRIBUNE PHOTO

THE two waves of the pandemic have created a huge army of unemployed in the country and no quick solution is in sight. The jobless will have to wait for the economy to slowly pick up as the current partial lockdowns are gradually lifted and a trickle of fresh jobs is created. Around a crore or over 10 million people have lost their jobs in the second wave of the pandemic, with the total number of jobs going down from 403 million before the pandemic started last year to 390 million today. This has made the unemployment rate reach a colossal 14.7 per cent on May 23, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).

The sharp rise in job losses that had occurred when the economy came to a halt as a countrywide lockdown was declared in March last year, began to abate with jobs being restored as the economy gradually opened up again further down in 2020. But even before the job recovery was complete, the process began to stall from January. And then came the second wave.

The psychological impact of more and more people losing their jobs as the year progressed made many without a job turn fatalistic and stop looking for jobs. So the labour force participation rate (those in the job market) has now come down to 40 per cent compared to the pre-pandemic rate of 42.5 per cent.

This huge level of joblessness has had its impact on the way people live. The CMIE's periodic surveys have found that almost the entire population in the country, 97 per cent, is worse off than what it was before the pandemic hit last year. This is after adding up those who say that they are worse off and those who say they are no better off and then taking into account the impact of inflation.

> The government should stop making money out of fuel and absorb some of the rising prices of imported commodities.

The worst hit by a job loss are the daily wagers who have little to fall back upon. A huge 90 million daily wagers lost their jobs in April last year and another 36 million who were in regular formal employment suffered the same fate. As the year progressed, many of them got back to work but a considerable number of them were able to secure only non-formal jobs. So overall the quality of employment has declined. Non-formal employment means savings, particularly savings for post-retirement, being hit.

How do we get out of this calamitous situation? The core issue is there is a lack of demand. The RBI says the second wave has created a 'demand shock'. This is the result of several factors — a lack of mobility (people could not move around because of the lockdown), fall in discretionary spending (e.g. 'I will delay replacing my old car') and the joblessness that we have just talked about which has taken money out of the hands of the working class.

So the critical need of the hour is to ensure that domestic consumption is given a push by putting money in the hands of people. Once they spend to regain the life they had before the pandemic came it will give the economy a push and enable it to go forward, pick up steam and create jobs again.

Who will give that push? Not householders, most of whom have got deeper into debt over the last year. Not the enterprises which are currently running at only 66 per cent capacity utilisation, giving them no incentive to spend in investment to create new capacity to meet anticipated high demand. Not the rich who are investing in the stock market which is witnessing an unseemly and unhealthy boom, even as the economy and the conditions of ordinary people are precarious.

Thus all eyes are now turned towards the Central government to give the economy a push by creating demand. But the urgency to put money in the hands of people here and now does not seem to be there. The government is saying, first use all the schemes and avenues made available in the February budget, and then, if we see the need, we will raise allocations.

The RBI is maintaining an easy money policy which is creating enough liquidity to enable businesses to borrow and invest but business sentiment does not seem to be keen on undertaking fresh investment to create new capacity. The only businesses willing to spend are the micro and small businesses which have downed shutters because of the lockdown. This took away their customers not once but twice in less than two years. So they ran out of cash, had to let their staff go (this created unemployment) as they could not pay wages and also rent. So, like the poor, these businesses also need cash support. As if all this was not bad enough, bad news has come from the inflation front. The wholesale price index shot up to 12.9 per cent in May and in its train has followed the retail index which, in the same month, has recorded an inflation of 6.3 per cent.

What this means is that inflation has broken out of the comfort zone of the RBI, which is plus-minus 2 per cent around 4 per cent. Once inflation crosses 6 per cent, the RBI should logically begin to tighten liquidity, that is put a break on creating new money when one of the cures for the presence of lack of demand is an easy monetary policy followed by the central bank.

But how do we have this conundrum — prices going up sharply at a time of lack of demand? The reasons cited for this are high fuel and commodity prices and low base effect. The last means that prices last May were unusually low as a result of the lockdown. So this is a statistical quirk which will pass. But the government has a big role to play in fuel prices going up rapidly. There is a huge tax component in the price that consumers pay while buying petrol and diesel from which both the Centre and the states benefit. The Central government is dutifully passing on the impact of high and rising international energy prices after adding the taxes.

Global commodity prices are firming up in anticipation of the major economies starting to get going again after beating the virus and the Indian Government is also dutifully passing on these hikes to the Indian consumer.

The government must liberally put cash into the hands of the poor and small businesses, stop making money out of diesel and petrol and absorb some of the rising prices of imported commodities. But there is no sign that it is ready to put in place such a policy package.

'Pilferage' of character

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THE second wave of the pandemic is thankfully abating. Almost everyone has lost either a loved one or someone known. While the common Indian rose to the occasion, there were some who profited even in these times of misery. *'Yeh lutt te huey karwaan zindagi ke…'* anguish was evident as my friend sang this verse from *Pyaasa*.

Adversity introduces a man to himself, revealing his character. This national calamity has exposed the moral fibre of a section of society. It was ignominious to hear of black marketeers hoarding life-saving drugs and selling them at inflated rates. Exorbitant prices were charged for ambulance services and supply of oxygen to those gasping for life. Death became a costly affair even in crematoriums where 'touts' had a field day.

This is not the first time people have behaved in this manner. We have heard of the dead or injured being scavenged after train accidents. After the mid-air collision of planes over Charkhi Dadri in 1996, bodies were stripped of valuables. Barbers fleeced a traumatised lot for cutting their long hair during the 1984 riots. The treatment meted out to migrants in the first wave of Covid-19 is still fresh in our minds.

Given the rich cultural heritage of our civilisation, we took it upon ourselves to be *'vishva guru'*. But these despicable acts have not been in sync with the message of humanity given by Buddha, Mahavira, Guru Nanak, Kabir and Farid, to name a few.

I grew up hearing tales of the 'golden bird' pillaged by the invaders for centuries. We blamed the sultans and Mughals for stripping us of our intellectual and physical wealth and the 'Angrez' for rewriting our history. We blamed poor governance post-Independence and corruption for our inefficiency. We can blame a whole lot of people for our ills, but who is to be blamed for the pilferage of our character?

'We are not doing a favour to the patient by serving him, rather he is doing us a favour by giving us an opportunity to do so.' Fortunately, there have been many whose thoughts resonate with these words of Gandhi. We have heard of donations pouring in even from those who themselves have a hand-to-mouth existence. Places of worship have provided succour to those hankering for medical support. While one celebrity launched a charity foundation providing a support system for the needy, we heard of an octogenarian sacrificing his hospital bed for a younger person, bartering his own life instead.

The compassion of these mortal angels outweighs the greed of those devils in human skin. These real heroes provide the answer to that song *'Jinhe naaz hai Hind par woh kahaan hai?'*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delayed bail

The Delhi High Court has done well to uphold citizens' right to dissent and protest, but it also has to answer why it took more than a year for those incarcerated to get any relief. If they were merely exercising their constitutional right of peaceful protest, why were they made to languish for long months in police custody or judicial lock-up? Why did the bail order not come earlier? The three detainees now given bail were protesting against the Citizenship Act. The courts also have to answer why this matter, which impacts our secular foundations, has still not been taken up by them. There is no point in adopting a self-righteous attitude after the damage has been done.

LALIT MOHAN, GURUGRAM

Judicious verdict

Nothing can be happier than the news of an innocent getting acquitted. The Delhi High Court has done an exemplary job in granting bail to three persons implicated under UAPA. The unlawful application of UAPA brings to surface the misuse of law by the executive. If a protest can so easily be labelled as a terrorist activity, then what is the difference between the theocracy of Pakistan and democracy? Frivolous application of laws are no less an injury than frivolous litigations in the eyes of justice. Salute to the judicious verdict!

RAKESH SUDAN, KURUKSHETRA

Wait for evidence

Reference to 'Unholy land deal'; what can a frustrated leader like the Samajwadi Party supremo say except speaking against the government? He refused the Covid jab saying it was a BJP vaccine. Donations are still being accounted for, how can an audit be possible at this stage? The Ram Janmabhoomi management is filing a defamation suit. It will give documentary evidence and things will be clear.

RL BANSAL, KURUKSHETRA

Road connectivity

Reference to the news story 'No road link, Chowari villagers carry patients on their back'; it is a very sad reality of our society that still there are villages in the state where people have to walk 5-6 km to reach a link road. The citizens of Priyungal and Khabbar villages have to carry patients on their back to reach the link road from where they hire a taxi to reach the nearest hospital. What's the government doing? Where is the local MLA? Himachal Pradesh must develop a rural infrastructure project under which every village must be connected by an all-season road.

RITISH PANDIT, SUNHET

Stick to safety norms

Reference to the editorial 'Don't lower the guard'; it is a very timely and necessary exhortation. We have not learnt any lesson from the second wave catastrophe. Disturbing scenes of deaths and cremations must be telecast repeatedly by the media to remind people of the fate they would meet if they remain indifferent to Covid protocols. These might deter them from violating the safety norms. People need to realise the futility of being foolhardy in the prevailing situation.

SUNIL KHANNA, CHANDIGARH

Digital teaching

With regard to guidelines to avoid excessive online teaching; these guidelines are ridiculous. During the pandemic, students are continually confined to their homes. They are completely devoid of all physical activities. The only recourse available to them is online gaming, social media gossips, etc. Radio and TV shows do not attract the newer generation. Listening to stories by parents and grandparents is old-fashioned. Hence, limited time on teaching /learning is prone to more misuse of technology resulting in greater health hazards. Policymakers have failed to differentiate between ground reality and false idealism.

VIMAL KANT MAHAJAN, GHUMARWIN

Not like a Governor

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar's unprecedented pace of correspondence on routine matters with the state government and meetings with state BJP leaders does not behove him. Being a constitutional authority, he should display rectitude and restraint. But his relentless, unrestrained actions project him more as a leader of the BJP. This indulgence endorses the popular public view to abolish the sinecure office of the Governor, often accused of indulgence in political pamphleteering, to please and promote the sponsoring party. It is in poor state.

BAKHSHI GURPRIT SINGH, JALANDHAR

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'Excess' deaths the key to actual Covid toll

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JUST how many Indians have died in the second wave of Covid? What would be the eventual toll of the pandemic? This is not idle, morbid curiosity. The true numbers have momentous humanitarian, public health, economic and political implications.

I have been asking this question for the past few weeks. This was triggered by personal experiences, not very different from what most Indians have gone through recently. In the past two months, I have lost my mentor, another colleague, a batch-mate, several teachers, many comrades in the movement and just too many persons I knew or knew of. I have attended more memorial meetings than I remember in a long time. My own small village in Haryana has lost 19 lives in less than two months.

That is what set me thinking: just how big is the scale of this tragedy? I started following media reports and expert analyses, besides conducting my own word-of-mouth survey. Everything pointed to a big scandal. But, how big? That was unclear.

Last week was a breakthrough. Now, it is clear that we are looking at the biggest death toll caused by any single disaster or epidemic in the last century. It is also clear that the Central Government and nearly all the state governments are sitting over and concealing the scandalous numbers. Experts have a clear sense of the scale of this disaster by now, but they are, perhaps, waiting for more verifiable evidence before they can publish their estimates. Hence, my effort to offer a tentative estimate.

Let's begin with the latest data bomb. Last week, data journalist S Rukmini published the entire data set on the number of deaths in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh (and partly on Tamil Nadu) as recorded in the official Civil Registration System (CRS). So, now we have a month-by-month breakdown of the number of deaths officially recorded in these states for each district and smaller units. This data enables us to begin answering the big question.

So far, we have seen shameful images of packed crematoria and bodies floating on the Ganga, shocking stories of suppression and distortion of Covid deaths in some cities, and data on the huge death toll in select villages. But this anecdotal evidence did not allow us to project the big picture. We have also had attempts by *The Economist*, the *New York Times* and academic institutions to offer estimates of the total death toll. But these were clear underestimates because all of them took the government's official infection and fatality figures as their starting point.

Rukmini's data expose takes us beyond these limitations. First of all, the data set is big and covers the entire states of AP and MP. Besides, it allows us to pursue the right approach. Instead of wasting time on the meaningless official statistics on the number of persons infected, cured or dead from Covid, this approach focuses on the number of 'excess' deaths. The simple question is: how many 'excess' deaths, over and above the normal number, have we seen during this period? Not all of these 'excess' deaths may be due to Covid. As we know, the burden on hospitals and shortage of oxygen has caused some additional deaths unrelated to Covid. Yet, it is reasonable to interpret the spike in deaths as caused by the pandemic.

It is clear that we are looking at the biggest death toll caused by any single disaster or epidemic in the last century. It is also clear that the Central Government and nearly all the state governments are concealing the scandalous numbers. Experts have a clear sense of the scale of this disaster, but they are, perhaps, waiting for verifiable evidence.

COVID FATALITIES: The Centre should come clean with the entire data. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Most importantly, this information is from the most authentic data set: the government's official register of births and deaths or the CRS. The data set is not perfect. Many deaths are reported after a month or even a year. And in many states, a significant number of deaths are never reported and recorded in the CRS.

But, fortunately, we have good official estimates of how big this error is in each state, thanks to the Sample Registration System (SRS), another official arm of the robust statistical system. We know that while AP records 100 per cent of its deaths in the CRS, the figure is 78.8 per cent in MP. We can adjust for these deficits in the data.

Now let us look at why this data is so shocking. MP used to record around 34,000 deaths in May every year. This year, it has gone beyond 1.64 lakh! That is, more than 1.3 lakh excess deaths in one state in one month. Remember, the official figure for Covid deaths in the entire country since March last year is just 3.8 lakh.

In AP, the numbers shot up from an average of 27,000 to over 1.30 lakh. In both states, the number of deaths reported is 4.8 times the normal figure.

The reported numbers need to be fine-tuned to take into account the expected delays in reporting for both states and non-reporting of some cases in MP. So, in both the states, the final estimated numbers of death would be a little over five times (5.02 in MP and 5.14 in AP) the normal death toll.

But that is only for the peak month of May. The data for both the states gives us the numbers for the four months of build-up to the peak. From January to April, the average death toll in MP was 1.4 times the normal.

Now let us use this information to project the numbers for the entire country. We take the average of MP and AP and assume that it holds for the rest of the country. That is a big assumption, but not a very risky one. It so happens that both these states are not among the worst or the best states when it comes to the spread of Covid and the official death rate. If anything, they have reported lesser number of cases and deaths since April 1, compared to the national average. So, we assume that the death toll in the entire country would have been 5.08 times higher in May this year than the normal monthly count of 6.08 lakh. That gives us an estimate of 30.9 lakh, of which 24.8 lakh are the 'excess' deaths, for May.

We assume that the graph for the months of January to April would have been similar to MP in the rest of the country, accounting for 0.4 times additional deaths than normal. We also assume that the four months of decline from the peak, from June to September, would also have a similar curve as from January to April. This assumption holds even if the peak in some part of the country was not in May but in April or June. Using this method, we estimate nearly 10 lakh deaths on either side of the peak.

Add all this up and you have a rough estimate of excess deaths, largely Covid deaths, for the entire country for all the nine months of the expected duration of the second wave: 44.3 lakh. There is nothing final about this number. More data from other states would tell us whether the national average is higher or lower than these two states. More sophisticated modelling will improve the rough estimates offered here. But one thing is sure: we are not talking thousands or single-digit lakhs but millions of deaths. We are looking at more deaths than the numbers recorded in any epidemic or any disaster in India, including the Bengal famine, in the past 100 years, since the Spanish Flu of 1919-20.

The pity is that all this information is sitting on the computers of the Home Ministry in Delhi that controls the CRS and the SRS. Will the Centre stop issuing silly denials and come clean with the entire data on what is clearly the biggest public health scandal of this century?

Views are personal

India must be more vocal in calling out China

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A most important issue, on which India has remained largely silent, is the succession of the Dalai Lama. The Central Tibetan Administration, based at Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh, needs our full support on this sensitive subject for Tibetans the world over. The Chinese Communist Party will try to foist someone politically convenient as the next spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism. This needs to be countered and prevented.

CHINA, under the authoritarian rule of the Communist Party, will remain the major threat to our national security. Its peaceful rise, as hoped for by those with a penchant for political correctness, was always a chimera — there is just not enough space and resources for this in the Chinese worldview. With an unsettled land border — the Line of Actual Control (LAC) over almost 3,500 km — India will remain its adversary in many ways, beyond the identified disputed and sensitive areas on our northern borders.

Having been stalemated in the Himalayan heights in south-western Bhutan and in eastern Ladakh by the undaunted Indian Army within a span of three years, China would not wish to face such humiliation again and its focus areas for regional hegemony are likely to be other than conventional conflicts. However, for India, being ever wary of its northern neighbour is a given. While gearing up for the non-military dimensions of any threat, the Army needs to be equipped and prepared for the long haul all along the LAC, even at the added human wear and tear and economic costs this entails.

We are long used to countering Pakistan's perfidy and inimical actions on our own with little more than verbal condemnation of state-sponsored terrorism by most other nations of consequence. Expecting more tangible support in case of an adverse turn of events with China or at least its opprobrium also appears unrealistic. Most Western powers have strong economic linkages with China as do countries like Russia and in any case are too far removed from this part of the globe to be impacted or affected in any significant manner. To take the other three members of the Quad, their prime interest is centred around South China Sea. Further, it may be of interest to note that Japan is China's second largest economic partner after the US and political differences, an unhappy history and some maritime disputes about island territories are not likely to change this relationship. Similar is the case with Australia which is a very unpredictable player and has been on a different page many times where Indian interests are involved. The mighty United States has its own axe to grind and with the Biden administration at the helm, it would look more at working with China while retaining its pre-eminence as a global power.

REALPOLITIK: The G7 can't diminish Chinese threat in India's neighbourhood. REUTERS

A major takeaway from the G7 summit in Southern England, held over the last weekend, is the Build Back Better World (B3W) initiative for building infrastructure in developing countries. This is being projected as an effective counter to the ongoing One Belt One Road project of China. The G7 countries may promote this in an endeavour by the leading economic powers not to lose out in political and economic influence to Communist China. However, unlike India, the G7 is far removed from any physical conflict with China and the B3W will not diminish the threat posed by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) or similar projects in our neighbourhood.

All this implies that for safeguarding our borders and our national security, dependence on external support and help is qualified by many factors and at best can only be to a very limited degree. In this vein, while it is reassuring to see the photo optics of our Army deployed on the icy heights in battle gear with our weapon platforms in combat readiness, the true measure of our national power will be our ability to stare down the Dragon on geo-political issues, to which it is sensitive, as well as remaining on a par in technological prowess in some key areas.

Politically and diplomatically, a more vociferous stance is necessary in dealing with China. Be it the ethnic and religious persecution in Xinjiang and Tibet in its west and south-west or the suppressing of dissent under the PLA jackboots in Hong Kong, as a responsible democratic country, India needs to be much more vocal in condemning such gross human rights violations. Firm and even strident attitudes towards China have to move beyond 'think tank' discussions and get mainstreamed into our foreign policy. A most important issue, on which India has remained largely silent, is the succession of the Dalai Lama. The Central Tibetan Administration, based at Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh, needs our full support on this very vital and sensitive subject for Tibetans the world over. The CCP will try to foist someone politically convenient as the next spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism. This needs to be countered and prevented from this stage itself. China may have conquered the land of the Tibetans, but it cannot be allowed to capture their spiritual space.

China is likely to take increasing recourse to unconventional forms of warfare. An area of ever-increasing importance is the cyber domain, which has a ubiquitous presence in the everyday functioning of various services, be it communications (physical, voice, data or transportation), banking and commerce, power generation and transmission or even routine activities at individual levels. In the past, the Chinese hand has been often suspected in disruptions caused through offensive cyber operations. While a large degree of redundancy and recoverability is required in such cyber dependent services, there is a definite need for a well-developed offensive cyber operations capability, with credible deniability.

Another area where future conflicts are likely to be waged is the vastness of space, from anti-satellite missiles to weaponised space-based platforms, which can greatly affect all systems dependent on this medium, be it navigation, communications or something as innocuous as crop patterns and weather forecasts. China served notice to the world as far back as January 2007 with its first demonstrated anti-satellite capability. Our space programme ranks among the leading ones and this is one area where any adversary should not be allowed to gain an edge. Descending below the stratosphere, the increasing importance of unmanned aerial platforms makes it incumbent to keep abreast with their development and production on a larger scale. Their very potent usage during the recent Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan is a clear pointer towards future battlefields.

The paradox of a totalitarian regime and a free market economy is likely to persist till the Communist Party remains in absolute power. What does this augur? There is no gainsaying that China has various strengths which will always come into play. However, a firm political line needs to be articulated on issues of rights abuse against ethnic minorities in that country while remaining prepared for unconventional and asymmetric initiatives by the CCP in its bid for regional domination.

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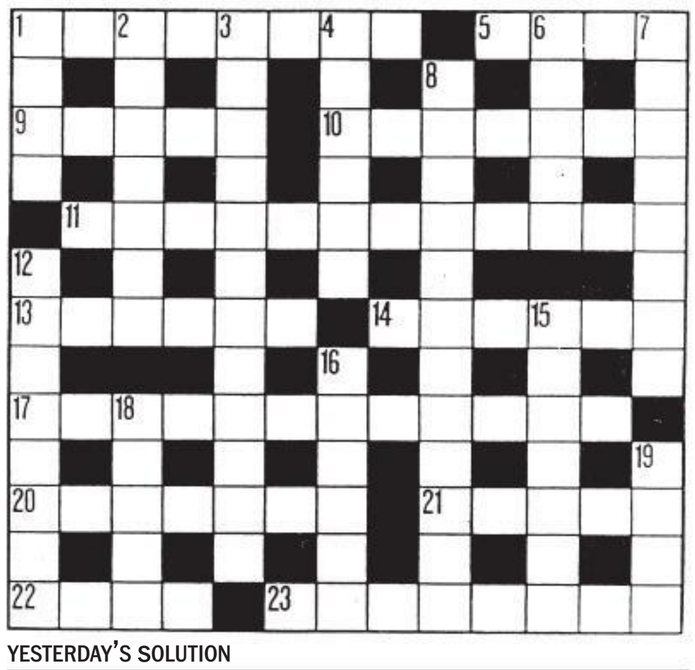

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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CALENDAR

JUNE 17, 2021, THURSDAY

Vikrami Samvat	2078
Shaka Samvat	1943
Jyeshtha Shaka	27
Aashadh Parvishte	3
Hijari	1442

- Shukla Paksha Tithi 7, up to 10.00 pm
- Vajra Yoga up to 6.43 am
- Siddhi Yoga up to 5.01 am
- Purvaphalguni Nakshatra up to 10.13 pm
- Moon enters Virgo sign 4.07 am

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: THURSDAY 19:26 HRS
SUNRISE: FRIDAY 05:21 HRS

Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy, Rainy, Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	33	23
New Delhi	37	27
Amritsar	34	24
Bathinda	36	23
Jalandhar	34	22
Ludhiana	32	21
Bhiwani	35	25
Hisar	35	24
Sirsa	36	24
Dharamsala	31	20
Manali	29	17
Shimla	24	14
Srinagar	26	14
Jammu	38	25
Kargil	16	10
Leh	12	07
Dehradun	32	21
Mussoorie	27	14

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BJP, Congress deliberate on candidates for bypolls

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 16

The BJP and the Congress are deliberating on the probable candidates for the byelections to the Mandi Lok Sabha seat and two Assembly segments.

The next Assembly poll are due by the end of 2022. As such, the BJP will work overtime to ensure victory in the byelections while the Congress will also try to wrest the seats to motivate its workers.

The BJP is confident of winning the Mandi Lok Sabha seat, which fell vacant on the demise of MP Ram Swaroop in March this year, but it is not willing to take a chance. The names of IPH Minister Mahender Singh, Education Minister Govind Thakur, Brig Kushal Thakur (retd) and former MP Maheshwar Singh are doing the rounds. The name of Ajay Rana, senior party functionary from Sundernagar, is also under consideration.

> Parties hoping to cash in on voters' sympathy

There is a long list of probables for the BJP ticket for the Mandi Lok Sabha seat that Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur will like to win at all costs. As such it is certain that whosoever the BJP fields is likely to win the seat.

At the same time, senior Congress leaders are reluctant to fight the byelections. Former IPH Minister Kaul Singh Thakur is the tallest Congress leader in Mandi, but he is reluctant to contest the Lok Sabha bypoll. The name of Pratibha Singh, former MP and wife of Virbhadra Singh, is also doing the rounds though she, too, does not seem to be inclined to contest, especially when her husband is hospitalised for the past over two months.

Ashray Sharma, son of former Telecommunication Minister Sukh Ram, is keen to contest but he is considered a lightweight, which will make the BJP's victory much easier. Both parties are banking on voters' sympathy to win the two Assembly bypoll. Chetan Bragta is the frontrunner for the BJP ticket from Jubbal-Kotkhai, which fell vacant following the death of his father Narinder Bragta. The Congress is all set to field former MLA Rohit Thakur.

In the Fatehpur Assembly seat in Kangra, the Congress is hoping to cash in on the voters' sympathy by fielding Bhawani Singh Pathania, son of former MLA Sujan Singh Pathania, who passed away in February this year. In the BJP, Kripal Parmar and Baldev Thakur are in the race for the ticket.

Non-performing BJP MLAs asked to pull up socks

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 16

The performance of BJP MLAs and defeated candidates was reviewed on the basis of self-assessment report cards submitted by them on the second day of the three-day conclave. Non-performing and underperforming leaders were asked to pull up socks.

The report cards of some MLAs were not satisfactory while some others could not come up with a concrete road map for the future and were asked to reach out to people, insiders said.

The MLAs and defeated candidates were asked to submit a report of development works undertaken by them in three-and-a-half years, involvement in party activities, touring during the pandemic to help the people and future plans.

BJP chief Suresh Kashyap and minister Suresh Bhardwaj welcome BJP national vice-president Sudan Singh in Shimla.

BJP national vice-president Sudan Singh also reached here today and attended the meeting. He would take the report cards of all 68 candidates for discussion with the high command.

The meeting focused on the Mandi Lok Sabha and Fatehpur and Jubbal-Kotkhai Assembly bypolls and party leaders were asked to gear up to ensure the victory of the party candidates as these elections are considered as semi-final for the 2022 Assembly elections.

The BJP also appointed in-charge, co-incharges and coordinators for byelections. Jal Shakti Minister Mahinder Singh will be the in-charge for the Mandi Lok Sabha seat while Education Minister Govind Thakur and Rakesh Jamwal will be co-incharge and coordinator.

Industries Minister Bikram Singh Thakur and Urban Development Minister Suresh Bharadwaj will be in-charges for Fatehpur and Jubbal-Kotkhai Assembly byelections while Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania and Health Minister Rajiv Saizal, will be co-incharges. Former state BJP chief Satpal Satti and former Speaker Rajeev Bindal will be coordinators.

The meeting also discussed the construction of BJP offices at all 17 organisational district headquarters and the need for the early completion of works was stressed, state general secretary Randhir Sharma said.

The BJP will celebrate Yoga Divas on June 21.

210 new cases, 4 deaths in state

SHIMLA, JUNE 16

As many as 210 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 199,407. Besides, four persons died — three in Kangra and one in Hamirpur. There were 32 cases in Shimla, 29 in Mandi and 26 each in Bilaspur and Sirmaur. — TNS

COVID METER

Active	3,733
Positive	199,407
Deaths	3,398

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,687	76
Chamba	10,806	138
Hamirpur	14,174	247
Kangra	45,386	1,011
Kinnaur	3,182	37
Kullu	8,703	154
Lahaul & Spiti	2,681	17
Mandi	26,752	379
Shimla	24,813	590
Sirmaur	15,191	206
Solan	22,089	307
Una	13,143	236
Total	199,407	3,398

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	E/Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1	Retrofitting to LWSS Tanda, Soyara & Doling in GP Soyara in Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of Gravity Main Line GI pipes (light) 40mm dia, tank to tank at Node A-B from RD 0 to 1800 mtr = 1800 Rmt). Under JJM).	Rs. 2,69,046/-	Rs. 5400/-	Three Months
2	Retrofitting to LWSS Tanda, Soyara & Doling in GP Soyara in Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of Gravity Main Line GI pipes (light) 32mm dia, tank to tank at Node A-C from RD 0 to 2100 mtr = 2100 Rmt). Under JJM).	Rs. 2,97,087/-	Rs. 6000/-	Three Months
3	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing & testing of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node B-D RD 0 to 2000 = 2000 Rmt).	Rs. 2,26,040/-	Rs. 4600/-	Three Months
4	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing & testing of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node B-D RD 2000 to 4000= 2000 Rmt).)	Rs. 2,26,040/-	Rs. 4600/-	Three Months
5	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing & testing of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node B-E from RD 0 to 2400= 2400 Rmt).)	Rs. 2,71,248/-	Rs. 5500/-	Three Months
6	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 65mm dia at Node B-I from RD 0 to 2500 mtr = 2500 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 3,21,300/-	Rs. 6500/-	Three Months
7	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 65mm dia at Node B-I from RD 2500 to 4500 mtr = 2000 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 2,57,040/-	Rs. 5200/-	Three Months
8	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 65mm dia at Node I-J from RD 0 to 2500 mtr = 2500 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 3,21,300/-	Rs. 6500/-	Three Months
9	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node K-M from RD 0 to 1600 mtr. = 1600 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 1,80,832/-	Rs. 3700/-	Three Months
10	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node J-K from RD 0 to 1800 mtr. = 1800 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 2,03,436/-	Rs. 4100/-	Three Months
11	Providing LWSS to various villages of GP Sainj and Nandi, Tehsil Chachiot, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of gravity main GI pipes of 50mm dia at Node B-G from RD 0 to 1900 mtr. = 1900 Rmt). Under SCSP	Rs. 2,14,738/-	Rs. 4300/-	Three Months
12	Retrofitting to Prov. LWSS to NC/PC habitation Khudi Khetri, Gurkotha, Gharbasra Samanu Chowki & Balrnu, Kothi etc. in GP Bairkot, Barswan, Kothi, Bairi and Luhakhar in Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of distribution system GI pipes (L) of 25mm dia at Node Q-Q1 from RD 0 to 900 = 900 Rmt). Under JJM.	Rs. 1,21,535/-	Rs. 2500/-	Three Months
13	Retrofitting to Prov. LWSS to NC/PC habitation Khudi Khetri, Gurkotha, Gharbasra Samanu Chowki & Balrnu, Kothi etc. in GP Bairkot, Barswan, Kothi, Bairi and Luhakhar in Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of distribution system GI pipes (L) of 25mm dia at Node P-P2 from RD 120 to 1050 = 930 Rmt). Under JJM.	Rs. 1,25,586/-	Rs. 2600/-	Three Months
14	Retrofitting to Prov. LWSS to NC/PC habitation Khudi Khetri, Gurkotha, Gharbasra Samanu Chowki & Balrnu, Kothi etc. in GP Bairkot, Barswan, Kothi, Bairi and Luhakhar in Tehsil Balh, Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH:- Laying, jointing, testing & carriage of distribution system GI pipes (L) of 50mm dia at Node O-O2 from RD 440 to 1280 mtr = 840 Rmt). Under JJM.	Rs. 1,23,512/-	Rs. 2500/-	Three Months
15	Remodelling of WSS Badhu Dugrain Kalash and Kandhol in GP Bassa in Tehsil Chachyot, Distt. Mandi (HP). Under JJM. (SH:- Laying, jointing of GMS tube (LG) 40mm from point I-I5 RD 505 to 705, Point H'-H18 RD 0 to 810 & Point H18 -H19 from RD 0 to 205 = 1215 Rmt).	Rs. 1,65,240/-	Rs. 3305/-	Three Months
16	Remodelling of WSS Badhu Dugrain Kalash and Kandhol in GP Bassa in Tehsil Chachyot, Distt. Mandi (HP). Under JJM. (SH:- Laying, jointing of GMS tube (LG) 40mm from point K'-K5 RD 0 to 710 & I-I5 RD 0 to 500 = 1210 Rmt).	Rs. 1,64,560/-	Rs. 3291/-	Three Months

Last date sale of tender from the division office: **22/06/2021 up to 5.00 p.m.**
Last date of submission of tender: **23/06/2021 up to 11.00 a.m.**
The tender form and other detail and conditions can be downloaded from the website **www.hpiph.org** or from office of Jal Shakti Division, Baggi up to date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Baggi.
DPR/HP/1563

35 stranded near Gramphu

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JUNE 16

As many as 35 passengers were stranded near Gramphu in Lahaul Spiti today because of a massive landslide.

As per information, a landslide occurred on NH-505, nine km ahead of Gramphu, under Lahaul subdivision around 6 pm. Six vehicles and three bikes with 35 passengers were stranded.

Those stuck included five children.

Moderate to heavy rain across state; Shimla wettest

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 16

Moderate to heavy monsoon rain lashed most parts of the state and Shimla was the wettest with 73 mm of rain.

The local Meteorological office has issued a yellow warning of thunderstorm and lightning in low and middle hills of Bilaspur, Shimla and Sirmaur on June 17; Mandi, Solan and Sirmaur on June 18; Kangra and Kullu on June 19; and Chamba and Mandi on June 20.

Shimla was the wettest with 73 mm of rain, followed by Sundernagar with 49 mm, Nalagarh 25 mm, Palampur and Sarkaghat 22 mm each, Arki 21mm, Dalhousie 19 mm each, Naina Devi and Dharamsala 18 mm each, Manali 17 mm of rain.

Tourists enjoy a pleasant weather after rainfall in Shimla.

The rain is a boon to farmers as it would help in timely sowing of kharif crops like maize, paddy, pulses and oilseed. Farmers in lower areas are happy as rains have come at the right time for sowing the crops.

The high altitude tribal areas experienced traces of snow, causing a sharp fall in temperature in adjoining valleys. The minimum temperatures were 2 to 3 degrees Celsius below normal and Keylong was the coldest at night. The maximum temperatures dropped by 9 to 10 degrees Celsius and Una with 30.7 degrees Celsius was the hottest in the day.

The monsoon arrived almost two weeks early this year and the state received 39 per cent excess rains from June 1 to June 16. From March 1 to May 31, Himachal received 105 mm of rain which was 11 per cent deficit.

TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
GMADA

Online tenders on percentage basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned work are invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria of the SBD.

Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
Development of horticulture works in Parks with 3 years maintenance in Sector-88 & 89, SAS Nagar.	₹ 879.88 Lac	₹ 14.00 Lac (To be deposited online)

Tender Processing Fee (Appx.) : ₹ 5900/- (To be deposited online)
Period of Completion : Development period 06 months and maintenance 3 years

Online availability of tender for bidding		Last date & time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tenders in O/o S.E. (C-2), GMADA, Room No. 413, 4th Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar	
From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
17.06.2021 17:00 Hrs	09.07.2021 12:00 Hrs	09.07.2021 12:00 Hrs	09.07.2021 15:00 Hrs	Shall be opened after approval of technical bid

Pre bid meeting On 28.06.2021 (Monday) at 11.00 Hrs in O/o Chief Engineer, GMADA, Room No. 318, 3rd Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab

1. For detailed terms and conditions refer to our website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
2. For any clarification / difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact **0172-2970263, 2970284, 8360790956 (Deptt.).**

Divisional Engineer (H)
GREATER MOHALI AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUDA Bhawan, Sector - 62, S.A.S Nagar, Punjab

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Bhunter invites offline tenders on short term basis on behalf of Government of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works :-

Srl. No.	Name of Work:	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of completion (months)	Cost of form
01	Replacement of rusted pipes to WSS Upper Railla (Phase Goran) in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- Providing Laying jointing & testing of G.I pipes)	176540	3531	Two	250
02	Tapping additional source lift to WSS Kanoun Shalwar & Tindi Nehayi (Extension to Banehi Gadi ri Banehi) in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- Laying jointing & testing of G.I pipes & Storage tank 10000 ltrs) under SDP	182179	3644	Three	250
03	Providing Har Ghar Nal se Jal to WSS Dhaugi Ruar of CV Dhaugi in Tehsil Bhunter Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- Providing house connection to each house village Luharda Narda Niyahi Rai Seri Rewar Sainj Seogi Seri Seribid Sradha Tankdi Thawri Tila Lower Tilga Upper Sainj upper Shiyaugi)	167914	3358	Two	250
04	Providing Har Ghar Nal Se Jal to WSS Larji Dhaman of CV Kotla in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- Providing house connection to each house Banahu Bihali Dhaman Garharv Hurla Larji Thawari	295904	5918	One	250
05	Tapping additional source to WSS Shansher old (Phase-Guhiri) in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (Sh:- C/O Intake chamber & providing laying jointing and testing G.I pipeline)	136196	2724	Two	250
06	Providing Har Ghar Nal Se Jal to WSS Phatti Shansher of CV Shansher in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu (SH:- Providing house connection to each house village Serimbha Tiapahara & Tungh) Job- 14	183750	3675	Two	250
07	Tapping additional source to WSS Shansher old (Phase-Guhiri) in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (Sh:- Laying jointing and testing G.I pipeline)	133383	2668	Two	250
08	Providing WSS to new habitation Mehra of CV Suchain in Tehsil Banjar Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/O intake chamber laying jointing and testing of G.I pipe under head SDP)	141203	2824	Two	250
09	PWSS to Phagu in Tehsil Bhunter Distt Kullu H.P. (SH:- Laying & Jointing of G.I pipes of 25 mm dia under Drought)	259680	5194	One	250

Last date of sale of tender forms:- 22-06-2021 upto 5:00 PM and opened on 23-06-2021 up to 12:30 PM.
The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website **www.hpiph.org** or from office of the Executive Engineer upto date specified above.

(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division No. II,
Kullu at Bhunter.
DPR/HP/1558 ***HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK***

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer H.P. PWD Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on item rates, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with H.P. PWD.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date for Download -ing BID	E/ Money	Deadline for Sub-mission of BID
1.	C/O Link road Tartu Pull Bhagadhar Mehra Runda road KM 0/0 to 1/500 (SH:- F/C 5/7 mtr wide road at RD 0/0 to 0/405)	Rs. 9,99,106/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 20,000/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.
2.	R/R damages to Badiyara Diswani road KM 0/0 to 7/500 (SH:- C/O R/wall at RD 2/525 to 2/545)	Rs. 9,45,066/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 19,500/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.
3.	C/O Stage of Play Ground of SSS at Dashalni (SH:- C/O Civil work and water supply and sanitary installation)	Rs. 22,01,001/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 42,200/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.
4.	R/R Damages on RCD road km 2/0 to 21/195 (SH:-C/O R/Wall in PCC 1:3:6 at RD 13/320 to 13/660)	Rs. 8,31,363/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 17,000/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.
5.	C/O Anu Thamtari road KM 0/0 to 1/0 (SH:- C/O R/wall in PCC at RD 0/500 to 0/530)	Rs. 9,80,277/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 20,000/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.
6.	Routine Maintenance of Narkanda Sungri Rohru road Portion Sungri to Rohru km 40/0 to 67/0)	Rs. 54,46,912/-	08.07.2021 1800 Hrs.	Rs. 88,000/-	14.07.2021 1800 Hrs.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website **www.hptenders.gov.in.** And any corrigendum uploaded in website.

Executive Engineer,
B&R Divn. H.P. PWD, Rohru.
DPR/HP/1579

TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS
GMADA

Online tenders on percentage basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) for the below mentioned works are invited from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria of SBD.

S. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (To be paid online)
1.	Development of horticulture works on Road No. 9 & around Amity & Plaksha University with 4 years maintenance in IT City, SAS Nagar.	Rs. 340.81 Lac	Rs. 6.82 Lac
2.	Maintenance of horticulture works at Airport Entry Points and Zirakpur-Aerocity Entry Points, SAS Nagar.	Rs. 51.40 Lac	Rs. 1.03 Lac
3.	Development and 1 year maintenance of horticulture works in special parks of Ecocity, Phase-1, New Chandigarh.	Rs. 16.13 Lac	Rs. 0.33 Lac

Tender Processing Fee (To be paid online)
For Sr. No. 1 & 2 : **Rs.5900/-** (Approx.) | For Sr. No. 3: **Rs. 1905/-** (Aprrox.)

Time Limit
Work at Sr. No. 1 : Development period 03 months and maintenance 4 years
Work at Sr. No. 2 : Maintenance 1 year
Work at Sr. No. 3 : Development period 01 month and maintenance 1 year.

Sr. No.	Online availability of tender for bidding		Last date & time for submission of online bids	Place, date & time of opening of Tender	
	From	To		Place	Technical Bid
1.	17.06.2021 05:00 PM	08.07.2021 12:00 Noon	08.07.2021 12:00 Noon	O/o S.E. (C-1), Room No. 445, 4th Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sec.-62, SAS Nagar	08.07.2021 03:00 PM
2.	21.06.2021 05:00 PM	08.07.2021 12:00 Noon	08.07.2021 12:00 Noon		08.07.2021 03:00 PM
3.	17.06.2021 05:00 PM	01.07.2021 12:00 Noon	01.07.2021 12:00 Noon	O/o S.E. (C-2), Room No. 413, 4th Floor, PUDA Bhawan, Sec.-62, SAS Nagar	01.07.2021 03:00 PM

Financial bid will be opened after approval of Technical bid

1. For detailed terms and conditions refer to our website **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
2. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact **0172-2970263, 2970284, 8360790956 (deptt.).**

Divisional Engineer (H)
GREATER MOHALI AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar

Paragliding starts at Bir-Billing after 2 yrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

PALAMPUR, JUNE 16

After two years, paragliding resumed in Bir Billing today. Following the lockdown in April, the state government had imposed a ban on paragliding.

The ban was imposed on tandem and solo flights in April, keeping in view the safety of tourists. Now, all types of paragliding will be allowed in Billing, which will boost the tourism activities in the valley.

However, there is no confirmation on holding of the International Paragliding World Cup Championship-2021 in Billing during the last week of October due to Covid-19 crisis.

Though three months are left for the event, no preparation is in sight.

The PWCA, the agency that organises such global adventurous events, has not

notified the dates of International Paragliding World Cup Championship in its calendar, so far. Over 300 pilots from India and abroad take part in the event every year.

Most of the officers of the state Tourism Department and the district administration are not ready to confirm whether the event will be held or not. Last year too, the International Paragliding World Cup Championship was cancelled because of the pandemic.

Leopard hide seized in Parwanoo; 1 held

SOLAN, JUNE 16

A team of the Parwanoo police arrested a man, identified as Rajinder Kumar (34), a resident of Khadeen village in Kasauli tehsil, with an eight-foot-long leopard hide in his backpack, near the TTR barrier at Parwanoo, yesterday evening.

A police team led by Inspector Daya Ram, who had received a tip-off, laid a naka near the TTR barrier, when they saw a man coming from Khadeen village towards Parwanoo. He was directed to stop by the police and on searching his backpack an eight-foot-long and four-foot-wide leopard hide was found.

The man was coming to

Parwanoo to sell the hide. The forest officials were also called at the spot, and they identified it as a leopard hide. A case under Section 51 of the Wildlife Act has been registered and a probe is under way. — TNS

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Activist held for 'offending' DC released

SRINAGAR, JUNE 16

A Kashmiri political activist who was arrested for making comments that upset the Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner has been released, officials said on Wednesday.

Sajad Rashid Sofi (50) was released on Tuesday as he had a clean record, an official said. He was jailed after he told an adviser to the Lt Governor that he had hopes from a Kashmiri official like him rather than bureaucrats from outside, remarks that offended the Ganderbal DC, who is an IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh.

After being arrested under Section 153 (promoting enmity between different groups) of the Indian Penal Code, Sofi, a resident of Wani Mohalla in Safapora area of Ganderbal district, was granted bail by a court. However, he was kept under preventive detention for allegedly being a "threat to peace".

'OUTSIDER' REMARK

- Sajad Rashid Sofi was jailed after he said at a 'janta darbar' that he had hopes from Kashmiri officials rather than bureaucrats from outside
- The remark offended the Ganderbal DC, an IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh

Sofi made the remarks at a 'janta darbar' of Lt Governor's adviser Baseer Khan at Mansbal on June 10.

Speaking about the problems faced by the people of his area, Sofi had told Khan he could understand the issues better as compared to officers from outside the union territory because he was a local, according to the police report. The comment did not go down well with Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner Krittika Jyotsna, a 2014 IAS officer. — PTI

Militant killed in Nowgam encounter

SRINAGAR, JUNE 16

A militant was killed in an encounter with security forces in the Nowgam area of Srinagar on Wednesday.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Wagoora of Nowgam late Tuesday night following information about the presence of militants. The search operation turned into an encounter in which one militant was killed. He has been identified as Uzair Ashraf Dar of the Wachi-Zainapora area in Shopian district. A senior J&K Police official said, "A series of steps have already been taken to prevent locals from joining militancy". — TNS

Global tally dips 12% in a wk...

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weekly cases were reported across all WHO Regions except for the African Region. The number of new deaths reported in the past week decreased across all regions except for the African and the South-East Asia Regions, said the WHO, adding that globally the mortality remains high.

"While the epidemics in some of the most affected countries have started to show signs of slowing down, and the global weekly mortality rate continues to decline for the sixth consecutive week, many countries across all WHO regions continue to struggle with access to vaccines, the spread of emerging SARSCoV-2 variants, and overburdened healthcare systems," the world body said, sounding an alarm on the variants of concern and variants of interest and asking nations to step up genome sequencing and public health surveillance.

The WHO has so far designated four variants of concern (VOCs) – Alpha (first detected in the UK), Beta (South Africa), Gamma (Brazil) and Delta (India). There have been no additions to the list. "Evidence from multiple countries with extensive transmission of VOCs has indicated that public health and social measures (PHSM), including infection prevention and control in health facilities, have been effective in reducing Covid-19 case incidence which has led to a reduction in hospitalisations and deaths among Covid-19 patients. Nations are encouraged to continue strengthening PHSM," the WHO advised as India saw 62, 224 new cases today and active cases dropped below 9 lakh (8,65,432) after 70 days, making up just 2.92 per cent of all cases. The WHO also reported a new variant of interest – Lambda — associated with substantive rates of community transmission in multiple countries. The earliest sequenced samples of Lambda were reported from Peru in August 2020.

Aravalli evictions...

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"We hail from Meerut in UP. The family first moved to Khanpur village of Delhi before relocating at Khori about 14 years ago," says Rajesh, who works as charpoy maker while his elder brother is a guard in a private company. "We chose this place to settle down as it is close to Delhi and offers employment avenues, he says.

The body was handed over to the family this evening after a postmortem.

Meanwhile, the police have registered a case in connection with the suicide against an unidentified property dealer from whom Ganeshi had bought the plot. A police spokesperson said the accused would be arrested on the charge of selling the land illegally.

The police have also booked 100 Khori residents, who allegedly attempted to disturb law and order by resorting to stone-throwing after the suicide incident. No arrest has been made so far.

Sources said a majority of Khori villagers had decided to stay put despite the demolition sword hanging over their heads. A senior district official, however, said: "We are prepared to raze the colony, complying with the directions of the Supreme Court."

Twitter, scribes...

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and create a divide between religious groups," the FIR states. The police accused Twitter of failing to do anything to prevent the video from getting viral.

They all have been booked under Sections 153 (provocation for rioting), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups), 295A (acts intended to outrage religious feelings), 505 (mischief), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (common intention) of the IPC. The police action came within hours of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath exchanging remarks on Twitter over the incident. Noting that there was "no communal angle in the incident", the police in its FIR said, "The victim, Abdul Samad Sufi, and the accused have known each other for long. The victim sold a 'tabeez' (amulet) to main accused (Parvesh) with the promise that it will bring him prosperity, but he complained that it had an adverse effect on his family. When the tabeez didn't work, the accused got angry and beat up the victim."

In this case, the police said an FIR was lodged on June 7 and three of the six accused had been arrested. Tagging a media report on the incident, Rahul had tweeted: "I am not willing to accept that true devotees of Lord Ram can do such a thing. Such cruelty is far removed from humanity and is shameful for both society and religion."

Responding to the tweet, the UP CM said, "The first lesson Lord Ram taught was to 'speak the truth', which you have not done in your life. You should be ashamed that even after the police putting forth the truth, you are spreading poison in the society. In the greed for power, you are shaming humanity." Meanwhile, the Press Club of India has demanded that the FIR naming the journalists should be quashed because it showed "vendetta" of the Ghaziabad police to create a "sense of terror" in the media and society at large.

Ordnance...

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be the "troop comfort items group", "ancillary group", "opto-electronics group" and the "parachute group". "The move will allow these companies autonomy as well as help improve accountability and efficiency," Rajnath said. The restructuring is aimed at transforming the ordnance factories into productive and profitable assets; deepen specialisation in the product range; enhance competitiveness besides improving quality and cost-efficiency. The government has also decided to delegate authority of the Cabinet to the Empowered Group of Ministers constituted under the Minister of Defence to decide on the matters related to the implementation of the aforesaid decisions and other incidental matters. Rajnath Singh heads this empowered group of ministers that also includes Home Minister, Finance Minister, Minister for Labour and MoS in the PMO.

Delhi Police move...

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Meanwhile, a Delhi court reserved its order on a plea filed by Kalita and Narwal seeking their immediate release following the HC order. Additional Sessions Judge Ravinder Bedi, who removed journalists from the virtual hearing, said he would pass orders tomorrow.

The investigating officer has sought three days to conduct verification of addresses of the accused and their sureties to complete the process of their release from the jail.

Holding that right to protest is a fundamental right that can't be termed as a "terrorist act", the Delhi High Court had on Tuesday granted bail to the three student activists who faced charges under various provisions of the IPC and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

The HC had said it was constrained to note that in its anxiety to suppress dissent and in the morbid fear that matters might get out of hand, "the state has blurred the line between the constitutionally guaranteed 'right to protest' and 'terrorist activity'. If such blurring gains traction, democracy would be in peril."

Rethink decision...

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Five rebel MPs of the LJP — Pashupati Kumar Paras, Prince Raj, Chandan Singh, Veena Devi and Mehboob Ali Kaiser — had yesterday removed Chirag as the national president of the party. Meanwhile, Paras has challenged Chirag's contention that the election of the former as the head of the parliamentary party was invalid since such a decision could be taken "only by the national president or the chairman of the parliamentary board". On his first visit to Bihar since the dramatic turn of events, Paras also said Chirag had been "divested of" the post of national chief "in keeping with the party constitution".

Why bail pleas pending...

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summer vacation for itself and the subordinate courts in 2020. This year, the HC, however, decided to go ahead with the vacation even though the number of cases being heard drastically dipped to less than 1,000 just before the break from about 2,510 cases in April. As of now, just about six judges are holding the court during the vacation.

The matter was placed before the SC Bench of Justice Hemant Gupta and Justice V Ramasubramanian after a special leave petition (SLP) was filed by Chunni Lal Gaba against Assistant Director, Directorate of Enforcement. He had challenged an order whereby his request for hearing bail application, pending since February 28, 2020, was declined. The Bench said it normally did not interfere with an interim order by an HC. But it was constrained to pass the present order as it was "shocked" to see bail application not being listed for over a year. The Bench added an accused has a right to hearing on his bail application. In fact, denial of hearing was an infringement of right and liberty assured to an accused.

"Even during the pandemic, when all courts are making attempts to hear and decide all matter, non-listing of such an application for bail defeats the administration of justice.... Non-listing of an application for regular bail, irrespective of the seriousness or lack thereof, of the offences attributed to the accused, impinges upon the liberty of the person in custody," the Bench added.

It also expressed hope that the HC would be able to take up the application at an early date so that the right of the accused was not taken away.

'Harassed,' says man who exposed fake...

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While a detailed investigation is on, the man claimed as his mobile number and Aadhaar card details were in public domain now, he had been receiving numerous queries from various parts of the country related to the scandal. "I had sent a query to the ICMR and got a reply today that as per their record, my Covid test was done at a Hisar lab. I haven't visited Haryana or Uttarakhand for the past five years," he said, adding the test report indicated the "scam" wasn't limited to Uttarakhand. The Haryana Government, however, claimed no complaint had been received about fake testing for Kumbh. "I can't comment on anything which is alleged to have occurred in some other state. We haven't received any communication from the Centre, ICMR or Uttarakhand Government either," said Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE
Sundernagar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh-175018
Request for Hiring Services of Consultant for Land Acquisition

Jawaharlal Nehru Government Engineering College, Sundernagar, Mandi (H.P.) invites applications from eligible consultant engaging in providing consulting services for acquisition of forest land into non-forest land use under FCA 1980.
The detailed guidelines/tender description for the work can be downloaded and obtained from the institutional website **www.jngec.ac.in**
Last date of submission of tender 5th July 2021 upto 12:00 Noon
Opening of Technical Bid 5th July 2021 at 3:00 PM
Opening of Financial Bid 6th July 2021 at 3:00 PM

DPR/HP/1580 **Director/Principal**

COURT NOTICE
District and Sessions Courts, SAS Nagar
IN THE COURT OF MS. HARINDER SIDHU
Special Judge, CBI, S.A.S Nagar
PBSA01-001434-2021 CRM/94/2021
ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE Vs. ANOOP SINGH KAHLON
NOTICE TO:
GENERAL PUBLIC

In above titled case, the proceedings for confiscation of movable and immovable properties attached by competent authority Enforcement Directorate vide order No. 01/2014 dated 06.01.2014 file No. ECIR/02/JZLO/2013 of accused **Anoop Singh Kahlon R/o H.No. 7-A, Shivalik Vihar, Zirakpur, Mohali** since P.O have been initiated on an application moved U/S 08(07) of PML Act, 2002. Therefore general public is hereby notified that property attached by Enforcement Directorate is to be confiscated to the Central Government. The matter is fixed for 16.07.2021.
For details logon to **https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mohali**
Dated, this day of 11.06.2021 Sd/- **Additional Sessions Judge, S.A.S. Nagar (DUTY).**
DI-4441

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ
ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ
ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰਬਰ 12 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 17.06.2021

ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇਨਲਿਸਟਡ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਰਮਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:-
(1) ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਬਟਾਲਾ, ਡੇਰਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਅਤੇ ਫ: ਗ: ਚੂੜੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਂਦੀਆਂ ਲਿੰਕ ਸੜਕਾਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਨਾਰਮਜ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੈਚ ਵਰਕ ਕਰਨਾ।
ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ **https//eproc.punjab.gov.in** ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਲਓ।
ਨੋਟ: ਸੋਧ, ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।
ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ
DPR/Pb/5320

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Office of the
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RAIKOT (LUDHIANA)
ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ)
ਨੰਬਰ: 1204 **ਮਿਤੀ: 15.06.2021**
ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ 225.41 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੇ 10 ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀਆਂ/ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਿਤ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਡਿਟੇਲ ਅਤੇ ਵੇਰਵਾ www.eproc.punjab.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਾਰਨੀ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-
(A) Date and Time Schedule

Sr. No.	Last Date for Online Sale of Bidding Document	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid Document
1.	06.07.2021, 17.00 PM	06.07.2021, 17.00 PM	07.07.2021, 11.15 AM

ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ। ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ। ਸਹੀ/- ਸਹਾ. ਮਿਉਂਸਪਲ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਾਏਕੋਟ।
DPR/Pb/5348

TENDER/RFP FOR WORKS
GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Notice Reference No. MCJ/OM/2021-22/09 and 58/CE/WS/G Dated: 11.06.2021

THE DEPARTMENT OF **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION JALANDHAR** INVITES **ONINE BIDS FOR:-** Installation of Hand Bore & Rig Bore Tubewells in various Wards Under MC Limit.
Closing Date & Time:- **For Societies** 15.06.21, 14:00 p.m. up to 07.07.2021, 14:00 p.m. & **Balance Tender for General Cont.** 12.07.2021, 14:00 p.m. up to 20.07.2021, 14:00 p.m.
For Details logon to :- eproc.punjab.gov.in
NOTE:- Any Corrigendum(s)to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.
As per Govt. letter Refer. No JDDLG/PRU/DLG/2021/1018-23 Dt: 13.05.2021
DPR/Pb/5326 Sd/- **Superintending Engg.**

COURT NOTICE
District and Sessions Courts, SAS Nagar
IN THE COURT OF MS. HARINDER SIDHU
Special Judge, CBI, S.A.S Nagar
PBSA01-001433-2021 CRM/93/2021
ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE Vs. ANOOP SINGH KAHLON
NOTICE TO:
GENERAL PUBLIC

In above titled case, the proceedings for confiscation of movable properties attached by competent authority Enforcement Directorate vide order No. 02/2015 dated 31.03.2015 file No. ECIR/02/JZLO/2013 of accused **Varinder Singh @ Raja R/o H.NO. 98-A, Vikas Puri, New Delhi** since P.O have been initiated on an application moved U/S 08(07) of PML Act, 2002. Therefore general public is hereby notified that property attached by Enforcement Directorate is to be confiscated to the Central Government. The matter is fixed for 16.07.2021.
For details logon to **https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mohali**
Dated, this day of 11.06.2021 Sd/- **Additional Sessions Judge, S.A.S. Nagar (DUTY).**
DI-4439

LUDHIANA IMPROVEMENT TRUST
Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana – 141001
e-mail: ldh_it_2009@yahoo.co.in
Ph:- 0161-5255405
3165 11.06.2021
e-Tender Notice
NIT No. 05/e-Tender/SE/LG-IT Ludhiana/2020-21

The Ludhiana improvement Trust, Ludhiana invites online bids for 18 Nos. development works :-
Online availability of Tenders for bidding:- 12-06-2021 onwards
Closing Date & Time : For Sr. No. 1 to 18, 02.07.2021 up to 02.00 p.m.
Opening Date & Time : For Sr. No. 1 to 18, 02.07.2021 at 04.00 p.m.
For details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above Website only.
DPR/Pb./5330 Sd/- **Superintending Engineer**

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAAG
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on items rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, JSV Division Rohru Distt Shimla (H.P) on behalf of 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 Himachal Pradesh JSV Department which shall be opened on 21.06.2021.

Sr. No	Description Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest money	Time	Cost of form
1	Annual Repair Running & maintenance of Sewerage System to Rohru Town in Tehsil Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P (SH: Operation and Maintenance of 1.745 MLD cap. STP Rohru including sewerage Network in Tehsil Rohru Distt.Shimla H.P). Tender ID 2021_HPIPH_48529_1	10507491/-	137600/-	3 years	1500/-

For term and condition Nit on the Portal **http://hptenders.gov.in** may be referred.
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Rohru
No-IPH-RD-AB-Tender/2021 DPR/HP/1562

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Bhawarna Division, HPPWD, Bhawarna on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	Construction of Building of Govt. Industrial Training Institute, Rajhoon, Distt. Kangra (HP) (SW:- Construction of Main Building including WS & SI & Rain Harvesting system)	3,02,32,111/-	08/07/2021	3,34,900/-	23/07/2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website **www.hptenders.gov.in.**
On behalf of Governor of H.P.
Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division, Bhawarna, PIN — 176083. Tel: 01894-247777
E-mail: eepwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in
DPR/HP/1617

COURT NOTICE
District and Sessions Courts, SAS Nagar
IN THE COURT OF MS. HARINDER SIDHU
Special Judge, CBI, S.A.S Nagar
PBSA01-001436-2021 CRM/96/2021
ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE Vs. DAVINDER SINGH NIRWAL
NOTICE TO:
GENERAL PUBLIC

In above titled case, the proceedings for confiscation of immovable properties attached by competent authority Enforcement Directorate vide order No. 04/2015 dated 17.12.2015 file No. ECIR/02/JZLO/2013 of accused **Mahesh Kumar Gaba R/o B-02/189, Dilbagh Colony, Goraya, Distt. Jalandhar** since P.O have been initiated on an application moved U/S 08(07) of PML Act, 2002. Therefore general public is hereby notified that property attached by Enforcement Directorate is to be confiscated to the Central Government. The matter is fixed for 16.07.2021.
For details logon to **https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mohali**
Dated, this day of 11.06.2021 Sd/- **Additional Sessions Judge, S.A.S. Nagar (DUTY).**
DI-4438

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (B&R WORKS)
NIT No. 49/SE(TIC), Dated: 15.06.2021

The department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for **Reconstruction of bridge across Budha Nallah Near Chand Cinema, Ludhiana** as per schedule given below:-

Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date of Online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents	
		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
23.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of SE(TIC), Zone-A, MCL	28.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.	29.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone-A, MCL	Will be Intimated later on

For details logon to: **eproc.punjab.gov.in**
Note:- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (TIC), Municipal Corporation Ludhiana.**
DPR/Pb/5342

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion	Cost of Form
1.	A/R and M/O Resettlement colony Jamthal Harnoda and its adjoining villages in Tehsil Sadar, District Bilaspur (SH: Deployment of manpower for operation and maintenance of distribution system for one year).	2563100/-	45950/-	One year	400/-
2.	Providing manpower for operation and maintenance of LWSS Prohi Challeli in Tehsil Sadar, District Bilaspur for one year).	804400/-	16090/-	One year	250/-
3.	A/R&M/O LWSS Kanfara in Tehsil Sh. Naina Devi Ji, District Bilaspur (SH: Deployment of manpower to operate the field distribution system for one year).	683300/-	13670/-	One year	250/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering **25.06.2021 up to 11.00 A.M.**
The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website **https://hptenders.gov.in**
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Bilaspur.
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK DPR/HP/1573

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Sunder Nagar on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with any department or Govt. undertaking.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Cost of tender form	Time
1.	Providing LWSS GP Chowk, Mahadev, Chambi, Upper Behli, Palahota, Jai Devi and Bhalana, Tehsil Sundernagar, Distt. Mandi H.P. (SH:- Drilling, lowering and development of Tube Well 120 mtrs. Deep at Damohal)	17,24,356/-	33400/-	400/-	Six Months

Schedule of tendering:-

1	Bid submission start date	**16.06.2021**	**5:00 p.m.**
2	Bid submission end date and time	**25.06.2021**	**Up to 11 a.m.**
4	Opening of Cover 1	**26.06.2021**	**11.30 a.m.**
5	Opening of Financial bid	**Date and place to be notified separately**	

Terms and Conditions:-
Tender documents, term and conditions and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal **https://hptenders.gov.in**
Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Sunder Nagar.
DPR/HP/1605

COURT NOTICE
District and Sessions Courts, SAS Nagar
IN THE COURT OF MS. HARINDER SIDHU
Special Judge, CBI, S.A.S Nagar
PBSA01-001435-2021 CRM/95/2021
ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE Vs. DAVINDER SINGH NIRWAL
NOTICE TO:
GENERAL PUBLIC

In above titled case, the proceedings for confiscation of immovable properties attached by competent authority Enforcement Directorate vide order No. 04/2015 dated 17.12.2015 file No. ECIR/02/JZLO/2013 of accused **Roy Bhadur Nirwal R/o Village 19, PS Tehsil Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan, Second Address 102, Sunforest Drive, Ontario, Canada** since P.O have been initiated on an application moved U/S 08(07) of PML Act, 2002. Therefore general public is hereby notified that property attached by Enforcement Directorate is to be confiscated to the Central Government. The matter is fixed for 16.07.2021.
For details logon to **https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=mohali**
Dated, this day of 11.06.2021 Sd/- **Additional Sessions Judge, S.A.S. Nagar (DUTY).**
DI-4437

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮ., ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ
(ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਅਦਾਰਾ)
ਸ਼ਾਰਟ ਟਰਮ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮ., ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਸੰਤ ਹਰਚੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੌਂਗੋਵਾਲ, ਨਗਰ ਸਕੀਮ ਨੰ. 11, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਡ-ਡੇ-ਮੀਲ ਸਕੀਮ ਅਧੀਨ ਕਣਕ/ਚਾਵਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਐਫ.ਸੀ.ਆਈ. ਡਿਪੂ/ਸਟੇਟ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਗੁਦਾਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅਨਾਜ ਦੀ ਲੋਡਿੰਗ ਕਰਕੇ 11 ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬਲਾਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਸਕੂਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਢੋਆ-ਢੁਆਈ ਅਤੇ ਅਨਲੋਡਿੰਗ ਲਈ ਬੰਦ ਲਿਫ਼ਾਫ਼ੇ ਵਿਚ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮੰਗੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ:-

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਨੁਸੂਚੀ	ਮਿਤੀ
1	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ	ਮਿਤੀ 16.06.2021
2	ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਫਾਰਮ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 17.06.2021 ਤੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 02.07.2021 ਤਕ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤਕ (ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ)
3	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਭਰੇ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 05.07.2021 ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤਕ ADC (G) Office, DAC Complex, HSP
4	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ	05.07.2021 ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.30 ਵਜੇ ਤਕ ADC (G) Office, DAC Complex, HSP
5	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸਮਾਂ ਵੈਧਤਾ	01.07.2021 ਤੋਂ 31.03.2022 ਤਕ

ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ, ਜਿਹੜੇ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਗਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਲਏ/ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ, ਕੇਂਦਰ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਸਹਿਤ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਪਨਸਪ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਤੋਂ 1000/- ਰੁਪਏ (Non Refundable) ਦੀ ਨਗਦ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਾਕੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਪਨਸਪ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।
DPR/Pb/5340 **ਸਹੀ/- ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪਨਸਪ, ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।**

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APPOINTMENT

Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC) under the aegis of Department of Information Technology, Chandigarh Administration invites applications for the following post on project basis.

- **RESEARCH ASSISTANT**

The eligibility criteria and other information can be obtained from our website: **http://www.spicindia.com**

Last date for submission of online application is **1st July, 2021.**

SPIC Centre of Excellence
Entrepreneur Development Centre
Plot No. 20, Rajiv Gandhi Chandigarh Technology Park, Chandigarh — 160101.
Ph.: 0172-2970450, 2970451

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice No. 1477/XEN/O&M/B Dated 15.06.2021

The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Items	Amount (in lakh)
1	Prov/Inst. of Tubewells (against failed tubewells) and P/o Motors.	As per uploaded DNIT
2	Prov/Laying/Shifting of Sewerage/Water supply line.	
3	Repair of vehicles and Annual Rate contract for P/o Tyres.	
4	Prov. of staff on outsources for Disposals & Repair of motors & Starters etc.	

Closing Date & Time: 30.06.2021 till 05.00 P.M.
Opening of Technical bid: 01.07.2021 till 11.00 A.M.
Opening of Financial Bid: Date will be fixed after technical bid opening.
For Detail logon to: **eproc.punjab.gov.in**.
Note:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer-O&M,**
Zone-B, M.C. Ludhiana.
e-mail: xenzoneb@gmail.com

DPR/Pb/5333

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice No. 04 Dated 15.06.2021

The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Items	Amount (in lakh)
1	Prov/Laying of Sewerage/New manhole chambers and water supply line.	As per uploaded DNIT
2	Prov/Inst. of Tubewells (against failed tubewells)	

Closing Date & Time: 30.06.2021 till 04.30 P.M.
Opening of Technical Bid: 02.07.2021 till 01.00 P.M.
Opening of Financial Bid: Date will be fixed after technical bid opening.
For Detail logon to: **eproc.punjab.gov.in**.
Note:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
Zone-C (O&M) Cell,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
e-mail: xenzonecomcell@gmail.com Ph: 9780039479

DPR/Pb/5336

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT
"NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER"

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

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender document	Time Limit
1	Drilling, Lowering of assembly and development of 1 No. Tubewell 140 mtrs deep in place of defunct Tubewell No. 37 at Mubarikpur with Rotary Rig.	Rs. 16,23,986/-	Rs. 32,480/-	Rs. 400/-	3 (Three) Months

1. The last date of physically submission of earnest money deposit and cost of tender documents etc. on 21.06.2021 up to 11:00 A.M.
2. The last date of e-tendering up to 21.06.2021 at 11:00 A.M. and the same will be opened on 21.06.2021 at 12:30 P.M.
3. The Tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the **http://hptenders.gov.in**.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK DPR/HP/1597

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Anni, District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through offline process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1	Imp. of FIS Kurpan Kuhal in Nirmand Block, Distt. Kullu (H.P) (SH: C/o CC field channel from RD 12650/1400/0 to 250 = 250Rmt.)	153164.00	3063.00	2 Months	250/-
2	Providing Water Supply Scheme to Sakrha from Village Patrogi Village in GP Behna in Anni Block, Distt. Kullu (H.P) (SH: Laying, Jointing & testing of GI pipe 15 mm dia RD 0/0 to RD 1530.)	162996.00	3259.00	2 Months	250/-
3	PWSS to NC/PC Habitation in C.V Faranalli, Dingidhar in Anni Block, Distt Kullu, H.P (SH:- C/o Wire crate wall to protect the civil structure & Fixing and fencing Panel 20 Nos. at 2nd stage near village Dashog.)	353574.00	7071.00	3 Months	250/-
4	A/R & M/O various WSS/FIS under Jal Shakti Division, Anni, Distt. Kullu (H.P)(SH: Providing supplying and installation of Photocopy machine).	182444/-	3649/-	1 Month	250/-

1. Last Date of Submission of tender: **23.06.2021 up to 3:00 P.M. and opened on same day 3:30 P.M.**
2. Last Date of sale of tender form Divisional Office: **22.06.2021 up to 04:00 P.M.**

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website **www.hpiph.org** or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK DPR/HP/1574

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"Short term Notice Inviting E-tendering"

E.E., Jal Shakti Division No. 1, Una
Telephone No.: 01975- 226060
E-mail: eeiph1una@gmail.com

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No. 1, Una invites online tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through online process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Time
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	C/o Storm water drainage system for Una Town in Distt. Una (HP) (SH:- Conducting hydrology Study and compilation of hydrological data, comprehensive re-survey with drone for preparing of working Estimate, DNIT's etc. complete in all respect)	Rs. 7,65,000/-	Rs. 15,300/-	Rs. 250/-	One month

1. Last date of physical /online submission of Earnest Money deposit and cost of tender documents etc on 25.06.2021up to 05:00 P.M.
2. Last date of e-tendering up to 25.06.2021 at 05:00 P.M. and the same will be opened on the day on 26.06.2021 at 11:00 A.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the **http://hptenders.gov.in**

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division No. 1, Una.

DPR/HP/1595 ***HIM SUCHNA AND JAN SAMPARK***

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders on form 6 & 8 for the following works are hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of H.P. from the contractors/firms of appropriate class registered with HP I&PH Department, so as to reach in the office of the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Rohru on **19.06.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.** and tender shall be opened on the same day at 11:30 a.m. in the presence of the intending contractors/firms or their authorized representatives who may wish to be present. The tender forms can be obtained from this office against cash payment (non-refundable) during working hours up to **18.06.2021 up to 2:00 p.m.** No tender form shall be issued by post. The form can also be downloaded from Departmental website **www.hpiph.org.in.**

The earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Time Deposit account and Post Office saving account in any Post Office in Himachal Pradesh duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, I&PH Division, Rohru must accompany each tender. The contractor who has obtained exemption for depositing earnest money must attach a copy of exemption documents with their offer. The conditional tender and tenders received without earnest money will summarily be rejected. If holiday declared by the Government on the above date due to some reason, the tender shall be received and opened on the next working day. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tenders without assigning any reason. The tender form will only be issued on the production of registration certificate in the prescribed manner. The tender documents sent should be in two sealed cover in prescribed manner. The contractors are advised to see work site and read the conditions carefully before tendering. The offer of the tender shall be kept open from the date of opening of tender is 120 days. The rates are quoted both in words and figures.

Sr. No	Description of Works	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of Work
1.	Upgradation of sub Divisional laboratory as per the norms of the NABL (SH:- Supply of CRM reagents as per NABL norms).	1,68,125/-	3500/-	1 Month	250/-
2.	Upgradation of sub Divisional laboratory as per the norms of the NABL (SH:- Supply of Lab equipments as per NABL norms).	4,93,378/-	9870/-	3 Months	250/-
3.	Upgradation of sub Divisional laboratory as per the norms of the NABL (SH:- Supply of CRM reagents as per NABL norms).	1,93,400/-	3900/-	1 Month	250/-
4.	Upgradation of sub Divisional laboratory as per the norms of the NABL (SH:- Supply of CRM tools as per NABL norms).	1,72,000/-	3500/-	1 Month	250/-
5.	R/M of FIS Tikkari in GP Tikkari Tehsil Chirgaon Distt. Shimla HP (SH:- C/o 10 mtr long Retaining wall at RD 0/270 to 0/280) Phase 2nd	2,22,755/-	4500/-	2 Months	250/-
6.	Renovation and addition of Room for laboratory Lab at JSV Sub - Division Tikkar Tehsil Tikkar Distt. Shimla HP Under JJM	4,97,580/-	9990/-	1 Month	250/-
7.	Providing functional household tap connection (FHTC) to JSV Section Tikkari Tehsil Chirgaon Distt. Shimla (H.P) (SH: C/o 1 No Intake chamber, & Prov. Laying & jointing of GMS tube of 25mm=1100 Rmt and providing 131 Nos FHTC,S)	4,95,476/-	9990/-	3 Months	250/-
8.	Providing LIS to Horticulture land from River Pabber to Pokhari via Diswani Gawas covering Village Tehsil Chirgaon Distt. Shimla H.P. (SH:- Supplying and erection of centrifugal pumping machinery with allied accessories in Booster stage & Laying jointing in Trenches GI (Heavy class) pipe in R/main and C/o Head work)	4,93,088/-	9900/-	3 Months	250/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The work will be done as per PWD specification.
2. The Contractor/Firm are required to be registered with Himachal Pradesh, Jal Shakti Vibhag.
3. The Earnest money, Renewal of Enlistment, PAN No. and Clearance of Income Tax is required.
4. The tenders received without above documents/formalities will be rejected at the time of opening of tenders without assigning any reason.
5. Sr. No. 1 to 4 condition same as per DNIT.
6. Sr. No. 7 being prestigious and time bound work, no tender form will be issued to such contractor having two or more JJM work in hands.

Executive Engineer,
JSV Division, Rohru.

DPR/HP/1566

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
"AUCTION NOTICE"

The dismantling building of **Govt . High School Rassain Gallu** in Tehsil Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi (H.P) will be dismantled is hereby put to opened on dated 12.07.2021 in the basis and all cost of dismantling to be borne by the contractor and the serviceable material received after dismantling will also be of the contractor and site to be made clear up to the ground level. The interested parties are hereby invited to attend the auction proceeding as per terms and conditions as detailed below:-

Sr. No	Name of Building	Reserve price minimum from where the bid shall be started Rs:-	Earnest Money to be deposited Rs:-	Time allowed for making clear site up to existing plinth level on the building by dismantling and removal of the dismantled material from site
1	Dismantling building of Govt. High School Rassain Gallu in Tehsil Sarkaghat, Distt. Mandi (H.P)	3000/-	100/-	15 days

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. The building can be seen at the site on any working days during working hours with the permission of the SDM Dharampur, Naib-Tehsildar Tihra, Distt. Mandi (H.P). The Assistant Engineer Tihra, Sub- Division HPPWD, Tihra.
2. The bid shall be started from the reserve price.
3. The interested bidder will have to deposit earnest money Rs 100/-.
4. The highest and successful bidder will have to deposit 50 % of the bid amount (alongwith G.S.T @ 12 %) after adjustment of the earnest money at the fall of the hammer. The balance 50 % amount will have to be deposited within 2 days (48 hours) of issue of acceptance letter by PWD authorities.
5. The successful bidder will be required to dismantle the building and the structure, all Debris/Malba from the above mentioned site be cleared within 15 days from the date of issue/ acceptance at his cost.
6. The old building material after dismantling has to be disposed off by the successful bidder at his own level and he will hand over the clear and levelled site to PWD within the time frame. The dismantled material shall be disposed off safely and meet all the instructions by Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board or any other concerned Department/authority. The dumping site for above unserviceable material will be arranged by the higher bidder himself.
7. While dismantling all safety requirements and other laws in enforcement will be adhered to meticulously.
8. In case the work is not completed within 15 days of acceptance, then whole of the amount deposited with PWD will be forfeited and further action as per law of the land will be initiated against the successful bidder.
9. In case any injury caused to any officer/Official of PWD or hired labour, the party/Contractor/Successful bidder will be responsible for the damages and compensation.
10. The party will ensure that while dismantling the old structure, no damages is caused to the rest of the existing building/ structure of Education Department/Pvt Property etc. In case any damages is caused, the party/Contractor would be responsible for the same.
11. The highest bidder will have to remove all unserviceable/ serviceable material from the site within the stipulated period, in case of delay the recovery of Rs 2000/- per day will be charged from the highest bidder.
12. In case any dispute, the matter would be referred for sole arbitration to the PWD.
13. The serviceable material will not be allowed to be carried away from the site till the unserviceable material is removed completely.
14. The bidder committee reserve the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason.
15. The above said building is being offered for auction basis. The transportation charges will be responsibility of the bidder.
16. Nothing shall be paid by the department to the highest bidder.

Executive Engineer,
Dharampur Division,
HPPWD, Dharampur.

NO:- PWD/ DPD/ Auction/2021-22:5621-32 Dated:-14/06/2021
DPR/HP/1554

GLOBE TROT

REUTERS

Locals move to a safer place in Nepal following floods.

Floods kill 10 in Bhutan, seven missing in Nepal

KATHMANDU: Flash floods triggered by heavy rain washed away a remote mountain camp in Bhutan on Wednesday, killing 10 persons and injuring five, while floods in neighbouring Nepal left seven persons missing, the authorities said. REUTERS

UK set to end legal loophole allowing child marriage

LONDON: Britain must scrap a legal loophole allowing child marriage, lawmakers said ahead of the introduction of a Bill on Wednesday to raise the minimum age to 18. AP

Putin, Biden end summit, no joint press conference

GENEVA, JUNE 16

With deep disagreements likely and expectations of solving them low, US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin sat down in a lakeside Geneva villa on Wednesday for their first summit since Biden took office.

Both have said they hope for more stable and predictable relations, even though they are at odds over everything from arms control and cyber-hacking to election interference and Ukraine. Putin and Biden shook hands before going inside, but the news that they would not hold a joint news conference meant there was none of the joviality that accompanied a 2018 meeting between Putin and Donald Trump. Biden said they would try to determine areas of cooperation. "It is always better to meet face-to-face."

"We're not expecting a big set of deliverables out of this meeting," a senior US official said. "I'm not sure any agreements will be reached," said Putin's foreign policy adviser. — Reuters

US President Joe Biden and Russia's Vladimir Putin shake hands during the US-Russia summit in Geneva. REUTERS

TO RESUME ARMS-CONTROL TALKS

- US President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed at a "pragmatic" first summit on Wednesday to resume arms-control talks and to return ambassadors to each other's capitals after they were withdrawn earlier this year.
- The summit lasted less than four hours — far less than Biden's advisers had said they expected. The scheduling of separate news conferences meant there was none of the joviality. There was also no shared meal.

Israeli airstrikes target Gaza sites, violate truce

JERUSALEM, JUNE 16

Israeli aircraft carried out a series of airstrikes at militant sites in the Gaza Strip early Wednesday, the first such raids since a shaky cease-fire ended the war with Hamas last month.

The airstrikes targeted facilities used by Hamas militants for meetings to plan attacks, the Israeli military said, blaming the group for any act of violence emanating from Gaza. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Hundreds of Israeli ultranationalists paraded in east Jerusalem in a show of force that threatened to spark renewed violence. — AP

AP/PTI

A damaged building in Gaza City.

France ends night curfew, mask rules

PARIS, JUNE 16

France is bringing forward by 10 days the lifting of a nationwide curfew that has been in place since late 2020 as daily Covid infections are falling faster than anticipated, Prime Minister Jean Castex said on Wednesday.

He said the night curfew would now end from June 20, and that face masks would soon no longer be required outdoors. After restaurants, bars and cafes were allowed last week to reopen indoors for the first time in seven months, Castex said life in France was at last starting to return to normal. "We're on the right track - let's keep up our efforts," Castex said. — Reuters

TRACKING VIRUS

NATION	DEATHS
US	6,15,770
BRAZIL	4,91,164
INDIA	3,79,601
MEXICO	2,30,424
UK	1,27,917

WORLDOMETER TILL JUNE 16, 11 PM

BUSINESS

USD $	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN CNY	CAD C$	AUD A$	SGD S$	HKD HK$
₹73.32	₹88.91	₹103.48	₹0.66	₹11.46	₹60.19	₹56.49	₹55.30	₹9.45

BSE	NSE	GOLD (MCX) Mumbai	SILVER (MCX) Mumbai
271.07	101.70	₹48,410	₹71,300
52,501.98	15,767.55		

PIL in SC seeking 'health rating' for food items

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A PIL has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to examine WHO recommendations on fat, salt and sugar intake and frame guidelines to ensure that "Health Star Rating" and "Health Warning" is printed on front of packaging.

Petitioner advocate Ashwini kumar Upadhyay said it was a question of right to life and demanded that "Health Impact Assessment" and "Environment Impact Assessment" should be mandatory for all industries producing packaged food items and beverages.

He pointed out that FSSAI neither conducts health impact assessment nor implements health star rating.

Direct tax collection doubles to ₹1.85 L cr

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

In signs of economy reflating after a devastating second wave of Covid, net income and corporate tax collection so far this fiscal doubled to over Rs 1.85 lakh crore buoyed by advance tax and TDS payments.

Collection of net direct tax (which is arrived at after deducting refunds from gross collection) between April 1-June 15 was at Rs 1,85,871 crore, a 100.4% growth over Rs 92,762 crore collected in the same period last fiscal, the CBDT said.

Refunds amounting to Rs 30,731 crore have been issued in the current fiscal.

The gross direct tax collection so far this fiscal stands at over Rs 2.16 lakh crore, a 57% growth over Rs 1.37 lakh crore mopped up in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

OVER 100% GROWTH

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While Rs 28,780 crore was collected by way of advance tax, TDS was over Rs 1.56 lakh crore. Self-assessment tax stands at Rs 15,343 crore and regular assessment tax at Rs 14,079 crore. — PTI

IN BRIEF

NEW DELHI

Adani Group shares tank, 3 firms hit lower circuit

Adani Group firms shares further tanked on Wednesday, with Adani Ports felling 7.17% and Adani Enterprises dipping 5.77%. Adani Total Gas, Adani Transmission and Adani Power hit their lower circuit limits. PTI

NEW DELHI

NCLT doubts confidentiality in Videocon's liquidation

NCLT has raised doubts over "confidentiality" of the liquidation valuation of the assets of Videocon Industries and its 12 group companies during the insolvency process. It has asked Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India to inquire. PTI

GUWAHATI/KOHIMA

Nagaland govt shuts down three ONGC wells

The Nagaland government has shut down three wells of ONGC for allegedly not obtaining prior permission before starting drilling activities. PTI

Mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery kicks in

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Marking a major change in India's favourite investment option, "mandatory" hallmarking of gold jewellery was kicked off today in a "phased" manner from 256 districts of the country.

However, watches, fountain pens and popular style of jewellery such as 'kundan', 'polki' and 'jadau' are exempted from hallmarking. Small jewellers with less than Rs 40 lakh annual turnover are also exempted, BIS Director-General Pramod Kumar Tiwari said.

BALANCED AND POSITIVE DECISION

"Hallmarking of gold is a conscious, balanced and positive decision that is good for the country and consumers. We are making a new beginning with this historic decision

Pramod Kumar Tiwari, DIRECTOR GENERAL, BIS

Women having traditional and old jewellery can also sell without going through the process. Old jewellery can be hallmarked as it is, if feasible by the jeweller or after melting and making new jewellery, he said. Jewellery for international exhibitions and for government-approved B2B domestic exhibitions will also be exempted from mandatory hallmarking.

Amid speculations that the government has decided to "exempt" small jewellers "under pressure", Tiwari said the assaying facilities are yet not available in many parts of the country, especially remote areas and villages. Besides, it is a voluntary option and when customers demand, small jewellers will have to opt for it. "Consumer is the king, ultimately they will decide the future course of action," he said. Meanwhile, to give adequate time to the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers, there will be no penalties till August-end.

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Spinners turn it around for India

Late wickets help Indian women fight back on Day 1

BRISTOL, JUNE 16

The Indian women picked up four English wickets for 21 runs late in the day to come back into the game on Day 1 of the one-off Test here today.

Despite the mini-collapse, England were still in a fairly strong position at 267 for six at stumps.

England were cruising at 230 for two when debutant off-spinner Sneh Rana (3/74) and Deepti Sharma (2/40) struck, denying a deserved century to captain Heather Knight. Knight, who added 71 runs for the second with Tammy Beaumont (66) and 90 with Natalie Sciver (42), was trapped lbw by Sharma. Before that, Sharma had won an lbw decision against Sciver too, while Rana removed No. 5 Amy Jones for 1, and England were now 251/6. Knight played 175 balls and struck nine fours. Earlier, at tea, England were in a strong position at 162/2.

After getting rid of Lauren Winfield-Hill (35) in the first session of the day, India toiled hard for most part of the post-lunch period before Rana picked up her maiden Test wicket. She got rid of the in-form Beaumont, who was brilliantly caught by Shafali Verma at short leg.

England's Heather Knight and Tamsin Beaumont (*L*) bump fists during the match. REUTERS

Beaumont faced 166 balls and struck six fours en route her second Test fifty. Skipper Knight batted cautiously and remained unbeaten in the company of Natalie Sciver as England made 76 runs off 28 overs in the second session.

Good start

Earlier, the hosts made a solid 86 for one in the opening session. The Indian pace duo of veteran Jhulan Goswami and Shikha Pandey made a promising start, doing just enough to trouble the English batswomen on more than one occasion. In the seventh over, Goswami induced an edge from Winfield-Hill as the batter went for an extravagant drive but Smriti Mandhana dropped the chance in the slip cordon despite getting both hands on the ball. In the next over, Winfield-Hill got lucky again. Debutant Pooja Vastrakar induced a thick edge from the batter but the ball flew between second slip and gully to the boundary.

After a slow and cautious start, England picked up the pace. Winfield-Hill was the more positive of the two batters as she lofted Pandey over the midwicket fence for the first six of the innings and in the process brought up England's fifty in the 17th over.

An over later, Winfield-Hill hit another over backward square-leg off Vastrakar.

Brief scores: England 269/6 (Heather Knight 95, Tammy Beaumont 66, Natalie Sciver 42; Sneh Rana 3/77, Deepti Sharma 2/50)

Hohn "ignores us" in overseas tours: Javelin throwers

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Two of the country's top javelin throwers, including the Olympics-bound Shivpal Singh, today alleged that German coach Uwe Hohn also "trains foreign athletes" when the Indian team travels abroad for exposure tours.

Shivpal, who qualified for the upcoming Olympics early last year and trains under Hohn, and Tokyo Games hopeful Annu Rani said the German coach "is more interested in training abroad" due to "certain reasons".

"He (Hohn) also trains some other foreign athletes when we are overseas, ignoring us," the duo said in a joint statement. Asked when exactly had they seen Hohn train foreign athletes, Shivpal and Annu said, "It was in 2019 when we were training in Poland." A coach on the payroll of the government cannot train athletes other than Indians during official tours abroad.

"He is more interested in training abroad which we do not agree due to the prevailing situation as we want to save ourselves and avoid risk when travelling," the two throwers said from their training base at NIS Patiala. — PTI

Mary Kom to skip Italy camp, will train in Pune

Veteran boxer does not want to waste time in travel

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The face of women's boxing in India, MC Mary Kom, has decided not to travel with the team to Assisi, Italy, for a preparatory camp before the Olympic Games.

Instead, Mary will train with her personal coach Chhote Lal Yadav at the Army Sports Institute in Pune. The entire boxing team, including the other eight Olympics-qualified boxers, will most probably leave for Italy latest by Saturday. The travelling party will consist of 17 boxers, including the sparring partners of the qualified boxers and support staff.

"Mary doesn't want to waste any time on travel so she has decided to stay back in Pune to train," said a source in know of the development. "She is happy here as she has a lot of young boxers, both boys and girls, to train with. She would lose at least two days in travel only and currently her workload is such that she can ill afford to lose training time."

She will train with her personal coach Chhote Lal Yadav in Pune.

It is understood that as per the initial plans, the team will be based in Italy until July 6 but their stay there could be extended to ensure that the entire team flies directly to Tokyo for the Games.

As reported by The Tribune last week, the Sports Ministry as well as SAI officials have been encouraging national federations to come up with plans to ensure that the country's medal hopefuls reach Japan directly from their training bases outside India.

NRAI seeks SAI's help for two skeet shooters' vaccination in Italy

New Delhi: The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has approached the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to help Tokyo Olympics-bound skeet shooters Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Mairaj Ahmed Khan receive their respective Covid-19 shots in Italy where they are currently training. While Bajwa needs his second dose, Khan is due for his first dose after recovering from the infection just over a month ago. The NRAI approached the SAI on June 10. "The Embassy of India in Rome, has taken up the issue up with the concerned Italian authorities and are working towards organising vaccine doses for both," a SAI statement said. Both the athletes are likely to travel to Croatia for the World Cup from Italy. PTI

BRIEFLY

HALLE

Federer falls to Auger-Aliassime, no 11th title in Halle

Roger Federer's bid for an 11th title on the Halle grass was cut short by 20-year-old Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime as he fell away after a fine start to lose 4-6 6-3 6-2 today. Meanwhile, India's Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan knocked out second seeds Lukasz Kubot and Edouard Roger Vasselin to move into the quarterfinals of the Noventi Open. They beat the Polish-French combination 7-6 (11) 6-4 in the second round. Fourth seed Andrey Rublev beat Jordan Thompson 6-4 6-4 to set up a third-round clash with experienced German Philipp Kohlschreiber, who beat Corentin Moutet.

BONVILLE (AUSTRALIA)

Venus, Murray handed Wimbledon wild cards

Former champions Venus Williams and Andy Murray were named in Wimbledon's initial list of wildcards today for this month's grasscourt Grand Slam. — Agencies

TODAY ON TV

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INDIA VS ENGLAND
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
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DENMARK VS BELGIUM 9:30PM
NETHERLANDS VS AUSTRIA 00:30AM (FRIDAY)
SONY TEN, SONY SIX

US OPEN GOLF
EUROSPORT 11:30PM

Mats Humbled!

Own goal gives France 1-0 win

Germany's Mats Hummels scores an own goal. REUTERS

MUNICH, JUNE 16

Mats Hummels' return to the national team went better for France than it did for Germany. The experienced defender was recalled by Germany coach Joachim Low for the European Championship for his leadership qualities, but he ended up scoring an own goal Tuesday to give France a 1-0 victory.

"It was a struggle between titans," France coach Didier Deschamps said.

Hummels was attempting to stop Lucas Hernandez's cross from reaching France forward Kylian Mbappe when he diverted the ball into his own net with his shin in the 20th minute.

"I can't fault him," Low said. "It's just bad luck. The ball in was fast. Maybe we should have attacked the throw in quicker. But it was hard for Mats to clear the ball." There were chances at both ends, but France looked more likely to score while Germany squandered opportunities. Ilkay Gundogan should have scored in the first half but couldn't direct his shot on target.

> "They had a lot of ball, more than us. We were defending very well. It was a match played on a very high level, two titans facing each other"
>
> **Didier Deschamps,** FRANCE COACH

> **1** Germany have lost their first game in a Euros tournament for the first time, having won seven and drawn five of their previous 12 such matches

Before the match started, a Greenpeace protester parachuted into the stadium. UEFA said there were some injuries. Germany next face Portugal, who defeated Hungary 3-0 with two record-setting goals from Cristiano Ronaldo. France will play the Hungarians in Budapest.

Russians rebound

St Petersburg: Russia's Aleksei Miranchuk scored a stunning first half stoppage time winner against Finland today to put his team's campaign back on track with a 1-0 victory that keeps Group B wide open.

Man-of-the-match Miranchuk scooped his shot into the far top corner as Russia, unbeaten against Finland since their first meeting in 1912, made amends for their loss to Belgium with their first win in their last seven matches at Euro finals. — Agencies

CR7 effect: Ronaldo removes bottles, Coca Cola takes hit

BUDAPEST: Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo ***(in pic)*** removed Coca-Cola bottles placed in front of him at a European Championships press conference here, which reportedly cost the global beverage giant a staggering $4 billion. A well-known fitness enthusiast, Ronaldo set aside two Coca-Cola glass bottles during a press conference ahead of Portugal's opening Euro match against Hungary here on Monday. In a video that has since gone viral, he striker picked up a bottle of water instead saying "Agua!" in Portuguese, seemingly urging people to choose water over aerated drinks.

OZ, Japan perfect in WC qualifying stage

SEOUL: In a high-stakes, must-win game to have any chance of getting to Qatar in 2022, China beat group-leading Syria 3-1 to advance to the third round in Asian qualifying for the World Cup. Australia beat Jordan 1-0 in Kuwait City, with defender Harry Souttar heading home after 77 minutes. At Osaka, a hat-trick by Ado Onaiwu gave Japan 5-1 victory over Kyrgyzstan. Elsewhere, Iran beat Iraq 1-0. AP

DeChambeau-Koepka spat overshadows US Open

SAN DIEGO, JUNE 16

Torrey Pines has had its share of conflict over the years involving some of the top players in golf. Just not during such a taxing Major as the US Open.

Think back to 2003 at the Buick Invitational when Phil Mickelson was quoted in a magazine interview as saying Woods played inferior equipment and was the only player good enough to overcome "the equipment he's stuck with." They wound up in the final group with Brad Faxon, whose nickname that week was "Switzerland," and Woods got the final word with another victory at Torrey Pines.

Then there was Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed. They had a falling out from the 2018 Ryder Cup in France when Reed blamed Spieth for them not playing together in a US loss. They played together in the third round of the Farmers Insurance Open, and Spieth broke any tension by giving Reed a playful hug on the first tee.

Brooks Koepka during a practice round. USA TODAY SPORTS

Can anyone see Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka hugging it out this week? "At this point, probably not," Spieth said with a grin. But this social media spat is different from the other two that played out at Torrey Pines, getting so much attention that it has become the primary point of interest.

The big development Tuesday morning? Tee times were announced. No, they're not playing together. They are on opposite sides of the draw and starting at opposite ends of

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Pre-Bid required	No	**Pre Bid Query Date Time**	Not Applicable
Advertised Vaue	Rs. 9267812.33 Rs. 15783536.0	**Tendering Section**	Telecom Signal
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule Item	**Bidding Unit**	Rs./Unit
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. - NIL-	**Validity of Offer (Days)**	45 days
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Rs. - NIL-	**Period of Completion**	3 Months
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02013 New Delhi-Amritsar Jn. Shatabdi Express Special	Daily	01.07.21 to till further advice
02014 Amritsar Jn.-New Delhi Shatabdi Express Special		02.07.21 to till further advice
02005 New Delhi-Kalka Shatabdi Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
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04048 Delhi Jn.-Kotdwar Siddhabali Express Special 04047 Kotdwar-Delhi Jn. Siddhabali Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
04041 Delhi Jn.-Dehradun Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
04042 Dehradun-Delhi Jn. Express Special		22.06.21 to till further advice
04515 Kalka-Shimla Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
04516 Shimla-Kalka Express Special		22.06.21 to till further advice
04210 Lucknow-Prayagraj Sangam Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
04209 Prayagraj Sangam-Lucknow Express Special		22.06.21 to till further advice
04233 Prayagraj Sangam-Mankapur Jn. Express Special	Daily	21.06.21 to till further advice
04234 Mankapur Jn.-Prayagraj Sangam Express Special		22.06.21 to till further advice
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05113 Gomti Nagar - Chhapra Kachehari Express Special		02.07.21 to till further advice
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02457 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Bikaner Jn. Express Special		20.06.2021 to 30.06.2021
02471 Shri Ganga Nagar-Delhi Jn. Express Special	Bi-weekly to Daily	18.06.21 to 30.06.2021
02472 Delhi Jn.-Shri Ganga Nagar Express Special		19.06.2021 to 30.06.2021
04731 Delhi Jn.-Bathinda Kisan Express Special	Bi-weekly to Daily	18.06.21 to 30.06.2021
04732 Bathinda-Delhi Kisan Express Special		19.06.21 to 30.06.2021
02443 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Jodhpur/Degana Superfast Special	Bi-weekly to Daily	19.06.21 to till further advice
02444 Jodhpur/Degana - Delhi Sarai Rohilla Superfast Special		20.06.21 to till further advice

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Jaishankar meets US envoy on Afghanistan

US State Dept keen on Delhi's participation in peace talks

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had a surprise meeting with US Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad on Tuesday in Qatar, the epicenter of peace talks with the Taliban.

Jaishankar also met his Jordanian and Palestinian counterparts Ayman Safadi and Riyad al-Maliki at Doha airport on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, he met Qatar's foreign and defence ministers and discussed bilateral cooperation with them and exchanged views on global and regional issues.

Jaishankar's Qatar visit was his second visit to a Gulf nation in a week and reflects multiple vectors that South Block is working on including the well being of the huge Indian expatriate population in these countries at a time of shrinking job opportunities.

India is also a major stakeholder in the peace and stability of Afghanistan and has been supporting a national peace and reconciliation process.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar (R) meets US envoy for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad (L) in Doha. PTI

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"Met Khalilzad in Doha. Continued our exchange of perspectives on Afghanistan and the region," Jaishankar tweeted. The External Affairs Ministry had not previously announced the meeting.

The US has already indicated India's indispensability in the peace process. In March, the US had said it would take several steps — the first of which would be to ask the UN to convene a meeting of foreign ministers from India, Pakistan, China, Iran, Russia and the US to discuss a unified approach to Afghanistan.

India's position was articulated by Jaishankar at the 9th Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference in Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe, where he expressed grave concern over violence and bloodshed in Afghanistan and called for genuine double peace. Jaishankar also asked the negotiating parties to engage in good faith, with a serious commitment towards reaching a political solution.

India reiterates rule-based order in Indo-Pacific

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Without naming China, India on Wednesday once again said it stood for a rule-based order in the Indo-Pacific based upon respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations, peaceful resolution of disputes through dialogue and adherence to international rules and laws.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, speaking at 8th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Plus Meeting (ADMM Plus) said "India calls for a free, open and inclusive order in the Indo-Pacific".

SUPPORTS FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION

> India supports freedom of navigation, over flight and unimpeded commerce in these international waterways.
>
> **Rajnath Singh,** DEFENCE MINISTER

The ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) is a group of 10 countries and five of those nations — Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam — are locked in a dispute with China over claims in the hydro-carbon rich South China Sea.

Rajnath addressed the meeting virtually. With regard to developments in the South China Sea, he said it had attracted attention in the region and beyond. "India supports freedom of navigation, over flight and unimpeded commerce in these international waterways," the Defence Minister said.

He hoped that the Code of Conduct negotiations related to territorial claims in the South China Sea would lead to outcomes that were in keeping with international law, including the UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea).

Some years ago, China lost its case on claims at a hearing under the UNCLOS, it did not accept the verdict and forced the other parties to the dispute to enter into negotiations.

The minister termed the maritime security challenges another area of concern for India. The sea lanes of communication are critical for peace, stability, prosperity and development of the Indo-Pacific region.

India, he said "has strengthened cooperative engagements in the Indo-Pacific based on converging visions and values for promotion of peace, stability, and prosperity in the region". The centrality of ASEAN and utilisation of ASEAN-led mechanisms are important platforms for implementation of our shared vision for the Indo-Pacific, he said.

Cabinet approves hike in DAP fertiliser subsidy by ₹700 per bag

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The government today approved a proposal from the Ministry of Chemical and Fertiliser to hike the subsidy on DAP by Rs 700 per bag with an additional outgo of Rs 14,775 crore to the exchequer.

"The hike is part of the government's effort to ensure that farmers get the key soil nutrient at old rates despite rise in global prices," Union Minister Mansukh Mandavia said after a meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by the PM.

'GET AT OLD RATES'

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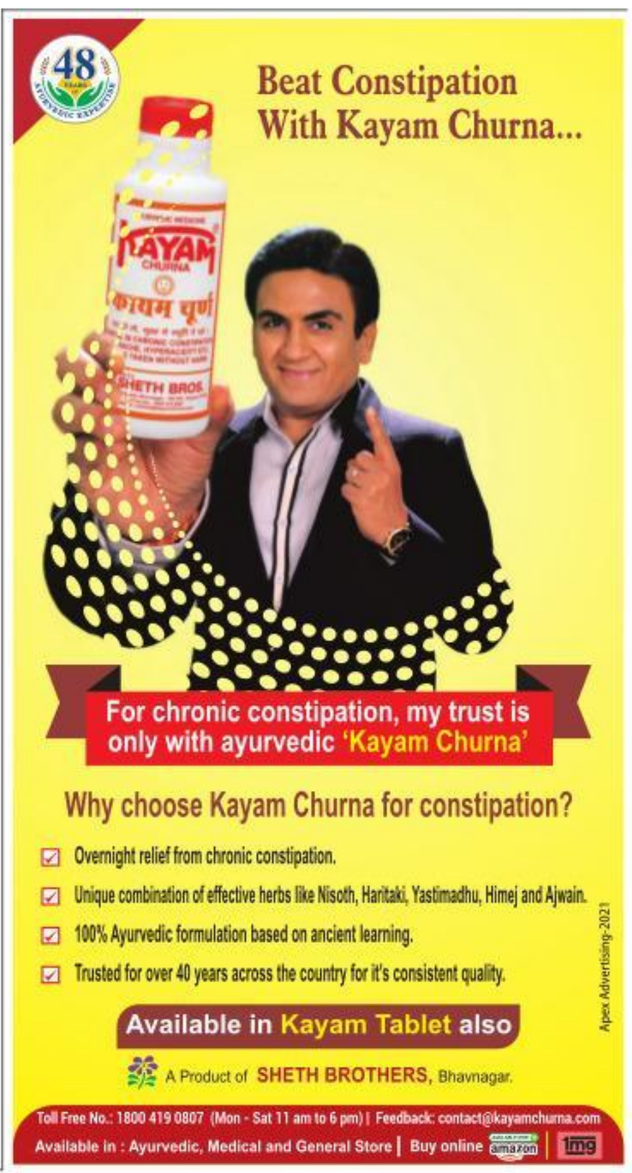
>
> **Mansukh Mandavia,** UNION MINISTER

After urea, Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertiliser is the most widely used in the country. The minister said farmers would continue to get DAP at the old rate of Rs 1,200 per bag containing 50 kg of the fertiliser. The subsidy for DAP fertiliser has been increased to Rs 1,200 per bag from current Rs 500 per bag to farmers.



IN BRIEF

Bank fraud: Maha ex-MLA held by ED

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday said it has arrested former Maharashtra MLA Vivekanand S Patil under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case linked to an alleged fraud of over Rs 512 crore in a Panvel-located cooperative bank. TNS

Bengali actress Sengupta dies

KOLKATA: Veteran Bengali actress Swatilekha Sengupta passed away at a private hospital here on Wednesday. The 71-year-old theatre and film personality was reportedly battling kidney-related ailments. Swatilekha shot to fame with 1984 classic "Ghare Baire". IANS

Choksi's firms siphoned off over ₹6K cr from PNB: CBI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Companies owned by fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi have allegedly siphoned off over Rs 6,344.96 crore from the Punjab National Bank (PNB) using fraudulent letters of undertaking and foreign letters of credit, the CBI has alleged in its supplementary chargesheet.

The findings were submitted in a supplementary chargesheet filed before a court in Mumbai last week, where it alleged that the PNB was conned by its employees who were hand in glove with Choksi and his company executives and who facilitated the scam as part of a criminal conspiracy.

Supplementary chargesheet filed

The PNB officials at the bank's Brady House branch in Mumbai issued 165 letters of undertaking (LoUs) and 58 foreign letters of credit (FLCs) during March-April 2017, against which 311 bills were discounted.

These LoUs and FLCs were allegedly issued to Choksi's firms without any sanctioned limit or cash margin and without making entries in the bank's central banking system to evade any scrutiny in case of a default.

Based on these LoUs, SBI-Mauritius, Allahabad Bank-Hong Kong, Axis Bank-Hong Kong, Bank of India-Antwerp, Canara Bank-Mamana and SBI-Frankfurt lent money.

In addition to the 18 accused named in the first chargesheet, the agency has named four accused in its supplementary report, including the former international head of the Gitanjali Group of Companies, Sunil Verma, two PNB officials Sagar Sawant and Sanjay Prasad and a director of the Gili and the Nakshtra brands under the group, Dhanesh Sheth.

Centre clears proposal to launch 'deep ocean mission'

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The government on Wednesday approved a proposal of the Ministry of Earth Sciences related to the "Deep Ocean Mission" with an estimated investment of Rs 4,077 crore in five years.

The aim of the mission is to conduct exploration up to 6,000 m under the sea to look for resources and also to develop deep-sea technologies and a deep-sea station. Announcing the decision of the Union Cabinet, Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said the mission would be implemented in a phased manner as in the first phase (2021-24) the government would spend Rs 2,823.40 crore. — TNS

PM at VivaTech: Need to repair and prepare

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called upon the world not to despair due to the recurring waves of the Covid-19 pandemic and instead "repair and prepare" as India is currently doing.

PM Modi also called for insulating the planet against the next pandemic by sustainable lifestyles that stop ecological degradation and strengthening cooperation in research and innovation.

"This time last year, the world was still seeking a vaccine. Today, we have quite a few. Similarly, we have to continue repairing health infrastructure and our economies," the PM said while delivering the keynote address at the fifth VivaTech, one of the largest digital and startup events in Europe held in Paris.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez said cutting-edge technology, knowledge and innovation were keys to resilience in any type of crisis. French President Emmanuel Macron and CEOs of several digital giants, including Facebook, also spoke. — TNS

Covid-hit family starves at home, hospitalised

ALIGARH (UP), JUNE 16

A Covid widow who lost her job due to the pandemic and her five children have been admitted to a hospital here, apparently after going without food for days.

Doctors at the Malkhan Singh District Hospital said the six family members were barely able to talk or stand up when they were admitted on Tuesday by some Good Samaritans.

The mother, Guddi (40), told mediapersons that after having lost her husband, who was the sole breadwinner, to Covid last year, she had been somehow eking out a living by working in a lock factory. That too shut down a few months ago.

After the news surfaced, District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh rushed a team of officials to investigate the matter and extend relief.

> DM sends team to investigate matter and extend relief

After losing her job, Guddi said her eldest son Ajay (20) started working as a construction worker, but due to the lockdown in April, he too lost his job and all sources of income dried up. As no one was able to move out of their house, Guddi said for nearly eight weeks, they survived on "chapatis" which their neighbours used to give them. However, 10 days back even such mercies ended, she said. — PTI

Decision to raise jab gap unanimous, says Vardhan

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

The government on Wednesday said the decision to raise the Covishield dosing interval was taken unanimously by the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and was based on scientific evidence of enhanced efficacy when two shots were administered 12 to 16 weeks apart.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan cited the minutes of two NTAGI meetings that discussed the issue. The minister's statement followed a report in a foreign agency that quoted three NTAGI members — Dr Mathew Varghese, Dr MD Gupte and Dr JP Muliyil — to say the group did not discuss a 12-16 week gap and the debate was on raising the gap to eight weeks from 6-8 weeks.

A Health Ministry note, however, said all three scientists named by the media report attended both NTAGI meetings. "No dissent was given by any of the three members who have been quoted in a news report by Reuters, namely, Dr Varghese, Dr Gupte and Dr Muliyil.

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Fire breaks out at AIIMS in Delhi

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16

A fire broke out at an AIIMS hospital building here on Wednesday evening, Delhi Fire Service officials said. No injury has been reported so far in the fire that broke out on the ninth floor of the hospital's Convergence Block, they said. — PTI

HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST ECOSYSTEM CLIMATE PROOFING PROJECT,
DHARAMSHALA DISTT KANGRA. HP
REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS FOR HIRING OF VEHICLES

Chief Project Director, Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) Dharamshala, requires following vehicles on monthly hiring basis from bonafide and reputed Agencies/Owners for the use of Project activities undertaken in the project in Kangra and Chamba Distt. The quotation in sealed cover on the proforma should reach to the undersigned on or before 30.06.2021 at 11.00AM on the undermentioned address and same would be opened on the same day at 11.30 AM. The quotation proforma along with terms and conditions can be procured from the office of the undersigned on any working day between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM on payment of INR 500.00.

Chief Project Director,
H.P. Forest Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECPP) Dharamshala.

The quotation received late shall be summarily rejected. The Chief Project Director, HPFECPP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the quotation(s) and to relax any of the conditions stipulated without assigning any reason.

1. Mohindrea Bolero (AC)

Chief Project Director,
HPFECP Project, Dharamshala.
HP-176215, Ph. No. 01892-223000

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MOGA
LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPARTMENT PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (14 days)
website: eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-tender Reference No. LGPMCM/2021/24

No. 364/C **Dated: 11.06.2021**

The Municipal Corporation, Moga invites percentage rate basis (above, below, or at par) e-tender on double bid system for the below listed works of Municipal Corporation, Moga. The 3 work amounting 52.42 lacs mentioned at **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** from the contractor/firms enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab and from Co-op L/C Societies registered with Punjab PWD (B&R) who are eligible and fulfill all the terms and conditions Co-op L/C. The tender will be opened as per schedule given below.

Date and time schedule for e-tendering

For Registered Cooperative Societies/Firm/Contractor	
Last Date of Online submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid
06.07.2021 03:00 p.m.	07.07.2021 12:00 p.m.

Any corrigendum/amendments will be uploaded on website only.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer,**
Municipal Corporation, Moga.

DPR/Pb/5343

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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

Sr. No	Name of work	E/Cost	Earnest Money	Time limit
1	Providing LWSS to Village Dadour and Seoli in GP Dadour Tehsil Balh Distt. Mandi HP (SH:- C/O OHSR 38000 & 30000 ltr. Capacity one No. Each with 15 mtr staging)	Rs. 17,73,292/-	Rs. 34,100/-	Three Months
2	Improvement of LWSS Batal Mundroo Troh and Balt Group of Villages in Tehsil Balh District Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/O Storage tanks of 10000 litres capacity at point D,E,J & K, 33000 litres capacity at point H, 13000 litres Capacity at point I and C/O RCC Pump House).	Rs. 10,39,308/-	Rs. 20,800/-	Three Months
3	Improvement of LWSS Batal Mundroo Troh and Balt Group of villages in Tehsil Balh Distt. Mandi HP. (SH:- C/O 1 No. Bore Well).	Rs. 5,63,750/-	Rs. 11,300/-	Three Months

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering: 22/06/2021 upto 05.00PM.

The tender form and other details and conditions can be obtained from the website **https://hptenders.gov.in** or from office of Jal Shakti Division Baggi upto the date specified above.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Baggi.

DPR/HP/1614

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR EMPANELMENT OF ADVOCATES

Zonal Office, Haryana, Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), on behalf of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Funds (EPF), statutory body under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, proposes to engage Panel Counsel(s) to represent the Central Board of Trustees, EPF before various judicial fora viz. Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, Delhi High Court, Delhi, CAT, Chandigarh, Central Government Industrial Tribunal (CGIT), Chandigarh and Delhi, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (SCDRC), Panchkula, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum (District wise Haryana state) and Various lower courts of Haryana (District wise) like C.M.M., J.M., A.C.J.M., CJM, S.D.J.M.

The Practicing Advocates who are registered with Bar Council of India/State Bar council with 10 years of practicing experience are eligible for empanelment. The qualification, experience, Schedule of fees, other terms and conditions and the application format in which the application is to be submitted are available at **www.epfindia.gov.in**

Eligible practicing advocates may submit application in the format prescribed in Annexure-'A' & Annexure-'B' along with all supporting documents in a sealed envelope. The empanelment will be valid for the block year 2021-22 & 2022-23.

The Advocates who are on the existing panel of EPFO shall cease to be on the panel of EPFO after new panel is finalized against this notice. Therefore, they may also apply afresh in response to this notice. Applicants who want to apply for various courts, are required to submit court wise application separately.

The applications in the prescribed format along with supporting documents may be submitted in a sealed envelope by 16.00 hours within 15 days of publication of instant notice, on the following address:-

The Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner (Haryana)
Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
Zonal Office, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Institute of Social Security Adm. Building, Sector 16-A, Old Faridabad — 121002 (Haryana)

Application for empanelment at EPFO does not confer any right/assurance whatsoever, to an applicant that he/she will be empanelled on the panel of EPFO. Letters to advocates confirming their empanelment will be issued by EPFO separately.

(Anita Sinha Dixit),
Additional Central PF Commissioner (Haryana)
Zonal Office, Faridabad.

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