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## LAC: China's air defence at play, joint drill with Pak

AYAJ BANERJEE  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

In a new development along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), China and Pakistan are conducting a joint military exercise in Tibet. It has two-pronged goals — targeting warships, besides launching land attack from sea; and honing air-defence skills to target enemy aircraft, missiles or UAVs.

The exercise comes in the backdrop of a recent move of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which has, for the first time, integrated its units with air-defence assets



### EXERCISE UNDER WAY IN TIBET SINCE MAY 22

- China-Pak joint military drill in Tibet near LAC to end this week
- Exercise includes targeting warships, planes, missiles, UAVs

with PLA-Air Force (PLAAF) along the LAC.

The exercise, which reportedly started on May 22, is scheduled to end in the middle of this week.

China and Pakistan often

### CHINESE AIR-DEFENCE SYSTEM DEPLOYED

- Chinese low-to-medium altitude system (LY80) deployed, has a range of about 150 km
- Anti-ship cruise missiles (YJ-81, YJ-82 & C-802) also being used at the drill



exercise together. This year, the drill comes in the backdrop of around 1-year military standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh. The number of Pakistan troops taking part in the exer-

### INTEGRATING ARMY, AIR FORCE ELEMENTS

- PLA air defence units in its Western Theatre (Tibet & Xinjiang) have formed a combined Air Defence Control System jointly with the PLA-Air Force (PLAAF)
- The PLAAF could be possibly controlling all air defence network assets along the LAC

cise is not known. From the Chinese side, troops of the 3 Air Defence Division are participating in it.

In the run-up to the exercise, the PLA conducted a pre-exercise training for the

Pakistan army at Sargodha, Punjab, Pakistan.

Pakistan already uses some of the missiles being used in this exercise. For India, this means that similar arsenal could be on board PLA navy and Pakistan navy warships. Moreover, Indian pilots, drones and missiles could face similar threats and counters on both borders.

Indian security establishment is aware that the Chinese low-to-medium altitude air-defence system, also known as LY-80, is being used. This is a medium-range surface-to-air defence

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## No vax mix, 1 cr doses daily by July, says govt

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The worst Covid month of May ended on a note of relief for India as the daily new cases on Tuesday fell to 1,27,510, a 70 per cent decline from the May 7 peak of 4.14 lakh, while the case positivity rate dropped to 6.62 per cent, the lowest since April 1 after peaking to 22.35 per cent on May 7.

The daily new cases today touched a 54-day low while the death count in 24 hours stood at 2,795, also the lowest since April 22.

ICMR chief Balram Bhargava warned the states against hasty lifting of lockdowns; this a day after Delhi opened up marginally. The government also ruled out mixing of vaccine doses for India and said mixing was an unresolved scientific question and was "not an Indian protocol".

"Opening up must revolve on three pillars—the area being opened should have less than 5 per cent case positivity rate in a week; 70 per cent of vulnerable popula-

### PAINFUL MAY ENDS WITH RECORD CASES, DEATHS

**1,27,510 FRESH CASES**  
**TOTAL DEATHS 3,31,895**  
**ACTIVE CASES 18,95,520**

**27,955 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS**  
**CENTRE'S UNLOCK ADVISORY**

**1** Areas being opened should have less than 5% positivity rate in a week

**2** 70% of vulnerable population (elderly, 60 plus and 45 plus with comorbidities) must have got vaccinated

**3** Communities must own Covid-appropriate behaviour

### HOW CURBS HELPED

**April 1st week:** Less than 200 dists with over 10% case positivity (ideal positivity under 5%)

**April last week:** 600 districts with over 10% case positivity

**June 1:** 239 dists with over 10% positivity; 145 with 5-10% positivity and 350 (over half of India) with less than 5% positivity

(elderly, 60 plus and 45 plus with comorbidities)

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## China reports 1st human case of H10N3 bird flu

BEIJING, JUNE 1

China has reported the first global case of human infection with the H10N3 strain of bird flu from the country's eastern Jiangsu province, China's National Health Commission said on Tuesday.

The patient, a 41-year-old man from Zhenjiang city, is currently in a stable condition and meets discharge standards, the state-run CGTN TV reported. Health authorities played down the outbreak, saying the case was a sporadic virus transmission from poultry to humans, and the risk of causing a pandemic was extremely low. — PTI

### IN BRIEF

#### Delhi allows home delivery of liquor

NEW DELHI: Delhi Government on Tuesday allowed home delivery of liquor via an app or web portal as per the amended Excise Act. In 2020, the SC had asked states to explore home delivery in view of overcrowding at vends. — TNS

#### HC junks AI decision on terminating pilots

NEW DELHI: Coming to the aid of all Air India pilots whose services were terminated last year, the Delhi High Court on Tuesday quashed the national carrier's decision and directed their reinstatement. — PTI

#### Vatican law criminalises adults' abuse by priests

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis has changed church law to explicitly criminalise the sexual abuse of adults by priests who abuse their authority, and to say laypeople who hold church office can be sanctioned. **WORLD**

## 'Safety a priority', govt cancels CBSE-XII exams

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

In view of uncertain conditions due to Covid, feedback received from stakeholders and apprehensions voiced by parents and students, the Centre today cancelled the Class XII exams.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by PM Narendra Modi. The CBSE and Education Ministry officials gave a detailed presentation on views received from all stakeholders, including states.

"Health and safety of our students is of utmost importance. Covid has affected the academic calendar and the issue of exams has been causing immense anxiety among students and parents, which must be put to an end," the PM said.

The CISCE, which does not



### EVALUATION NORMS SOON

The PM has directed officials to ensure that results are prepared in accordance with "well-defined objective criteria in a fair and time-bound manner"

#### MARKING OPTIONS

- Performance in internal assessment, pre-boards
- Marks obtained in the previous three-four classes
- Class X result may be considered

#### HRY TOO CANCELS EXAMS

The Haryana Government has decided to cancel the Class XII examinations conducted by the state board, Education Minister Kanwar Pal said on Tuesday.

#### CISCE ALSO CALLS OFF EXAMS | PUNJAB TO WAIT & WATCH

come under the Education Ministry, also reportedly cancelled the Class XII exams.

Modi directed officials to ensure that results were prepared in accordance with "well-defined objective criteria in a fair and time-bound manner". It was also decided that like last year, in case some students want to take the exams, the option will be pro-

vided to them as and when the situation becomes conducive.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirjala Sitharaman, Prakash Javadekar, Smriti Irani, and Piyush Goyal. Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal could not attend as he is admitted to AIIMS because of "post-Covid complications".

## Sidhu alerts panel on 'ground realities' in Pb

Capt to meet committee tomorrow  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Days after attacking Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh on alleged lack of justice in the sacrilege and police firing cases, former state minister Navjot Singh Sidhu reiterated his stand before an AICC panel formed to resolve factionalism in the state unit.

"My stand remains unchanged," said Sidhu, who met the panel headed by Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge here today for nearly two hours. "I came here to apprise the AICC committee of Punjab affairs and have alerted them about the ground realities. I have echoed the truth of Punjab eloquently," he said, looking



“My stand still remains unchanged. I've shed light on truth. Truth can be suppressed, not defeated. Punjab, Punjabiyat and Punjabis will win. Navjot Sidhu

### PUNJAB CONG MAY GET NEW CENTRAL IN CHARGE INSIDE

upbeat after emerging from the deliberations.

The Amritsar MLA said all anti-Punjab forces had to be

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## 'Victim tried, not Tejpal': Goa Govt appeals for retrial

MUMBAI, JUNE 1

The Goa Government has, in its appeal before the Bombay High Court against journalist Tarun Tejpal's acquittal in a rape case, said it was a fit case for retrial, citing the trial court's lack of understanding of a victim's post-trauma behaviour and censuring of her character.

The appeal, filed before the HC's Goa Bench, was amended this week to bring on record the judgement and to include further grounds against the acquittal.

The government said the trial court "considered the evidence given by defence witnesses as gospel truth, but at the same time discredited without any finding the evidence given by the victim and the prosecution witnesses". The finding of the trial court on how a woman, who

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## JJP MLA heckled by farmers in Tohana

HISAR, JUNE 1

Ruling JJP MLA Devender Singh Babli was today allegedly heckled by a group of protesting farmers even as he confronted them for obstructing his movement at Tohana in Fatehabad district.

Though the police managed to defuse the situation by escorting Babli away, the MLA alleged the farmers attacked his vehicle and tried to assault him. He alleged his personal assistant sustained injuries. Refuting the charge, the farmers claimed the police resorted to lathicharge following which their two leaders were injured.

Surender Singh, SHO, said they were in the process of registering an FIR. Babli alleged the protesters were anti-social elements in the garb of farmers. Demanding an apology, BKU's Gurnam



### JJP MLA DEVENDER SINGH BABLI VIDEO GOES VIRAL

- The incident took place when MLA Devender Babli visited Tohana Civil Hospital
- A group of farmers gathered there to protest his visit
- One of the protesters allegedly damaged the MLA's car
- In a viral video, the MLA was purportedly seen using abusive language against farmers

Singh Charuni alleged Babli used abusive language against the farmers. "We will protest in Tohana tomorrow," he said. — TNS

## Choksi hearing in Dominica today

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

India has sent an eight-member team to Dominica with relevant documents to assist the Dominican public prose-

### Eight-member Indian team in island nation

cution service to present the case relating to deportation of fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi in the island nation

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## Pop prescribed pills, HP tells Covid suspects

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 1

The State Clinical Team in Himachal today issued a recommendatory presumptive treatment for suspected Covid patients in home isolation.

The data compiled by the Health Department show that of the 3,143 Covid fatalities in the state, many individuals neglected initial symptoms and later succumbed to the virus and were confirmed

### MEDICATION RECOMMENDED

- Tab Ivermectin 12 mg once a day for 3 days
- Tab Zinc 50 mg once daily for 3 weeks
- Tab Vitamin C 500 mg once daily for 3 weeks
- Tab Vitamin D 60,000 IU once a week for 3 weeks
- Cough suppressant for dry irritating cough only
- Steam inhalation twice a day; plenty of fluids
- Tab Paracetamol 500-650 mg 6 hourly till fever subsides

positive after death. Though the number of daily deaths and new infections has started declining, the situation is

far from normal. "All patients awaiting their Covid test reports should be put on presumptive therapy and the

management protocol should be strictly adhered to," advised Nipun Jindal, Director, National Health Mission.

Besides recommending use of masks, hand sanitisation, physical distancing, monitoring oxygen saturation, temperature and pulse for suspect patients, experts have suggested medication, along with vitamin supplements.

As a precautionary measure, it has now been decided

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## Farmers plan stir against Abohar MLA

ABOHAR, JUNE 1

Farmer organisations have decided to stage a dharna outside BJP MLA



**Arun Narang's** Gaushala Road House on June 5. Narang has been keeping a low profile after he was thrashed by a gathering in Malout on March 27 when he was to address mediapersons to highlight the "failures" of the state government. He was recently distributed face masks inside a gaushala and attended a brief function also.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by senior members of the Jambhuri Kisan Sabha; BKU Ekta Ugrahan, Sidhpur; Rajewal and Lakhowal; Krantikari Kisan Union; Kulhind Kisan Sabha; All-India Kisan Sabha; Azad Kisan Morcha; Technical Services Union; Mechanical Technical Union; Tola Dhanak Mazdoor Union; Usari Union; and Revolutionary Farmers Union.

Farmers said Narang had promised to inform the BJP high command about the farmers' resentment over the farm laws, but he had done nothing in this regard. — OC

# Another storm disrupts power supply

Poles damaged in several districts | PSPCL staff on the job to fix faults

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, JUNE 1

A thunderstorm hit the region for the second time in as many days on Monday, snapping power supply to several parts of Punjab. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) officials are still working to restore power to many areas.

Thundershowers and strong wind snapped off power lines in parts of Fazilka, Muktsar, Bathinda, Barnala, Moga, Sangrur, Patiala, Mansa, Ludhiana and Fatehgarh Sahib, officials said.

Electricity poles were reportedly damaged in many villages across the districts. Various educational institutions in Fatehgarh Sahb, including SGGs World University and BBSB Engineering College, were without power. Though the electricity supply had been restored to major parts of the district, residents complained that customer care centres and PSPCL officials were not responding to their calls.

Surinder Singh Bains, Executive Engineer, PSPCL, Fatehgarh Sahib, said officials were trying to rectify the faults.



### COTTON FIELDS, ORCHARDS INUNDATED IN ABOHAR

**Abohar:** Hailstorm and rain caused a widespread damage in Abohar, Sriganganagar and Hanumangarh on Monday night. Three breaches occurred in different canals, inundating recently sown cotton fields and fruit orchards spread over hundreds of acres across the region. Besides uprooting hundreds of trees, the hailstorm damaged solar panels at various places. Power supply was disrupted in many areas. oc

A flooded field (top) and damaged solar panels after hailstorm lashed Abohar on Monday night. TRIBUNE PHOTOS



## Patiala Doppler radar defunct following snag

PATIALA, JUNE 1

The Doppler weather radar at the Patiala centre of the Indian Meteorological Department has been down for the past three days. Heavy rain and high-velocity winds on Sunday and Monday lashed the region, toppling over a number of trees and electricity poles.

Doppler radars are remote sensing instruments used to determine the structure of storms and help predict their severity. A senior official on Tuesday shared information regarding expected strong winds and intense rain in the Chandigarh region along with Rupnagar, Ludhiana, Hoshiarpur, Amritsar, Pathankot and Gurdaspur.

Met officials said a technical fault was identified at 4 am on Saturday. "We have been trying to fix it. This can take a few days as the spare parts are delivered from outside the district," Amit Kumar, head, Doppler weather radar (DWR), Patiala said. He added the radar provided information about the motion, intensity and height of hydrometeors in a 300-km range. The IMD has forecast a spell or two of rain or thundershowers on Wednesday. — TNS



A man erects his uprooted tent.

### PROTESTERS' TENTS UPROOTED IN SANGRUR

**Sangrur:** The storm on Monday night uprooted tents of protesting ETT and TET teachers and farmers while the PSPCL also suffered huge losses here. Later, the protesters again pegged their tents at the spot. Sources in the PSPCL said the storm affected 950 electricity poles and damaged 55 transformers in Sangrur, Sunam, Khanauri, Lehra and other areas. "In total, the storm caused Rs 1-crore damage to the PSPCL. We have restored electricity to 90 per cent areas," said RK Mittal, Superintendent Engineer, PSPCL, Sangrur. tns

## Govt jobs for sons of 4 MLAs on cards

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

Even as certain Congress ministers and MLAs have been crying foul over retired officials being adjusted in government authorities, the present infighting in the Punjab Congress has opened doors of hope for at least four MLAs, including a sitting minister, to get their sons adjusted in government jobs.

Amid a hue and cry over under representation to Dalit leaders, sons of at least two Dalit leaders, a sitting minister and a legislator from the Malwa region, are hopeful of being appointed in the office of the Advocate General (AG), Punjab.

The Punjab Cabinet is scheduled to meet tomorrow through videoconferencing to clear the appointment of legislators Rakesh Pandey and Fateh Jung Singh Bajwa's sons as Tehsildar and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), respectively, on compassionate grounds by tweaking the rules.

Sources in the government said the Home Department had recommended the appointment of Bajwa's son Arjun Partap Bajwa as a sub-inspector, citing objection that the job on compassionate grounds could be offered if the job seeker was dependent on the person losing life or was financially

### CABINET MEET TODAY

The Punjab Cabinet is scheduled to meet on Wednesday through videoconferencing to clear the appointment of MLAs Rakesh Pandey and Fateh Jung Singh Bajwa's sons as Tehsildar and DSP, respectively, on compassionate grounds by tweaking the rules.

poor. The Home Department is learnt to have also pointed out the contents of the FIR regarding the killing of MLA Bajwa's father in a terrorist attack in 1987. MLA Pandey's father Joginder Pal Pandey was killed in Ludhiana. The MLA's son Bhisam Pandey's case was for appointment as a tehsildar.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet is expected to take a call on the implementation of the 6th pay panel recommendations regarding nearly 20 per cent hike in salaries and pensions of Punjab Government employees. Implementing the recommendations will put an extra expenditure of Rs 35,000 crore on the state exchequer. With the commission recommending an over two-fold increase in salaries of all employees from January 1, 2016, the Cabinet is expected to take a call on giving the increased salary from this year onwards and paying the arrears in installments in the next five years.

## SAD terms move illegal

MOGA, JUNE 1

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said once it forms the next government, his party would dismiss the kin of Congress leaders who had allegedly been appointed on compassionate grounds.

He claimed the posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) given to former Chief Minister Beant Singh's grandson and the proposed appointments of the sons of MLAs Fateh Jang Bajwa and Rakesh Pandey as DSP and Tehsildar, respectively, were illegal. — TNS

# Cong likely to get new state affairs in charge

RAJMEET SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

As Punjab Congress leaders and a three-member panel appointed by party president Sonia Gandhi hold parleys to resolve infighting, the party's organisational setup in the state is likely to see a change of guard with Harish Rawat making way for a new Punjab affairs in charge.

AICC general secretary Rawat, who is a former Uttarakhand CM, is keen on focussing on the Assembly elections in his state, scheduled around the time when

Punjab goes to the polls early next year. Sources say he is likely to be the party's CM face in Uttarakhand.

Rawat's appointment as Congress' state affairs in charge in place of Asha Kumari in September last year was seen as a big boost for the anti-Capt Amarinder camp. A Congress veteran, Rawat was tasked with bringing all factions together, especially bridging the rift between the Chief Minister and his former Cabinet colleague Navjot Singh Sidhu.

The new party affairs in charge is likely to be someone



Harish Rawat to focus on Uttarakhand polls

already conversant with the dynamics of Punjab politics, who could strike a balance

## Bathinda AIIMS forms black fungus task force

BATHINDA, JUNE 1

To tackle increasing cases of black fungus (mucormycosis), a mucor task force has been formed by AIIMS, Bathinda. Two patients have already been operated upon, while 10 are under treatment at the institution.

Dr DK Singh, Director, AIIMS, Bathinda, said: "In the present scenario, those detected with mucormycosis need the utmost and swift treatment. A mucor task force has been formed, which operated upon two patients on the very first day. Both the surgeries have been successful. We are ready to help more patients from other districts as well." — TNS



COVID METER		
Cases	2,184	
Critical	296	
Active	33,444	
Deaths	994	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	222	3
SAS Nagar	197	6
Fazilka	194	5
Jalandhar	179	7
Hoshiarpur	146	3
Total	5,69,756	14,649

## Docs protest inaction against Ramdev

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

In protest against government's inaction against yoga guru Ramdev, doctors led by Punjab Civil Medical Services Association (PCMSA) today observed black day across the state.

Recently, Ramdev had allegedly given derogatory and provocative statements against the medical fraternity. PCMSA president Dr Gagandeep Singh said a series of irresponsible statements showed Ramdev's lack of respect for the law of the land. "The mockery of sacrifices of our fellow Covid warriors who died fighting the pandemic is unacceptable," he said.

Deliberate acts of public harm like vaccine denialism and promotion of unscientific remedies for Covid-



Doctors observe black day at AIIMS, New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

19 endanger the core of the long fight against the pandemic, the PCMSA said.

It warned the government that inaction against such people not only demoralises frontline warriors, but also pushes the public towards pseudoscience and supersti-

tions. "There seems to be a covert attempt to coverup the erratic supply and shortage of Covid vaccine and the failure to timely vaccinate the target population," said Dr Gagandeep Shergill, senior vice-president of the association. — TNS

## No space, 19 LMT wheat stored at 'vulnerable' sites

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

A bumper wheat crop this year, when Punjab has once again regained its position as the top wheat producer in the country, has brought along with it storage woes for government agencies.

Punjab has procured a record 132.15 lakh metric tonne wheat in the rabi marketing season that ended on May 13. The initial euphoria over once again regaining its position at the top in wheat production, pipping Madhya Pradesh to the second position, however, was short-lived, as the agencies are now scrambling for safe storage space.

Information available from



the Food Corporation of India's Punjab office shows that 19 lakh metric tonne of wheat is stored in "vulnerable locations" as there is no scientific storage space to store it. This is because the movement of foodgrain from Punjab to the recipient states is rather slow.

Officials in the FCI say they have moved 15 LMT wheat to other states and almost 10 LMT of rice out of Punjab. This is the reason the wheat stored in vulnerable locations is almost half of what it was stored on similar locations last year. "But we are working on moving more grain out of the state, which will help us store the entire wheat stock in scientific storage," an official said. — TNS

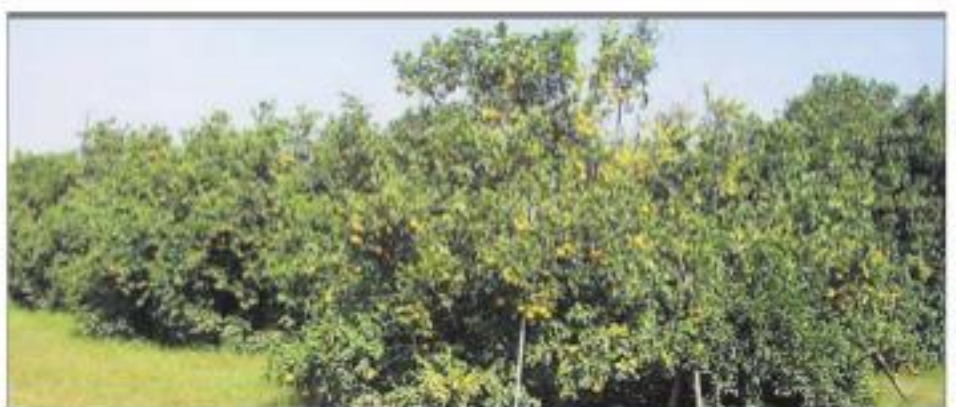
## Poor flowering leaves kinnow growers in Fazilka worried

FAZILKA, JUNE 1

Horticulturists are apprehensive of low yield of kinnow due to poor flowering in the district which is one of the largest kinnow producing belts in the region.

There is more than one reason for poor flowering. Tajinder Singh, Deputy Director (Horticulture), said the fluctuation in temperature was one of the reasons for the present situation. He said all of sudden temperature rose during the flowering stage in February and March, resulting in poor flowering.

A producer of kinnow at Khippanwali village, Sushil Periwal, who is also a recipient of several state awards in quality production of the fruit, said there was apprehension that production would likely dip



### PRODUCTION MAY DECLINE BY 50%

“There is an apprehension that kinnow production will dip likely by more than 50 per cent this year. I hope farmers will be compensated as they may get higher price due to less crop. Sushil Periwal, KINNOW GROWER

by more than 50 per cent this year. He said orchardists witnessed bumper crop last year and after the bumper crop, the yield often declined the next year. He hoped that farmers would be compensated as

they might get higher price due to less crop. The crop would hit the market in December.

Sources said kinnow was cultivated on 36,000 hectares in the district. — OC

# CM to aid of 13-yr-old paper bag seller

Sends a cheque for ₹2L to family, gives contractual job to mother

PARVESH SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SANGRUR, JUNE 1

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has sent a cheque for Rs 2 lakh for the family of Lehra-based 13-year-old girl, who caught the district administration's attention while selling paper bags to earn a livelihood.

After the Sangrur administration's report, the Chief Minister intervened and ensured quick financial aid to the girl's family and also gave a contractual job to the girl's mother. He also directed officers concerned to provide all other required assistance to the family.

Sangrur Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ramvir said Lehragaga SDM Promod Singla had handed over the cheque to the family in



Officials hand over a cheque to the girl's family in Lehra.

Lehra. "After getting information about the family's plight, we prepared a detailed report in the last

week of May. After the Chief Minister's quick intervention, the girl's mother has also been given

a contractual job at the Lehragaga Municipal Council so that family could earn their living respectfully. Besides, on the Chief Minister's directions, a case for a pucca house for the family has also been forwarded to the authorities concerned to take the action on the file on priority," said the Deputy Commissioner.

The girl's father has been ill and at home for the past many years. Her mother is a homemaker. "We are thankful to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and all his officers, who acted quickly to help us. Hopefully things would take a turn for better in future," said the family members after getting the cheque.



# Sacrilege to avenge dera head’s insult, says SIT

Barring one, all accused held on May 16 under ‘Op Surgical Strikes’ | First probe team had charged same men

**JUPINDERJIT SINGH**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1** Six years after the first ‘bir’ of Guru Granth Sahib was stolen from Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village as part of a series of over 170 sacrilege incidents in Punjab, the IG SPS Parmar-led Special Investigation Team (SIT) has reaffirmed that followers of the Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda had carried out the incidents to “avenge an alleged disrespect to dera head Gurmeet Ram Rahim”.

An official note on the probe indicates that the dera followers led by Mohinder Pal Singh Bittu (later killed by gangsters in a Nabha jail) and his associates carried out the sacrilege incidents.

The accused include Sukhjinder Singh, alias Sunny Kanda; Shakti Singh; Ranjit Singh, alias Bhola; Baljit Singh; Nishan Singh; Pardeep Singh, alias Raju Dhodhi; Randeep Singh, alias Neela, and a few others. Barring Neela, other accused were



SIT members IG SPS Parmar (R) and AIG RS Sohal emerge from a police station in Faridkot. FILE PHOTO

arrested by Parmar’s SIT on May 16 this year in an operation called “Surgical Strikes”.

The note has accepted that the recent arrests had not been easy. The accused had already gone through various probe agencies and had approached different legal channels to evade arrest in the past six

years. The pressure was intense because besides the Opposition, several top Congress leaders were pointing fingers at its own government.

Interestingly, the list includes the same group of dera followers as accused as were mentioned in the first SIT led by DIG Ranbir

Singh Khatra. The Khatra report was not upheld by the government. Even the CBI did not accept involvement of the dera followers. It, in fact, filed a closure report.

In January this year, the Punjab and Haryana High Court dissolved the Khatra-led SIT. The Punjab Govern-

## PLAN & EXECUTION

- SI Rajesh Kinger monitored the mobile numbers and location of the accused. The SIT held meetings in Bathinda, not Fardikot, where the intended action had to take place
- On May 16 at 3.30 pm, the illaqa magistrate was informed about the police action. If carried out a working day, raids’ info could have been leaked
- Separate police teams were formed for raids. The team members were not aware of the targets
- Raids were carried out immediately after informing the illaqa magistrate about nabbing the six accused

Singh Manjhi in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village in early 2015. He exhorted people to leave the Dera Sacha Sauda sect. Sikhism underlines Guru Granth Sahib as the living Guru and not any human being as dera followers practised. This incited the dera men, especially Mohinder Pal Singh Bittu, who led a conspiracy to take revenge.

Bittu’s trusted man Sukhjinder alias Sunny Kanda stole a “bir” of Guru Granth Sahib from a gurdwara in Burj Jawahar Wala. Sunny wrote the blasphemous posters against Sikhism and scattered the torn pages of Guru Granth Sahib in Bargari village. Sunny and Shakti later gave the remaining part of the torn “bir” to Bittu. Raju Dhodhi threw about 100 torn pages of the “bir” into a canal.

Calling them “Surgical Strikes”, the arrests were meticulously planned as part of a swift, secret and simultaneous operation. The operation was planned to avoid giving time to the accused to evade arrest.



Protesters demand justice in sacrilege and police firing incidents. FILE

## Bargari stir from July 1 if ‘justice not delivered’

Sikhs mark 6th anniv of Faridkot ‘saroop’ theft

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**FARIDKOT, JUNE 1** As the justice in three sacrilege incidents and two police firing cases of 2015 in the district remained evasive for the past six years, leaders of various Sikh religious-cum-political groups today announced to resume their agitation at Bargari on July 1 if the government failed to do justice in the next 30 days.

To mark the anniversary of the theft of a “saroop” of Guru Granth Sahib from a gurdwara in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village of Faridkot on June 1, 2015, various Sikh and AAP party leaders today reached the gurdwara, accusing the state government of denying justice in the sacrilege and police firing cases.

Accusing the state government of taking no action against the erring police officials who killed two innocent Sikh protesters on October 14, 2015, and not solving the mystery around the theft and desecration of “bir” of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, those speaking at the occasion alleged that all these incidents were part of a well-

## MOVE SC: YAD TO CM

- YAD chief Parambans Singh Romana asked the CM to approach the CJI to probe all sacrilege cases if he was serious about nailing the guilty
- “It’s unfortunate that the Congress after returning to power not only fought to get the cases transferred to the state but also politicised those through IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap,” he said

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- June 1, 2015** ‘Saroop’ of Guru Granth Sahib goes missing in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala, Faridkot
- Sept 24** Posters with derogatory language against the holy book found in Bargari
- Oct 12** Several pages of Guru Granth Sahib found strewn in Bargari
- Oct 14** Police open fire at protesters, killing two

planned conspiracy. Leaders alleged that the Congress was deliberately soft-peddalling these emotive and religious issues. “Justice delayed is justice denied,” they said.

## Teachers’ exam result declared

**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1** The government has announced the results of the test conducted on April 11 for the recruitment of teachers in meritorious schools.

A spokesperson for the School Education Department said the Directorate of Education Recruitment would recruit 67 lecturers and 13 DPEs in subjects of biology, physics, maths, chemistry, Punjabi and English in meritorious schools. The result had been uploaded after resolving the objections of the candidates related to ‘answer key’ and the candidates can see the results by logging in with their IDs. — TNS

# Fresh handwriting sample of accused taken

**BALWANT GARG**  
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**FARIDKOT, JUNE 1** To negate a report of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) of the CBI in which the agency had given a clean chit to all three prime accused of sacrilege incidents, the SIT of the Punjab Police today collected the handwriting samples of Sukhjinder Singh alias Sunny, accused of writing the blasphemous posters, in the court of Judicial Magistrate Ist Class (JMIC), Faridkot.

The CFSL, in its report dated August 28, 2018, had



The accused being produced in a Faridkot court on Tuesday.

claimed that the handwriting on the posters did not match with any of the suspects — Mohinder Pal, alias Bittu; Sukhjinder Singh, alias Sunny; Shakti Singh

and eight others in the Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and Bargari sacrilege incidents. However, claiming that the CBI did not properly compare the handwritings

of the accused with that on the posters, an SIT official today approached the JMIC court here, seeking to collect a sample of Sukhjinder’s handwriting.

Before the investigation in the sacrilege cases was transferred to the SIT in January this year on the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, it was being investigated by the CBI.

Besides giving a clean chit to the accused in the writing of sacrilegious posters, the CBI’s CFSL had found all the accused as “truthful” in their polygraph test.

While the new SIT arrested six Dera Sacha Sauda followers on May 16, the accused are relying on the CBI report, which had given them a clean chit.

Nearly 75 persons underwent various tests, including forensic psychological assessment, handwriting, polygraph (lie detection test), palm/finger prints examination, layered voice analysis tests in CFSL between September 2016 and August 2018 during the investigation in three sacrilege incidents at Bargari and Burj Jawahar Singh Wala between June and October, 2015.

# SC panel puts state on notice over promotions

**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1** The National Commission for Scheduled Castes has issued a notice to the government over non-adherence of reservation policy while promoting police officers from the PPS to IPS.

This comes close on the heels of certain Congress Dalit leaders pointing out under-representation of Dalits during IAS and IPS officers’ postings. Commission chairman Vijay Sampla had on April 7

said 24 Punjab Police Service (PPS) officers were promoted to the Indian Police Service (IPS) cadre but none was from the Scheduled Caste.

Sushil Kumar, a PPS officer posted as the Commandant,

1st IRB, had also informed the commission about non-adherence of the reservation policy. The commission has sought a reply within 15 days listing facts and information on the action taken. — TNS

## Jobless protest in Bathinda

**BATHINDA, JUNE 1** The joint front of unemployed youth staged a protest and burnt an effigy of the state government over its alleged failure in fulfilling its pre-poll promises and giving them jobs.

The union representatives said meetings scheduled with the government were cancelled on numerous occasions and now they had decided to gherao the Moti Mahal residence of the CM in Patiala on June 8. Notably, members of the front have been sitting on an indefinite dharna outside the Education Minister’s residence since December 31. After the panel meeting with the government on May 31 remained inconsequential, they decided to protest on June 1. — TNS

## Test schedule for posts of teacher

**CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1** The Directorate of Education Recruitment has issued a schedule for the recruitment of teachers for various posts.

A spokesperson for the School Education Department said an advertisement was issued on March 31 for the recruitment in the master cadre (border area) under the door-to-door employment scheme. Accordingly, 518 posts of science, 380 posts of English and 395 posts of maths teachers will be filled. Similarly, an advertisement was issued on May 17 to fill 90 backlog posts in the physically handicapped category. — TNS

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# Another KTF man held in Moga, pistols seized

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MOGA, JUNE 1

Close on the heels of the arrest of two operatives of the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), the Punjab Police have also nabbed their third accomplice Kamal-jeet Sharma, alias Kamal, who is involved in the murder of a dera follower, a Moga businessman and Sukha Lamme, and the firing on a priest in KTF chief Hardeep Nijjar's village.

Kamal, a resident of Dala village in Moga, was arrested near Nathuwala Jadid village in the district. Four .315-bore pistols with 10 live cartridges were recovered from his possession, DGP Dinkar Gupta said on Tuesday. On May 22, two associates of Kamal — Lovepreet Singh, alias Ravi, and Ram Singh, alias Sonu — were

## ACCUSED OF MURDER

Moga SSP Harmanbir Singh Gill said **Kamal-jeet Sharma**, alias Kamal, received funding via hawala and Western

Union from his Canada-based associates in lieu of committing murders and firing on a priest

arrested from Moga.

The trio had been found acting on the directions of the Canada-based KTF chief, who has been notified as a 'designated terrorist' under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

The DGP said besides Nijjar, three other KTF co-

conspirators — Arshdip, Ramandip and Charanjit — are hiding in Surrey (BC), Canada, and all-out efforts were being made to deport them to face prosecution and criminal trial.

The police also recovered from Kamal's possession a Mahindra Bolero, bearing a fake registration number, and three motorcycles used in the dera follower and Moga businessman's murder and the firing incident in Phillaur.

SSP Harmanbir Singh Gil said on the confession of Lovepreet Singh, they had also recovered a .32 bore pistol used in the murder of the Moga businessman. So far, a total of five .32 bore pistols, seven .315 bore pistols and one .12 bore country-made pistols had been recovered from these gangsters in the past few days.

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AMRITSAR, JUNE 1

UP Congress leader Sandeep, alias Pintu Tiwari, who was arrested for allegedly helping a group of Punjab gangsters in September 2017, has been found "innocent" by a special investigation team (SIT) of the Bureau of Investigations, which is headed by IG (Crime) G Nageshwar Rao.

Tiwari was arrested by the anti-terror squad of the Punjab Police after a case was registered in this regard with the State Special Operation Cell (SSOC) here.

While a supplementary challan was presented in the trial court in Amritsar, a status report was submitted in the Punjab and Haryana High Court recently. The SIT was formed after Pintu's mother Prema Tiwari approached the DGP claiming he was innocent.

Pintu's arrest by the Pun-

## 2017 ARREST FOR 'AIDING' GANGSTERS

- UP Congress leader Pintu Tiwari was arrested in 2017 by anti-terror squad for allegedly giving money and weapons to Punjab gangsters
- A supplementary challan was presented in the Amritsar trial court, while a status report was submitted in the Punjab and Haryana High Court recently
- The SIT claimed the charge of Tiwari facilitating gangster Gopi Ghanshampur's release by bribing UP cops could not be established as the UP Police never arrested him

jab Police team, headed by then chief of anti-terrorist squad IG Kunwar Vijay Partap Singh, had ruffled many a feather as he was considered close to a top Congress leader in Delhi.

Following the arrest, the police had claimed Tiwari used to provide logistic support such as money and weapons to a group of Punjab gangsters, besides offering shelter to some other gangsters.

The arrest came following the mysterious disappearance of gangster Gopi Ghanshampur, a prime suspect in the Nabha jail

break case.

It was alleged Tiwari facilitated the release of Gopi, who was reportedly arrested by the UP special task force. The UP Government had held a high-level probe in this regard. After probing the allegations levelled against him, the SIT found out Pintu had made phone calls to certain police officers to enquire about Gopi only at the insistence of a friend and Congress leader, Harjinder Singh Kahlon, and that he did not know about Gopi at the time.

It pointed out that though Pintu, Kahlon and

another individual, Aman-deep, had talked about securing Gopi's release by paying money to the UP Police, there was substantial evidence to suggest the arrest was not made by the UP Police as per their report. Tiwari was made an accused only on the basis of call details and social media chatting of the three, it said.

When Gopi was not arrested by the UP Police, the question of paying them money did not arise, the SIT pointed out. Also, the SSOC failed to place enough evidence on record to prove the allegation. The SIT pointed out no evidence was found regarding the allegations of sheltering gangsters, supply of weapons, smuggling drugs and making arrangements of their stay. The HC has fixed August 27 as the next date of hearing, while the trial court will take up the case on July 2.



## High Court stays dispossession of Ludhiana villagers

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has stayed the dispossession of villagers apprehending displacement following a move to acquire land for construction, maintenance, management and operation of the National Highway-5 on the Kharar-Ludhiana section.

The direction by the vacation Bench of Justice Jaishree Thakur came on a petition filed against the Union of India and other respondents by Manjit Singh and other landowners in Katani Kalan village in Ludhiana district through counsel Charanpal Singh Bagri.

Appearing before the Bench through videoconferencing, Bagri contended the competent authority under the National Highway Act only passed an award pertaining to the land. But the authority had not passed any award pertaining to the structure. As such, the authority failed to comply with the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Bagri added the respondents were threatening to dispossess the petitioners.

Issuing a notice of motion to the state and other respondents, Justice Thakur asserted: "In the meantime, dispossession of the petitioners herein is stayed." The case will now come up for further hearing on November 10.

# Accused of abetting suicide, cop surrenders

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR/SRIGANGANAGAR, JUNE 1

A police constable, who had been evading arrest in connection with an abetment to suicide case, surrendered at the Kesarisinghpur police station on Tuesday. Earlier, members of different organisations had staged a dharna against the police over the incident.

Constable Mani Ram Chauhan had been booked for abetting suicide of a married woman. In a video, she had alleged that he had been exploiting and blackmailing her for the past few months. Chauhan was deployed at Sadulshehar, 31 km from

Abohar.

The 30-year-old Dalit woman from Sriganganagar ended life on Friday by jumping into a canal after uploading a message on her mobile phone.

She had reportedly left the house around 9 am on Friday. Her body was later found stuck in a subcanal that emanates from the Gang canal. The police reached the spot and found her phone near the canal.

In the video, she apologised to her parents, husband and three children, saying that she was fed up with her life. She had accused Chauhan of raping her repeatedly.

# Gang rivalry behind Patti double murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, JUNE 1

The district police today claimed to have solved the Patti double murder case in which two residents — Amandeep Singh Fauji and Prabhdeep Singh, alias Pooran — were shot on May 27, while their third associate was injured seriously.

A case under Sections 302, 307 and 34 of the IPC, and Sections 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act was registered by the Patti city police. SSP Dhruvan H Nimbale said the killings were the outcome of personal enmity between two groups involving gangsters.

Though the police had arrested three suspects —

## NRI planned killings over ransom, says SSP



SSP Dhruvan H Nimbale addresses the media in Tarn Taran.

Malkit Singh Laddoo of Patti, Paramjit Singh Pamma of Harike and Manpreet Singh, alias Manna, of Manochahal — the suspected shooters were still

at large. Two pistols with nine cartridges were recovered from them.

The police probed the role of NRI Lakhbir Singh Landa from Harike. He had

migrated to Canada one-and-a-half years ago and faced eight criminal cases.

The SSP said Landa had demanded ransom from a person from the area in Canada. Fauji, however, asked the individual not to pay the ransom. Landa then planned to kill Fauji and his associates by hiring contact killers. He contacted Preet Sanghwan from Amritsar, who demanded Rs 20 lakh for the job, but Landa paid him Rs 6 lakh, claimed the police.

Laddoo gathered information about Fauji's movement and gave it to the gangsters. They chose May 27 for the killing as Fauji used to visit a mausoleum on the outskirts of the town every Thursday.

# Can't dispense with dept inquiry for baseless reasons: HC

If competent authority forgoes probe, it must examine how it was not practicable

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that a departmental inquiry against delinquent officials cannot be dispensed with by recording reasons having no foundation. The Bench further made it clear that a competent authority was required to examine how, and in what manner, holding of a departmental inquiry was not practicable, while dispensing with the requirement.

The Bench also made it clear that it was not necessary to record the reasons in the order of removal itself. The reasons could be recorded on the file. The

## CASE PERTAINS TO DISMISSAL OF COPS

- The ruling by Justice Anil Kshetarpal came in a case where two police officials were dismissed from service
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The competent authority, vide order dated June 27, 2019, dispensed with the services of the petitioner on the ground that it would not be correct to hold a departmental inquiry against the officials as "none is likely to come forward to depose"

due to their fear.

Justice Kshetarpal asserted Article 311 of the Constitution of India conferred a protection upon a delinquent, which could not be dispensed with easily and arbitrarily, merely to avoid the holding of an inquiry. Its careful reading made it apparent that no public servant would be dismissed or removed from service or reduced in rank, except after holding an inquiry in which he would be informed of the charges framed against him and given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. Clause (b) enabled the authority to dispense with the requirement, if it was satisfied for the reasons to be recorded in writing that it was not

reasonably practicable to hold such inquiry.

Allowing the petition, Justice Kshetarpal asserted the competent authority undoubtedly recorded that the witnesses would not come forward to give statements against the petitioners. But there was no basis for the reason. The petitioners were on the lowest rank in the police.

"It is declared that the petitioners shall not be entitled to be reinstated in the service. They will continue to be under suspension. The official respondents are directed to complete the departmental inquiry in accordance with law within six months positively," Justice Kshetarpal concluded.

# Willing to join party that sets up accountability panel: Niranjn

JALANDHAR, JUNE 1 Slapped with a chargesheet by his own department over violation of conduct rules on his last working day, Enforcement Directorate's former Deputy Director Niranjn Singh today said he was ready to join politics but on certain conditions.

Niranjn said he was ready to serve in a party that would promise people of the state an accountability commission. The commission would ensure accountability of all political bosses and bureaucrats who had lent support to drug, transport and sand mining mafias over the past 15-20 years.

"I am ready to serve in a party in which the CM and ministers shun the helicopter culture and zip past the length



Niranjn Singh

and breadth of the state by road," said the officer, while maintaining he won't join the Congress, SAD or AAP. Asked whether he could join the BJP, he burst into laughter. Niranjn is known for his proximity to top serving and retired IPS officials who have political interests in the near future. Niranjn, who originally belongs to Moga before mov-

ing to Sangrur, said: "I was a political activist as a student. I was an SFI leader. But as of today, I have no Left or Right leaning. I am a 'straightist'."

The ED official also confided during his career, he had faced several life threats. Recalling an incident wherein he was bringing drug lord Jagdish Bhola to Jalandhar for an inquiry from a Patiala court, he said: "The plan was to bring him to the Jalandhar office and all security arrangements had been made. But a good friend of mine shared an intelligence input that some elements had plans to eliminate Bhola en route to Jalandhar. So, I changed the plan and took Bhola to the Chandigarh ED office instead." — TNS

# Takht to come up with film on Op Bluestar

AMRITSAR, JUNE 1

Thirtyseven years on, Akal Takht has announced a documentary on the Army's Operation Bluestar.

For the purpose, officiating Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh has asked eyewitnesses and others to submit their experiences in a video format so that these could be compiled to recreate what happened inside the Golden Temple complex between June 1 and 10 in 1984. The idea is to have an authentic and credible account with the help of eyewitness' interviews and interrogation reports of the Army. The Jathedar met an eyewitness, Harwinder Singh Khalsa, a 'Panth Sewak' awardee, to know about his experience. — TNS

# 2 Jal officers in senior naval positions

Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh has been appointed Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR

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JALANDHAR, JUNE 1

Coming as a moment of pride for Jalandhar, two senior positions in the Indian Navy are now held by officers hailing from the district.

While Admiral Karambir Singh was born near Adampur in Jalandhar, Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh, who took the charge as the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, hails from Lajpat Nagar in Jalandhar city. The Deputy Chief's father Avtar Manmohan Jit Singh (91) resides here and is a practising lawyer in the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Sessions Court. He has also been the member of the Jalandhar Improvement Trust.

On his son's success, the nonagenarian said, "It is such



an exciting moment to know that my son has risen to such a great height. He called me to take my blessings before joining the office today. I wish that he continues to serve the nation with utmost responsibility and diligence."

Admiral Ravneet Singh lost his mother Sarabjit Kaur three

years back. She had served as the Principal of Ramgarhia College, Phagwara, and was also a board member of Punjab Agricultural University. Avtar Manmohan Jit Singh said, "Ravneet studied for some years at St Joseph's School here, where his mother was also a teacher initially.

## PROUD OF MY SON

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Avtar Manmohan Jit Singh, FATHER OF VICE ADMIRAL RAVNEET SINGH

<< The parents of Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh in Jalandhar. FILE

Later, he moved to Kendriya Vidyalaya and then graduated from DAV College in Jalandhar before joining the forces." Vice Admiral Ravneet has two brothers. His elder brother served in the Army and retired as a colonel. His younger brother is settled in the US.

# SGPC against sale of holy text online

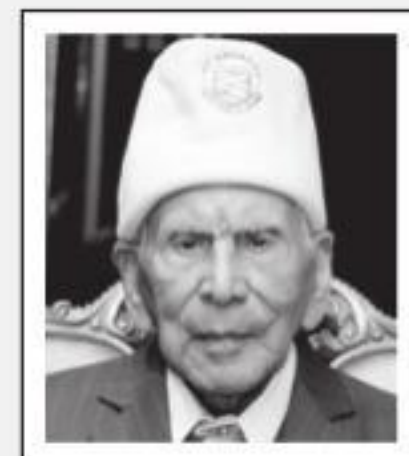
AMRITSAR, JUNE 1

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee has taken a grim view of the sale of holy 'sainchis' (volumes) of Guru Granth Sahib and 'gutka' by an e-commerce website.

SGPC chief secretary Harjinder Singh Dhami said a legal notice was being sent to Amazon against the sale, which was against the Sikh principles.

"Amazon has been asked to remove the link for the sale of Guru Granth Sahib sanchis and gutka from its website immediately or face legal action. It is unethical to sell holy scriptures online as during the delivery, no 'rehat maryada' can be maintained. We have received complaints from devotees following which action was taken," he said. — TNS

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# 74% drop in patients at M'garh in 20 days

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MAHENDRAGARH, JUNE 1

The district has witnessed around 74 per cent decline in the number of Covid patients admitted to government and private hospitals in the past 20 days, while a drop of over 83 per cent in total positive cases has also been recorded in the past week, providing some relief to the health authorities.

Ajay Kumar, Deputy Commissioner (DC), said 317 Covid patients were undergoing treatment at various hospitals in the district on May 13, but the number had now got reduced to merely 82, while 500 patients were still in home isolation and the teams were daily monitoring their health.

“The number of Covid cases is persistently coming down in the district. A total of 89 persons tested positive on May 26, but the number is 15 today. Similarly, 5,113 were the total active cases in the district on May 11, while 582 persons are now battling against the infection,” said the DC, adding that the district recorded 134 Covid



A health official takes a sample at a Mahendragarh village.

ACTIVE CASES: 582		COVID METER	
“The number of Covid cases is coming down. In all, 89 persons tested positive on May 26, but the number was 15 on Tuesday. On May 11, active cases were 5,113. Today, the number has come down to 582.		Cases	1,233
		Recovered	3,453
		Active	16,280
		Deaths	80
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT			
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	
Sirsa	124	5	
Hisar	114	15	
Faridabad	105	1	
State total	7,571	8,383	

Ajay Kumar, MAHENDRAGARH DC

deaths and the recovery of a total 20,778 patients so far.

Kumar said 545 of the total 627 beds were vacant at present. Merely 12 out of 59 ICU

beds, 47 out of 322 oxygen beds, eight of 213 non-oxygen beds and nine of the 33 ventilator beds were occupied in the district, he added.

## IMA demands action against Ramdev

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JUNE 1

The Indian Medical Association, (IMA), Karnal chapter, today demanded strict action against yoga guru Ramdev over his comments on allopathy.

The association said they would hold a protest tomorrow by wearing black badges and also submit a memorandum to the district health authorities.

Dr Kamal Bhushan Jain, president of the IMA, Karnal, said Ramdev's comments on allopathy were irresponsible and the government should take action against him.

Dr Kamal said Ramdev had insulted doctors and paramedical staff. “He should have praised the efforts of the doctors and paramedical staff, who have been working tirelessly and risking their lives amid the pandemic outbreak,” Dr Kamal added.

### SEEKS APOLOGY FROM YOGA GURU

■ The central executive committee of the Haryana Civil Medical Services (HCMS) Association has sought an apology from yoga guru Ramdev for his remarks against the allopathic doctors

■ In a statement issued here on Tuesday, the association condemned Ramdev's statement

and supported the call for a nationwide strike by the Federation of Resident Doctors Associations (FORDA)

■ The association says HCMS doctors will continue to work, but will extend support to the agitations by FORDA as well as the IMA in favour of allopathic doctors

## Judicial officer dies of Covid

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JUNE 1

Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sirsa, Basruddin, died due to post-Covid illness at a private hospital here today.

Sources said he had got infected recently and was on path to recovery. However, due to severe infection and complications, he could not be saved.

## Plot allotment case needs to be taken up speedily: Special court

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

The court of Special Judge under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), Panchkula, today remarked that the Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s industrial plot allotment case against former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda and 21 others “needs to be taken up speedily and expeditiously”.

As per the ED's allegations in the case, the industrial plots were illegally allotted in Panchkula at lesser rates than circle rates and market rates by altering the

criteria to favour people closer to Hooda.

Special Judge Dr Sushil Kumar Garg reasoned that given the directives issued by the Supreme Court in ‘Public Interest Foundation & Ors Vs Union of India’, and ‘Ashwani Kumar Upadhaya Vs Union of India’, dated September 10, 2020, “the proceedings of all criminal cases and complaints against the former and sitting MPs/MLAs are required to be taken up on urgent basis and an endeavour is to be made by the trial courts to decide the matter speedily and expeditiously”.

## HC refuses to stay disciplinary proceedings against Registrar

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that a department cannot be expected to wait endlessly for the trial in a criminal case to conclude. The ruling came as a Division Bench refused to stay disciplinary proceedings in the HCS paper leak case against Balwinder Kumar Sharma, Additional District Judge posted as Registrar (Recruitment).

The Bench of Justice Jaswant Singh and Justice Sant Parkash observed that charges were framed against the petitioner based on the fact that a question paper of HCS (Judicial Branch)-2017 was leaked by him following his intimacy with one Sunita.

She, in turn, gave it to other co-accused, leading to parting of Rs 1.5 crore by the com-

### HCS PAPER LEAK

plainant-candidate. These allegations had led to the framing of charges for cheating, criminal breach of trust and other offences under Sections 409, 420, 120-B and 201 of the IPC and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Bench observed that the petitioner, being a judicial officer holding the rank of an Additional District Judge and posted as Registrar (Recruitment), was required to have the highest standards of propriety and moral conduct. The petitioner's call details showed 726 calls and 34 messages made between him and accused Sunita, who incidentally was a topper in the HCS (Judicial) preliminary examination. “This, prima facie, reflects towards a conduct not behaving the post that the

petitioner was holding.”

The Bench added a charge in the “Articles of Charge” showed that the disciplinary authority also charged the employee for immoral conduct and, thereby, violating the Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1966, as he had allegedly developed intimate relations with Sunita. He was also charged with failing to maintain absolute integrity as expected from a judicial officer. These charges, by no stretch of imagination, could be gone into or punished by the Criminal Court.

Referring to a judgment in the case of “Capt M Paul Anthony”, the Bench added the departmental proceedings could be proceeded with for arriving at the conclusion on an early date, where there was delay in the disposal of a criminal case.

## In Palwal, 88 violators nabbed last month

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PALWAL, JUNE 1

Nearly 13,000 challans were issued and 88 persons arrested for violating the lockdown norms in May in the district.

The police registered a total of 61 cases and imposed a fine of Rs 52.57 lakh for the violation of mask rule.

A spokesperson for the Police Department said in order to strictly implement the lockdown guidelines, the cops registered cases under the National Disaster Management Act and Section 144 of the IPC against the lockdown violators. He said while around 10,515



A challaning drive underway in Palwal.

₹52.57L	13,000	280
fine for violating face mask rule	challans for norms violation	vehicles were impounded

challans were issued for facemask violation, the police recovered a penalty of Rs 52,57,500 from the offenders. Besides this, he said as many as 280 vehicles were impounded with a total of 2,370 traffic challans during this period.

Claiming that the cops displayed grit and dedication on their field duty, he said 55 of them got infected with Covid in the past two months. Of these, 49 cops have recovered and joined their duty.

Regarding vaccination, the spokesperson said as many as 1,565 cops had got their first jab, while 1,140 had received both the doses so far.

## 3.5 crore doses to be administered

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

The state government aims to administer Covid vaccine to 1.76 crore persons, including 1.05 crore falling in the 18 to 44 age group. The remaining 71 lakh doses will be administered to persons above 45 years. Of the 3.5 crore doses to be administered, 57.11 lakh have been administered — 16 per cent of the target.

A government spokesman said the state government had released Rs 316 crore for vaccines. — TNS

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## Ex-cop, kin held for 'thrashing' two migrant children

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, JUNE 1

The Gurugram police have arrested three persons, including a retired sub-inspector, for allegedly handcuffing and thrashing two migrant children.

The victims had a feud with the former cop's family over playing cricket. In a video that went viral, a boy was handcuffed and tied to an electric pole then thrashed badly by the ex-cop and his family members. The video was shot and uploaded on social media by a neighbour.

According to the complaint filed by Suraj, a native of Rai Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh and currently living in Sector 39 of Gurugram, it was on Sunday evening when and his brother Vishwajit were playing cricket near a gurdwara. At that time, the former cop, Naveen, was also playing there and he was abusing us, Suraj told the police.

“On objecting, Naveen slapped me and a clash started. Naveen was injured in the clash. When we were returning home, Naveen's father and elder brother stopped us and they tied Vishwajit to an electric pole and handcuffed him. They then thrashed us brutally. They took me inside their home where they thrashed me with sticks and it was only when people gath-

### Feud over cricket



A video grab shows the accused tying the victim to a pole and thrashing him.

ered there and the police was called, they freed us. The entire episode was also captured in the CCTV footage,” Suraj alleged.

Following the complaint, an FIR has been registered under Sections 147 (riot), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (causing hurt) and 342 (wrongful confinement) of the IPC at the Sadar police station.

“We have arrested the three accused identified as Prem Babu, his two sons Naveen and Vipin and are questioning them. We are trying to recover the handcuffs that were reportedly used in the crime,” said Inspector Dinesh Yadav, SHO, Sadar police station.

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Sedition law must go

British-era clause can't be used to fix activists, journalists

AFTER over seven decades of Independence, India is struggling to get rid of the sedition law — widely misused against activists and journalists. In view of its 'chilling effect', the Supreme Court has decided to examine the archaic Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in the context of media freedom after the filing of sedition cases against journalists in Andhra Pradesh. According to Section 124A, a person commits sedition if he/she brings or attempts to bring in hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India. It attracts life imprisonment.

After Independence, sedition was proposed in the Constituent Assembly as one of the grounds to restrict freedom of speech and expression. But KM Munshi opposed it, saying that if sedition were allowed to stay, 'an erroneous impression would be created that we want to perpetuate 124A of the IPC or its meaning which was considered good law in earlier days.' After the Constitution came into force, the Punjab High Court in *Tara Singh Gopi Chand v. the State* (1951) declared Section 124A unconstitutional. Once described as 'highly objectionable and obnoxious' by Nehru, Section 124A continues to be on the statute book, thanks to the First Amendment piloted by him that added 'public order' to Article 19(2) as a ground to restrict free speech.

It was on the basis of public order in Article 19(2) that the SC, in Kedarnath Singh's case (1962), upheld the validity of Section 124A. However, the court restricted its scope to some extent. In Balwant Singh's case (1995), it let off two men accused of raising anti-India slogans, hours after Indira Gandhi's assassination in 1984, saying that raising of slogans a couple of times — which neither evoked any response nor any reaction from the public — couldn't attract sedition. The court's comment about possible filing of sedition cases against news channels for showing a body being thrown into a river indicates that the problem runs much deeper. Many countries, including the UK and Australia, have abolished the sedition law. It's time for India to follow suit.

Centre vs state

West Bengal needs good governance, not one-upmanship

THE unsavoury tug of war between the Centre and the West Bengal Government over IAS officer Alapan Bandyopadhyay demonstrates how badly the political class has dented the 'steel frame of India'. The episode shows that confrontation is a foregone conclusion when there is no consultation. Days after extending Bandyopadhyay's tenure as the Chief Secretary by three months to enable him to continue his work of managing the Covid pandemic in the state, the Centre had on May 28 sought the officer's services and asked the state government to relieve him immediately. The Centre, which cited Rule 6(1) of the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules in its order recalling Bandyopadhyay, preferred not to keep the state in the loop before initiating the move. The rule says that a cadre officer may, with the concurrence of the state government concerned and the Centre, be deputed for service under the Central Government or another state. In case of disagreement, the Centre's writ will run. However, no effort was made in this case to explore the possibility of concurrence.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, known for never shying away from a faceoff with the Union government, was quick to link the 'unilateral' order to her May 28 meeting with the Prime Minister. The timing of the move was questionable as it was at variance with the Centre's earlier decision to grant extension to the officer. Moreover, the Centre erred by bypassing the due process of consultation, giving short shrift to the state which needed the officer's services at this critical juncture.

With Mamata appointing Bandyopadhyay as her chief adviser after his retirement instead of relieving him, the Centre is expected to pull out all the stops to make him fall in line and get back at the defiant CM. The tussle will only make the officer sink deeper into the morass created by two power centres and demoralise the Indian bureaucracy at large. The developments also underscore a betrayal of the Bengal voters' mandate. The Assembly elections ended a month ago. Now is the time for good governance, not for petty political fights detrimental to the state's interests.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Bureaucracy is the epoxy that greases the wheels of progress. — James Boren

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1921

"Disaffection of a Less Violent Character."

WE have in our leading article ventured to advise the Government not to depart from the November policy, and to confine criminal prosecutions, if and where they are deemed both necessary and expedient, to cases of actual, incitement to disorder or violence. It is necessary to add that the policy assumed that public opinion would assert itself in preventing or suppressing the translation of more violence of language into violent action. We maintain that this assumption has been largely justified. In spite of sporadic instances of disorder in certain localities and on a strictly local scale, the national movement has on the whole retained its peaceful character. At the same time, we are in complete agreement with those, whether official or unofficial, who say that public opinion should go even further and should leave no stone unturned to completely eliminate violence. Mahatma Gandhi has repeatedly pointed out that the success of his non-co-operation movement is absolutely dependent upon the elimination of violence, and violence, as he has often explained, is not merely violence in action, but violence in speech or writing and even in thought. We do think, therefore, that all who wish the non-co-operation movement to succeed are bound to make a point of doing everything in their power, whether privately or publicly, to discourage all forms of violence. Indeed, as Mr. Gandhi said in his recent article, this is common ground between the Government and the people. It is the Government's duty to confine prosecutions within the narrow limits of cases of actual and prospective violence, and it is the duty of public opinion to deal with all other cases in an effective way. We may not be able to prevent the Government from charging us with sedition, for even legitimate criticism, but we can surely make it impossible for it to convict us, before the bar of public opinion, of the use of violent and intemperate language.

Caught in the middle

Power of appointment and transfer being used to bend bureaucracy to political will



SHYAM SARAN

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THE bureaucracy once again finds itself in political crosshairs as a controversy has erupted over the unexpected transfer order issued by the Central government to the outgoing Chief Secretary of West Bengal, Alapan Bandyopadhyay. The officer was to retire on May 31, but the Union government had approved a three-month extension in service, just days before PM Modi visited the state for a survey of the cyclone-related damage last week. The Department of Personnel and Training, which handles matters relating to the civil services, gave no reason for its peremptory order to Bandyopadhyay to report to it on May 31 in Delhi. The department did not go through the procedure for the deputation of civil servants belonging to a state cadre to the Centre. There should have been a formal request to the state government for his deputation and the rules provide for the state to refuse. Only then may the Centre exercise its authority to insist on the implementation of its request. Despite his seniority, the West Bengal Chief Secretary has been treated as a mere pawn in the political and personal tussle between Modi and the West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee.

Over the past several years, a sizeable number of civil servants in state cadres have refrained from seeking appointments in the Central government, preferring to stay in service at the state level. This is in sharp contrast to earlier years when postings at the Centre were much sought after. This may be due to a growing perception that the role and status of a professional civil servant have diminished under the Modi government.

The role of the civil service has



PUNCHING BAG: Despite his seniority, the Bengal Chief Secretary has been treated as a mere pawn in the Modi-Mamata tussle. PTI

There is a growing perception that the role and status of a civil servant have diminished under the Modi government.

been a controversial issue from the early years of our republic. In 1969, Indira Gandhi had called for a 'committed civil service'. But the Constitution and service rules conceived a merit-based civil service, recruited through national competitive examinations and required to undergo professional training and advance through an evaluation process conducted within the respective service, that is, through the judgement of the senior echelons, as reflected in the Annual Confidential Reports (ACR). The political masters play no role in this evaluation process. Even the 360-degree evaluation process adopted for the All India Services in 2016 does not provide for a politician's role, say, a minister, in assessing the quality of an officer.

The All India Services and other Central services are constitutionally protected as they are committed to uphold the Constitution. This has not prevented political interference in the functioning of the bureaucracy and the latter, too, has been complicit in this, but there have been, and continue to be, honourable exceptions. Political masters hold the power of appointment and transfer, and this has been used to bend the bureaucracy to political

will. This is both at the Central and state levels. The growing politicisation of the bureaucracy is likely to continue under a political dispensation that appears to value loyalty and ideological affinity in its bureaucrats more than professional skills and experience. I have pointed out earlier that the role of the professional in government today is to validate a political preference rather than tender the best possible advice based on knowledge and experience. The governance gaps that have become so obvious in the mishandling of the second wave of the pandemic can be traced to this unfortunate predilection.

Despite dissatisfaction with the performance of the bureaucracy, whether among politicians or the general public, one has to accept that it is indispensable to the governance of a modern state. What are some of the modest ways in which an efficient and responsive, merit-based civil service may be nurtured?

One, recruitment rules must go back to limiting entry to the age group 21-24 and allowing repeated attempts only within this age limit. Currently, 32 years is the upper age limit in the general category and 35 years in the reserved category. The

proper training of a civil servant and moulding his attitudes and skills to the requirements of present-day governance makes it important to 'catch them young'. Recruiting persons much beyond this age limit brings in people who are already set in their ideas and temperament and find it hard to change their attitudes.

Two, post-retirement assignments should not be through political patronage and discretionary decisions of government. Let these positions, for example, appointments to statutory commissions, regulatory authorities and similar bodies, both at the Central and state levels, be an open recruitment process, inviting applications from all potentially qualified persons in accordance with well laid down criteria and selection through a body that has eminent non-government domain experts. Retired civil servants need not be excluded from applying but must compete with the rest. This removes the pressure on top civil servants to align themselves to political preferences of the government in office in anticipation of a well-paid post-retirement assignment and thus be inhibited in upholding public interest.

Three, change the system of rewards and penalties related to performance. The current system imposes penalties for acts of commission, no matter how minor. Acts of omission, which may lead to significant losses to the public exchequer or undermining of people's welfare, mostly go unpunished. Rather than take decisions which may entail some risks, a civil servant may consider it more prudent to keep a file in orbit or to deflect decision-making to the senior or even political level. Even current rules will not punish a civil servant for taking a decision in good faith which turned out to be a mistake. No one can avoid making any mistakes and this must be acknowledged and accepted as part of a learning process. These are modest reforms, but they will help in reorienting our civil service in serving the country better. It is an unmatched pool of talent and experience which ought to be better used.

Can't do without their service

COL RD SINGH (RETD)

THE moment I hear 'Gadiwala aya zara kachra nikaal' (the vehicle has come, take out your garbage), I know it is the Ambala MC vehicle which has come to collect garbage door to door on alternate days.

Wearing a double mask, I rush to the vehicle with buckets of garbage. Not that the domestic help is not there to do the job, but I love to do it myself. It gives me an opportunity to meet sanitation workers and offer them water and some eatables, of course while maintaining safe distance. It is also a good exercise for a veteran to shake out and move the limbs.

Covid has made us more humble, to value life and human beings. On some days, I lend them a helping hand by putting the garbage in their vehicle. That brings a greater josh in these boys, and a smile on their faces. They get a sense of personal touch. I convey to them that no job is small, it is how well they do it. The neighbours also watch with amusement and love to wave at them, a good way to connect from a distance during the lockdown.

Being with these underprivileged men, who toil in the sun or storm to keep our houses and the surroundings clean, is an eye-opening and enriching experience. I realise that standing in a pile of garbage, collecting and segregating it is not an easy or pleasant job. You have to bear foul smell and handle all sorts of objects. Some people make you wait, and if you move ahead without collection, then there are complaints. I am convinced that these three-four men on the garbage vehicle are doing no mean job. It needs tolerance and toughness.

Totally humbled after being with them even for a few minutes, I salute them. I think about the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched

in 2014. It has not progressed as expected and we still find garbage strewn all over the place. The reasons are many, but primarily, it is our lack of civic sense. We live in muck but do not make an effort to clean it. One has seen people throwing out garbage bags from their cars and other vehicles. We, as responsible citizens, will have to realise our accountability. The authorities also need to be more proactive, and provision adequate resources and disposal systems.

But as a veteran, one will continue responding to 'Gadiwala aya...' and rush to these safai karamcharis to cheer them up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Worst year for Modi

Reference to 'Image dented, tough road ahead'; this has turned out to be the year in which PM Modi ran out of luck and leadership. Could this be the reason why the celebration of the anniversary of his second term is unnoticeable? Usually, it is an occasion when his ministers and party men raise their voices in praise of his great leadership. And various departments of Government of India compete to place huge advertisements plastered with pictures of the leader and words of effusive praise in the media. The second wave's mishandling and political losses have certainly dented BJP image. Farmers marked May 26 as black day because it was exactly six months since the start of their agitation against the three farm laws. It can be said, without question, that it has been the worst year of Modi's political career, and there is nothing to celebrate.

EL SINGH, BY MAIL

Bengal fracas

The fight between the Central government and the CM of West Bengal is not a secret. A bureaucrat who was given extension recently is caught in the crossfire between two giants. The present fracas would affect the morale and public images of serving officers. The day Bandyopadhyay

resigned, all authority ceased over him, unless a mendacious case was made out against him. He should not be made a scapegoat and any malicious proceeding can destroy the future of his family.

GIAN P KANSAL, AMBALA

MES-BRO top-heavy

The merging of MES and BRO is a good decision of the government to bring about efficiency in two sister organisations in the present scenario. But by making it top-heavy, with two more retired officers for monitoring purposes, may not serve the purpose and is going to be a futile exercise. These officers should work without any salary/perks if they really want to contribute to the progress of an organisation that is working for the nation's progress in very hostile terrain.

RS KISHTWARIA, PALAMPUR

The good doctor

Refer to 'Doctor who prescribed health-mindedness'; the City Beautiful has lost a real gem. My association with Dr Kumar goes back five decades. Apart from being a prolific writer, he was an able ophthalmologist. He was an unconventional medico who believed in wellness rather than cure. He was the founder of SPEAK (Society for Providing

Ethical and Affordable Healthcare) that successfully highlighted various problems and myths associated with the medical fraternity. Many of his suggestions found place in the Ayushman Bharat scheme. His departure is a big loss to society.

AK SHARMA, CHANDIGARH

Power privatisation

Refer to 'Chandigarh move in conflict with sabka saath, sabka vikas'; the HC has done well to question the credentials of the UT Administration's 'misplaced' priorities and the haste towards 'privatisation' of electricity, even as the department was not only making profit, but also time and again matched the high standards of customers' satisfaction. One shudders to imagine the 'real' compulsions that could have prompted the administration to toy with such an imprudent idea.

KUMAR GUPT, PANCHKULA

Biden's nod to probe

President Biden's announcement of a further probe into the origin of the coronavirus reveals the real agenda of the US media. The irony lies in how during Trump's presidency, he had demanded the same, and even went on to blame the Chinese government behind the outbreak. Unlike Biden, Trump received backlash instead of

support. It is said Biden's team had shut down a State Department effort led by the Trump administration to prove that the virus originated in a Chinese lab. Observing the Biden administration's approach, it is obvious that Trump had the right idea, but now Biden is taking credit for the intelligence probe. This goes to show the way the American media treats and portrays their political leaders and parties in order to represent a certain persona and idea to citizens and to complete their agenda.

SALONI KOHLI, GURDASPUR

Price of honesty

Apropos of 'ED top shot retires, faces probe as parting gift', the news report did not surprise me at all. Working with a leading PSB, I faced the brunt of my senior colleagues many times in the form of postings at hardship centres, denial of my legitimate dues, withholding of my salary without assigning any reason and frequent transfers in contravention of bank rules. I had to approach the highest authorities to get my legitimate dues because I looked after the interests of the bank. Niranjan Singh should not lose heart, as God helps honest persons. Two GMs, a DGM and an AGM violating rules had to forego promotions on the eve of their retirement, while I retired gracefully.

UPENDRA SHARMA, BY MAIL







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Manali man  
climbs Nepal's  
Pumori peak



Hem Raj being welcomed by his family at Solang in Kullu.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JUNE 1

Manali resident Hem Raj, aka Raja, has set a national record by climbing the Pumori peak in Nepal along with mountaineer Stanzin Norboo of Ladakh on May 10. He was given a warm welcome at his native Solang village in Manali subdivision of Kullu district recently.

He said, “It was challenging to climb the Pumori peak. We were four climbers, including two women, and four Sherpas. We had to return to the base camp when we were just 300 metres away from the summit, as we had no more tools and ropes. Even the Sherpas were worried. We spent a week at the base camp.” “Fortunately, a team of climbers from Pune met us. Our expedition leader Brigadier Krishan Kumar had a meeting with them and one of their Sherpas agreed to join us. I and Stanzin Norboo left our camp at midnight, spent the full night and the next day fixing ropes on the 600-m-long challenging icy slopes and reached the summit on May 10,” said Hem Raj.

According to Hem Raj, the 23,494-feet high Pumori peak located close to Mount Everest, is technically much more difficult to climb than even the Everest. He said, “We are the first Indians to summit this mountain peak, which is infamous for a very high death rate of climbers.”

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HC stays toll collection at Sanwara

PIL petition cites 60 km distance rule | Notice to NHAI, Centre | Next hearing today

VIJAY ARORA

SHIMLA, JUNE 1

The High Court today issued notice to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on a PIL petition, challenging the decision of collecting tax at the Sanwara toll plaza (Solan).

The court also stayed the collection of toll till the next date of hearing and listed the matter for June 2. Apart from the NHAI, the court also issued notice to the Centre and state government.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice L.Narayana Swamy and Justice Anoop Chitkara passed the orders on a plea filed by Adit Singal, who has alleged that the toll plaza at Sanwara is illegal and contrary to the National Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.



He has contended that as per rules, no toll plaza can be established in the same section within a distance of 60 km, whereas another toll plazas are situated at Chandimandir, Panchkula district, and Parwanoo in Solan. These are within 60 km from Sanwara.

He has also alleged that the certificate of completion of 95 per cent work by

GR Infraprojects (contractor of the Parwanoo-Solan road) has wrongly been issued to it by the NHAI.

He has alleged that the toll is being levied before the completion of the construction work. The major part of the work on flyover and its underpass at Kumarhatti, Saproon and Timber Trail Resort at Parwanoo is not complete. It will take

THE POINTS OF CONTENTION

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- The toll road has not been maintained properly and a part of the stretch is accident-prone

months or may be a year or more and as such, it cannot be said that 95 per cent work has been completed.

He has contended that the public is compelled to pay toll for incomplete facilities that too at exorbitant rates.

He has also alleged that the toll road has not been maintained properly and a part of the stretch is accident-prone. There is no

proper barricading of the roads which join the toll road from towns and villages along the national highway. The petitioner has prayed to quash the contract, construction and the completion certificate issued to GR Infraprojects by the NHAI and also quash the notification fixing the toll charges payable by vehicles crossing Sanwara.

Denotify Covid hospitals with no +ve case: CM

Health Dept must ensure minimum vaccine wastage, says Thakur

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 1

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said that gradual efforts should be made to de-notify dedicated Covid hospitals that have no infected persons admitted, to facilitate the treatment of patients of other diseases. He said this while presiding over a virtual meeting with all Deputy Commissioners, SPs, Chief Medical Officers, principals and Medical Superintendents of all medical colleges of the state here.

The Chief Minister said that efforts should be made to demobilise private hospitals requisitioned by the state government so that people suffering from other



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presides over a virtual meeting in Shimla to review the Covid situation in the state on Tuesday.

ailments could get proper treatment. He emphasised on strengthening the health infrastructure related to paediatrics to counter the third Covid wave that, it is apprehended, would affect children the most.

Thakur said that plans should be made well in

advance for the expected requirements of logistics to effectively tackle the third wave. He added that the strategy of testing, tracing and treatment along with effective surveillance should be a priority even now, as the crisis was not yet over.

Tenders invited for widening of Pinjore-Nalagarh road

AMBIKA SHARMA

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 1

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on May 28 invited tenders for the widening of the 31-km Pinjore-Nalagarh stretch of the National Highway No.105 to four lanes. Only 17.37 km of the highway lies in Himachal while the remaining is in Haryana. The bids will be opened on July 13.

The tender value has been pegged at Rs 731.67 crore and once allotted, the project is to be completed within 910 days. The process to acquire land is underway and compensation for structures acquired is also being disbursed, said NHAI Regional Officer GS Sangha.

“Around 400 of 649 acquired structures have been evaluated till now and the process to evaluate the remaining ones is underway. A compensation of Rs 26.71 crore has been paid for the



structures acquired at 13 villages of Saraj Majra Lanana, Kishanpura, Manpura, Belikhol, Dhana, Khara Chak, Juddy Khurd, Tahi Wala, Khara Nihla, Rakh Ram Singh, Dadi Bhola, Nalka and Kirpalpur on May 25. These structures will be dismantled for the road project. Besides, Rs 172 crore has been disbursed for the land acquired,” said Mahinder Pal, SDM, Nalagarh.

As per the project design, 22 bridges and five flyovers will be constructed on the highway. Approved by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in 2014, the project has faced several stumbling blocks, including the high rate of compensation.

The four-lane highway will be 39 metres wide and 2,190 trees will be axed for the purpose. Initially, a 45-metre

wide highway was to be constructed but the width was reduced to 39 metres last year to bring down the cost of land acquisition.

The project, which has been hanging fire for years, will be finally initiated now, as major impediments have been cleared. “Thousands of vehicles, including multi-axle trucks, carrying industrial goods, use this highway on a daily basis. Frequent acci-

RELIEF BEING DISBURSED

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<< The Baddi-Nalagarh section of NH-105.

dents cause loss of human lives and the road widening will put an end to this,” said Sanjay Khurana, president, Baddi Barotiwal Nalagarh Industries Association.

The high cost of land acquisition was a major stumbling block in the project. The NHAI had refused to fund the project, as the cost of land was much higher than the cost of the structures to be razed to widen the road.

Wet spell till  
June 5 likely

SHIMLA, JUNE 1

Widespread moderate to heavy rain lashed parts of Himachal as stormy conditions continued to prevail in the region. The local Met office has issued yellow warning of thunderstorm and lightning in low and middle hills in six districts of Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur on June 2 and predicted a wet spell in the region till June 5.

Kandaghat with 61 mm of rain was the wettest followed by Aghar 46 mm, Baldwara 42 mm, Shimla 36 mm, Sarkaghat and Nadaun 35 mm each, Dehra Gopipur 34 mm, Sundernagar 30 mm, Kufri 29 mm, Pachhad, Kasauli and Theog 27 mm each, Rajgarh 26 mm, Hamirpur 22 mm, Bharmaur, Solan and Amb 20 mm each, Sangrah and Gaggal 17 mm each.— TNS

921 cases, 38 deaths

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 1

As many as 921 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 191,251. Besides, 38 persons died of the virus in the past 24 hours.

Twelve deaths were reported in Kangra, six in Shimla, four in Mandi, three each in Bilaspur, Solan and Hamirpur, two each in Kullu and Una and one each in Sirmaur, Lahaul and Spiti and Chamba.

The highest number of 298 cases was reported in Kangra, followed 104 in Shimla, 95 in Mandi, 86 in Chamba, 80 in Solan, 66 in Hamirpur, 56 in Kullu, 44 in Una, 35 in Bilaspur, 31 in Sirmaur, 14 in Lahaul and Spiti and 12 in Kinnaur.

COVID METER		
Samples tested	19,35,704	
Recovered	175,657	
Active	12,407	
Positive	191,251	
Deaths	3,165	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,024	71
Chamba	9,883	121
Hamirpur	13,557	229
Kangra	43,711	945
Kinnaur	2,979	35
Kullu	8,359	144
Lahaul & Spiti	2,582	17
Mandi	25,487	345
Shimla	23,924	564
Sirmaur	14,691	187
Solan	21,587	283
Una	12,467	224
Total	191,251	3,165

Soldier dies of  
‘bullet injury’

HAMIRPUR, JUNE 1

A soldier of the Army from Bilaspur district reportedly died, following a bullet injury in Jammu.

It was learnt that the Army authorities informed the family of Havaladar Sandeep Kumar of Khurari village, in Bakroa panchayat of Ghumarwin sub division of Bilaspur, that the victim had committed suicide with his service gun.

Officials said it was not immediately clear whether he died of accidental fire from his own weapon at Sunal camp in Akhnoor sector or was it a case of suicide.

It was reported that when his friends heard the sound of gunfire, they rushed to him and found him seriously injured. He was taken to the Army hospital and was declared brought dead.— OC

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A woman receives a Covid vaccine dose in Jammu on Tuesday. PTI

## 32 Covid patients die in J&K, one in Ladakh

SRINAGAR/LEH, JUNE 1 J&K on Tuesday recorded 1,895 fresh Covid cases, taking the caseload to 2,92,360 while 32 deaths pushed the toll to 3,939 in the UT. In Ladakh, the death toll reached 189 with one more fatality and 165 fresh cases took the overall tally to 13,662. The active J&K cases have

dropped to 33,276 while 2,55,145 patients have recovered so far. Meanwhile, J&K officials said there were 10 confirmed mucormycosis cases. In Ladakh, 105 patients recovered from the virus, pushing the recoveries to 16,859. The active cases in Ladakh have come down to 1,614. — PTI

## RT-PCR test price capped at ₹400 in J&K

JAMMU, JUNE 1 The J&K administration has fixed the price of RT-PCR test for Covid conducted by private laboratories at Rs 400, an official order said. Private laboratories in the Union Territory are presently charging Rs 1,500 to Rs 1,800 for the same. In an order, Financial Commissioner Health and Medical Education Department Atal Dulloo said, “In accordance with the directions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, no private laboratory will charge more than Rs 400 for the RT-PCR test. This includes GST or taxes, if any, and the cost involved in pickup, packing, transportation of samples, documentation and reporting.”

The people had been demanding that a cap be put on the price of RT-PCR tests by private laboratories who have been charging exorbitantly. — PTI

# Accused of aiding ultras, Parra chargesheeted

SRINAGAR, JUNE 1 The police on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against senior PDP leader Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra in a case related to the alleged nexus between politicians and terror groups in the Union Territory. Officials said Parra had been chargesheeted by the Criminal Investigation (Kashmir) wing of the CID under various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, dealing with waging war against the country and threatening peace. The chargesheet was submitted before the competent court which has taken cognisance of the document. Parra has been in judicial custody since his arrest earlier this year. The CIK had filed the case last year against unknown politicians and others based on “reliable and confidential sources” who



CID's Criminal Investigation (Kashmir) sleuths had filed the case last year based on “reliable sources” who said some political functionaries had been misusing their power and helping Pakistan-supported terrorist and secessionist organisations operating in the UT.

said some political functionaries had been misusing their power and helping Pakistan-supported terrorist and secessionist organisations operating in the UT for a number of reasons.

## Ceasefire pact followed in letter & spirit: Army

UDHAMPUR, JUNE 1 Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General YK Joshi on Tuesday said the ceasefire understanding between India and Pakistan was being followed in letter and spirit by both sides since February 25, but asserted that the Army was not letting its guard down “even for one bit” along the border in J&K. “The present situation is a reflection of our nation's behaviour as a responsible member of the comity of nations where we have displayed maturity, restraint and humanitarian outlook during the trying times of Covid pandemic,” he said. India and Pakistan had on February 25 this year released a joint statement announcing a ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC), following talks between their Directors



**STAYING ALERT** “The Army is not letting its guard down even for one bit along the border.

General of Military Operations. The two countries had earlier signed a ceasefire agreement in 2003 but it was repeatedly violated. Kargil war hero Lt Gen Joshi said the direct benefactors of the fresh ceasefire understanding between the two countries had been the people residing along the Line of Control. — PTI

## Sidhu alerts...

defeated. Sidhu said his agenda was that the power of the people of Punjab—the taxes they pay—should return to them and they should be made shareholders in the progress of the state. The ex-minister, who quit the state Cabinet in July 2019 after being divested of local bodies portfolio, has been in political wilderness ever since. The CM, who will meet the AICC panel on Thursday, has maintained that the SIT probe in the Kotkapura sacrilege case was ongoing and “justice would be served”. Sources say a statement from the CM could be a way out of the current stalemate and for Sidhu's return to the Cabinet.

# Show-cause notice on Alapan...



she said. Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, citing a message sent to him by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on May 27 evening and a phone conversation he had with her then, said Banerjee had already made up her mind to boycott the PM's meeting the following day as Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari was also asked to

participate in it. Bandyopadhyay was served the MHA notice on the day of his superannuation upon reaching 60 years of age. He was granted three-month extension by Centre following a request by the CM. However, following the fracas on May 28, the Centre wrote to the West Bengal government to release the Chief Secretary and place his service with it. This prompted Bandyopadhyay to shun the extension and opt for retirement on Monday. He was immediately appointed Chief Adviser to the Chief Minister for three years.

## Pop the pills...

that all those suspected to be suffering from Covid and exhibiting features of severe acute respiratory illness (fall in oxygen saturation, increased respiratory rate) with their RT-PCR report still awaited shall be admitted in the triage area of the hospital. “These patients shall be considered for chest scan and their Covid treatment started with the aim of maintaining oxygen saturation between 92% and 96% and CPoD at 88-92%,” said experts. The State Clinical Team cautioned that treatment with remdesivir should start only after medical consultation and steroids be given as per the prescribed protocol.

# ‘Victim tried, not Tejpal’: Goa seeks case retrial

has been a victim of sexual assault, normally behaves is “unsustainable in law and is coloured by prejudice and patriarchy”, it said. It also claimed the trial court completely ignored the most telling piece of evidence in the case (the apology e-mail) “which established the guilt of the accused beyond a shadow of doubt”. On May 21, Sessions Judge Kshama Joshi acquitted Tejpal in the case where he was accused of sexually assaulting his then woman colleague in a lift of a five-star

hotel in Goa in November 2013 when they were attending an event. The trial court in its judgement questioned the woman's conduct, noting she did not exhibit any kind of “normative behaviour” such as trauma and shock which a victim of sexual assault might plausibly show. “Much of the impugned judgement has been consumed by sexual gossip and alleged sexual fantasies related to the prosecutrix which are legally prohibited,” the appeal said. — PTI

## Choksi hearing...

high court, where the matter is listed for hearing on Wednesday. Sources said the team comprising two members each from the CBI, ED and the MEA along with two CRPF commandos reached Dominica on Saturday afternoon in a private jet. The team, led by CBI DIG Sharda Raut, presented documents relating to Choksi's deportation to India to the court with the argument that the fugitive diamantaire “is not a Dominican citizen”. Meanwhile, reports said he was arrested from Dominica while visiting his girlfriend Babara Jarabica. It was said that Jarabica was used to “honeypot” the fugitive. — TNS

# No vax mix, 1 crore doses daily by July...

must have been vaccinated and communities must own Covid-appropriate behavior,” Bhargava said, adding that by July India would have enough doses to inoculate one crore people. Member (Health), NITI Aayog, VK Paul ruled out mixing of available vaccine doses. “Mixing of vaccines is not a protocol in India,” he said. Paul said early research had shown severe reactions upon getting a mixed sec-

ond dose of the vaccine, though some studies had also shown possible benefits in terms of enhanced immunity. “Research on this is ongoing in other nations. Till something comes out, this is an unresolved scientific question,” said Paul. India's fresh cases (over 90 lakh) and deaths (over 1.19 lakh) in May were the highest logged by any nation in a month. The United States saw over 99,000 deaths in January.

# LAC: China's air defence...

missile system with around 150-km range. It can intercept and destroy aerial targets flying at low and medium altitude. The second set of missiles being used in the exercise are SM-6, Eagle anti-ship cruise missiles (better known in military circles by their numbers—YJ-81, YJ-82 & C-802). C-802 is the export version of YJ-802 land attack and anti-ship cruise missile with a range of 120-150 km. The C-802 anti-ship missile can also be launched from a

fighter jet. Tibet has several lakes and water bodies where dummy ships are placed for target practice. Meanwhile, the PLA has changed its defence tactics along the Line of Actual Control. The PLA air-defence units in its western theatre (Tibet & Xinjiang) form a combined air-defence control system. At least 10 PLA units in the western theatre have been integrated for sharing inputs on early warning and combat readiness.

**Rural Development and Panchayat Department Punjab**  
**e-Auction Notice for Cattle Fairs**  
e-Auction of Cattle Fair will be held for the period from 18.06.2021 to 31.03.2022 in this regard the auction will be held on 16.06.2021 and the security amount of this auction is Rs. 3,16,68,500/- in this regard term and condition are available on [www.pbrdp.gov.in](http://www.pbrdp.gov.in). Contact No. 98158-25828.  
**Sd/- Director,**  
**Rural Development and Panchayat Punjab.**  
DPR/Pb/4986

**RAJINDRA HOSPITAL, PATIALA**  
**Government of Punjab**  
**Notice Reference No: 7745**  
The Department of Rajindra Hospital, Patiala invites applications for the following:  

Sr. No.	Type of Vacancies	Vacancy
1.	Selection of House Surgeons for Six Months	20

**Closing Date & Time: 16.06.2021 (05:00 p.m.)**  
For details login to: [www.rajindrahospitalpatiala.com](http://www.rajindrahospitalpatiala.com)  
**Note:** Any corrigendum(s) to the Notice shall be published on the above website only.  
**Sd/- Medical Superintendent**  
**Rajindra Hospital, Patiala.**  
**E-mail: [rajindrahospital@yahoo.com](mailto:rajindrahospital@yahoo.com)**  
**Mobile No. 98789-03807**  
DPR/Pb/4991

**ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ।**  
**ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
ਹਰ ਆਮ ਤੇ ਖ਼ਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਵਾਹੀਯੋਗ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਠੇਕਾ ਸਾਲ 2021-22 ਇੱਕ ਸਾਲ ਲਈ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ:-  

ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਠੇਕੇ ਦੀ ਕਿਸਮ	ਠੇਕੇ ਦੀ ਮਿਆਦ	ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ	ਬਿਆਨ/ ਸਹਿਓਦਿਤੀ ਰਕਮ	ਸਥਾਨ
1.	ਵਾਹੀਯੋਗ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਦਾ ਠੇਕਾ	ਸਾਲ 2021-2022	ਮਿਤੀ 16.06.2021 ਸਮਾਂ 11.00 ਵਜੇ	10,000/-	ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ-ਕਾਜ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੀ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਬੁੱਚ ਵਿਚ ਦੋਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਬੋਲੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹਿਫ਼ਤਵਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਸ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੱਸੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ/ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਬੋਲੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਾਰਨ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਬੋਲੀਆਂ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੰਮ-ਕਾਜ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਾਰਨੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਰਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।

**ਸਹੀ/- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ,**  
**ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ।**  
DPR/Pb/5000

**ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ,**  
**ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਘਨੌਰ।**

## Protesting transporters resume ops

JAMMU, JUNE 1 Private transporters in J&K have decided to resume operations from Wednesday after keeping their vehicles off road for the past 42 days in protest against the government's decision to cap the seating capacity at 50% due to the Covid scare. However, they sought a meeting with Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to sort out their problems to bring the transport industry “back on track”. The private transporters went on an indefinite strike on April 21 demanding a 50% hike in fare to facilitate smooth operations. — PTI

**INDIAN RAILWAYS**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**  
**(INDIAN RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION FOR ALTERNATE FUELS)**  
**4th FLOOR, RAILWAY OFFICES COMPLEX, TILAK BRIDGE, NEW DELHI-110002**  
**Telephone no. :-011-23379107, Fax no.:-011-23379083**  
**Tender Notice no.-Solar-BVZI-P13-21**  
Open Tender is invited for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Guard Comfort Kit and other accessories on the roof top of BVZI/BVCM Wagons on rolling stock with similar roof profile "at nominated Workshop Amritsar, Jamalpur and Golden Rock or any other additional workshop or POH depot as may be nominated for the execution of Work at the discretion of IROAF". Qty: 700 BVZI/BVCM. Details are as follows:  
**Approximate Value** : Rs. 6.94,78,500/- (Rs. Six Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred only)  
**Earnest Money Deposit** : Rs. 4,97,393/- (Rs. Four Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three), Option A or B as per Clause No. 3.0 Special tender conditions and instructions to tenderers.  
**Submission of Tender** : 22.06.2021 11:30 hrs  
**Date & Time of Opening** : 22.06.2021 11:30 hrs  
**Contract Period** : 30 months (Thirty Months only)  
Please visit IREPS website <https://www.ireps.gov.in/> Tender Notice (Solar-BVZI-P13-21) Tender documents and necessary Corrigendum/Amendments are also available on IREPS Website  
**Contact person :**  
**Chief Mechanical Engineer/BD,**  
**Indian Railways Organization for Alternate Fuels (IROAF),**  
**Government of India, Ministry of Railways**  
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**34 SDA COMPLEX KASUMPTI, SHIMLA-9**  
**Telefax :-0177-2620998**  
**CORRIGENDUM**  
The last date of receiving of quotations mentioned in the advertisement of even date 19.05.21 is hereby extended up to 09.06.2021 at 3:00 P.M. and quotations will be opened by the Purchase Committee on same day at 3:30 P.M. The other terms & conditioned will be remain same.  
DPR/HP/103 (Nishant Thakur) HPAS, Joint Member Secretary

**EXPRESSON OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR RENTAL PREMISES**  
**BAGACHANOGI TEHSIL THUNAG, DISTT. MANDI**  
The Department of Technical Education, Vocational & Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh requires suitable private premises at Bagachanogi for establishment of Govt. ITI BAGACHANOGI having covered carpet area 1305 Sq. metre Approx. (Minimum 383 sq. metres) for ITI and having scope of modification (according to NCVT norms). Interested parties having suitable premises as per requirement above may send their offers/proposals in sealed covers envelopes i.e.  
1) "Technical Bid" - mentioning location of premise, details of area as per Proforma hereunder:-  

Sr. No.	Description Items	Information
1	Title deed/Jamabandi papers of land (Please specify name of ownership and number with undertaking/ affidavit that you want to lease the premises for ITI purpose up to .....years.)	
2	Location & Approach Road	
3	Covered & finished area on Ground floor, white wash, flooring etc. (enclose free hand sketch/drawing of building with actual measurement in metres only)	
4	Covered & finished area on first floor, white wash, flooring etc.	
5	The accommodation should be completely furnished.	
6	The building should be complete in every respect to be put to immediate use.	
7	The owner will ensure proper repairs/maintenance of the building as per prescribed norms during the lease period.	
8	Rooms should be well lighted and ventilated.	
9	Building offered must be free from all encumbrances, claims and legal disputes etc. Documentary proof of up to date electricity charge payment bill, holding tax clearance (whatever it is being paid) etc. must be submitted along with this Eol document.	
10	Parking Facility	
11	Source of Three Phase power supply & wiring status	
12	Availability of drinking water supply	
13	Availability of toilets for staff	
14	Availability of toilets for Boys & Girls	
15	Drainage of Water	
16	The rent shall be got assessed by the HPPWD.	
17	Selected party shall be required to sign a lease agreement containing detailed terms & conditions with Institute. The Agreement shall be signed for a period of five years initially.	
18	Any other information & term conditions of lease/rent.	

The offer in sealed envelope subscripted as "Technical Bid offer for ITI Bagachanogi premises" be send to the office of Principal Govt. ITI Bagsaid, Tehsil Thunag, Distt. Mandi (H.P.). The bids should reach in the office of the undersigned on or before ..... up to 05:00 P.M. The Bid shall be opened on dated .....2018 at 11.00 A.M. in the presence of the parties or their representatives who may wish to be present. On the basis of essential availability of requirements, scrutiny of the technical bid shall be carried out and upon meeting the essential requirements as stated above, the suitable sites shall be physically inspected by the committee within three days. In case, if Technical Bid do not meet the essential minimum requirements, the site may not be inspected and offer will be rejected straightway.

The owner of the premises shall have to provide "NOC" for institutional use of the site/premise at his own cost from local Gram Panchayat. The Department of Technical Education to the Govt. of H.P. through Director of Technical Education/Principal ITI reserves the right to reject any/all offer(s) without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever without thereby incurring any liabilities to the parties.

**Principal,**  
**Industrial Training Institute,**  
**Bagsaid, Distt. Mandi (H.P.).**  
DPR/HP/1154

**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ**  
**ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ**  
**(ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ-3 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ)**  
**(ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮਿਊਂਸਪਲ ਭਵਨ, ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ. 3, ਸੈਕਟਰ-35-ਏ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ)**  
**ਅਧਿਸੂਚਨਾ**  
ਨੰ. 09/14/2017-3ਮਸ3/1065 ਮਤੀ: ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 31.05.2021  
ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਬਾਬਾ ਬਕਾਲਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੇ ਖੇਤਰ (ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਸ਼ੈਡਿਊਲ ਆਫ ਬਾਇੰਡਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ) ਵਿਚ ਆਬਾਦੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਘਣਾਪਣ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਰੈਵੇਨਿਊ, ਗੈਰ-ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਰੁਜ਼ਗਾਰ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਸ਼ਠਤਾ, ਆਰਥਿਕ ਮਹੱਤਤਾ ਆਦਿ ਫੈਕਟਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਦਾ ਯੋਜਨਾਬੱਧ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮਿਊਂਸਪਲ ਐਕਟ, 1911 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 4(1) ਅਧੀਨ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਹੈ।  
2. ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਸਨੀਕ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਣ ਤਾਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮਿਊਂਸਪਲ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-35-ਏ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ([secy.lg@punjab.gov.in](mailto:secy.lg@punjab.gov.in)) ਜਾਂ ਰਿਜਨਲ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ, ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜਾਂ ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਰਈਆ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਮੁੱਦਲੀ ਅਧਿਸੂਚਨਾ ਦੇ ਫ਼ਾਣ ਤੋਂ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਭੇਜ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਜਾਂ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਨਾ ਆਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਸਮਝ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ 'ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
**SCHEDULE OF BOUNDARY**  
**NORTH:** Starting from point 'A' which is the common meeting point of Khasra No's 7/14, 15, 16, 17, moving towards east along the outer revenue boundary of Village Jalapur Sathiala, then crossing drain, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Jalapur Sathiala, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, crossing Batala G.T. road, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, crossing Chapianwali distributary, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of village Baba Bakala up to point 'B' which a common meeting point Shihada of Village Baba Bakala, Thathian and Lakhwail.  
**EAST:** Then starting from point 'B' moving towards South along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, crossing Bal Saria Road, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala up to point 'C', which is common meeting point of khasra No's 55/15, 55/16, 54/11, 54/20.  
**SOUTH:** Then starting from point 'C' moving towards west along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala crossing Village Dolonagal road, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, crossing Chapianwali distributary, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala crossing Batala G.T. road, then moving along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, then moving towards south along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, then moving towards west along the outer revenue boundary of Village Baba Bakala, then moving towards north along the outer revenue boundary of Village Paddiana road, then moving towards west along the common boundary of Nagar Panchayat Rayya and Baba Bakala, crossing Village Paddiana road, then moving towards north along the common boundary of Nagar Panchayat Rayya and Baba Bakala, crossing drain Rayya Scape then moving along the North-East Boundary of Nagar Panchayat Rayya, then reaching at point 'D' which is meeting point of khasra No's 73/4, 5, 6, 7.  
**WEST:** Then starting from point 'D' moving towards North East along the left side of downstream of UBDC, then crossing Village Dhanpur link road, then moving again along the left side of UBDC, then crossing Wadala Kalan road, then moving again along the left side of downstream of UBDC, up to point 'A' which is starting point 'A'.  
3. ਇਸ ਦਾ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ਤ ਨਕਸ਼ਾ ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਰਈਆ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵੇਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।  
4. ਇਹ ਮੁੱਦਲੀ ਅਧਿਸੂਚਨਾ ਮਾਣਯੋਗ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।  
ਮਿਤੀ: ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ 31.05.2021 ਅਜੋਕੇ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਸਿਨਹਾ, ਆਈ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਭਾਗ  
DPR/Pb/5017



**BATHINDA IMPROVEMENT TRUST**  
 GONIANA ROAD, BATHINDA – 151001  
 Phone No. 0164-2251340, e-mail: improvementtbt@gmail.com

**e-Tender Notice**  
 Tender Notice Reference No. NIT No. 02/e-Tender/SE/LG-IT bathinda/ 2021-22  
 The Bathinda Improvement Trust, Bathinda invites online bids in two bid system for various (21 Nos.) works amounting to Rs. 351.71 lacs.  
 Closing Date & Time : For Sr No. 1 07-06-2021 at 01:00 PM  
 Closing Date & Time : For Sr No. 2 to 21 21-06-2021 at 01:00 PM  
 For details login to : [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
**NOTE:** The detail of work(s) and any corrigendum(s) regarding to this Tender Notice shall be published on above website only.  
 DPR/Pb/4997 Sd/- Superintending Engineer

**OFFICE OF THE NAGAR PANCHAYAT, GHANAUR**  
 E-mail id: [npgghanaur@yahoo.in](mailto:npgghanaur@yahoo.in) 01762-268025  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 No. E-Tender/NP/2021/01  
 Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur (Local Govt. Department) invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Local Government or Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur for 3 works of estimated cost **₹56.95 Lac** rupees and for detailed terms & conditions of the Notice Inviting Bid refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and last date for the bid is **21.06.2021 up to 12:00 P.M.**  
 Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.  
 Sd/- President, Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur. Sd/- Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur. Sd/- A.M.E., Nagar Panchayat, Ghanaur.  
 DPR/Pb/4999

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
 (Regd. Office: PSEB, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala – 147001)  
 Corporate Identification No. U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website:- [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
 Contact Number: 96461-23800  
 Tender Inquiry No. 02/CCM/PTA/2021-22 Date: 01.06.2021  
 Sr. Xen/Civil Const. & Mtc. Division, Officer flat No. 18, near 23 No. railway crossing Shakti Vihar, PSPCL Patiala invites E-Tender for the Recasting of slab of switch house building at 66 KV Sub-Station Amargarh. For detailed NIT and Tender Specifications please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 03.06.2021 from 9:00 a.m. onwards.  
 Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
 C 213/21 DPR/Pb/5015

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
 Regd. Office: PSPCL, Head Office, The Mall, Patiala  
 Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813  
 (Contact No. 9646125300 & 9646119190)  
 Open Tender Enquiry No. 01/O&M/2021-22  
 Dy. CE/O&M Circle, PSPCL, RSD, Shahpurkandi, invites Open Tender for Repair of Input/Output cards and processors for AVR, auto sequencer and annunciation cards of 4 No. generating units at RSD Shahpurkandi. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) from 29.05.2021 onwards.  
 Note:- Corrigendum and amendment, if any, will be published online at [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
 C 212/21 DPR/Pb/5010

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, PUNJAB**  
 ਦਫਤਰ ਮੁੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ  
 SCO No. 29-32, Sector: 17-E, Chandigarh  
 ☎ 0172-2704779, 2704701, 2724037, ☎ 0172-2707970  
 Email:- [ceo\\_punjab@eci.gov.in](mailto:ceo_punjab@eci.gov.in), [jtceo\\_punjab@eci.gov.in](mailto:jtceo_punjab@eci.gov.in)  
**Notice of Tender**  
 Sealed tenders are invited for the sale of condemn three Government Vehicles, i.e. On Ambassador Car Model-2005 and two Innova Model-2008 registered with this office. The detailed terms & Conditions are uploaded on the official website <http://ceopunjab.nic.in>. The interested parties can download the detailed terms and conditions from the above website and submit their proposal vehicle-wise by **18th June, 2021, 3 p.m.**  
 Sd/- Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab  
 DPR/Pb/5004

**PEPSU ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, PATIALA**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 PEPUS Road Transport Corporation, Patiala (PRTC) invites online bids for the following:-  

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	E-tenders are invited from Principal chassis manufacturers for providing 255 Nos. of Ordinary Bus chassis compliant to Euro-VI norms with wheelbase of 210" and Engine HP of 177-208 HP.	255 Nos.

 Closing Date & Time: 21.06.2021 up to 17:00 hours  
 For details login to <https://Tenderwizard.com/PUNJAB>.  
 For any clarification please contact I.T. help desk on 81466-99866.  
 Sd/- Managing Director,  
 PEPUS Road Transport Corporation,  
 Patiala.  
 DPR/Pb/4990

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 No. NIT/MOH/ Dated: 31.05.2021  
 Municipal Corporation Amritsar invites bids from reputed professionals/firms/consortiums to bid for the following project:  

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Amount
1	Purchase of Straw for the animals living in the Cattle Pond of Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. Part-II.	100000/-
2	Purchase of Reusable Fabric Mask for the prevention from COVID-19.	99750/-
3	Purchase of Hand Sanitizer for the prevention from COVID- 19.	97250/-

 The interested bidders can purchase the bid document from the tender website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> by paying the tender fee of Rs. 500/- and Processing Fee as applicable on website through e-payment.  
 Last Date of submission: 07.06.2021 till 12.00 p.m.  
 Opening of Technical Bid: 07.06.2021 at 03.00 p.m.  
 Bid must be submitted through online mode only in two stages (Technical and Financial) on or before 07.06.2021 till 12.00 p.m.  
 Sd/- Medical Officer of Health  
 Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.  
 DPR/Pb/5013

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Executive Engineer JSV Division Jubbal invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-  

S N	Name of Work	Est Cost	EMD	Time	Last date of filing/ uploading the tenders
1)	Providing LWSS/GWSS to various habitation in G.P Kathasu, Mandhol, Kot-Kaina, Sari, Brial and Dhar to cover FHTC of leftout household under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Jubbal Tehsil Jubbal Distt. Shimla (H.P) (SH: Site development, Construction of RCC Intake chamber as per design, Construction of RCC sed. tank = 10000 ltrs cap. = 1 No., Construction of filter bed of 21.00 sqm. = 1 No., Construction of sump well of 50000 ltrs cap. = 1 No., Construction of RCC slab over existing delivery tank, providing & laying of rising main etc). Job. 2nd.	60,64,357	93,150	6 M	Last date of uploading tenders:- 11:00 AM of 10/06/2021 Date of opening of tenders:- On dated 10/06/2021 (11.30 AM) onwards
2)	Providing LWSS from Salog Nallah to village Kuffarbag and nearby villages of G.P Parali (K) Tehsil Kotkhai Distt. Shimla (H.P) (SH: Construction of RCC Raw water tank of 50000 ltrs cap. = 1 No., Construction of RCC Sed. Tank of 5-10 Sqm. = 1 No., Construction of RCC slow sand filter bed of 26.90 Sqm. = 1 No., Construction of RCC sump well of 50000 ltrs cap. = 1 No., construction of RCC Di-tank of 50000 ltrs cap. = 1 No., Construction of RCC S-tank of 10000 ltrs cap. = 2 Nos, Construction of Pump house = 1 No., Laying, jointing and testing of G.I pipes of 15 mm dia = 500 Rmt., 20 mm dia = 950 Rmt., 25 mm dia = 1800 Rmt., 32 mm dia = 2500 Rmt., 50 mm dia = 130 Rmt., Providing, laying, jointing and welding of R/main of 65mm dia. = 2200 Rmt. and supply and erection of pumping machinery)	75,74,778	1,08,250	6 M	

 BOQ and tender related conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)  
**HIM SOOCHNA EVAM JAN SAMPARK**  
 1932-70 dated 29/05/2021  
 1932-70 dated 29/05/2021  
 DPR/HP/1137

## Netanyahu: Will risk friction with US over Iran

TEL AVIV, JUNE 1

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday that he was prepared to risk tension with the US if that was what it took to neutralise Iran's nuclear capabilities.

The embattled premier, whose political future is in question just 11 days out from a bruising war, said Israel's biggest threat remains the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran. He said Israel was prepared to prevent that from happening even if the United States and other nations succeed in reinstating the 2015 Iran nuclear accord.

"If we have to choose, I hope it doesn't happen, between friction with our great friend the United States and eliminating the existential threat — eliminating the existential threat wins," Netanyahu said.

He spoke at a ceremony for David Barnea, the new chief of Israel's Mossad spy agency.

Iran has accused Israel of being behind a number of attacks killing Iranian nuclear scientists or sabotaging Iranian nuclear facilities. — AP

# Trudeau vows to uncover truth behind children's mass grave

OTTAWA, JUNE 1

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his government would take further actions in response to the discovery of the remains of 215 children in a former residential school in Kamloops city.

Amid calls for accountability and to go beyond lowering flags at federal buildings, Trudeau told the media on Monday that Indigenous Services Minister Marc Miller, Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett and Northern Affairs Minister Dan Vandal would discuss what role his government should be playing in response to the development, reports Xinhua news agency.

On May 24, the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation in Kamloops city, British Columbia, announced that ground-penetrating radar uncovered the remains of 215 children at Kamloops Indian Residential School.

The horrific discovery prompted calls for a national day of mourning and saw peo-



People at the former residential school where remains of children were found, in Kamloops, Canada. REUTERS

### KAMLOOPS SCHOOL HORROR

■ Remains of 215 indigenous children were found at a former residential school near Kamloops in British Columbia on May 24

■ Some of the students were as young as three when they died, it is stated

■ Causes and timing of deaths are not yet known

ple across Canada set up memorials. "As a dad, I can't imagine what it would feel like to have my kids taken away from me, and as Prime Minister, I am appalled by the shameful policy that stole indigenous

children from their communities," said Trudeau. "We promise concrete action, and that's how we'll support survivors, families and indigenous peoples. Sadly, this is not an exception or an isolated incident.

We're not going to hide from that. We have to acknowledge the truth. Residential schools were a reality, a tragedy that existed here, in our country, and we have to own up to it," the PM added. — IANS

## Vatican criminalises abuse of adults by priests

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 1

Pope Francis has changed church law to explicitly criminalise the sexual abuse of adults by priests who abuse their authority and to clarify that laypeople who hold church office can be sanctioned for similar sex crimes.

The new provisions, released on Tuesday after 14 years of study, were contained in the revised criminal law section of the Vatican's Code of Canon Law, the in-house legal system that covers the 1.3 billion-strong Catholic Church.

The most significant changes are contained in two Articles, 1395 and 1398, which



### BRINGING JUSTICE

The law recognises that adults, too, can be victimised by priests who abuse their authority. It says laypeople in church offices can be punished for abusing minors as well as adults.

aim to address major shortcomings in the church's handling of sexual abuse. The law recognises that adults, too, can be victimised by priests who abuse their authority, and said laypeople in church offices can be punished for abusing minors as well as adults.

The Vatican also criminalised the "grooming" of

allowed bishops and religious superiors to ignore or cover up abuse, making clear they can be held responsible for omissions and negligence in failing to properly investigate and sanction errant priests. Ever since the 1983 code was issued, lawyers and bishops have complained it was completely inadequate to deal with the sexual abuse of minors, since it required time-consuming trials. Victims and their advocates, meanwhile, have argued it left too much discretion in the hands of bishops who had an interest in covering up for their priests. — AP

## Oz court upholds ban on most int'l travel

CANBERRA, JUNE 1

An Australian court on Tuesday rejected a challenge to the federal government's draconian power to prevent most citizens from leaving the country so that they don't bring Covid-19 home.

Australia is alone among developed democracies in preventing its citizens and permanent residents from leaving the country except in "exceptional circumstances where they can demonstrate a compelling reason". Most Australians have been stranded in their island

### TRACKING VIRUS

NATION	DEATHS
US	6,09,767
BRAZIL	4,62,966
INDIA	3,31,895
MEXICO	2,23,568
UK	1,27,782

WORLDOMETER  
TILL JUNE 1, 11 PM

nation since March last year under a government emergency order made under the powerful Biosecurity Act.—AP

## BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$		BSE	NSE	GOLD	SILVER
₹72.90	₹89.09	₹103.26	₹0.66	₹11.42	₹60.57	₹56.39	₹55.11	₹9.39		256 51,934.88	7.95 15,574.85	₹47,900 Mumbai	₹72,600 Mumbai



## Crude oil price hits 3-mth high

SINGAPORE, JUNE 1

Oil prices rose on Tuesday, with Brent hitting \$71 and trading at its highest since March, on expectations for growing fuel demand during the summer driving season in the US.

Prices were also boosted by Chinese data showing that the country's factory activity grew at its fastest this year in May.

Brent crude futures for August gained \$1.48, or 2.1%, to \$70.80 a barrel by 1110 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude for July was at \$68.19. That was up \$1.87, or 2.8%, from Friday's close, with no settlement price for Monday because of a US public holiday. — Reuters

# SBI slashes GDP growth forecast to 7.9%, projects 'W-shaped' recovery

MUMBAI, JUNE 1

SBI economists on Tuesday sharply slashed their FY22 GDP growth estimates to 7.9% — the lowest among all analysts — from the earlier projection of 10.4% growth.

The economists at the state-run lender seemed to attribute the impact of the second wave of Covid infections as a key factor for the revision in the growth estimate, and pitched for faster vaccination.

"... our analysis shows a disproportionately larger impact on the economy this time and given that rural is not as resilient as urban, the pick-up in pent-up demand is unlikely to make a large difference in FY22 GDP estimates, and hence it could only be a modest pick-up," they said.

The SBI economists said



### SECOND WAVE OF COVID TO BLAME

■ Earlier, SBI economists had projected a 10.4% growth for the current fiscal. The second wave of Covid infections is a key factor for the revision in the growth estimates

■ The increasing international commodity prices will also have an impact on the GDP growth, said the economists

the increasing international commodity prices will also have an impact on the GDP growth, and added that the overall consumption trajectory will depend on the recovery in 'trade, hotels,

transport, communication and services related to broadcasting' services which supports roughly 25 crore households.

They, however, said at Rs 145.8 lakh crore, the

real GDP for FY22 will be "slightly higher" than that in FY20, and called it a 'W-shaped' recovery with two troughs and not the earlier anticipated 'V-shaped' recovery.

The RBI has maintained its growth estimate at 10.5%, despite the emergence of the second wave and may have a relook at the number at this week's policy review.

Other analysts have been revising down their estimates after the devastating second wave, with an 8.5% growth being lowest among the predictions.

Official data released on Monday said the economy grew at faster than expected at 1.6% for the fourth quarter of FY21, resulting in a contraction of 7.3% for the entire fiscal. — PTI

## Manufacturing sector activity slips in May

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

India's manufacturing sector activity witnessed a significant loss of growth momentum in May due to the intensification of the Covid crisis and its detrimental impact on demand, a monthly survey said on Tuesday.

The IHS Markit India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 50.8 in May, down from 55.5 in April, as companies observed the slowest rises in new work and output in 10 months amid the Covid crisis.

"The Indian manufacturing sector is showing increasing signs of strain as the Covid crisis intensifies. Key gauges of current sales, production and input buying weakened noticeably in May and pointed to the slowest rates of increase in ten months. In fact, all indices were down from April," said Pollyanna De Lima, Economics Associate Director at IHS Markit. — PTI

## Auto sales skid in May

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Major automobile manufacturers on Tuesday reported decline in domestic passenger vehicle sales in May compared to the previous month as a spike in Covid cases and lockdowns across various states hit production and dispatches.

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India reported domestic dispatches to dealers at 35,293 units last month, down 75% from 1,42,454 units in April.

Rival Hyundai posted domestic sales of 25,001 units last month as against 49,002



The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India reported a 75% decline in sales.

units in April, a drop of 49%.

Tata Motors reported 40% decline in sales. Similarly, M&M's domestic passenger vehicle sales stood at 8,004 units last month, down 56% from 18,285 units in April 2021. — PTI

## Gramin banks demand merger with sponsor banks

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 1

As the merger of District Central Cooperative Banks with Punjab State Cooperative Banks is in final stages, the Punjab Gramin Bank Officers Federation has demanded merger of regional rural banks (RRBs), popularly known as gramin banks, with their sponsor banks.

Punjab Gramin Bank is one of the RRBs operating in Punjab having 422 branches across the state. It registered a net profit of Rs 50.68 crore in 2019-20.

### REPORT LOSS OF ₹22,026 CRORE IN FY20

■ As on March 31, 2020, 45 gramin banks or regional rural banks (RRBs) were operational in 685 districts of 26 states and three UTs. These are sponsored by 15 commercial banks and operating through a network of 21,850 branches

■ Overall, the RRBs as a group, reported a net loss of ₹22,026 crore in the fiscal ended March 31, 2020 as against a loss of ₹652 crore in FY19

"Since the formation of RRBs in 1975, they have provided yeoman's service to the economy, especially for the uplift of downtrodden and rural people. However, with the advanced technology used by public sector

banks and private banks, the gramin banks are feeling the heat with over a dozen of the RRBs running into losses," said Pali Ram Bansal, general secretary, Punjab Gramin Bank Officers Federation.

The RRBs reported a net

loss of Rs 22,026 crore in the fiscal ended March 31, 2020 as against a loss of Rs 652 crore in FY19.

"The merger of RRBs with the sponsor bank will have an increased network in the rural areas and the RRBs will benefit by the advanced technology and experience of sponsor bank managements," he said.

Bansal wondered why the gramin banks were still kept as separate entities despite the fact that in a majority of cases the sponsor bank and the RRBs are competitors.



BRIEFLY

**OSJEK (CROATIA)**  
**Manu, Rahi produce strong show at European C'ship**  
Tokyo-bound Indian shooters Manu Bhaker and Rahi Sarnobat finished 1-2 in the Minimum Qualification Score (MQS) section of the women's 25m pistol event at the European Shooting Championships here today. The duo shot well above the regulars' final qualification mark. While Manu shot 587, the fourth best overall score among the regulars and MQS combined, Rahi's 584 matched the sixth best regulars score.

**DUBAI**  
**ICC to hold World T20 every two years**  
The T20 World Cup will be held every two years during the next eight-year Futures Tours & Programme (FTP) cycle, while the 50-over event will be a 14-team affair from the 2027 edition, the game's governing body ICC said today. Also, the World Test Championship will have four editions in the next cycle apart from two Champions Trophy. "The ICC Board today confirmed the schedule of ICC events from 2024-2031 with both the men's Cricket World Cup and men's T20 World Cup to be expanded and a men's Champions Trophy to be re-introduced," the ICC said.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Indian players' families allowed for UK trip**  
The families of players and support staff of both the Indian men's and women's cricket teams will be allowed to accompany them during their lengthy tour of England this month, a senior BCCI source revealed today. The BCCI had put in a request that the players be allowed the company of their loved ones given that they have to spend a considerable amount of time in a bio-secure bubble because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, it is learnt that none of the BCCI office-bearers, including president Sourav Ganguly, will be present for the World Test Championship final between India and New Zealand in Southampton due to the strict quarantine rules of the country.

**MADRID**  
**Badminton champion Marin withdraws from Tokyo**  
Spain's Olympics women's singles badminton champion Carolina Marin confirmed today that she is unable to defend her crown in Tokyo due to a knee injury. Marin, a five-time European and three-time world champion who beat PV Sindhu to claim gold at the Rio Games in 2016, said she has torn her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and both meniscus in her left knee.

**JAIPUR**  
**Tennis coach booked for raping teen**  
A lawn tennis coach at a sports training centre in Jaipur allegedly raped a 17-year-old player on the pretext of selecting her for a domestic tournament, police said today. According to a complaint filed by the girl, coach Gaurang Nalwaya would call her to the Saiwai Man Singh Stadium for training and sexually assault her. In the latest instance, the coach allegedly raped her on the pretext of selecting her for a tournament in Udaipur, the police said. "A case has been registered against the coach. An Investigation has been initiated and a search is on for the accused," Jyoti Nagar police station SHO Saroj Dhayal said.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Three-week training camp abroad for Indian boxers**  
India's nine Olympics-bound boxers will travel abroad for a three-week training stint after getting a few days' break following a record-shattering medal haul at the Asian Championships in Dubai. AGENCIES

**TODAY ON TV**

TENNIS  
FRENCH OPEN

STAR SPORTS SELECT 3:30PM

1ST TEST  
ENGLAND VS NEW ZEALAND  
SONY SIX 3:30PM

Weight of the world

Osaka withdraws from French Open citing depression

PARIS, JUNE 1  
Japan's Naomi Osaka stunned the tennis world by withdrawing from the French Open after deciding to boycott post-match media duties, explaining she had been suffering from depression for almost three years.

Osaka said in the build-up to the tournament that she would not attend the obligatory press conferences for players after matches, saying the questioning by journalists impacts her mental well-being.

The four-time Grand Slam champion made good on her threat on Sunday when, after winning her first round match, she did not hold a press conference.

She was fined \$15,000 by the Roland Garros referee, and Grand Slam organisers later issued a strongly worded statement warning of possible expulsion from the French Open and future Majors if she failed to change her stance.

On Monday, the world No. 2 decided to take matters



Naomi Osaka will take some time away from tennis. REUTERS

into her own hands to end the stand-off. "I think now the best thing for the tournament, the other players and my well-being is that I withdraw so that everyone can get back to focusing on the tennis going on in Paris," the 23-year-old Osaka said on Twitter.

**Depression**  
Osaka, one of the biggest names in women's sport,

went on to say she had suffered from depression since 2018.

"The truth is that I have suffered long bouts of depression since the US Open in 2018 and I have had a really hard time coping with that," she said.

After beating Serena Williams to claim her first Major at the 2018 US Open, Osaka was booed by the crowd during the presentation ceremony as her victory was overshadowed by the American's outburst following a row with the umpire.

Osaka said that since then, she has struggled with being in the spotlight. On Monday, Osaka said she suffers "huge waves of anxiety" before speaking to the world's media.

Williams offered support to Osaka. "The only thing I feel is that I feel for Naomi. I feel like I wish I could give her a hug," the 39-year-old American said after her first-round win. "Because I know what it's like. I've been in those positions." — Reuters

DAY 3: HIGHLIGHTS

**BARTY FIGHTS THROUGH**  
World No. 1 Ash Barty fought through a hip injury and a tricky opponent in Bernarda Pera with a 6-4 3-6 6-2 victory on her return to the French Open.

**LOCAL HOPE MONFILS WINS**  
Local favourite Gael Monfils came back from a set down to beat Spain's Albert Ramos Vinolas 1-6 7-6(6) 6-4 6-4.

**SVITOLINA SURVIVES**  
Fifth seed Elina Svitolina found herself trailing 5-2 in the second set but recovered to beat French teenager Oceane Babel 6-2 7-5.

**BOPANNA IN ROUND 2**  
India's Rohan Bopanna and Croatia's Franko Skugor sailed into the men's doubles second round at the French Open with a 6-4 6-2 win over Georgia's Nikoloz Basilashvili and Germany's Andre Begemann.

**FREAKY DAY FOR KVITOVA**  
Petra Kvitova has withdrawn from the French Open after injuring her ankle in a freak fall while performing her post-match media duties on Sunday, the 11th seeded Czech player said.



Rafa Nadal began his title defence in style, beating unseeded Alexei Popyrin 6-3 6-3 7-6(3) in Round 1.

**RAFA KEEPS IT SIMPLE**  
Rafa Nadal began his title defence in style, beating unseeded Alexei Popyrin 6-3 6-3 7-6(3) in Round 1.

COFMOW (INDIAN RAILWAYS)		
E-TENDER NOTICE No. 25, DATED: 02.06.2021		
PCMM/COFMOW,s Office invites e-Bids for the following STORES Tenders:		
Tender No.	Brief Description	Closing Date
OP-109350	Crane Simulator	21.06.2021
OP-407710	Electric Overhead Travelling cranes, Cap-3 & 5 T	21.06.2021
OP-609061	CNC Vertical Spindle Moulder Machine	22.06.2021
G-108081	Online Monitoring of Rolling Stock Consisting of Acoustic Bearing Detector & Wheel Impact Load Detector	25.06.2021
OP-206910	Electric Overhead Travelling Cranes, Cap-35 T	25.06.2021
OP-517010	Electric Overhead Travelling Cranes, Cap-10 & 15 T	25.06.2021
OP-407870	Test Rig for IRAB Air Brake Valves	28.06.2021
OP-909241	Manual Air Plasma Cutting Equipment	28.06.2021
OP-609270	Computer Controlled Direct Reading Optical Emission Spectrometer	29.06.2021
OP-909710	Rate Contract for Supply of Manual Air Plasma Cutting Equipment	29.06.2021
Bidders may visit the website www.irops.gov.in to download the tender document and submit their e-Bids. No manual offers shall be accepted.		
CORRIGENDUM DATED: 02.06.2021		
Following corrigenda have been issued to e-Tenders already uploaded on the website www.irops.gov.in		
Tender No.	Corrigendum No.	Closing Date
OP-407172	Corrigendum No. 02	04.06.2021
OP-808271	Corrigendum No. 04	10.06.2021
Bidders may visit the website to download the details mentioned in the corrigendum and submit e-Bids accordingly.		
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**Kind Attention Rail Passengers**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is notified for the information of Rail Passengers that North Western Railway has revised the timings of the following special trains with immediate effect as indicated below :

Train No. 02715 Hazur Sahib Nanded - Amritsar Jn. Sachkhand Express				
Station	Existing Timings		Revised Timings	
	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Palwal	Pass	10:00	Pass	10:15
Faridabad	10:15	10:17	10:30	10:32
Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:35	10:37	10:50	10:52
New Delhi	11:00	11:15	11:25	11:40
Panipat Jn.	12:18	12:20	12:43	12:45
Karnal	12:42	12:44	13:07	13:09
Kurukshetra Jn.	13:07	13:09	13:32	13:34
Ambala Cantt. Jn.	14:55	15:05	14:45	14:55
Chandigarh	15:45	15:50	15:35	15:45
Sahibzada Ajeet Singh Nagar	---	---	15:57	15:59
Ludhiana Jn.	18:05	18:15	17:55	18:05
Phagwara Jn.	18:44	18:46	18:34	18:36
Jalandhar City	19:15	19:20	19:07	19:12
Beas	19:51	19:53	19:43	19:45
Amritsar Jn.	20:35		20:35	---

Train No. 02285 Secunderabad Jn. - Hazrat Nizamuddin Durgam Cheruvu Express				
Station	Existing Timings		Revised Timings	
	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Palwal	Pass	10:10	Pass	10:00
Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:50	---	10:40	---

**Rest of information notified will hold good.**

**For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations en route etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.**

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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Advt No. -NHM-UT/06/2021-22

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, CHANDIGARH**  
**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, CHANDIGARH**

Walk-in interview for filling up the post of Gynaecologist, Anesthetist and Medical Officer-MCH on contractual basis under National Health Mission, U.T., Chandigarh will be held on **7th June 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** Necessary details are available on departmental website [www.nrhmcgd.gov.in](http://www.nrhmcgd.gov.in) or contact O/o National Health Mission, 4th Floor, Administrative Block, Govt. Multi Speciality Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh (Phone No. 0172-2702924).

**Sd/- Mission Director,**  
**National Health Mission, U.T.**  
**4th Floor, Administrative Block,**  
**GMSH-16, Chandigarh.**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sh. Munish Kumar S/o Shri Jaichand, CC/KEX Railway Station, whose last known address is Vill-Nadaun, Distt. Kangra, Tehsil-Behra (HP), is unauthorized absent from his duty w.e.f 09.10.2014 to till date. He was issued a major penalty charge sheet on 05.05.2016 which was duly posted at the last deputed station also the same was pasted at station notice board, but he never submitted any defence. Since Sh. Munish Kumar did not attend the enquiry, inquiry officer conducted D&AR Inquiry ex-parte on the basis of evidence available on record. Copy of inquiry report was also sent to him by post on 13.01.2021 at the last known address and the same was pasted at last deputed station, but no response was received from him till date. Also reminder letter was also issued on 04.03.2021 which was returned back with remarks that no such person was found in Nadaun. Therefore, Sh. Munish Kumar is hereby informed through this notice that the Competent Disciplinary Authority has taken decision vide orders dated 16.04.2021 for his "Compulsory Retirement with immediate effect". Under the provisions of D&AR Rules-1968 he may submit an appeal to Appellate Authority (i.e. Sr. DCM/PS/Delhi) if so desired within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. 1179/21

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Chief Medical Supdt. Northern Railway, Firozpur Cantt. for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work :-

Name of Work	Open (e-tender)	Bidding System	Single packet
Garbage disposal work in Railway colonies at Jalandhar City for a period of two years.			
Tender Type	Open (e-tender)	Bidding System	Single packet
Date time of uploading tender	02.06.2021 at 11:00 hrs.	Tender closing date/time	14.07.2021 at 15:00 Hrs.
Advertised Value	Rs. 1732632/- (For 2 year)	Tendering Section	Medical
Bidding Style	Single rate	Bidding Unit	Rs./Month
Earnest Money	Rs. 34653/-	Validity of Offer	45 days
Tender Doc. cost	Rs. 3000/-	Period of Completion	2 year from the date of starting

Contractor are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit/credit card etc.

Bidder should visit above website for complete details and should check the website from time to time to note corrigendum, if any.

**Tender No. 01/2021. Tender Notice No. :- 31-Med/JUC/GD/21-23 Dated 27.05.2021 1183/2021**

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**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154**  
**(www.hssc.gov.in)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Notice to candidates for scrutiny of Documents for the post of Section Officer of (HVPNL), Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 08.

Intimation of earlier notice dated 03.11.2020, 15.03.2021 and 22.03.2021 and on the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 01.03.2020 for the post of Section Officer (HVPNL), Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 08 the candidates (only EWS Category) bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfilment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

**Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 08, Section Officer Account**  
1198003877 1198001257 1198003024 1198003533 1198000608

**NOTE:-**

- The Scrutiny of Documents of the above candidates will be held on 03.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m. The candidates are advised to report as per time slot given above in Commission office, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self-attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.
- In case a candidate does not appear for Scrutiny of Documents, no further opportunity will be given thereafter.
- The candidates (only EWS Category) bearing Roll Number 1198000140 who remained absent earlier for Scrutiny of Documents may also come for Scrutiny of documents on 03.06.2021.
- While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
- The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) and also published in Hari Bhoomi, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Punjab Kesari and The Tribune and Indian Express for English.

**Sd/- Secretary,**  
**Haryana Staff Selection Commission**

**Dated: 28.05.2021**

**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION**  
**Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134154**  
**(www.hssc.gov.in)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Notice to candidates for scrutiny of Documents for the post of Store Assistant of (HVPNL), Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 07.

Intimation of earlier notice dated 06.11.2020 and 16.03.2021 and on the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 14.03.2020 for the post of Store Assistant (HVPNL), Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 07 the candidates (only EWS Category) bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfilment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

**Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 07, Store Assistant**  
1197007006 1197000816 1197009610 1197000471 1197005823

**NOTE:-**

- The Scrutiny of Documents of the above candidates will be held on 03.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m. The candidates are advised to report as per time slot given above in Commission Office, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self-attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.
- In case a candidate does not appear for Scrutiny of Documents, no further opportunity will be given thereafter.
- The candidates who have already appeared in scrutiny in court case need not to come again for scrutiny of documents.
- While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
- The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) and also published in Hari Bhoomi, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Punjab Kesari and The Tribune and Indian Express for English.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Notice to candidates for scrutiny of Documents for the post of of Assistant Lineman of (DHBVNL), Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 02.

Intimation of earlier notice dated 21.02.2021 and 22.03.2021 and on the basis of written examination (CBT) held on 14.03.2020 for the post of Assistant Lineman (DHBVNL), Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 02 the candidates (only EWS Category) bearing following Roll Nos. have been called for Scrutiny of Documents provisionally to ascertain eligible candidates and further subject to the fulfilment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules.

**Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 02, Assistant Lineman (ALM) DHVBNL**  
1192044293 1192036024 1192044902 1192049461 1192043790 1192044972 1192049432

**NOTE:-**

- The Scrutiny of Documents of the above candidates will be held on 03.06.2021 at 3:00 p.m. The candidates are advised to report as per time slot given above in Commission Office, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self-attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.
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**Sd/- Secretary,**  
**Haryana Staff Selection Commission**

**Dated: 28.05.2021**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG**  
**e-Procurement Notice**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nagrota Bagwan invites online tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through online e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)
1	Source-Level Augmentation-Improvement of Distribution System of Lift Water Supply Scheme Group of Village Gheena, Morh, Jassai and Balugola in Tehsil Baroh and District Kangra (H.P.). Sub Head:- C/O RCC Collection Storage Tank 60000 liters Capacity and C/O Pump House-cum-Chowkidar Quarter).	12,94,056/-	25,885/-	400/-
2	CAD work to Flow-Irrigation Scheme- Rini Kuhl in G.P. Dhaleon Tehsil Nagrota Bagwan Distt. Kangra (H.P.) (Sub Head:- Laying, Jointing and testing of HDPE pipe of Various dia and C/O outlets Chamber=38 Nos.).	23,46,098/-	46925/-	400/-

**Time Limit:-** 6 Months each

Last date of filling/Uploaded the tender through e-tendering: **07.06.2021 up to 11:00 a.m.**, and opened on same day at **11:30 a.m.** The tender forms and other details conditions can be seen from the website <https://hptender.gov.in>.

**Executive Engineer,**  
**Jal Shakti Division,**  
**Nagrota Bagwan, (H.P.).**

DPR/HP/1143

**HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT**  
**SERAJ FOREST DIVISION, KULLU (H.P.)**  
**LIMITED TENDER NOTICE/RATE QUOTATION**

Sealed Limited Tender/Rate Quotation are hereby invited from the interested Parties/Suppliers for the supply of Black (Recycled-Biodegradable) Polythene Bags required for raising of plants in nurseries in Seraj Forest Division during 2021-22 as per the specification and requirement given below:-

Sr. No.	Description of items & Specification	Approximate Quantity (Qt.) Required
1	Black (Recycled/Biodegradable) Polythene Bags, Size = 5"x9", 250 Gauge, perforation of 06 holes in 02 rows of 03 holes in each row in the lower 2/3rd portion automatically double sealed by heat process.	15.00
2	Black (Recycled/Biodegradable) Polythene Bags, Size = 9"x16", 400 Gauge, perforation of 06 holes in 02 rows of 03 holes in each row in the lower 2/3rd portion automatically double sealed by heat process.	15.00

Sealed Limited Tenders/Rate Quotation should reach in the O/o Divisional Forest Officer Seraj, Banjar, Kullu (H.P.) on or before **10.06.2021 up to 2:30 p.m.** The condition of tender will be as under:-

- The rate will be **inclusive of all Taxes/GST** and will be borne by the suppliers and shall be FOR at Banjar.
- The rate tendered will be FOR destination to the Divisional Headquarters at Banjar, Kullu (H.P.).
- The Rate Quotation/Limited tender should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed and written on the top "**Tender for supply of Black (Recycled/Biodegradable) Polythene Bags**".
- The material supply should be of good quality and as per above specification.
- Before dispatch of material, the supplier should ensure that the same be got checked/inspected from the authorized representative of DFO Seraj.
- The lowest rate approved will be applicable/valid only for **FY 2021-22**. The GST @2% will be deducted from total bill amount by DDO as per rule.
- The tenderer will supply the material within week time from the date of tender by the undersigned with FOR.
- In case of failure of making supply on due date and time and of prescribed quality the purchase will be made from the open market at the rate and cost of tenderer. The extra cost so incurred will be deducted from the bill/security Earnest Money if any of the tenderer there.
- The payment will be made on receipt of full consignment through treasury in RTGS mode.
- The quantity of material will be decreased or increased as per requirement and budget availability.
- In the event of any dispute arising in the working/execution of his contract the decision of undersigned will be final & binding.
- In case of any litigations/Dispute arising out of this contract/tender the jurisdiction of judicial court Banjar shall be applicable.

**Divisional Forest Officer**  
**Seraj Forest Division**

DPR/HP/1146

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Executive Engineer, Tauni Devi Division, HP-PWD, Tauni Devi on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Starting date for Downloading	Earnest Money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	(i) Tauni Devi Uhal Kakkar Bajrol J/Beri road 0/0 to 3/0 and 8/0 to 10/0 (ii) Lambloo Baffrin Panahar Narsin road in Km.2/600 to 5/120 (iii) Nit to Muthan via Khas Gran road in Km. 0/0 to 2/0 (iv) Uhal Thana Tikkar Jandroo road in Km. 1/0 to 2/0 (SH:- P/L micro surfacing for preventive maintenance of various roads).	9416892/-	14.06.2021	127000/-	21.06.2021
2.	(i) Sujanpur Sandhol Marhi road in Km. 4/0 to 11/0 and 11/0 to 12/00 (ii) Tauni Devi Uhal Kakkar Bajrol J/Beri road in Km. 15/0 to 18/0 (SH:- P/L micro surfacing for preventive maintenance of various roads).	9846560.00	14.06.2021	131000.00	21.06.2021
3.	(i) Link road Khniah to Bhatara via Thalakna Bhamot in Km. 0/0 to 0/600 (ii) Rain shelter to bhalana to Chuhak Swahal in Km.0/0 to 0/600 (iii) Ranger Dhali Khad road in Km.1/0 to 3/0 (iv) link road to Kashiri Mahadev Duhak Chhaturoo road in Km 3/0 to 5/0 (v) Kakkar to Chamb road 1/100 to 3/0 (SH:- P/L micro surfacing for preventive maintenance of various roads).	6713563.00	14.06.2021	100000.00	21.06.2021

The bidders are advised to note any changes/all details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)

Sealed item rate tenders on form No. 6&8 are hereby invited date of receipt of Applications for tender forms:- **18.06.2021 up to 1.00 P.M.** 2. Date of issue/sale of Tender forms **18.06.2021 - 2:30 up to 5.00 P.M.** 3. Date of receipt of Tender:- **19.06.2021 up to 10.30 A.M.** 4. Date of opening of Tender:- **19.06.2021 at 11.00 A.M.** **Name of Work:-** 1. A/R& M/O to HPPWD Rest House Sujanpur Tihr (SH:- P/F PVC flooring in rooms). **E/CoSt -** 104155.00 **E/Money -** 2100.00 **CoSt -** 350/- **Time -** Two Months 2. A/R & M/O various road under Tauni Devi Sub Division (SH:- Paving and writing of sign boards, km stone village boards and other road side furniture etc.). **E/CoSt -** 149186.00 **E/Money -** 3000.00 **CoSt -** 350/- **Time -** Two Months 3. A/R & M/O Hamipur to Sujanpur road Km. 2/600 to 18/300 (SH:- P/L Thermoplastic compound with reflecting glass beads on bituminous surface to Zebra crossing, edge line Various RD. 8/600 to 18/300 and providing and fixing road studs at RD 2/600 to 5/0). **E/CoSt -** 207968.00 **E/Money -** 4200/- **Time -** Two Months 4. A/R & M/O on Tauni Devi Uhal Kakkar Bajrol Jungle Beri road Km. 0/0 to 30/915 (SH:- Imp of curve at RD 5/144 to 5/184). **E/CoSt -** 495577.00 **E/Money -** 10000 **CoSt -** 350/- **Time -** Two Months 5. C/o Missing C.D. on link road Chariar Di Dhar to Lambran Di Dhar Via Bouru Km. 0/0 to 5/130. **E/CoSt -** 394125.00 **E/Money -** 7900 **CoSt -** 350/- **Time -** Two Months 6. C/o link road Chaleli to Tikkar via Debra Km. 0/0 to 3/550 (SH:- F/C 5/7 mtr wide in Km. 0/095 to 0/135) 7. C/o link road to Harizan Basti Upper Bagehra Km. 0/0 to 1/00 (SH:- P/L GSB, VMB, M/T in Km. 0/340 to 0/510). **E/CoSt -** 496753 **E/Money -** 10000 **Time -** Two Months.

**NOTE:-** The tender documents shall be issued only to those contractors/firms who fulfill the criteria and submit the documents with the application as required. Copy of terms and conditions may be obtained from Division office/Notice Board.

**HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

DPR/HP/1130



# SC seeks details of Centre's scheme for Covid orphans

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to provide details of schemes announced for children, who lost their parents to Covid-19 along with monitoring mechanisms.

Last week, the Centre had announced that PM Cares will contribute through a specially designed scheme to create a corpus of Rs 10 lakh for each child when he or she reaches 18 years of age.

The top court, which had earlier taken suo motu cognisance of spread of Covid-19 in children homes, was hearing an application filed by amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal seeking identification of orphaned children due to Covid-19 or otherwise and providing them immediate relief.

A Bench headed by Justice L. Nageswara Rao directed states and Union Territories to appoint nodal officers of level of Secretary or Joint Secretary who will interact with its amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal for providing all information on orphans, their identification and about the welfare measures for them.

It posted the matter for hearing on Monday when it would take up matters related to



A health worker plays ludo with a child undergoing treatment for Covid at a centre in Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

## MADHYA PRADESH MOST AFFECTED

9,346	1,742	7,464	140	318
CHILDREN AFFECTED	CHILDREN LOST BOTH PARENTS	IN SINGLE-PARENT HOUSEHOLD	ABANDONED BETWEEN MAR 2020 & MAY 2021	MAXIMUM NUMBER ORPHANED IN MP

\*AS PER DATA UPLOADED ON BAL SWARAJ PORTAL

Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Jharkhand.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) told the court that data of 9,346 affected children have been uploaded on Bal Swaraj portal. This includes 1,742 children who lost both parents, 7,464 now in a single-parent household, 140 abandoned between March 2020 and

May 29, 2021.

In an affidavit filed in the top court, the NCPCR said out of these children, 1,224 were now living with a guardian, 985 with a family member not designated as a legal guardian, while 6,612 were living with a single parent. Besides, 31 children have been sent to the special adoption agency, it submitted.

A six-step scheme has been devised to monitor the well-being of children orphaned

due to Covid-19 or those who lost one parent, the NCPCR informed the court.

The maximum number of orphaned and abandoned children was seen in Madhya Pradesh, where 318 children were orphaned and 104 were abandoned, while UP recorded the highest number of children who lost one parent — 1,830 children are now living in single-parent households after the death of a parent due to Covid-19.

## India, Australia look forward to holding '2+2' talks soon: Rajnath

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Australian counterpart Peter Dutton on Tuesday held a telephonic conversation during which they reviewed the progress of various defence cooperation initiatives between the two countries and resolved to convene a "2+2" ministerial dialogue at the earliest.

The "2+2" dialogue between the foreign and defence ministers was instituted as part of an overall goal to expand strategic cooperation between the two countries. India has such a framework for talks with a very few countries, including the US and Japan.

### Defence ministers of both countries review military cooperation

Rajnath Singh said he spoke to Dutton about measures taken by both countries to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Defence Ministry said the two ministers reviewed the defence cooperation in the backdrop of the current regional situation and expressed satisfaction at the growing military ties between the two countries.

"Both sides reviewed the progress on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives and expressed commitment to further elevate

engagements between the armed forces. During the dialogue, both ministers expressed their intent to convene the 2+2 ministerial dialogue at the earliest," it said in a statement.

Both ministers acknowledged the momentum that defence cooperation between India and Australia has achieved following the upgrade of the partnership to a comprehensive strategic partnership in June 2020.

Last June, India and Australia had announced to upgrade their "2+2" dialogue from level of secretaries to that of ministers.

India and Australia have so far conducted three "2+2" foreign secretaries and defence secretaries dialogues.

## IUML moves SC against move to grant citizenship to minorities

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) has moved the Supreme Court against the Centre's move to grant citizenship to minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh currently residing in 13 districts in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Punjab.

In an application filed in the top court, the IUML accused the Centre of going back on the assurance given to the court, which is seized of its petition challenging the validity of the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019. The Centre had said staying the CAA wasn't necessary as the rules had not been framed, it pointed out. — TNS

## Despite India-China row, BRICS finds common ground

SANDEEP DIKSHIT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Despite the rancour between India and China, the meetings of BRICS Foreign Ministers held virtually on Tuesday found common ground on IPR waiver for vaccines, sanctions not approved by the UN, reforming global financial institutions and countering terrorism.

India, as the current chair of the BRICS, convened the meeting. The second BRICS

### FOUR KEY DELIVERABLES IDENTIFIED

India has identified four key deliverables — Reforming multilateral system, counter-terrorism cooperation, using digital technology to achieve SDGs and enhancing people-to-people cooperation. S Jaishankar, EAM



Foreign Ministers' meeting went through the motions on some aspects such as jointly calling for "resolution of international disputes by peaceful means" and opposing "threat or use of force against the ter-

ritorial integrity of any state".

Russia and China provided lukewarm support to the aspirations of the other three BRICS members — India, South Africa and Brazil — as permanent members of the UNSC.

But BRICS maintained the pressure for reforming the IMF and World Bank. It also declared its support for the joint India-South Africa proposal at the WTO for IPR waiver on vaccine and Covid related items.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said India had identified four deliverables. These were reforming the multilateral system, counter-terrorism cooperation, digital technology to achieve SDGs and enhancing cooperation.

### IN BRIEF

## Swapan Dasgupta renominated to RS

NEW DELHI: Former journalist Swapan Dasgupta, who had resigned from the Rajya Sabha and unsuccessfully contested the recent West Bengal Assembly elections on the BJP ticket, has been renominated to the Upper House of Parliament by the government. PTI

## PC: Govt should print money, raise spending

NEW DELHI: Former finance minister P Chidambaram said on Tuesday that India had recorded a negative annual growth for the first time since 1979-80 and asked the government to print money and increase spending in line with the advice of Nobel Laureate Abhijit Banerjee. TNS

## Chargesheet against Hyderabad jewellers

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday said it has filed a prosecution complaint (equivalent to a police chargesheet) in the infamous demonetisation scam case in which cash of around Rs 111 crore was deposited immediately after the announcement of making illegal the existing currency notes of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 denominations on November 8, 2016, by the jewellers Kailash Gupta, Nitin Gupta and Nikhil Gupta in Hyderabad. TNS

## Third wave? Govt to ramp up health infra for kids

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Amid fears that the potential third wave of Covid-19 might impact children more, India is in the process of adopting fresh guidelines on paediatric Covid disease with a group of experts telling the government to prepare for the worst and ramp up hospital infrastructure for children.

VK Paul, Member, Health, NITI Aayog, today said

### LATE SYMPTOMS

"We have seen that two to six weeks after asymptomatic Covid, some kids present with fever, body rashes, eye inflammation, diarrhoea and breathlessness. VK Paul, MEMBER, HEALTH, NITI AAYOG



though there was no evidence of serious Covid disease in children, the impact

could increase if the virus changed its behaviour. "Our focus on paediatric

## Lt Gen Manoj Pande takes charge of Eastern Command

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In a change of guard at several top positions in the armed forces, new commanders have taken over at the Eastern Command of the Indian Army and at the Tri-services command at Andaman and Nicobar Islands, while the Navy has new Deputy Chief, who is in charge of all maritime operations.

Lt Gen Manoj Pande took charge as the new commander of the operationally crucial Eastern Army Command at a time India has been maintaining a high state of combat readiness along the LAC with China.



Lt Gen Pradeep Nair



Lt Gen Manoj Pande



Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh

Lt Gen Pande was earlier Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman & Nicobar Command (CINCAN). Lt Gen Ajai Singh, who is an alumnus of Lawrence School, Sanawar, is the new CINCAN.

The Navy got a new Deputy Chief, Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh. Hailing from Jalandhar, Admiral Singh will be respon-

sible for gamut of operations at sea. The Assam Rifles too got a new Chief — Lt Gen Pradeep Chandran Nair took over as the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles. In the Navy, Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani has assumed charge as the Chief of Material and Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh took over as Controller Warship production.

## Yogi, Ramdev now in UP varsity curriculum

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and yoga guru Ramdev will now be part of the Chaudhary Charan Singh University curriculum. University officials said this was part of their effort to teach students about their "ancient cultural heritage" and the architects of this heritage.

Yogi Adityanath's 'Hathयोगa Ka Swaroop va Sadhna' and Ramdev's 'Yog Sadhna va Yog Chikitsa Rahasya' will be part of the first year, second semester undergraduate philosophy curriculum.

It can also be taken as an elective subject by students, along with other courses. — IANS

## PM-led panel for ex-SC judge Mishra as NHRC chief, Kharge dissents

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led five member selection committee has recommended the name of former Supreme Court Judge Arun Kumar Mishra as the next chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

However, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge dissented to the decision questioning the absence of the names of eligible candidates from marginalised communities in short list of 12 candidates.

This is the first time in the NHRC's 27 years that the commission will be headed by a former SC judge and not a former Chief Justice of India. The NDA government had in 2019 amended the Protection of Human Rights Act, which earlier mandated that the NHRC chief should be a former CJI.

### RETIRED IN 2020

■ Former SC Judge Arun Mishra was selected from a list of 12 candidates

■ He retired from the apex court in September 2020

■ LoP in RS Kharge questions absence of names of eligible candidates from marginalised communities

The law was changed to allow appointment of a former SC judge as the commission chief. Former SC Judge Arun Mishra had recently made news for praising the PM as an "internationally acclaimed visionary who could think globally and act locally" and a "versatile genius".

He was selected from a list of 12. He retired from the apex court in September 2020. The final orders on the appointment of the NHRC chairman will come from President Ram Nath Kovind on the recommendation of the selection committee.

## CEC: Confident of holding 5 state polls in 2022

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The Election Commission is confident of holding the five Assembly polls due early next year, including in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, on time as the poll

panel has gained a lot of experience from the electoral exercise in Bihar, West Bengal and four other Assemblies amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil

Chandra has asserted.

The terms of the legislative assemblies of Goa, Manipur, Punjab and Uttarakhand are coming to end in March 2022, while that of UP in May. — PTI

## Cong panel on poll loss submits report

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The Congress panel constituted by party chief Sonia Gandhi to go into reasons for losses in the recent state elections today submitted its report on the causes of debacle in Kerala, Assam and Puducherry.

The panel, chaired by former Maharashtra CM

Ashok Chavan, is said to have made some strong remarks in the report about the process of candidate selection, the role of state in charges and general secretaries, the principal campaign issues, means and methods of campaign and outreach, and the need for and consequences of pre-poll coalitions.

## Frivolous cases making SC dysfunctional, says Justice Chandrachud

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

Frivolous cases were consuming most of its time, making it "dysfunctional" by causing inordinate delays in hearing of cases of national importance, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday.

"We as an institution must not spend our time dealing with frivolous matters. This wastes the time of the court and suggests that we have a lot of time. Serious matters must be given time," a Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud said while hearing a consumer dispute.

As on May 1 this year, 67,898 cases were pending in the

Supreme Court. Out of 67,898 pending matters, 12,945 matters are such which can't be listed for "hearing" as they are either "Incomplete Miscellaneous Matters" or "Not Ready Regular Hearing" matters.

The Bench got irked to see an application in a matter that had already been disposed of.

"We cannot pass another order in an already disposed of matter. We shouldn't be hearing you. Actually, this is how the SC is becoming dysfunctional. Judges have to spend their important time going through these files before the start of the day," commented Justice Chandrachud. — TNS

## Weather dept predicts normal rains

Says average rainfall likely to be 101%, will benefit farm sector

VIBHA SHARMA

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 1

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) today upgraded its forecast for 2021 monsoon from 98 per cent to 101 per cent of the long period average for the country.

"Southwest monsoon (June to September) rainfall over the country is most likely to be normal (96-104 per cent of LPA). Quantitatively, the rains are likely to be 101 per cent of the LPA with a model error of  $\pm 4$  per cent," IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said.

While most parts of the country, including the northwest will receive nor-

### MONSOON TO BE WELL-DISTRIBUTED

Most rain-fed parts are expected to receive above normal and well-distributed seasonal rains, which will be beneficial for agriculture sector. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General, IMD



### BAD WEATHER DUE TO WESTERN DISTURBANCES

■ The IMD attributes the current inclement weather over the northwest plains to western disturbances and cyclonic circulation

■ It says rainfall along with thunderstorm is likely over western Himalayan region and adjoining plains for three days

mal to above normal and well-distributed rains, some pockets in northwest, east, northeast and southern

peninsula may receive below normal rains. They include Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Himachal

Pradesh in the northwest. Overall, rains are expected to be normal in northwest (92-108 per cent) and south peninsula (93-107 per cent), below normal over northeast India (less than 95 per cent) and above normal over Central India (more than 106 per cent).

The LPA for seasonal rains for the period 1961-2010 is 88 cm.

The good news for farmers and the agriculture sector is that rains over the monsoon core zone are most likely to be normal to above normal. Most rain-fed parts are expected to receive above normal and well-distributed seasonal rains, Mohapatra said.