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To mark International Day of Yoga, doctors and health workers perform asanas at Government Institute of Medical Sciences, Greater Noida. P11

Record 84 lakh jobs on Day 1 of new drive

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

More than 84 lakh vaccine doses, the highest in a single day, were administered across the country on Monday as the revised guidelines for Covid vaccination came into effect, the Union Health Ministry said. With this, the country's cumulative vaccination coverage has reached 28.33 crore.

Hailing the response, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Today's record-breaking vaccination numbers are gladdening. Vaccine remains our strongest weapon to fight Covid. Congratulations to those who got vaccinated and kudos to all frontline warriors for working hard to ensure so many citizens got the vaccine. Well done India!" The previous single-day record was of over 48 lakh on April 1. Madhya Pradesh led the jab

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HARYANA SEES 16.5% DEATH RATE IN WEEK

Haryana saw a whopping 16.50% mortality rate over the past seven days as 254 persons succumbed to Covid even as new cases stood at 1,557.

VIRBHADRA BEATS COVID SECOND TIME

Congress leader Virbhadra Singh has beaten Covid second time in as many months. The 86-year-old was on Monday shifted from a Covid ward to a special ward at IGMC, Shimla.

POSITIVITY RATE DIPS TO 1.3% IN HIMACHAL

53,256 FRESH CASES
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Sidhu to skip AICC panel meet, Rahul reaches out to dissidents

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

The ongoing Punjab Congress crisis showed no signs of resolution on Monday with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh geared up to keep his date with the AICC panel on Tuesday but rival Navjot Singh Sidhu set to skip the crucial meeting.

And parallel to the Mallikarjun Kharge-led AICC panel's interface with the CM, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi decided to give a two-day audience to a section of Amarinder Singh baiters, starting today.

TOUGH CALL FOR CONG

The party may have to choose between the CM and Sidhu as it has clearly become untenable for the two to work together, say AICC sources. Sidhu's decision to decline the invite for Tuesday's meet has sent out wrong signals, they say.

JOB ROW: PIL FILED IN HC

A PIL was on Monday filed before the Punjab and Haryana HC against the jobs to sons of two MLAs.

The Tribune has learnt that Rahul has scheduled meetings with state chief Sunil Jakhar, six Cabinet ministers (Sukhjinder Randhawa, Sukh Sarkaria, Tripti Rajin-



Capt Amarinder Singh



Navjot Singh Sidhu

NO DIRECT HIRING: DEPT

The decision to appoint MLA Fateh Jang Bajwa's son as Inspector has run into trouble. The Home Department is learnt to have pointed out that there is no provision for direct recruitment of Inspector, though SI or DSP can be appointed.

GIVE UP OFFER: BAJWA

Partap Bajwa, RS MP, has asked his brother Fateh Jang and MLA Rakesh Pandey to give up the job offer.

Inderbir Bolaria tomorrow.

The former Congress chief today met Amritsar MP Gurjit Auja and MLAs Kuljit Nagra and Raj Kumar Verka

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Lone accepts invite, PAGD meet today

ADITI TANDON
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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's June 24 J&K outreach, mixed signals emanated from the Valley with the People's Conference accepting the invite, the Congress demanding return to the pre-August 5, 2019, status and the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) saying it would meet tomorrow to decide on the participation.

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Security personnel during an encounter at Sopore in Baramulla. P11

WANTED ULTRA AMONG 3 SHOT

Srinagar: One of the most wanted militants, Mudasir Pandit, was among three LeT terrorists killed in an encounter in Sopore. PAGE 9

AMARNATH YATRA CANCELLED

Srinagar: In view of Covid, the annual Amarnath Yatra will be kept symbolic this year too, J&K LG Manoj Sinha said. PAGE 9

3rd front buzz, Pawar to host Oppn leaders today

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

The first signs of a possible realignment of Opposition forces ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections appeared on Monday with NCP chief Sharad Pawar inviting a host of non-BJP leaders and activists at his residence tomorrow to discuss the prevailing political scene.

Pawar sent out invitations after meeting election strategist Prashant Kishor for the

Parents, students flag concerns over evaluation formula

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

As some students and parents' bodies questioned the decision to cancel the Class XII examinations and the evaluation formulae to declare results of students, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the CBSE and the ICSE to respond to their pleas, saying it's important to have finality in the matter.

"For students... they need to have some ray of hope, not uncertainty," said a Bench led by Justice AM Khanwilkar, which had on June 17 given in-principle approval to evaluation formulae of the two boards for declaration of results by July 31. The matter is to be heard at 2 pm on Tuesday. BACK PAGE

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IN BRIEF

AAP's CM face to be a Sikh, says Kejriwal

AMRITSAR: Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, here to induct ex-IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh into AAP, said on Monday the party's CM face for the 2022 Punjab elections will be from the Sikh community. INSIDE

Centre initiates action against Bengal ex-CS

NEW DELHI: The Centre has decided to initiate major disciplinary proceedings against West Bengal ex-Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay, accusing him of "misconduct and misbehavior". BACK PAGE

Form board for Jaipal's 2nd autopsy, PGI told

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday directed the PGI-Chandigarh to form a board to conduct second autopsy on gangster Jaipal Bhullar. INSIDE

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Ex-IG aboard, Kejriwal says Sikh to be CM face

AAP chief promises justice in sacrilege, firing cases

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AMRITSAR, JUNE 21

AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal today announced that the party's CM face for the 2022 Assembly elections will be from the Sikh community. Kejriwal was here to induct former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh into the party fold.

In the presence of party's state president Bhagwant Mann, Punjab affairs in charge Jarnail Singh, co-in charge Raghav Chadha and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema, Kejriwal said while discussions were on within the party to select the right candidate as the CM face, he was certain the entire state would be "proud" of the party choice.

"I can tell you that a member of the Sikh community will be our CM face. Punjab is the only state having a Sikh CM," he said.

Asked whether Congress leader Navjot Singh Sidhu was would join the party, Kejriwal said Sidhu was with the Congress and he respected him. "I believe such loose talks should be avoided with respect to Sidhu," he said.

Addressing Kunwar as 'Afsar bhai', Kejriwal said like him, Kunwar too didn't



Former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh (L) with Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and other leaders in Amritsar on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

BID TO TARNISH SAD'S IMAGE

“The cat is out of the bag! It's clear now how AAP & Congress, using services of Kunwar Vijay Pratap, have done everything to tarnish SAD's image. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, SAD

belong to any political family. Pointing out that the former IG, who recently took voluntary retirement from service, played a vital role in "digging out the truth" behind the Bargari sacrilege and police firing cases, the Delhi CM said Kunwar invited the wrath of the entire system and had to take voluntary retirement.

Kejriwal claimed his party would deliver "justice" in the sacrilege and subsequent police firing cases. "Entire Punjab is watching how the

masterminds of the Bargari sacrilege and Kotkapura firing cases are roaming freely. If voted to power, the culprits will be put behind bars and justice will be done," he said.

Kejriwal and Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh later paid obeisance at the Golden Temple and Durgiana Mandir. At Durgiana Temple, senior BJP leader Laxmi Kanta Chawla made a surprise appearance and presented them with a shawl and a picture of the shrine.

Induction aimed at getting foothold in Majha region

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

The Aam Aadmi Party seems to be back in the saddle, as it embarks on a journey of inducting "eminent public and anti-establishment" faces in the party, with an eye on the Punjab Assembly elections due early next year.

With former IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh joining the party in Amritsar today, the symbolism and political narrative of the main Opposition party in Punjab, is not lost on anyone. Kunwar, who has served a long innings in the Majha region, was inducted into the AAP in the holy city of Sikhs. It is here that several headline religio-socio organisations have recently honoured him for his investigation into the sacrilege issue.

Aman Arora, senior AAP MLA, said Kunwar's induction would help the party establish itself in the Majha region, while creating a narrative of how a party "guilty" of sacrilege and the other which promised to punish the guilty, colluded to deny justice to the Sikhs.

Political observers feel that it is to support the 'Panthic' narrative that AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal declared that the party's CM candidate in the 2022 elections would be a Sikh. Some others feel that these moves may help AAP politically, but not electorally.

Job row: Double trouble for govt

Move challenged in HC, plea claims policy violation

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

The Punjab Cabinet's decision to give government jobs to sons of party MLAs Fatehjang Singh Bajwa and Rakesh Pandey today came under judicial scanner with the filing of a petition in public interest before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The petition filed by advocate Bikramjit Singh Bajwa against the Union of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, and other respondents, was "mentioned" before the High Court this morning for being heard due to an element of urgency involved in the matter. It has been accepted for hearing during the ongoing summer vacation and is expected to come up for consideration before a Division Bench this week.

Among other things, Bajwa — who has filed the petition in person — has sought directions to the respondents to apply brakes to the appointments sought to be given on compassionate ground.

Among other things, Bajwa has taken the ground that the decision to give government jobs was in violation of the policy governing compassionate



Decision in favour of 'influential and rich persons', says petitioner

appointments. Besides, the decision came after a delay of 37 years in the favour of "very influential and rich persons" who were the legal heirs of the MLAs.

Bajwa has further submitted that the appointments on public posts of inspector and naib tehsildar could not be given in an arbitrary and unconstitutional way. This was especially relevant as hundred of eligible persons, who had lost their father or breadwinner while performing their duty towards the state, were ignored.

In his "mentioning plea", Bajwa stated: "The prayer is for listing the case during the holidays as the public appointments are being made in haste. Those who have been selected are already well-off after a gap of 37 years."



MLA Fatehjang Singh Bajwa

GIVE UP OFFER: MP

Citing legacy of their fathers who laid down lives defending integrity of the nation during militancy, Rajya Sabha MP Partap Bajwa said: "I urge younger brother Fatehjang Singh Bajwa and associate Rakesh Pandey to voluntarily give up the job offer."

gains. Five ministers — Charanjit Channi, Sukhjinder Randhawa, Tript Bajwa, Sukhbinder Sarkaria and Razia Sultana — had opposed the appointment.

Citing assets of the MLAs, party leaders had questioned the legislators for seeking government jobs on moral grounds. As per the affidavit filed by Bajwa during the 2017 elections, he had shown moveable and immovable assets of Rs 5.40 crore and that of his spouse of Rs 27.95 crore. — TNS

Few top cops made it big in politics

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

While ex-IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap has become the latest cop to leave khaki and don a politician's white kurta-pyjama, several other police officers have followed the same path — a few, however, with glowing success in Punjab.

From the rank of DSP to DGP, more than 10 police officers have become politicians. Only one of them went on to become a minister, while others have either remained just MLAs or even failed to win polls.

Former DGP (J&K) PS Gill, who hailed from Punjab, courted quite a controversy when he joined the Shi-

JUST ONE OF 10 OFFICERS JOINED CABINET

- Over 10 police officers have joined politics, but only one of them became a minister and the rest either remained MLAs or failed to win
- Sitting Bholath MLA Sukhpal Khaira's father Sukhjinder Khaira was a DSP before joining politics
- He became the Education Minister in the Parkash Singh Badal government but quit after differences with the Akalis

romani Akali Dal to contest elections from Moga. He failed miserably and later joined the BJP.

IG Bhagwan Singh Danewalia was among the first to try second innings in politics. He was the chief of the Punjab Police in the 1970s when an Inspector-General was the highest rank in the police force. He was a reformist and penned

three books advocating changes in policing apart from social reforms. He chose to float his own party arguing that neither Congress nor the Akalis meant betterment of the state.

He contested byelection from Faridkot against Jagdish Kaur, mother of sitting Congress MLA Kikki Dhillon, but polled negligible votes.

DSP Bishambar Das joined the BJP after retirement and won the Narot Mehra Assembly elections. His son Hardeep Kumar joined SAD post his demise in 2020.

Sitting Bholath MLA Sukhpal Khaira's father Sukhjinder Singh Khaira was a DSP before joining politics. He became the Education Minister in the Parkash Singh Badal government. He later had differences with the Akali leadership and left it.

Harmohan Singh, who was once posted as SSP, took pre-mature retirement to join the Akali Dal. He is the son of ex-Akali minister and five-time MLA from Chamkaur Sahib, Satwant Kaur Sandhu.

Jobless, martyr's son slams govt

SUKHMEET BHASIN

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MANSA, JUNE 21

An unemployed ETTTET pass son of a martyred soldier is angry with the Punjab Government's decision to give jobs to sons of MLAs on compassionate grounds.

Harbhajan Singh, a soldier from Mandali village in Mansa district, was martyred in Operation Rakshak in Jammu and Kashmir in 1995. His son Ranjit Singh, who was only three years old at that time, now holds BA and MA degrees. He has also cleared ETT and TET.

Ranjit Singh said, "My father was with the 7th Rashtriya Rifles Battalion of the Army and was mar-



Martyr Harbhajan Singh's wife Jaswinder Kaur and son Ranjit Singh.

tyred on June 7, 1995, in Jammu and Kashmir."

After completing higher education, Ranjit Singh sought a job from the government on compassionate grounds, but it rejected his request. "We are not begging, we are just asking for

our rights," he said. He also said the state government had not provided any assistance to the family till date. In 2017, he wrote a letter to the state Department of Defence Services Welfare, but got a reply that his case could not be taken up.



Chetan Kumar at his shop.

PhD scholar, a juice vendor, writes to Capt

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SANGRUR, JUNE 21

NET-qualified and a PhD scholar, 32-year-old Chetan Kumar is running a juice shop in Lehra to earn livelihood.

He has written a letter to CM Capt Amarinder Singh, reminding him of his 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar' promise and demanding scrapping of

Scrap jobs to MLAs' kin, CM urged

jobs approved for the sons of two Congress MLAs.

"Since I am still jobless, I started a juice shop near a stadium two months ago to earn a living and arrange money to complete my PhD. Earlier I had some hope, but after the Cabinet approved government jobs for the two sons of MLAs, I have lost all hopes. It's discrimination with the unemployed youth of Punjab. The CM should scrap his approval for these jobs," Chetan said.

Sacrilege case: Bail plea of 2 dera men rejected

FARIDKOT, JUNE 21

The Court of Duty Magistrate, Faridkot, on Monday dismissed the bail plea of two dera followers in the sacrilege case.

Accused Pardeep Singh and Nishan Singh, who were arrested by the new special investigation team (SIT) last month, approached the court, claiming their judicial custody was serving no purpose of the SIT as it had



Labourers at a maize field in Nawanshahar. MALKIAT SINGH

No govt purchase, farmers fail to get MSP for maize

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR

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JALANDHAR, JUNE 21

Maize crop is somehow not finding much popularity among farmers. The Agriculture Department is finding it hard to convince the farmers of Doaba — a region more suitable for the crop — to sow maize as the alternative kharif crop. Farmers say low market price, no government procurement and problems in drying the harvested produce were making it less remunerative to sow maize this season.

The area under maize was down to 1.08 lakh hectares even last year and this time, as the sowing for the kharif varieties of maize has begun, the department has set a target to bring 1.5 lakh hectares under the crop. Even now, as the spring maize has started arriving in mandis, the farmers are

Sold at one-third the price to pvt buyers

ruing that their crop is being sold at as low as one-third of the MSP of Rs 1,850 per quintal. Since there is no government procurement, the private players are offering only Rs 600 to Rs 850 per quintal (depending on the moisture content in the crop).

Director, Agriculture, SS Sidhu said, "No doubt that maize is the best alternative to paddy and we are dependent on private buyers for the price. But we can certainly hope for a better price in the days to come as some bio-asanol projects being approved by the Centre are in the pipeline and these could get set up in parts of Doaba and Majha in the near future."

Employees to protest 'negligible' pay hike

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

Hundreds of Punjab Government employees, under the aegis of the Joint Action Committee of the Punjab Civil Secretariat Employees' Unions, today held a rally at the Civil Secretariat against the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission, which have been accepted and approved by the state

Claim state govt adopted wrong formula

government last Friday.

The employees, while rejecting the recommendations of the Pay Commission headed by Jai Singh Gill, said the formula used to calculate the pay hike was not acceptable. "Instead of increasing the pay scales by a multiple of 2.25 (for those whose scales were revised in

2011) and 2.59 (for those whose scales were revised by the 2006 Pay Commission), we had demanded that these be increased by a multiple of 2.72. The hike is negligible," said Sukhchain Khara, convener of the Sanjha Mulazam Manch.

The employees also criticised the cutting down of

their allowances by the commission like conveyance allowance, city compensatory allowance, house rent allowance and conversion of their secretariat pay into an allowance. "We are now planning to hold state-level protests. All ministerial staff in Punjab will observe a pen-down strike across all government offices in the state from June 23 to 27, as a mark of protest," said Khara.

Bittu appears before panel

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

Member of Parliament Ravneet Singh Bittu, who was summoned by the Punjab State Commission for Scheduled Castes, today appeared before it and presented his version

about his remarks regarding the sharing of seats between the SAD and BSP.

Commission chairperson Tejinder Kaur said during the hearing, Ravneet Singh Bittu defended himself saying that it was never his intention to make any statement against the SC community.

‘Overburdened’ patwaris go on strike

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PATIALA, JUNE 21

Patwaris and kanungos of the Punjab Revenue Department went on an indefinite strike today over the alleged inability of the Punjab Government to accept their demand of filling over 2,800 vacancies. Overburdened with work owing to shortage of staff, patwaris and kanungos across the state have decided to give the go-by to the additional responsibilities as a mark of protest. Consequently, villagers, especially farmers, will be at the receiving end of the decision because revenue work, land records, registry, and access to 'fard' in around



Members of the Revenue Patwar Union address the media in Patiala.

8,000 villages in the state would be severely hit.

The announcement was made by the coordination committee of the Revenue Patwar Union and Kanun-

gos' Association, Punjab, during a press conference in Patiala on Monday. The committee said there were 4,716 sanctioned posts of patwari in the state but

only 1,995 patwaris are working, who were holding additional charge of 2,721 patwar circles.

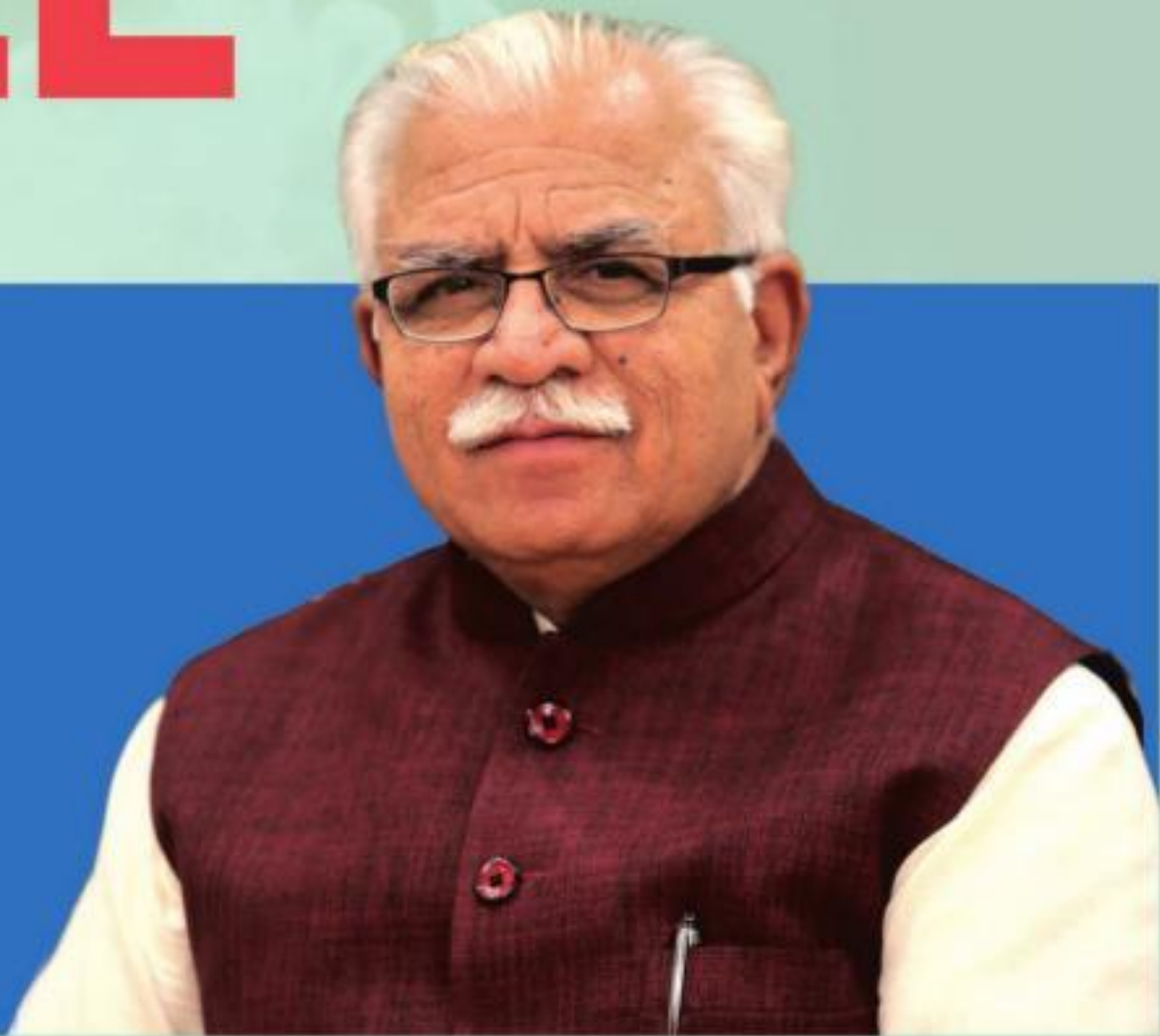
Similarly, 500 kanungos have been holding additional charges of 161 circles, said Amirk Singh Rai, who is the district president of the kanungo association.

Gurmukh Singh, district president, Revenue Patwari Union, Punjab, said, "Many patwaris are looking after three to four additional circles. This is sheer exploitation of employees, who are overburdened with work." Singh claimed around 400 patwaris, who were recruited in 2016, had already left the job due to overload of work.



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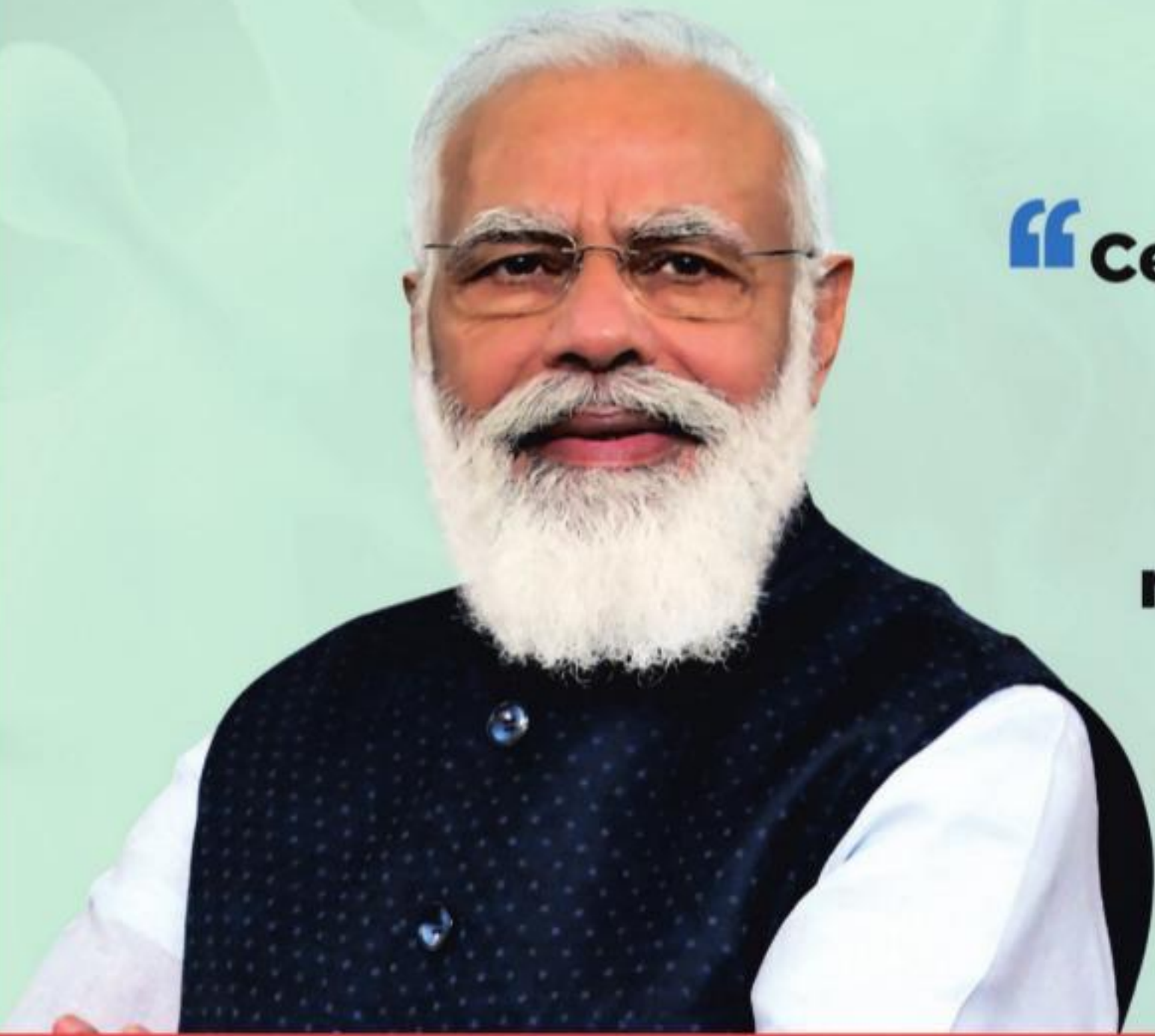
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Form board for 2nd autopsy, PGI told

HC says delay may cause irreversible damage | Father to hand over body to hospital today

JAIPAL ENCOUNTER

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

The Punjab and Haryana High Court today directed the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, to constitute a board and expeditiously conduct a second post-mortem examination of gangster Jaipal Singh Bhullar.

The direction by Justice Aneesh Jhingan of the High Court came on a petition filed by gangster's father Bhupinder Singh. Jaipal and another person were killed in an encounter with a special task force of the West Bengal



ORDER AFTER SC RETURNS PLEA

The SC had remanded back the matter to the HC, saying it had erred in initially dismissing the plea on the grounds that the death occurred in Kolkata and autopsy, too, was conducted there

Police in Kolkata. Jaipal's father and other relatives had subsequently claimed they had spotted some "unusual marks" on the body.

Justice Jhingan noted the body of the petitioner's son was lying at his place for nine

days and rejection of his prayer for a second post-mortem at the current stage might result in irreversible damage.

Justice Jhingan also made it clear the order was being passed after ignoring the technicalities and considering the

nature of the relief sought.

Appearing on the PGIMER's behalf, senior advocate Amit Jhanji assured the Bench needful would be done for complying with the court directions. Petitioner's advocates APS Randhawa, Dhananjay Grover, Ishma Randhawa and Simranjit Singh, in turn, submitted the father would himself bring the body to the PGIMER as he was not ready to hand it over to the police.

"Let the petitioner hand over the body of his son to the PGIMER, Chandigarh, on June 22 at 10 am for conducting the second post-mortem," Justice Jhingan asserted, while directing the handing over of the report's copies to the peti-

tioner, the Punjab Police, and other authorities concerned.

Justice Jhingan added it would have been appropriate to hear the West Bengal authorities in normal circumstances. But the petition was being decided today itself, considering time was of the essence and in view of the Supreme Court directions.

The matter was placed before Justice Jhingan's Bench after it was remanded back by the Supreme Court with observations that the Punjab and Haryana High Court erred in initially dismissing the petition on the grounds that the death had occurred in Kolkata and the post-mortem examination too was conducted there.

Eight booked for murder bid; 2 held

MUKTSAR, JUNE 21
A group of armed men, suspected to be drug peddlers, allegedly opened fire and injured a resident of Khema Khera village in Lambi Assembly segment here yesterday.

The incident occurred when the victim along with others was returning from a police post, where they had gone to hand over a resolution passed by the village panchayat against drug peddlers. The victim, Mandeep Singh, suffered a bullet injury in the leg and was taken to the health centre at Lambi, from where he was referred to Muktsar.

Jaswinder Singh, sarpanch, said: "Some men from our village and neighbouring Phullu Khera village are involved in

Villagers attacked after anti-drug resolution

drug peddling. The panchayat had passed a resolution against them yesterday. When a group of residents was returning after handing over a copy of the resolution to the police, some armed men opened fire. We want to make the village drug-free, but some people are against it."

Some residents protested last night, seeking action against the suspects. The police registered a case of attempt to murder against eight persons. Lambi SHO Chander Shekhar said: "We have booked eight persons. Two of them have been arrested." — TNS

Man shot over land dispute

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JUNE 21

A man allegedly shot his cousin over a land dispute at Maur Khurd village in the district today. The deceased has been identified as Parampreet Singh, alias Garry (28), a native of Maur Khurd, currently staying in Patiala.

As per information, Parampreet had come to his village in connection with some land issue. His cousin Harvinder Singh, alias Lali, along with accomplices arrived at his home in three vehicles and allegedly opened fire at Parampreet, killing him on the spot. Lali and his unidentified accomplices fled the scene.

On receiving information, the Maur police arrived at the scene and initiated investigation. A search had been launched to arrest the suspects, said the police.

According to the victim's relatives, the two sides were involved in a land dispute, but a settlement was reached later.

Abohar hospital gets oxygen plant

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, JUNE 21

CleanMax, a sustainability partner for leading corporates in Asia, has installed its first oxygen generation plant in the state at the 100-bed Subdivisional Civil Hospital here. As many as 25 such plants have been installed in other states also.

District Youth Congress executive Sandeep Jakhar inaugurated the plant in the presence of Civil Surgeon Dr Parminder Kumar, SMO Dr Gagandeep Singh, Mayor Vimal Thatai, Improvement Trust chairman Anil Nagpal and other dignitaries.

Sandeep said he had approached many non-government organisations for setting up an oxygen plant in the hospital to meet challenges of third Covid wave that might hit the country in a few months.

Since most of the Covid patients across Fazilka district belonged to Abohar, the oxygen plant could

COVID METER		
Cases		340
Critical		156
Active		6,477
Deaths		24
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bathinda	33	0
Jalandhar	33	2
Muktsar	30	1
Amritsar	29	0
Gurdaspur	23	1
Total	5,92,658	15,854

prove to be of great help in future, he said.

CleanMax manager Bhupinder Jangu said the patients in the emergency ward would get piped supply as and when required.

On the occasion, the Civil Surgeon said vaccination for people for the 18-plus group had been launched today. While assuring that there won't be shortage of vaccines, he urged social activists to exhort eligible people to opt for inoculation.

Amy, BSF men take part in yoga sessions

ABOHAR, JUNE 21

International Yoga Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at various military stations of Sapta Shakti Command and Border Security Force. The officials and their family members participated in the events and took a pledge to practise yoga.

At a function organised by 181 Battalion of the BSF at



A yoga camp at Police DAV Public School in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

the sector headquarters, DIG Ved Parkash Badola said yoga was an integral part of a soldier's life as it fulfilled the purpose of being physically and mentally fit.

Yoga sessions were organised in adherence to the Covid-19 protocol at Sriganganagar, Suratgarh, Lalgah and other military stations. — OC

Jalalabad farmers oppose canal construction

FAZILKA, JUNE 21

The farmers of Jalalabad segment have demanded to stop the construction of Rana minor canal being carved out of Nizamwala distributary.

Gurdeep Singh, a farmer of Chack Sotrian village, and Shingara Singh, former sarpanch of Dhab Khushal village of Jalalabad segment, said Rana minor canal would draw water from Nizamwala distributary, as a result of which, the

Say will affect supply to tail-end villages

farmers, whose land is situated at the tail end, would be deprived of canal water.

Former minister Hans Raj Josan, who is now SAD leader, alleged the government had betrayed the farmers. He said after farmers' agitation regarding the construction of the canal, a high-level meeting was held under the chairmanship of Irrigation Minister, about three months ago. It was decided the government would not pursue the project, and subsequently the construction was stopped. However, the department restarted the construction about a week ago. — OC



The government has promised eight-hour uninterrupted electricity supply to farmers. MALKIAT SINGH

Bathinda villages get only 6-hr power supply, sowing affected

SAMEER SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JUNE 21

Poor electricity supply has affected paddy sowing in a number of villages in Bathinda district. Farmers said against the promised eight-hour uninterrupted supply to the agriculture sector by the state government, they had been getting power supply for six to seven hours, thereby resulting in shortage of water required for paddy sowing.

Farmers rued that daily one-two hour cut in electricity could delay paddy sowing. Harpreet Singh and Ramesh Kumar, both farmers from

USING GENERATORS

“We are left with no alternative, but to use generators to draw water from tubewells. But, this requires large quantities of diesel, thereby adding to the input cost. Jagshir Singh Jhumba, LEADER OF BKU (UGRAHAN)

Mehma Sarkari village, said, "The substation started power supply at 6 am, but it was switched off around 1 pm. We are yet to water a large chunk of our fields."

Jagshir Singh Jhumba, a leader of BKU (Ugrahan),

said, "The supply from almost every power grid is affected in the district. PSPCL officials do not even attend our phone calls and complaints. If the department does not restore uninterrupted electricity supply, farm unions will start gherao at different power stations in the district soon."

Baljit Singh, Superintendent Engineer, PSPCL, said, "If supply is reduced for some duration then it is compensated by providing extra power within 24 hours. We ensure that farmers get uninterrupted supply during the paddy season."

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

Eminent virologist Dr Shahid Jameel today said the presence of Delta (first detected in India) and Beta (first detected in South Africa) variants of Covid virus was a worrisome factor in the country.

He stressed this during a discussion with Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan today. The discussion was held to prepare the state in thwarting the possible third wave of the disease.

Dr Shahid Jameel is the former head of the advisory group to the Indian SARS-



A woman gets vaccinated in Jalandhar. PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

COV-2 Genomics Consortia. Talking about the variants of concern, Dr Jameel said India ranked second in Covid

infections and third in deaths and vaccination in the world. Highlighting the presence of the Delta variant in India,

In Moga, 8 nabbed for peddling drugs

MOGA, JUNE 21

The local police have arrested eight suspects for peddling drugs with the recovery of 16,960 intoxicating pills from them over the past two days, police officials said today.

Two suspects — Lakhwinder Singh, a resident of Thethar Kalan village (Ferozepur) and Sukhmandeep Singh, a resident of Sekhwan village—were arrested near Mahesari Sandhuan village, and 15,000 intoxicating pills and a motorcycle seized from them. They had gone to deliver pills to clients.

Another suspect Shinderpal Singh, resident of Mandar village, was arrested from the bus stand at Daulewala village with 270 intoxicating pills. Further, Lakhwinder Singh, alias Bittu,

2 HELD WITH SMACK

■ The City-2 police in Abohar seized 22 gm of smack from Krishna Devi of Nai Abadi, who had reportedly been held for a similar offence five years ago

■ The Sriganganagar police seized 50-gm smack and drug money worth ₹20,000 from Harbinder Singh Laddi

■ Also, 6-gm smack was seized from Som Dutt and Rajesh Kumar, who were held under the NDPS Act

was arrested from the Maseetan road in Kot-ise-Khan town and 500 pills were seized from him.

Kulwant Singh of Takhtupura was nabbed from Bilaspur village with 440 pills. — TNS

Rajpura villagers allege scam in land acquired for IT park

Claim compensation not given to tillers, demand inquiry

AMAN SOOD

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

RAJPURA, JUNE 21

Residents of three villages, particularly Schedule Caste and Other Backward Class tillers, are up in arms against the government alleging corruption in "compensation amount being transferred" to some politically connected individuals instead of actual tillers.

The administration has now ordered a probe into the land compensation transferred in the Modern Industrial Park and Integrated Manufacturing Cluster spread over more than 1,100 acres on the government and panchayat land in Rajpura. Alleging that many close to local political lobby have been "wrongfully transferred lakhs of rupees", villagers are now demanding a probe into the whole acquisition process and transfer of compensation amount" at the behest of the local political lobby.

"In Aakrhi village, a panchayat member was allotted Rs 51 lakh compensation despite the fact that he neither owns land nor has any girdawari in his name," claim

WILL PROBE ISSUE

“I have asked officials to cross-check the details and verify the list received from the local block development and panchayat office. If there is any discrepancy, strict action will be initiated.

Khushdil Singh, RAJPURA SDM

over a dozen residents who have now demanded an impartial probe into the case. "In majority of the cases, poor landless tillers received merely Rs 9 lakh and in a few cases they were sidelined to accommodate politically connected persons," says a villager.

The acquired land near a government school in the same village has been shown away from the school premises and allocated to a marriage palace, allege villagers.

"Even this needs to be probed as to how a marriage palace can come up just adjacent to a school. The whole land compensation process needs a thorough probe to ascertain the role of the panchayat and rural development

officials and also the local politicians," claims Gurdhian Singh Seona, senior leader of the Krantikari Kissan Union.

"Everyone knows the political lobby that has minted crores in this land compensation process. Only an impartial probe can unveil the land mafia in these villages," he said.

In a complaint submitted to the Rajpura SDM, a copy of which was marked to the CM, many villagers have stated that the administration should conduct a fair probe. "In many cases, MGNREGA funds continue to be wrongly distributed among kin of local panchayat members. So, they don't object to the wrongful compensation being paid to outsiders," it read.

Rajpura SDM Khushdil Singh said: "As per the government directions, the village panchayat gets Rs 25 lakh, while the tiller gets Rs 9 lakh per acre. We will verify the complaint in detail."

The integrated manufacturing cluster will be developed with the help of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation on more than 1,100 acres of land.

BRIEFLY

CHANDIGARH
Hooda hits out at govt for cancelling recruitment
Ex-CM Bhupinder Hooda on Monday expressed dissatisfaction over the decision to cancel recruitments. “The government carried out recruitment for 146 posts in DHBVN, but it is now saying that it does not need Junior System Engineers, after the recruitment process was completed. The government says it will hire temporary staff through Hartron, if needed,” he said. **TNS**

Permanent health facilities missing, alleges Selja
State Congress chief Kumari Selja has said health facilities and government policies had turned into a joke. In a statement, she said the state faced two waves of Covid and the third one could wreak havoc, but permanent medical facilities were not being provided by the government. **TNS**

KURUKSHETRA
Wanted criminal held
The CIA-2 unit of the police arrested a wanted criminal carrying a reward of ₹25,000 and seized a country-made pistol and two cartridges from him. The accused has been identified as Amardeep, alias Deepa, of Hisar. SP Himanshu Garg said, “He was produced in a court that remanded him in two-day police custody. He is wanted in 31 criminal cases. **TNS**

Weekly death rate soars to 16.5%

254 succumb to virus in seven days | Cases dip to four-month low

SUSHIL MANAV
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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21
Haryana registered a whopping 16.5% mortality rate during the past seven days, with 254 persons succumbing to the virus. Meanwhile, the weekly cases have come down to a four-month low at 1,557.

The weekly deaths at 254, though nine-week low, are still higher than any given week of the first Covid wave that started in September last year and plateaued by November-end.

The weekly status report on Covid in Haryana shows that while fresh infections have dipped sharply from 1,01,009 (May 3 to 9) to 1,557 (June 14 to 20), the fatalities have not shown the corresponding decline.

While the new cases have come down to 1.57% of those witnessed in the week from May 3 to 9, the deaths have come down to 22.69% — from 1,119 (May 3 to 9) to 254 last week.

The increasing weekly mortality rate has also pushed the cumulative fatality rate of Haryana up to 1.20% from 0.87% in the first week of May, when the second wave was at its peak.



People wait for their turn outside a vaccination centre in Gurugram on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: S CHANDAN

VAX IS THE KEY

“Vaccination is the key to thwart the third wave of the Covid pandemic. We want to keep Gurugram safe. People should follow the protocols.”
Dr Virender Yadav, GURUGRAM CMO

6.27 LAKH VACCINATED IN A DAY

- Health Minister Anil Vij tweeted 6.27 lakh beneficiaries were vaccinated in the state on Monday
- Of them, around 1.4 lakh persons got jabbed at more than 200 centres in Gurugram
- So far, 76.6 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated; 5.5 lakh persons have been vaccinated in Ambala

COVID METER

Cases	162
Recovered	287
Active	2,337
Deaths	29

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Jind	29	1
Palwal	19	0
Sirsa	17	2
State total	7.67L	9,275

ond wave was at its peak.

Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, said the mortalities had started tapering off and these would also come down gradually.

Sources in the department, however, confirmed that some of these fatalities were old, but were being reported late because of technical reasons such as the reports of death audits.

Meanwhile, with a dip in the number of infections, the daily positivity rate as recorded on Sunday was 0.64% against the cumulative positivity rate of the state at 7.89% since the start of the pandemic.

The reproduction rate, also called the R-Naught value, has also come down to 1 from 1.39 during the peak of the second wave. This means that while 100 Covid patients were passing on

infection to 139 during the peak of the wave, the virus is now being passed on by 100 infected persons to only 100 healthy ones.

At present, only 2,491 active cases are left in the state with Hisar (242), Gurugram (219), Sirsa (215) and Panipat (206) being the districts with the highest caseload. Meanwhile, Sonapat (10), Fatehabad (9) and Charkhi Dadri (1) are the three districts with the active cases of 10 or less.

Farmers protest in Ambala, Edu Minister skips meeting

AMBALA, JUNE 21

Following farmers' protest, the grievances committee meeting, which was scheduled to be chaired by Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar, was held by the DC at a changed venue on Monday.

While the farmers kept protesting outside the Panchayat Bhawan, the local administration held the meeting at a police rest house here.

The minister was scheduled to chair the monthly Public Relations and Grievances Redressal Committee meeting at 11 am, but farmers led by BKU (Charuni) district chief Malket Singh started gathering around 9.30 am and raised anti-government slogans, following which the time of the meeting was extended twice. Due to farmers' call, heavy police force was deployed near the Panchayat Bhawan and barricades were installed at several roads leading to the venue.

As the minister couldn't reach to chair the meeting, the farmers claimed it to be their victory and said they would continue to protest in a similar fashion in the coming days as well. DC Vikram Singh said: “Due to some reasons, the minister couldn't reach the venue. The administration held the meeting and all complaints were heard.” — TNS



Cops stop farmers from entering Panchayat Bhawan in Ambala.

BLACK FLAGS SHOWN TO DY CM, PHOGAT

Hisar: Farmers showed black flags in protest against the Sirsa visit of Dy CM Dushyant Chautala on Monday. He was to unveil a statue of ex-Dy PM Devi Lal at Chaudhary Devi Lal University. In Charkhi Dadri, they protested BJP leader Babita Phogat's visit to Janta College stadium, where a Yoga day function was organised. **TNS**



Women stage a dharna at the Tikri border on Monday. PHOTO: SUMIT THARAN

Crowds swell at Tikri border

RAVINDER SAINI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JHAJJAR, JUNE 21

The number of elderly men and women has gone up at the Tikri border as young farmers have returned to Punjab for paddy cultivation. A majority of them will return after June 30 but, till then, elderly persons will hold the fort.

“The entire family of farmers is contributing to the protest. As my son has returned home to sow paddy, it is my turn to make a contribution. It is the second time that I have come to Tikri in the past six months,” said Surjeet Kaur of Mansa (Punjab). “Agriculture is the only source of livelihood for farm-

Young farmers busy in fields, elderly hold fort

MY TURN TO CONTRIBUTE

“As my son has returned home to sow paddy, it is my turn to make a contribution. It is the second time that I have come to Tikri in the past six months.”
Surjeet Kaur, MANSa RESIDENT

ers. So work in the fields is as important as the protest. The struggle against the three farm laws will continue for a long time, hence many farmers have gone to Punjab for

POCSO: Edu Dept, DGP told to submit action-taken report

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has called upon the police and the Department of School Education to give details of the action taken on the basis of an SIT report in a case where a student was allegedly forced by a teacher to indulge in unnatural sex.

The direction came after Justice Suvir Sehgal observed that a perusal of the report showed “a shocking state of affairs”. Justice Sehgal also dismissed “as withdrawn” a petition filed by the teacher. He was seeking regular bail in an FIR registered on May 22, 2020, under Sections 377 and 506 of the IPC, besides the provisions of the POCSO Act and Juvenile Justice Act at the Sadar police station in Hisar.

His counsel had earlier told the court that the petitioner had been falsely implicated by the first informant as he

HC dismisses ‘as withdrawn’ bail plea of Hisar teacher

had forwarded complaints received from students in 2018. The petitioner at the relevant time was working as a teacher.

Keeping in view the facts, the HC had, in October last year, directed the Hisar SP to examine the documents attached by the petitioner, along with the police diary, before filing a status report.

As the matter came up for resumed hearing, Justice Sehgal observed the comprehensive report by way of an affidavit by Hisar SP Balwan Singh had been filed.

“A copy of the comprehensive SIT report should be sent to the Department of School Education, Haryana, as well as to the DGP,” Justice Sehgal asserted, while fixing the case for July last week for the filing of the affidavits.

PRADEEP SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

Haryana's realty hubs—Gurugram and Faridabad—in the National Capital Region (NCR) continue to catch the fancy of builders even in the affordable housing segment. The two cities account for 138 of the 145 applications received by the Haryana Government under its flagship affordable group housing scheme.

Surprisingly, no applications were received from 18 of the 22 districts of the state. While five applications were received from Bahadurgarh (Jhajjar), Panchkula accounted for two applications, sources said.

In fact, the Covid pandemic proved to be no deterrent for colonisers with 92 out of the 145 applications being filed since March 2020. As many as 88 of these 92 applications were received from Gurugram and Faridabad.



ENOUGH LAND

“A number of developers have purchased land within the municipal limits of Gurugram and Faridabad over the past years. BK Sanghi, CHIEF, HARYANA GROUP HOUSING FEDERATION

Recently, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had set a target of providing 1 lakh houses to state residents by 2022. A dedicated department, Housing for All, was specially created to bring under one roof all housing schemes being implemented

by various departments, boards and corporations.

The affordable housing policy was first launched during the tenure of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in 2013 with a slew of incentives, including concessions in the payment of licence fee, infrastructure development charges, better floor-area ratio (FAR) and higher ground coverage.

The Khattar government carried forward the Hooda government's policy by offering several more incentives to developers of affordable housing.

The sops offered by the BJP-JJP government included reduction in the area norms for setting up housing projects from five to four acres, increase in the maximum area norms from 10 to 30 acres. The commercial component was increased from 4 per cent to 8 per cent of the planned area to make housing affordable.

CM: Industrial clusters to be set up in dists

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 21

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has directed the officers concerned to prepare a plan for setting up clusters at the district level for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to encourage new startups.

He said maximum employment opportunities should be made available to the youth under the scheme. The CM gave these directions while presiding over a review meeting of the cluster scheme for MSMEs here today.

The officers concerned were directed to make an extensive plan for land, planning, types of product, technology, certification, research and development, processing, marketing, financing, exports, designing and packaging, etc.

He said exports should be mainly looked after by the Foreign Cooperation Department. Suggestions should be invited on the portal from the people after making a complete plan as to which type of industries they were interested to set up. He also directed the officers concerned to make timely arrangement of land for such clusters. — TNS



The police conduct a flag march in Faridabad's Khor village.

3K cops conduct flag march in Khor village

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 21

Around 3,000 policemen led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (NIT) Anshu Singla today conducted a flag march in the district's Lakkarpur Khor village, which faces demolition following a Supreme Court order.

The top court has ordered the eviction of encroachers from around 10,000 residential structures constructed illegally at Lakkarpur Khor village in the Aravalli forest area of Faridabad district.

A police spokesperson said the motive of the flag march was to ensure law and order in the village during the demolition drive expected to be carried out soon.

The march was preceded by

a meeting of officials to chalk out a strategy to tackle any law and order situation during the drive, the spokesperson said, adding it had helped the police to understand the local topography and preempt any untoward situation that might arise during the drive.

In all, three DCPs, 14 Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACP), 50 Inspectors, 100 Sub-inspectors, and more than 2,800 constables and head constables were part of the flag march.

Sources say the presence of the police personnel and the CID has been increased in the village in the wake of the recent protest by villagers.

A majority of residents has decided to stay put till the demolition drive, raising apprehension of protest by them.



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Online Choice Filling	05 July 2021 to 18 July 2021 (11:59 p.m.)
Seat allotment Result Declaration	20 July 2021
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Online Registration and uploading of documents	21 July 2021 to 26 July 2021 (10:00 p.m.)
Online Processing fee deposit	21 July 2021 to 26 July 2021 (11:59 p.m.)
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Seat allotment Result Declaration	29 July 2021
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Online Registration and uploading of documents	30 July 2021 to 08 August 2021 (10:00 p.m.)
Online Processing fee deposit by Candidate	30 July 2021 to 08 August 2021 (11:59 p.m.)
Online Document Verification by D.I.'s (Govt ITIs)	30 July 2021 to 09 August 2021
Online Choice Filling	04 August 2021 to 10 August 2021
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The call from White House

Invite to Kabul leaders augurs well for India

THE last time Afghan leaders’ invitation to the White House elicited similar interest was in the late 80s. The invitation to the Mujahideen was to compliment them on a job well done, a job that involved assassinations, mayhem and destruction. The prime collateral damage of the ascent of the Mujahideen followed by the Taliban was to India, which had to bid goodbye to its interests in the region. The latest White House invite to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and his number two Abdullah Abdullah has the opposite portents for India. It signals that the interests of countries such as India, that backed Afghan officials committed to democracy, non-violence, development and upholding women’s rights will not be sidestepped.

Ghani and Abdullah will doubtless also be complimented by the White House for doing a reasonable job in holding out against out-and-out marauders. The situation has not yet eased for the embattled duo who along with their top aides are seen as belonging to the pro-India camp. This is where India has its work cut out. The Chinese and the Indians are seen by Afghans as having the resources to put their country on the path to development that will serve as a counter-magnet to the culture of gun rule. Last year’s Galwan Valley incident has put paid to the earlier desire of China and India to execute joint projects in Afghanistan.

This apparent parting of ways may well be a blessing, for India already has a lot on its plate which needs to be brought to fruition. As Biden reconciles with Tehran, the path will open for India to open a sea route for Afghanistan, traversing through Iran, and in the process reduce Kabul’s over-dependency on Karachi port, its sole outlet for imports and exports. A dam project to bring drinking water to parched Kabul is also awaiting Indian execution. But Afghanistan, being a security state, will require India to shed its hesitation for greater involvement to defend the values it helped Kabul uphold. Biden’s gesture in inviting the Afghan duo has sent important signals about India’s continuing involvement which New Delhi must seize upon.

Strained resources

Find welfare ways to compensate Covid victims

THE Covid-19 pandemic was notified a disaster so that the states could use the disaster funds for Covid-related work. As per the Disaster Management Act, the government is obliged to provide relief to the victims of the deadly disease. Thus, the PIL filed in the Supreme Court demanding an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh to the kin of each victim succumbing to Covid-19 — like in events as cyclones, floods, earthquakes etc — holds good. Nearly four lakh fatalities have been recorded, even as more waves of the ravaging coronavirus loom large. At this rate, as of today, doling out the ex gratia would cost the exchequer a huge sum. The bill would swell many times if the massive discrepancies in the official death figures and those in reality are taken into account.

To facilitate mitigation, the Centre has released more than Rs 30,000 crore of disaster funds to states and UTs since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. Up to 50 per cent of it may be used for Covid-19 containment measures. The Centre has contributed Rs 22,184 crore towards its share to the State Disaster Relief Funds (SDRF), which is 114 per cent more than that for 2019-20. The states also received Rs 8,257 crore from the NDRF. However, the funds fall short of the need, given the scale of Covid infections and deaths, livelihoods impacted by lockdowns, urgency to ramp up the health infrastructure, necessity of a stimulus package to keep the economy on keel, welfare schemes for poor and universal vaccination. Each of these steps is equally important and interdependent for optimal results.

In this light, the government is justified to feel financially constrained in giving Rs 4 lakh relief to the unprecedentedly rising numbers of Covid victims. At the same time, it cannot brush aside its obligation and must find imaginative ways to lessen the pain of the citizens, bereft of social protection and harried. The relief amount could be reduced; prioritise those losing sole bread-winners; ensure that hospitals which fleeced patients reimburse them; provide free vaccination to all. The list goes on, but it would be a good beginning.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. — **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

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ENGLAND AND HER OBLIGATIONS.

SIDE by side in our issue of yesterday, we published two Reuter telegrams, one embodying the substance of a speech delivered by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons, defining the British Government’s new policy in the Middle East, the other reporting the stormy scenes that took place in the House during the course of Sir Hamar Greenwood’s reply to Mr. Delvin’s accusation that Crown forces were responsible for murders in Belfast. Both telegrams are dated London June 14, and probably report proceedings that took place the same evening, and yet it is impossible to think of two things. In one, we find Mr. Churchill talking of his country’s obligations with regard to races and peoples with whom she has nothing else in common except their common humanity, and of her determination not to leave the population to be a prey to confusion and anarchy. In the other, we find a minister of the Crown continually interrupted in his attempt to explain to a House, consisting in part of angry and hostile members, that their assessors had not brought a little of evidence to support their statement, until somebody rises and calls for three cheers for the chief assassins, when a veritable pandemonium ensues and the Speaker calls upon the offender to withdraw, who readily complies with the requisition, but in the act of doing so shouts “Good night, you men who are trying to murder my countrymen. You are nothing but a gang of assassins.” The very fact that such accusation should be made in such a place and re-school throughout the length and breadth of Ireland by a population gone mad in anger, in excitement and in terror is a commentary upon the complacency with which Mr. Churchill talks of his readiness to undertake fresh obligations for his country, and of his determination to prevent peoples who for more centuries than one can easily count have managed to live without his assistance from anarchy.

‘Juneteenth’ for black lib

Biden declares national holiday in an attempt to bridge social chasm



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THE Biden administration’s decision to declare June 19 or ‘Juneteenth’ as a national holiday, on a par with Independence Day (July 4), Christmas, Veterans Day (November 11) and New Year’s Day is yet another hallmark of the unfinished socio-political agenda of American democracy.

The recent years have made no secret of the fact that the US is a divided society. There are large segments of the population who are denied equal political and social rights and exist as an economic underclass, minus educational or financial equity. A strong current of US political opinion has been able to prevent through legal, monetary and social means, the fulfilment of America’s own vision, put out in its Declaration of Independence in 1776, that ‘all men are created equal.’

Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of Black Americans, most of who were slaves in the US till the middle of the 19th century. The Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln in the midst of the Civil War (1860-1865), had declared all slaves free as of January 1, 1863. But it was only when the victorious Union Army reached Galveston that some 2.5 lakh black slaves in Texas learnt they were free through an order issued by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865.

For the record, black Americans had arrived in the US at the same time as the whites in the 1620s, only they had come as captured slaves shipped across the Atlantic to labour in the American colonies.

Thereafter, black Americans celebrated this date as their independ-



ONCE MORE: ‘Juneteenth’ commemorates the emancipation of Black Americans, most of who were slaves in the US till the middle of the 19th century. REUTERS

Biden knows the root of the Capitol attack and the refusal of the opposition to acknowledge him President, is racism, which weakens him and the country and its institutions.

ence day, because July 4, the traditional American independence day, had meant little to them. The deep divide that these two dates represent continues to this day.

It took exactly one more century after Juneteenth to August 1965 when the blacks got the legal right to vote, some 15 years after all Indians did. This was a century of enormous suffering that saw a migration of freed slaves to ghettos in the northern cities. Blacks were barred in many places from buying property, permitted limited access to legal processes, prevented from voting and their children sent to segregated schools. Businesses did do well in black enclaves like Tulsa, Oklahoma and east St Louis, only to be destroyed by white mob violence. Thousands of blacks were lynched often for no cause — lynching was a means of controlling and dominating the blacks.

As the US rose to become the richest and most powerful country in the world, a substantial proportion of its citizens were socially and politically handicapped and denied the ability

to generate equity as the whites were, in the form of property and savings or educational attainment comparable to the white community. Recall that fully 25 per cent of all Americans were black at the time of independence, most of them slaves. Today, they number 13 per cent.

It is difficult to sum up the historical injustice that black Americans suffered. Or the extent to which they helped to enrich America. The labour of black slaves in cotton plantations enabled the US to become an economic power in the 19th century. Since they were bought and sold in the market, it is possible to estimate that their value in 1860 was ‘three times greater than the total amount invested in (US) banks’. And it was seven times the total value of currency circulating in the US at the time.

Home ownership rates for black families are around 44 per cent compared to 74 for white families. A *Washington Post* analysis found that a typical middle class black household in 2016 had \$13,000 in wealth, compared to the

Who makes a good neighbour

GEORGE N NETTO

FEW will admit it, but we seldom view our neighbours favourably. Instead, we tend to categorise them rather unfairly: they are either troublesome or unlikeable. Frankly, few remain on good terms with their neighbours for long. The very nearness of their homes inevitably sours their relationship and keeps them at loggerheads.

Humans, of course, are as gregarious as sheep — though never as meek! The tradition of living together is age-old and so are its problems. Staying in close proximity does create friction unavoidably. For instance, I know that the frequent intrusions of a neighbour’s dog or cat — for purposes that are

usually dishonourable — are an irritant to many in my locality.

These days, to be a likeable neighbour, one has to be truly tolerant and accommodating, turning a blind eye to many vexations. Indeed, good neighbourliness is a two-way route that needs to be steadfastly cultivated. Among other things, it includes lending your neighbour a bowl of sugar and forgetting all about it, patiently thumbing through his collection of postage stamps, though philately and you are poles apart, not letting your dog bark the neighbourhood awake at night, ensuring your cat doesn’t raid your neighbour’s kitchen, letting their dogs freely fertilise your lawn or hose down your prized dahlias without raising a hue and cry about it. In

fact, there are scores of such triggers that can snowball into a confrontation between neighbours.

Admittedly, some neighbours do test the limits of one’s tolerance. Some are prone to prying into one’s family affairs, usually through domestics. Some irk you by practising their musical or singing skills late into the night. Once in Kochi, I saw a housewife in a third-floor flat thoughtlessly dust off a doormat from her balcony just as her neighbour emerged from below — leaving him not exactly confetti-covered and starry-eyed!

So who’s the bigger nuisance, your neighbours or you? We need to remember that our neighbours will probably judge us by an even harsher yardstick than the one we use for

them. Perhaps we conveniently forget that we, too, are neighbours to others whom we inconvenience knowingly or unknowingly. Maybe, rather than trying to ‘reform’ our neighbours, we need to ‘reform’ ourselves into better and more tolerant neighbours. For as George Bernard Shaw sagaciously opined, ‘The best reformers the world has ever seen are those who commence on themselves.’ And GK Chesterton did have a point when he shrewdly observed, ‘The Bible tells us to love our neighbours and our enemies, probably because they are generally the same people.’

Above all, we need to remember that having helpful neighbours is a blessing as much as being a good and tolerant neighbour is a virtue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No to ex gratia

It is sad and depressing that the government has revealed to the SC its helplessness to give Rs 4 lakh ex gratia each to Covid victims due to financial constraints. If the Centre would have been extra cautious in lavishly spending on not-so-important projects in the past years, it would not have cut a sorry figure today. If the Centre really wants to help the affected families, it can ask the public once again to donate generously to the PM’s fund for this humble cause. People will do so happily.

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

Make it count

Refer to ‘The J&K invite’; the government calling all-party meetings of stakeholders from J&K is too late and too little. This action is in reverse order, putting the cart before the horse. If the government had good intentions, it should not have put Kashmir leaders in jails for such a long period, but should have, instead, discussed the issue threadbare at the first stage before the abrogation of Article 370. In a vibrant democracy, all decisions are taken by the people through their representatives like MLAs and MPs. Arnab Goswami was given bail the next day of his application, as he was openly supported by the government. Article 370 is an

issue of national level and should have been the top priority.

SUDERSAHAN WALIA, AMRITSAR

Hope for J&K

Reference to ‘The J&K invite’; PM Modi’s outreach, nearly two years after J&K was stripped of its special constitutional status and dismembered into two UTs through an exercise of the Centre’s powers, demonstrates a desirable flexibility in his approach towards resolving the Kashmir issue through a productive dialogue. The citizens of J&K now deserve a new life that ensures peaceful coexistence and a trouble-free livelihood with a sincere and transparent process of the restoration of statehood, which includes fair elections.

SS PAUL, NADIA

Allow poor to benefit

Apropos of ‘Challenging China’; by dint of hard work and commitment, China has succeeded in gaining an edge in all spheres of business, productivity, innovations, management, science and technology and military strength. To counter its threat, India must improve itself domestically and concentrate on indigenous developments, manufacturing activities, reducing imports and encouraging exports. All focus should be on

ameliorating the living conditions of the poor and the labour class who are an inseparable part of economic activities. The share of fruits of development and prosperity should be made available at the ground level. India cannot become self-sufficient until poverty is removed, criminality is banished and opportunities are provided to weaker sections and the deserving classes of people.

NIRMAL KUMAR, PANCHKULA

Fudging Covid data

This refers to the report ‘Karnataka’s excess deaths nearly 6 times official toll’. Nearly every state has been under-reporting and fudging Covid data. This reveals the government’s narrow and myopic approach. They are trying to use a fig leaf to cover the actual data from the public. Such tampering is also unfair to the families who have lost their loved ones to the virus. Moreover, this will make a massive difference in the formulation of health programmes for anticipated waves. State governments should roll out a clear picture to the public rather than fret over their image

AANYA SINGHAL, NOIDA

Not a fair deal

Apropos of ‘Pargat calls it case of horse-trading’, the way the Punjab Government has considered doling

out lucrative jobs to sons of MLAs on compassionate grounds is unwarranted, unethical and illogical. There are dependents of the poor who are more deserving than the chosen four. When some ministers and the president of the Punjab Congress Committee are against such a biased decision, why is the CM adamant? He wants to buy the loyalty of the MLAs who are critical of his government. Besides, these MLAs must also have the courage to refuse this offer to uphold the ethics of public life. People will lose faith in them and they will have no face left to go to the people to ask for votes in future. Our politicians must emulate Lal Bahadur Shastri, who made it clear to his sons not to expect any preference for being the PM’s sons.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), MOHALI

Dirty yoga politics

The controversial remark on yoga by Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi on International Yoga Day is unfortunate. Instead of giving it a communal colour, he should have inspired the people of all religions, castes and creed to practise yoga to strengthen their immunity in these difficult times of the deadly pandemic. One should not play politics on such issues and generate uncalled for dissensions in society.

RK ARORA, AMBALA CITY

Biden resets ties with allies to check China



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PRESIDENT Biden's first foreign visit to Europe from June 9-16 will be remembered for how he tamed dissenting and doubting allies and rejuvenated the transatlantic alliance to convey a message of strong unity and resolve to an aggressive China (and a combative Russia), which is trying to challenge the international order for unilateral gains. China was the dominant theme during his discussions with G-7 leaders at Cornwall, UK (June 11-13) and EU and NATO leaders (June 14-16) at Brussels and Geneva and the underlying theme in his discussions with President Putin on July 16.

The final G-7 communiqué is dominated by the US with several paras aimed directly and indirectly against China (and some against Russia), such as eradicating the use of forced labour in global supply chains (reference to Xinjiang and Tibet), collective approaches to challenge unfair trade policies, use of technologies to promote democratic values and fundamental freedoms.

The G-7 supported President Biden's initiative of "a timely, transparent, expert-led and science-based WHO-convened phase-2 Covid-19 origins study in China". It is going to rile China as its senior diplomat Yang Jiechi had urged the US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken in his phone

conversation on June 11 to "not politicise the source of the virus and focus on global cooperation in the fight against the disease".

The group's formulation on China's human rights abuse in Xinjiang, respect for fundamental freedoms and a high degree of autonomy for Hong Kong is a compromise as the mention of genocide which the US wanted was dropped to accommodate the concerns of Germany, France and Italy.

The US and Europe have fundamental contradictions with regard to China and Russia. While the US faces an immediate threat from China, many European countries have extensive economic ties with Beijing and no security concerns. For Europe, the more immediate threat is from Russia, a perception not fully shared by the US. Several European countries were not happy that the resources of US (and NATO) would be drawn away from Moscow, their primary threat, to a more distant China.

They were also worried that taking a hard line on China would make her less receptive to cooperate on more pressing multilateral issues such as climate change, control of pandemics and trade.

For the first time, the G-7 took a united stand against China on an issue of core interest to her, i.e. Taiwan, and in support of the US by agreeing on the "importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and peaceful resolution of cross-strait disputes".

The G-7 unveiled a new initiative known as "Build Back Better World" (B3W) to give an alternative choice to the developing countries in building infrastructure to spare themselves from China's debt trap projects. The group has agreed to provide one billion doses of coronavirus vaccines in



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RALLYING SUPPORT: President Biden's meetings with NATO leaders were aimed at addressing mutual concerns. REUTERS

2021-22 and more later.

At Cornwall G-7 meetings, India was more deeply engaged at the ministerial and PM's level. PM Modi spoke of the need for democratic societies to strengthen each others' hands to respond to new challenges, India's efforts to share its development partnership with other developing countries, its readiness to work with B3W partners and its engagement with WHO, G-20 and G-7 countries for dealing with the current pandemic and preparing for future pandemics.

NATO leaders' 79-point statement devoted three paragraphs with 10 mentions castigating China's behaviour. It said: "China's stated ambitions and assertive behaviour present systematic challenges to the rules-based international order". China is investing heavily in new disruptive technologies such as autonomous sys-

tems, facial recognition and artificial intelligence and putting these into new weapon systems, which are changing the nature of warfare never seen before. China should act responsibly in the international system, including in space, cyber and maritime domains, in keeping with its role as a major power.

President Biden's meeting with President Putin at Geneva (June 16) was another high point of this visit. It reflected his desire to focus on the escalating rivalry between the US and China by reducing tensions with Moscow. He improved the atmospherics by calling Russia as one of the two Great Powers (other being the US and not China) and President Putin a worthy adversary, which would have been music to Putin's ears. Though the results of the meeting were modest (establishment of bilateral strategic stability dialogue for control of new

and dangerous weapons, limitation on the use of cyber weapons and return of Ambassadors) it is expected to promote a dialogue between the two countries on other issues of mutual concern, reducing current hostility and tensions.

China would be disappointed as it had always thought that the huge dependence of the US's European and Asian allies on her would never allow emergence of a unified transatlantic bloc aimed against Beijing. Though some differences remain on the economic issues, President Biden has been able to rally his disparate allies together. The EU has freed the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment hurriedly concluded by Beijing in December, 2020 before President Biden's takeover.

President Xi Jinping had tried to forge a united front with Russia by

deputing his senior diplomat Yang Jiechi to Moscow but that ploy has not worked. Chinese official media has grudgingly admitted that the "Geneva meeting shows that both sides have the will to stop the worsening US-Russia relationship. President Biden wants to ease the tensions with Russia to focus on dealing with China now".

President Biden's initiatives would strengthen transatlantic unity and build on resetting relations with Russia, isolating China. It may even embolden some of Xi's critics at home to question whether his wolf warrior diplomacy had yielded any positive results for the country. It would add increasing pressure on Xi to defend himself as he rallies the Chinese Communist Party to celebrate 100 years of its foundation in July 2021, and is likely to temper China's aggressive behaviour toward its neighbours.

Centre, states should foster federal bond



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In the case of India, it is noted by some experts that articles of confederation are adhered to as 'compact between states' by signing two agreements. The 'Standstill Agreement' formulated by the Political Department of British India government and the 'Instrument of Accession' formulated by the states department are signed by all of the princely states, except the Nizam, Junagadh, Mangrol and Babariwad.

BAN Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General, in one of his articles on India, noted that "it is only through free, unified and collective mobilisation that India can achieve lasting peace, justice and prosperity. Your country's founding fathers understood this necessity. Their vision should remain at the heart of your future." He was referring to the political and social catastrophe that India was undergoing at that time and warned it could set back the country's development for generations and reminded us how India attained its independence from callous imperialism.

Every Indian knows the formation of a national government with the joining of 560 odd princely states with the British India presidencies, marking diversity and plurality as our core values. The achievements of the national government during the last seven decades of its existence are not trivial but substantial in terms of UNDP indices. Yet, we have not been able to live up to the expectations of our founding fathers who through their collective wisdom gave us a magnificent written Constitution that solemnly resolved to constitute a sovereign, democratic (socialist, secular) republic. It was also made clear, "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States." We may reflect here that it was not just Bharat, but consisted of several states defined under Article 1(3). We are reminded of this basic structure of the nation-state once again when MK Stalin after taking charge as the CM of Tamil Nadu spoke about "Ondriya Arasu", the confederation of states and their rights. It is not only MK Stalin, several other CMs,



SHOW OF DISSENT: Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin showed concern over the Centre's tendency to appropriate the powers of states. PTI

including that of Punjab and West Bengal, have raised their voice against the propensity of the Centre to appropriate the powers, privileges and cultural identity of states.

The Constituent Assembly deliberated on the issue of the structure of a federal state. They knew of the history of imperial rulers, from the time of Kharavela, the mighty king of Kalinga (1-2 BCE), who through his Hathigumpha inscription noted that Bharat Varsha is different from Tramira. Later, it was elaborated by the East India Company Surveyor General James Rennel in 1733 that the line above Balasore to Bharuch is Hindustan and below, Deccan. The epic Ramayana and Samudra Gupta's expeditions spoke about the southward expansion and the resistance encountered. The colonial rulers have created a

country with South Asian dimensions.

In the modern period, several countries have emerged on the basis of agreements, treaties etc. The idea of a federal structure seems to be different from that of confederation. The term federal is derived from the Latin word 'foedus', which means league, treaty, covenant etc under the Roman law.

Confederation generally involves the principle of Westphalia. The experience of several European countries, USA, Australia, Canada etc in the formation of a federal structure is different from our legacy of state formation. Most of the countries are single ethnic or nation-based realms to form either symmetrical or asymmetrical federations. Scholars have noted that the Australian federation displays the strongest aggregative

characteristics while those of India are the most devolutionary, with Canada falling somewhere in between.

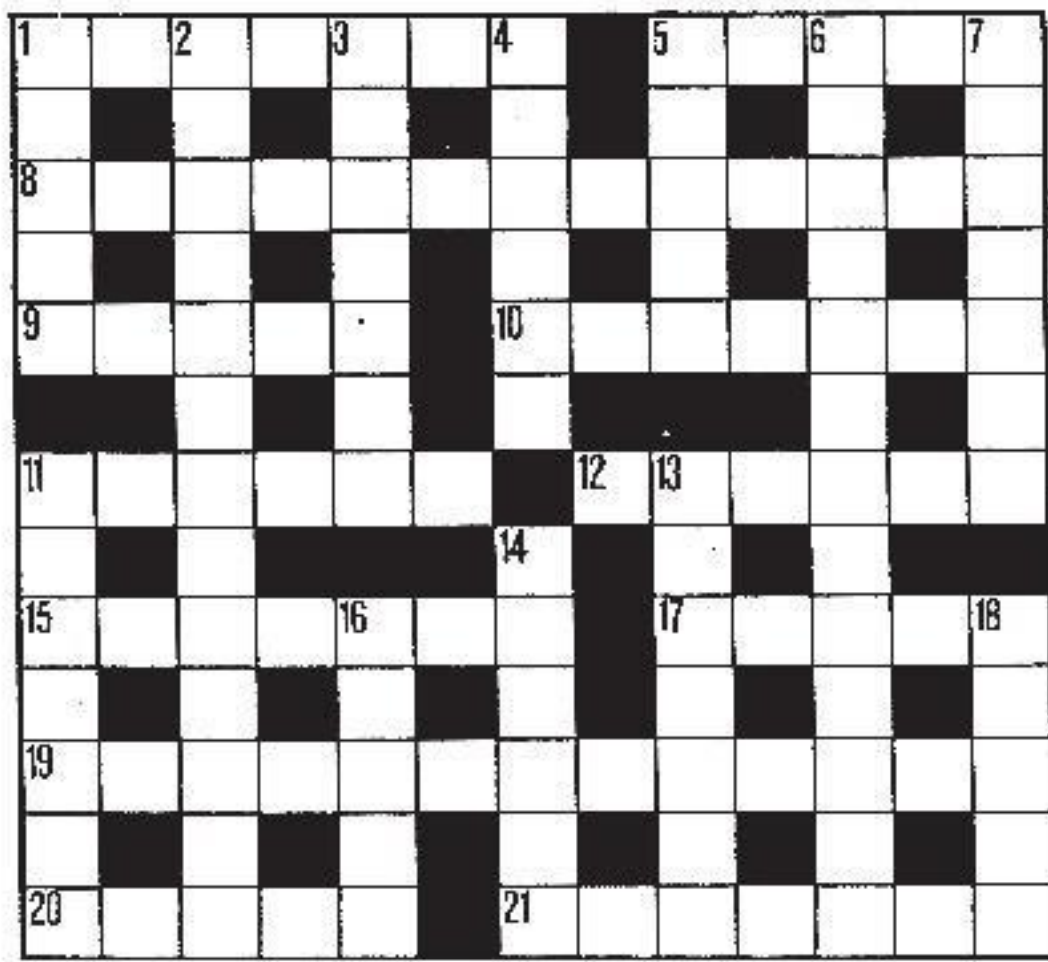
The soul of a federation lies in the sovereignty vested either with the nation or to the constituent units or both as in the USA. In the case of India, it is noted by some experts that articles of confederation are adhered to as 'compact between states' by signing two agreements. The 'Standstill Agreement' formulated by the Political Department of British India government and the 'Instrument of Accession' formulated by the states department are signed by all of the princely states, except Nizam, Junagadh, Mangrol and Babariwad. It is in this context that our federation, which according to our founding fathers is indestructible, needs to be understood. The term indestructible seems to have been taken as an ideal with enigmatic scope for disputes, if the constitutional ideals translated as devolutions are not respected. In fact, they have noted that though the country and its people are divided into different states for the convenience of administration, "the country is one integral whole, its people a single people living under a single imperium derived from a single source".

It appears that the Constitution makers were under the impression that the federation was not the result of an agreement and therefore secession does not arise. But the fact was that the princely states joined the Union with their own social and cultural identities under some kind of an instrument of force that may not be legal. Thus, the seeds of a strong

Centre and the accompanying malevolence were sown inadvertently.

The experience of the states with a federal structure during the last seven decades is mixed. Constitutional structures like the Schedules, devolution of grants, functions and even conferring of citizenship to others who will reside in a particular state not being consulted are in place. The Kerala Assembly passing a resolution demanding the scrapping of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) last year has added one more issue to the list of disputes between the Centre and the states. Already, the states have been raising the issue of their economic autonomy being eroded after the GST clause 269A was added to the Constitution, reducing their right to levy and retain taxes. The State List is pruned and education including entrance examinations for medical etc is taken away from the ambit of the states creating social tensions. It was anticipated that the learned judges who have introduced innovations like 'basic structure' would come to the rescue of the states by ingeniously applying Part XI of the Constitution, rather than reasoning defences to rescue the privileged. It is an irony that the states that lie below the Bharat Varsha in terms of language, culture and colour are not protected even under Article 14 and 15 as the Constituent Assembly perhaps was overwhelmed by their allegiance to Bharat and not India. It is time to listen to the sane advice of elders to evolve a benevolent Centre.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Abash, 8 Down side, 9 Stork, 10 Run out on, 11 Hedge, 12 Peg, 16 Raffia, 17 Airing, 18 Lay, 23 Senior, 24 Cotton on, 25 Rocky, 26 Let alone, 27 Perth.
Down: 2 By the way, 3 Shrug off, 4 Volume, 5 Snoop, 6 Mirth, 7 Feint, 12 Pal, 13 Gay, 14 True-love, 15 In pocket, 19 Around, 20 Scale, 21 State, 22 Lowly.

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CALENDAR

JUNE 22, 2021, TUESDAY

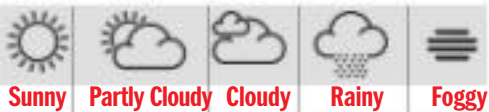
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■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Aashadh Shaka	1
■ Aashadh Parvishte	8
■ Hijari	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 12, up to 10.22 am	
■ Siddha Yoga up to 1.51 pm	
■ Vishakha Nakshatra up to 2.22 pm	
■ Moon enters Scorpio sign 9.00 am	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:27 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:22 HRS



CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	38	26
New Delhi	38	29
Amritsar	39	27
Bathinda	40	26
Jalandhar	38	25
Ludhiana	38	25
Bhiwani	40	28
Hisar	39	28
Sirsa	39	26
Dharamsala	31	20
Manali	29	17
Shimla	27	18
Srinagar	28	15
Jammu	37	25
Kargil	16	10
Leh	13	05
Dehradun	29	22
Mussoorie	21	15

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Municipal Council, Kartarpur, Jalandhar

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ, ਜਲੰਧਰ

Email:- municipalcouncilkartarpur@yahoo.com, Contact No. 0181-5169558

Ref. No. 650

Date: 18.06.2021

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http://eproc.punjab.gov.in

Short Term E-Tender Notice/MC/KRTP/2021-22/03

ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ 57.62 ਲੱਖ ਰੁ. ਦੇ ਲੋਥਰ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਸੂਚੀਬੱਧ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰਾਂ/ਕਿਰਤ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਫਰਮਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੱਧ ਰੇਟਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ:

Sr. No.	Description	Date	Time
1.	Sale of Bid Documents from	21.06.2021	10.00 A.M.
2.	Closing & Submission of Documents	05.07.2021	05.00 P.M.
3.	Technical Bid Open	06.07.2021	11.00 A.M.
4.	Financial Bid Open	07.07.2021	03.00 P.M.

ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਸਿਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਬਾਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਪਸ਼ਟੀਕਰਨ/ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲ, ਤਸ਼ੱਬੁਹ, ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਰਣ ਵੇੱਬਸਾਈਟ <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਉੱਪਰ ਅਤੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦੇਖੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

Sd/- President, Sd/- Executive Officer, Sd/- AME, Sd/- Junior Engineer, MC Kartarpur. MC Kartarpur. MC Kartarpur. MC Kartarpur.

DPR/Pb/5440

EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Block No. 30, S.D.A. Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla – 171009

No. 7-82/2021-EXN-16780-814

21st June, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF RETAIL VENDS OF COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-14/L-14A), FOREIGN LIQUOR (L-2) AND MANUFACTURING & RETAIL SALE OF COUNTRY FERMENTED LIQUOR (L-20B) FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 IN THE STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH.

In continuation to this office Public Notice No. 7-82/2021-EXN-16073-16098 dated 12.06.2021 published on 13.06.2021 and even No. 16605-39 dated 18.06.2021 published on 19.06.2021, it is further notified for the information of general public that the date of renewal of retail sale licensed outlets of Country Liquor (L-14/L-14A), retail sale licensed outlets of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2) and retail sale of Country Fermented Liquor (L-20B) in the State of Himachal Pradesh is extended up to **22.06.2021 till 5:00 p.m.**

For detailed Terms and Conditions relating to allotment of vendes please refer to the Announcements of Excise Allotments for the year 2021-22 which are available on the official Website of the H.P. Excise & Taxation Department i.e. www.hptax.gov.in.

Sd/- (Rohan Chand Thakur), COMMISSIONER OF STATE TAXES & EXCISE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, S.D.A. COMPLEX, BLOCK NO. 30, KASUMPTI, SHIMLA – 171009.

DPR/HP/185

Advt No. -NHM-UT/08/2021-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION, CHANDIGARH

Walk-in Interview for filling up of the posts of Radiologist, Microbiologist, Paediatrician, Physician, Medical Officers, Surgeon and Orthopaedician on contractual basis under Health Department, U.T., Chandigarh will be held at **9:00 a.m.** as per detail given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Date of Walk-in Interview
1.	Radiologist	29.06.2021
2.	Microbiologist	
3.	Paediatrician	30.06.2021
4.	Physician	
5.	Medical Officers	01.07.2021
6.	Surgeon	06.07.2021
7.	Orthopaedician	

Necessary details are available on departmental website www.nrhmcdh.gov.in or contact O/o National Health Mission, 4th Floor, Administrative Block, Govt. Multi Speciality Hospital, Sector 16, Chandigarh (Phone No. 0172-2702924 or 0172-2752021).

Sd/- Director Health & Family Welfare, Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online percentage rate bids are invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh from the Original equipment manufacturer/Authorized dealer dealing in similar type of work on two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Completion	Last date & time of submission of bid	Date and time for submission of original EMD as uploaded	Date and time of opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid
PGI/Engg./RAC/2021/111	CMC for Air conditioning units (Blue star make) installed at various locations, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh	Rs. 23.46 Lacs	Rs. 46,920/-	Thirty Six Months	30.06.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs	01.07.2021 up to 12.00 Hrs	01.07.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs

Online Percentage rate bids are re-invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh from the Original equipment manufacturer/Authorized dealer dealing in similar type of jobs in two bid system (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid and Financial Bid).

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Completion	Last date & time of submission of bid	Date and time for submission of original EMD as uploaded	Date and time of opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid
PGI/Engg./RAC/2021/110	Proposed 'Skin Bank' at 4th Level of Advance Trauma Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh. (Composite Work)(SH: Civil Rs. 4.96 Lacs HVAC Work, Civil Work & Elect. Work).	Rs. 24.53 Lacs (HVAC: Rs.18.89 Lacs, Civil Rs. 4.96 Lacs, Elect: Rs. 0.69 Lacs)	Rs. 49,060/-	Two Months	30.06.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs	01.07.2021 up to 12.00 Hrs	01.07.2021 up to 15.00 Hrs

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.eprocure.gov.in and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website www.eprocure.gov.in for participating in e-tendering process. (Helpdesk for registering 9988447883). Website: <http://PGIMER.nic.in>, <http://eprocure.gov.in>

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HOSPITAL ENGINEER (RAC)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-07/UMB-2021-22 DATED 21.06.2021

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1.	Replacement of existing worn out OH tank No. 3 with new RCC Tank of 50000 gallon capacity in railway colony at Bathinda in the section of SSE/W/E/Bathinda.	3554152	6 Month	14.07.2021
2.	Repair to wornout CC flooring, doors, windows, drainage, sewerage, plastering & roof leakage in 148 Nos. Type-II quarters No. 410/5, 428/4, 429/4, 437/2, 438/2, 439/2, 440/2, 441/2, 442/2, 378/4, 377/3, 378/2, 379/3, 394/3, 395/4, 396/4, 369/2, 370/2, 371/2, 373/A to D, 374/3, 375/2, 376/4, 364/4, 365/4, 366/2, 367/2, 360/2, 222/4, 229/2, 230/2, 231/2, 235/2, 249/2, 257/1/2, 269/2, 270/2, 271/2, 272/2, 273/1, 274/2, 275/2, 276/2, 277/2, 278/2, 279/2, 280/2, 282/5, 283/5, 285/5, 286/2, 140/2, 141/2, 142/1, 143/1, & 144/1 in Bathinda Railway Colony.	1999996	6 Month	14.07.2021
3.	Civil work in c/w provision of additional FOB 2.44m wide at Abohar Junction.	3344449	12 Month	14.07.2021
4.	Raising and Extension upto 16 coaches, PFs from RL, ML to High Level PFs along allied works for FOB and Ramp at Banawali, Uklana and Raipur Haryana. (Civil portion only)	39952363	12 Month	14.07.2021
5.	Commissioning of water level monitoring system on Br. No. 93 (Span 7X12.20M), 99 (Span 6X12.20M) & 153 (Span 7X12.20M) on SIR-AADR section and integration of the same with TMS in the section of SSE/W/SIR under ADEN/SIR	3423561	12 Month	14.07.2021
6.	Reconditioning of points and crossing & SEJ in Ambala Division under DEN/TRACK/UMB.	8770397	06 Month	14.07.2021
7.	PROVISION OF PLATFORM SHELTER (4 BAYS AT SIR & 3 BAYS AT KNN) AND TROLLEY HUT AT P.F. No. 3 AT SIRHIND STATION ON UMB-LDH SECTION IN C/W DPCIL WORK IN THE SECTION OF SR. DEN-IV/UMB	11868070	04 Month	14.07.2021
8.	Annual repair, white washing,C/washing and painting to staff quarters & service buildings under Zone B & DRH at AMBALA CANTT for the period ending 30/6/2022 in the section of SSE/W/E/UMB under ADEN/UMB	9500001	12 Month	14.07.2021
9.	Annual repair, white washing,C/washing and painting to staff quarters & service buildings under Zone No. A & C AMBALA CANTT. for the period ending 30/6/2021 in the section of SSE/W/M/UMB under ADEN/UMB	7530748	12 Month	14.07.2021
10.	Annual repair, white washing,C/washing and painting to staff quarters & service buildings under Zone "D" at AMBALA CANTT for the period ending 30/6/2022 in the section of SSE/M/R/V/UMB under ADEN/UMB	10000000	12 Month	14.07.2021
11.	Desilting & cleaning of waterways of bridge no. 300, 301 & 296 in UMB yard, desilting and dewatering of sump wells of RUB/LHS no. 281A, 281B, 281C & 290/A bet RAA-UMB on SRE-UMB section in the section of SSE/W/M/UMB under ADEN/UMB and Dewatering from LHS, Cleaning of sump-well, yard drains, cleaning water ways of bridges in the section of SSE/M/ICDG & SSE/M/ICDG under ADEN/ICDG.	4545708	12 Months	14.07.2021
12.	Repair to Cess in the section of ADEN/SIR under Sr. DEN-IV/UMB	8666156	06 Month	14.07.2021

NOTE : 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works/tenders. 3. For detail please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 4. GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

BJP panel to visit Fatehpur, decide candidate for bypoll

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 21
A committee of BJP leaders, including Industry Minister and in-charge for the byelection Bikram Thakur, will visit the Fatehpur Assembly constituency on June 23. It will meet party workers and leaders to decide the candidate for the Fatehpur byelection.

Sources said that the ticket aspirants were planning to present a show of strength to impress the committee, which also comprises former BJP president Satpal Satti and Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania.

Kirpal Parmar, former Rajya Sabha member, is considered the frontrunner for

PARMAR FRONTRUNNER FOR TICKET

- Kirpal Parmar, former Rajya Sabha MP, is considered the frontrunner for the BJP ticket for the Fatehpur byelection
- The Congress is likely to field late MLA Sujjan Singh Pathania's son Bhavani Singh Pathania from Fatehpur
- Ticket aspirants plan to put up a show of strength

the party ticket. Parmar had unsuccessfully contested the last Assembly election in 2017 and lost to Congress leader Sujjan Singh Pathania. He had polled 17,248 votes and lost to Sujjan Singh Pathania by just 1,744 votes.

Parmar's supporters are claiming that he lost the 2017 Assembly elections with the lowest margin ever despite the damage done by BJP rebel Baldev Thakur, who contested the election as an Independent candidate.

Baldev Thakur got 12,999 votes and was the major reason for Parmar's defeat. However, Baldev later rejoined the BJP and is trying hard for the ticket.

The sources said that the fact that Baldev had contested the last Assembly elections against the official candidate may dim his chances of getting the ticket. However, some party leaders label Parmar as an outsider in the Fatehpur constituency. Parmar's



On-the-spot job for villagers, says CM

SHIMLA, JUNE 21

The government has decided to start vaccination without registration in all rural areas in a three-day campaign, besides vaccinating one lakh persons in the 18-44 age group daily.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said at the launch of the vaccination campaign here today that the government had decided to relax the condition only in rural areas. Under the campaign, 100 per cent population

would be covered with at least the first dose through on-the-spot sessions in Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur and Pangi region of Chamba. The hard area of Dodra-Kwar region in Shimla would also be covered with

first dose by June 25.

He said till date 27.45 lakh doses had been administered and more doses were available. "About one lakh doses will be administered to people between the age group of 18-44 years daily. — TNS

e-pass must to visit Chandertal

DIPENDER MANTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MANDI, JUNE 21

The district administration Lahaul Spiti has made e-pass mandatory to monitor traffic movement towards the famous Chandertal.

The district administration has launched a website www.eaagman.hp.gov.in, where tourists can register themselves along with their full details and vehicle number to avail the e-pass. The e-pass can be obtained free of cost by adopting a simple

Passes to be issued by Kaza, Keylong SDMs

procedure.

The e-pass will be issued by Sub-Divisional Magistrates of Kaza and Lahaul for those visiting the Chandertal lake area from the Kaza and Koksar side on the Koksar-Kaza road.

Talking to *The Tribune* Deputy Commissioner, Lahaul Spiti, Pankaj Rai said: "The mechanism has been developed to monitor and control tourist move-

ment and to ensure their safety. For more information tourists can contact on the number 9459461355."

Rai said: "This system will also enable the District Disaster Management Authority, Lahaul Spiti, to provide help to the needy tourists if they are trapped somewhere because of bad weather conditions. The Chandertal area is quite remote, where telecommunication service is negligible. As a result, the information gets delayed or is inaccurate about the number of tourists."

Follow central norms while teaching online, schools told

BHANU P LOHUMI
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 21

The state government has directed all principals/headmasters of government and private schools to implement Pragma guidelines circulated by the Centre for digital education to avoid excess online teaching, said Director, Higher Education, Amarjeet Sharma.

The guidelines laid stress on avoiding online education on mobile phones and laptops and depending on radio or TV programmes, he said, adding that the deputy directors had been told to ensure compliance and action would be initiated if any complaint was received.

As per the guidelines, physical activities should be a mandatory part of the teaching schedule to reduce stress by involving students in yoga, story-telling, drawing, dance, singing, playing music instruments and the initiative had been started in government schools, he added.



'ACTIVITIES MUST TO REDUCE STRESS'

- As per the guidelines, physical activities should be a mandatory part of the teaching schedule to reduce stress by involving students in yoga, story-telling, drawing, etc
- Online teaching has emerged as a powerful medium during Covid but it can adversely affect the health of students, especially primary and pre-primary children
- The prolonged use of mobiles, remaining glued to laptops and other gadgets can result in health problems

The prolonged use of mobiles, remaining glued to laptops and other gadgets can result in vision impairment, frequent headaches, fatigue and mobile addiction.

Students of primary classes are the most vulnerable as the continuation of online teaching can lead to behavioural changes, says IGMC child specialist Dr Mohit Karol, adding that the unfor-

tunate part is that there is no other option in the wake of the pandemic.

"It is difficult to handle children at home, making a 4 or 6-year-old child to sit for hours at home with virtual teaching is tough as the burden falls on the parents," says a parent.

The children, whose parents are not well-educated, are facing a big problem as there is no one to guide them.

Sukhu demands audit of Covid deaths

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 21

Former state Congress president and MLA Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu today demanded that the government must hold an audit of all Covid deaths in the state since the outbreak of the pandemic last year.

In a statement issued here today, Sukhu said that the number of Covid deaths in the state was high as all those who were comorbid and contracted the infection were not given proper treatment for other ailments.

"It is to ascertain whether those who succumbed to Covid were given proper treatment for other ailments like diabetes, blood pressure, heart, kidney or cancer that the death audit is a must," he quipped.

He said the government must also make public the duties performed by specialist doctors during the pandemic. "The harsh reality is that a majority of the Covid deaths took place due to the lack of proper treatment for comorbidities as specialist doctors did not even go near

No proper treatment

“The government must make public the duties performed by specialist doctors during the pandemic. The harsh reality is that a majority of the Covid deaths took place due to the lack of proper treatment for comorbidities as specialist doctors did not even go near patients.”

Sukhu said only a death audit will ascertain the real cause for the Covid fatalities. "There was complete callousness in treating the comorbidities faced by Covid patients, which resulted in high mortality," he claimed.

Sukhu said had the senior doctors treated the comorbidities faced by Covid patients many of them would have survived.

He demanded that the government must reveal how many people who had got the first vaccine and those who had got both jabs had died of Covid.

193 new cases, six deaths

SHIMLA, JUNE 21

As many as 193 Covid cases were reported in the state today, taking the tally to 200,603. Besides, six persons died—two in Shimla and one each in Mandi, Kangra, Hamirpur and Solan.

The highest 36 cases were in Chamba, 31 in Kangra, 28 in Mandi, 22 in Shimla, 19 in Bilaspur, 18 in Kullu and 14 in Una. — TNS

COVID METER

Samples tested

23,14,054

Recovered

194,739

Active

2,408

Positive

200,603

Deaths

3,432

DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,703	76
Chamba	10,967	141
Hamirpur	14,259	252
Kangra	45,678	1,021
Kinnaur	3,205	37
Kullu	8,784	154
Lahaul & Spiti	2,695	17
Mandi	26,934	383
Shimla	24,914	595
Sirmaur	15,258	206
Solan	22,138	309
Una	13,197	238
Total	200,603	3,432

Top LeT commander among 3 ultras killed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21 In a joint operation, security forces eliminated at least three Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists, including the terror outfit's top commander, Mudasir Pandit, one of the most wanted militants, in Sopore area of Baramulla district late on Sunday night.

Senior officials in the security establishment, confirming about the encounter, said, the militants were killed in Gund Brath area of Sopore in the north Kashmir district.

The encounter had started late on Sunday night as the security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation in the area following information about the presence of at least three militants, including Pandit, they said.

Kashmir IGP Vijay Kumar tweeted, "Top LeT #terrorist Mudasar Pandit who was involved in #killing of 03 policemen, 02 councillors & 02 civilians recently and other several #terror crimes got killed in Sopore #encounter."



Security men during the encounter at Sopore in Baramulla. PTI

- KILLED BJP LEADERS**
 - Mudasir Pandit, Khursheed Mir and Pakistan national Abdullah killed two BJP councillors, a cop on March 29.
 - On June 12, they killed two policemen and two civilians.
 - Mudasir faced 18 FIRs for killing 9 security men, 2 ex-terrorists, 3 sarpanches, 2 separatists, 4 civilians. PTI
- FOREIGNERS IN VALLEY**
 - DGP Dilbag Singh says several foreign terrorists are present in the Valley, but they are lying low.
 - Only two foreign militants have been killed in Kashmir this year in two encounters.
 - Both from LeT were killed in Sopore, Baramulla, including one on Monday. PTI

The killing of Pandit, who was wanted by security forces in many cases, including the killing of two BJP councillors and a policeman on March 29 this year, was a major relief for the local population, said the Kashmir IGP.

Another terrorist has been identified as a Pakistan national. "Foreign #terrorist identified as Asrar @ Abdullah a resident of #Pakistan was active since 2018 in North Kashmir," Kumar tweeted.

Pawar to host Oppn leaders today...

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front could be in the works. Nawab Malik, NCP spokesperson, said: "Pawar is trying to unite the Opposition. The NCP national executive will meet in the Capital tomorrow."

The invites to 15 parties, including AAP, DMK, RJD, CPI, CPM, Congress, TMC, SP and NC, are learnt to have been sent on the letterhead of Rashtra Manch, a political action group which former NDA minister Yashwant Sinha had formed in 2018 to bring

together anti-BJP forces. Now a TMC vice-president, Sinha is among those who will attend the meeting at Pawar's residence tomorrow. Pawar and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee are politically linked by Kishor, who is exploring possibilities of a national-level coalition against the BJP for the 2024 General Election as well as state elections, including those coming up in UP.

Also among the invitees are former JD(U) leader Pawan Verma, AAP MP Sanjay

Singh, CPI general secretary D Raja, NC chief Farooq Abdullah, lyricist Javed Akhtar, MPs KTS Tulsi, former Congress spokesperson Sanjay Jha and SP's Ghanshyam Tiwari.

Former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi, Suhendra Kulkarni, a former aide of BJP veteran LK Advani, and senior lawyer Colin Gonsalves are expected at the meeting too. It is unclear if the Congress will be part of the exercise. — TNS

Amarnath Yatra called off, will be symbolic

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

The J&K administration today decided to cancel the annual Amarnath Yatra this year due to Covid and keep the affairs symbolic. All the rituals will be performed at the holy cave.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha stated in a tweet, "Shri Amarnathji Yatra cancelled in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic. Decision after threadbare discussion with Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board members. Yatra to be symbolic only. However, all the traditional religious rituals shall be performed at

Cancelled for 2nd year in a row due to Covid

the Holy Cave Shrine as per the past practice."

He said he had directed officials to make arrangements so that devotees could virtually attend the *aartis* at the Himalayan cave shrine. This would allow them to pay obeisance while avoiding travel, he added.

The decision was taken after discussions with members of the Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, officials said.

Lone accepts invite, PAGD meet...

People's Conference chief Sajjad Lone met party leaders, who welcomed the initiative of the Centre and hoped for a positive outcome. The PC had pulled out of the Gupkar alliance earlier this year.

PC spokesperson Adnan Ashraf Mir said the leaders "appreciated the initiative of the Prime Minister and hoped the engagement would evolve into something bigger to facilitate the return to democracy and empowerment of the people of J&K."

There is a need to involve all stakeholders to script a new social contract between Delhi and the people of J&K, Sajjad noted, adding that the political class must now play a constructive role to end the ongoing logjam and find a

lasting and democratic solution to J&K's problems.

While the PAGD will take a final call on the event tomorrow, the Congress today sought repeal of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019 and restoration of the status quo ante.

The PAGD too has been insisting on the restoration of J&K's special status and full statehood. Congress veteran and CWC member P Chidambaram said, "The Congress position that full statehood must be restored to J&K should clear any doubt or ambiguity. What was made under the Constitution cannot be unmade by an Act of Parliament, misinterpreting and misusing the provisions of the Constitution."

Record 84 lakh get jabs on Day 1...

delivery chart administered 32,822 doses, Punjab 90,503, Himachal Pradesh 98,169 and Uttarakhand 1,15,376. Under the new regime, all adults would be entitled to free vaccine at government centres. — TNS

GMC Hospital resumes OPD services

JAMMU, JUNE 21

With Covid cases declining in J&K, the Government Medical College (GMC) Hospital here reopened its outpatient department (OPD) services after over two months, but only with a prior appointment, officials said on Monday.

The OPD services in various Covid-dedicated hospitals, including the GMC, were suspended in April following a surge in cases, with some of them reopening over the past two weeks. An official spokesperson said the total number of appointments per speciality per day would not exceed 25 which is also subject to revision based on the future trend of the pandemic.



A security man screens patients at the GMC Hospital on Monday. PTI

Meanwhile, J&K reported 362 new cases and 10 deaths, taking the infection tally to 3,12,156. The death toll is 4,262. Of the new cases, 101 were

from the Jammu division and 261 from the Kashmir division. Srinagar recorded the highest of 79 cases, followed by 44 in Anantnag. — PTI

Sidhu to skip AICC...

in the Capital. The rest have been called tomorrow.

Rahul also held a separate discussion with former Law Minister and ex-Rajya Sabha MP Ashwani Kumar on Punjab affairs and the ongoing impasse. Meanwhile, sources said that Sidhu's public attacks against the CM today had shrunk the space for reconciliation between the two.

"Today's developments mean the party may have to choose between the CM and Sidhu because it has clearly become untenable for the two to work together. Also, Sidhu's decision to decline the invitation from the AICC panel for tomorrow's meeting sends out wrong signals to the party leadership," an AICC source said, adding that the panel would take a view on the steps the CM has taken over the past two weeks to strengthen the party and the government in the state.

The dissidents, meanwhile, are learnt to have flagged to Rahul Gandhi the controversy created in Punjab following the Cabinet decision to give jobs on compassionate grounds to the kin of MLAs Fateh Jang Bajwa and Rakesh Pandey.

The Punjab leaders who met Rahul are further learnt to have shared with him the demographics of the state and the representation of dominant groups in the Cabinet.

A presentation made to Rahul claimed that Jats made up 21 per cent of Punjab's population and had six ministerial berths; Hindus with 12 per cent population had five ministers and the Speaker; and the Scheduled Castes with 32.2 per cent population had just three ministers. The OBCs constituted 31 per cent of the population but had no representation in the Cabinet while 3.8 per cent others were represented by ministers Razia Sultana and Rana Sodhi.

Rahul Gandhi is learnt to be conducting a comprehensive ground research about the state before the party takes a final call on the PCC and Cabinet reshuffle.

PUNJAB MANDI BOARD
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NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
TENDER NOTICE 17 (2021) DATE 21.06.2021
On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer(C) Punjab Mandi Board Ludhiana invites bids from Eligible bidders registered with Punjab Mandi Board Tender for Construction/Upgradation of Narrow Culverts/Bridge on Link Roads under Market Committee Mullapur (LDH-2021-071). For detail, terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/>
Corrigendum, if any, will only be issued on website only.
Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),
Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana.
DPR/Pb/5444

O/o Senior Medical Superintendent, HP GOVT. TB. SANATORIUM, DHARAMPUR DISTRICT SOLAN H.P.
Email- stdchp@rntcp.org
Ph: 01792-264022, Fax-265230
No.TBS (Dmp)/Store/Proc/cartridges2021 Dated the 17.06.2021
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
E-Tenders are invited from registered firms, Proprietorship firm(s), Partnership firm(s), Company, Corporation, Cooperative Society, Authorized dealer & Distributor etc for Supply of Laboratory Material (CBNAAT Cartridges) for MTB CBNAAT sites in Himachal Pradesh. Prescribed tender form can be downloaded from website <http://www.hptenders.gov.in> on or before last date and time for submission of tender. The details of tender document is available on the same website. The last date and time for submission and uploading of completely filled in tender documents is **02.07.2021 up to 11.00 A.M.** The tender will be opened on **02.07.2021 at 12.30 P.M.** Duly completed tender form should be uploaded on the website <http://www.hptenders.gov.in> before the last date and time fixed for submission of the tender. All subsequent corrigendum, modifications and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published only on aforesaid website only. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender offers without assigning any reason.
Sr. Medical Superintendent, HP Govt. TB. Sanatorium, Dharampur, Distt. Solan (HP).
DPR/HP/183

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ (ਗੋਰਮਿੰਟ ਆਫ ਪੰਜਾਬ) ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ
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ਲੜੀ ਨੰ.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਨੁਸੂਚੀ	ਮਿਤੀ
1.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਕਾਨਟੈਨਰ	ਮਿਤੀ 22.06.2021
2.	ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 28.06.2021, ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
3.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਭਰੇ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 29.06.2021, ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
4.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਮਿਤੀ 29.06.2021, ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 2.00 ਵਜੇ
5.	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਬੰਦ	ਮਿਤੀ 01.07.2021 ਤੋਂ 30.06.2023 ਤੱਕ (2 ਸਾਲ)

ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ, ਜਿਹੜੇ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਨਿਯਮਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਗਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਲਏ/ਥੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ, ਕੋਟਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਸਹਿਤ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪਨਸਪ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਤੋਂ 1000/- ਰੁਪਏ (Non-refundable) ਦੀ ਨਗਦ ਅਦਾਇਗੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਹਰਕ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਆਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ 20,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਬੈਕ ਡਰਾਫਟ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਲਾਕ ਲਈ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬੈਕ ਡਰਾਫਟ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਅਦਾਇਗੀਯੋਗ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀ 80,000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਸਹਿਓਦਿਤੀ ਦਾ ਬੈਕ ਡਰਾਫਟ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਲਾਕ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਹੋਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ 5 ਕਾਰਜੀ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਾਕੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਸਰਕਲ ਦਫਤਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਨਿੱਤਰ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੂੰ ਰੱਦ/ਅਮਲਬਰ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸਾਰੇ ਕੋਈ ਸੋਧ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.punnsup.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖੋ। Corrigendum, ਜੇ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਵੇ, ਕੇਵਲ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪਨਸਪ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ।

Signature of the Tendering Authority

Signature of the Bidding Authority

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No. S.E. (B&R)/NIT-948 Dt. 18.06.2021
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, JALANDHAR LOCAL GOVT. DEPTT. PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (CIVIL WORKS)
eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-tender No. MCJ/(B&R)2021-22/16
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar invites e-tenders on Two Bid System, for the Civil/Horticulture/Building/Road works mentioned at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from the contractors enlisted with Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar and Co-Op L/C Societies (Registered in Punjab State). Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with the latest instructions issued vide Notification No. 76/52/79-ਸੀ. 1(5)8856 Dt. 04. 11. 2019 and 5/82/2018-2/41892 Dt. 02.08.2018 and 5/82/2018-2-4/4702 Dt. 01.04.20.
Date and Time Schedule for L/C Societies (21 Days Notice)

Sr. No.	Last Date of online submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid	Opening of Financial Bid
1.	13.07.2021 up to 17:00 hrs	14.07.2021 up to 10:00 hrs	14.07.2021 up to 11:00 hrs

Date and Time Schedule for the works more than Rs. 60.00 Lac and for which tenders not matured on Dt. 14.07.2021

Sr. No.	Last Date of online submission of Bidding Document	Opening of Technical Bid	Opening of Financial Bid
1.	15.07.2021 up to 17:00 hrs	16.07.2021 up to 10:00 hrs	16.07.2021 up to 11:00 hrs

Other terms & conditions can be seen at e-tender website eproc.punjab.gov.in
Sd/- Superintending Engineer
DPR/Pb/5439

PUNJAB REMOTE SENSING CENTRE (A Government of Punjab Enterprise)
PAU Campus, Ludhiana 141004 www.prsc.gov.in (Advertisement No. 04/2021)
Applications are invited from Indian nationals young dynamic eligible candidates through registered/speed post:
CATEGORY: 1
For the post of Scientist SC (01 No.) purely on contractual basis (as per detailed advertisement) for a period of **five years** on yearly basis and extendable, based on candidate's satisfactory performance, review and Project Scheme/Centres requirements.
Qualifications:
i.) First Class M.E./M.Tech./M.Sc. in Geospatial Technology/Sciences (Remote Sensing & Geographic Information System/Geomatics/Geoinformatics/Spatial Information Technology/Geospatial Technology/Geoinformatics & Surveying Technology/Remote Sensing and Geomatics/Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing or equivalent) OR Computer Science and Engineering/Information Technology/Data Science or equivalent in First Class with good knowledge of Geospatial.
AND
ii.) First Class B.E./B.Tech./B.Sc. in Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering or equivalent/Civil Engineering or equivalent or Computer Science and Engineering/Information Technology or equivalent or Geo-informatics/Geomatics or equivalent (with mathematics and physics).
iii.) Punjabi upto to Matric level. If not, the appointee will have to pass Punjabi upto Matric level within one year.
CATEGORY: 2
For below mentioned posts for a period of **one year** and extendable, based on candidate's satisfactory performance, review and Project Scheme/Centres requirements.

Sr. No.	Name of the post	No. of Posts
1	Multi-Tasking Executive (General)	1
2	Programmer	1
3	Web Application Developer	2

The last date for submission of form for both categories i.e. 1 & 2 is **20th July, 2021**.
For more details, the candidates are advised to visit PRSC website www.prsc.gov.in
DL-4751 Sd/- Director

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, DERA BASSI NOTICE INVITING TENDER (CIVIL WORKS)
E-tender MC Dera Bassi 06/2021 Dated:
Department inviting tender:- Municipal Council, Dera Bassi
Name of work:- Providing the Architecture services for development of Bus Stand.
Cost of work/Earnest Money:- Separate for each work
Date of opening of bid:- 09.07.2021
For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and helpline No. 01762-280028, 281028. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.
Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dera Bassi.
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CIN NO.: U 40105PB1983SGC034715
Tender Notice for Cut Material Lots
Government of Punjab
Tender Notice Reference No. 1/2021-22
The Department of Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (PSFDC), Opp. OCM Mill, G.T. Road Chheharta, Amritsar invites Open Tender for sale of Cut Material bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Date of Tender/Bid	Place of Tender	Name of Depot	Item
1	01.07.2021	Bohru Chahal road Amritsar	Rasoolpur, Sur Singh, Lalban, Bohru	As per list Cut Material Lots
2	02.07.2021	Dhariwal canal Gurdaspur	Dhariwal	As per list Cut Material Lots

Closing Time:- 12.00 p.m. each
Note:- List of Cut Material Lots & any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above Website: (www.pbforestdevcorp.gov.in) and list of Cut Material Lots can be seen in the Regional Manager Office, Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (PSFDC), Opp. OCM Mill, G.T. Road Chheharta, Amritsar.
Sd/- Regional Manager, P.S.F.D.C. Ltd. Amritsar.
DPR/Pb/5366

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Esti-mated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of completion (months)
01	A/R & M/O Mujak Chawara shogi in Tehsil Bhunter Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- Operation and maintenance of main and sub distribution).	133000	2660	One
02	C/O LIS Jari Bradha in Tehsil Bhunter Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/O road to lower baglinda for the proposed pump house).	480930	9619	Three
03	PLWSS to NC/PC Habitation Hawai Shair in CV Manjhi in Tehsil Bhunter Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- Providing and fixing of necessary fitting and L/J of G.I. pipes).	178394	3568	One
04	R/M of WSS Bhadoul Pachewa in Tehsil Bhunter Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- L/J of G.I. pipes).	186005	5918	One
05	Providing LWSS Kolla Gopalpur in Tehsil Banjar Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- C/O R/wall in PCC 1:5:10 plum concrete wall to protect pump house 3rd stage).	315189	6304	Two
06	Providing LWSS Kolla Gopalpur in Tehsil Banjar Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- L/J of G.I. pipe line from 3rd stage to Village Chukhta & C/O storage tank 10000 litres capacity).	320552	6411	Two
07	Providing LWSS Kolla Gopalpur in Tehsil Banjar Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH:- L/J of G.I. pipe line from 3rd stage to Village Jani Arkhali etc.).	146752	2915	Two

Cost of form:- 250 each
Last date for sale of tender forms:- 25.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m. and opened on 26.06.2021 up to 12:30 p.m.
The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hpiph.org or from office of the Executive Engineer upto date specified above.
(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division No. II Kullu at Bhunter.
HIM SUNCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK
DPR/HP/1733

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सूचना सुनादी

सभी आम व खास को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, यमुनानगर-जगाधरी क्षेत्र में स्थित गांवों की कृषि योग्य भूमि/तालाबों को पट्टे पर दिए जाने हेतु खुली बोली निम्न कार्यक्रम अनुसार की जानी है:-

क्र. सं.	गांव का नाम	भूमि का आकार/ तालाब एकड़-कनाल -मरले	रिजर्व प्राइज	धरोहर राशि	दिनांक व समय	स्थान
1.	औरंगाबाद	01-03-12	रु. 50,270/-	रु. 10,000/-	28.06.2021	सरकारी
2.	इंशौपुर	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-	सुबह 11.00 बजे	स्कूल, औरंगाबाद
3.	पताशगढ़	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-		
4.	जामपुर	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-	28.06.2021	सरकारी
5.	मण्डेवरी	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-	दोपहर 03.00 बजे	स्कूल, मण्डेवरी
6.	पीर मानजर	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-		
7.	फरकपुर	तालाब तालाब	रु. 30,000/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/- रु. 5,000/-		
8.	मण्डेवर	02-03-00 05-बीचा-04 बिरवा तालाब	रु. 83,125/- रु. 39,710/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 20,000/- रु. 10,000/- रु. 5,000/-	29.06.2021 सुबह 11.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, मण्डेवर
9.	ममीदी	13-00-00 बंजर	रु. 1,95,000/-	रु. 20,000/-	29.06.2021 दोपहर 03.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, ममीदी
10.	रायपुर	03-00-00 00-04-06 तालाब	रु. 1,15,000/- रु. 20,000/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 20,000/- रु. 5,000/- रु. 5,000/-	30.06.2021 सुबह 11.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, रायपुर
11.	पांसरा	01-02-00 00-05-15 00-04-19 तालाब	रु. 40,000/- रु. 28,325/- रु. 18,810/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 10,000/- रु. 10,000/- रु. 10,000/- रु. 5,000/-	30.06.2021 दोपहर 03.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, पांसरा
12.	दौलतपुर	01-01-12 तालाब	रु. 25,000/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 10,000/- रु. 5,000/-		
13.	हबीबपुर	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-	01.07.2021 सुबह 11.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, गढ़ीगुजान
14.	गढ़ीगुजान	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-		
15.	रटौली	तालाब तालाब	रु. 15,000/- रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/- रु. 5,000/-	01.07.2021 दोपहर 03.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, रटौली
16.	मुकारवपुर	04-05-10 09-06-10	रु. 90,000/- रु. 1,90,000/-	रु. 20,000/- रु. 40,000/-	02.07.2021 सुबह 11.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, गंधौली
17.	गंधौली	01-04-00	रु. 8030/-	रु. 5,000/-		
18.	मानकपुर	तालाब	रु. 15,000/-	रु. 5,000/-	02.07.2021 दोपहर 03.00 बजे	सरकारी स्कूल, मानकपुर

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No:HHH/F&B/TDCI-428 Dated:-21.06.2021

TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are hereby invited on behalf of Managing Director, HPTDC from interested dealers/authorized agencies through e-tendering mode for the supply of Provision Items in respect of Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla. The Bid Document and other relevant details are available on www.hptdc.in & <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Last date of submission of Bid is 14th July 2021 which will be opened on the same day at the time mentioned in the e-tendering website.

Dy. General Manager,
HPTDC, Hotel Holiday Home, Shimla.

PUNJAB BUS METRO SOCIETY (PBMS), AMRITSAR GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NOTICE FOR EOI (RECALL)

No. NIT/408 Dated: 21.06.2021
 Punjab Bus Metro Society, Amritsar invites bids from reputed professionals/ firms/consortiums to bid for the following project:

Sr. No.	Name of work
1	Inviting Proposal for Implementing agency for Digital Payment Solutions at BRTS Bus Station, Punjab Bus Metro Society (PBMS)
•	The interested bidders can purchase the bid document from the E-tender website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in by paying the tender fee of Rs. 1000/- and Processing Fee as applicable on website through e-payment.
•	Last Date of submission : 28.06.2021 till 12:00 P.M. and
•	Opening of Technical Bid : 28.06.2021 at 03:00 P.M.
•	Bid must be submitted through online mode only in two stages (Technical and Financial) on or before 28.06.2021 till 12:00 P.M.
Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Bus Metro Society, Amritsar.	
DPR/Pb/5453	

PUNJAB BUS METRO SOCIETY (PBMS), AMRITSAR GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB E-TENDER NOTICE

No. NIT/403 Dated: 18.06.2021
 Punjab Bus Metro Society, Amritsar invites bids from reputed professionals/ firms/consortiums to bid for the following project:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Amount	Time Period
1	Selection of Implementing agency for personalization and supply of 50,000/- Smart Cards for Punjab Bus Metro Society (PBMS).	Rs. 33,00,000/-	21 Days

● The interested bidders can purchase the bid document from the e-tender website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> by paying the tender fee of Rs. 1000/- and Processing Fee as applicable on website through e-payment.

● Last Date of submission : **12.07.2021 till 12:00 p.m.** and

● Opening of Technical Bid : **12.07.2021 at 03:00 p.m.**

● Bid must be submitted through online mode only in two stages (Technical and Financial) on or before **12.07.2021 till 12:00 p.m.**

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer,
Punjab Bus Metro Society,
Amritsar.

DPR/Pb/5435

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT “NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER”

The Executive Engineer, JSV Division Thural Invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible Contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

Work No. 1:- Additional and Alteration of IPH Inspection Hut at Akshaina in Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra HP (SH:- Finishing Work of addition inspection Hut Building at Akshaina (JOB-I), Estimated Cost: Rs. 1658759/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 33175/-, Time Limits: 03 Months, Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 400/-.

Work No. 2:- Providing LVSS to GP Roura in Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangra HP (Under JJM) (SH:- C/o sump well, main collection tank & storage tank), Estimated Cost: Rs. 1201999/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 24050/-, Time Limits: 12 Months, Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 400/-.

1. Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering: 28.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

Executive Engineer,
JSV Division, Thural.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR RENTAL PREMISES BAROTI TEHSIL DHARAMPUR, DISTRICT MANDI (H.P)

The Department of Technical Education, Vocational & Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh requires suitable private premises at BAROTI for establishment of Govt. ITI BAROTI having covered carpet area 1500 Sq. Meter Approx. (Minimum 400Sq. Meters) 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 Performa 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 meters 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 EOI 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 H.P. PWD.	
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 subscribed as "Technical BID offer for Govt. ITI Baroti, Tehsil Dharampur, District Mandi (H.P) premises" be send to the office of Principal Govt. ITI Paplog, Tehsil Sarkaghat, District Mandi (H.P.). The bids should reach in the office of the undersigned on or before 07.07.2021 up to 05:00 p.m. The Bid shall be opened on dated 08.07.2021 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 straightaway.

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) what so ever without thereby incurring any liabilities to the parties.

Sd/- Principal
Govt. Industrial Training Institute Baroti,
Tehsil Dharampur, District Mandi (H.P.).
Camp At Principal
Govt. Industrial Training Institute Paplog
Tehsil Sarkaghat, District Mandi (H.P)

10K refugees fled to India, Thailand from Myanmar: UN special envoy

UNITED NATIONS, JUNE 21

As many as 10,000 refugees have fled from Myanmar to India and Thailand as nationwide clashes in the country led to "acute" new displacements of hundreds of thousands of civilians, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Myanmar has said, warning that the regional threat of the crisis is real.

"In my daily contacts with stakeholders in Myanmar, I hear first-hand accounts about the dire situation. People suffer from deprivation, have no hope and live in fear," Christine Schraner Burgener, Special Envoy of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Myanmar, told the UN General Assembly.

In the absence of international action, civilians are forming people's defence forces, she said. They use self-made weapons and receive military training from ethnic armed organisations in their resistance grounded on demo-



1,75,000 CIVILIANS DISPLACED

“Nationwide clashes, including in central Myanmar and regions bordering China, India and Thailand, have led to the displacement of around 1,75,000 civilians, and some 10,000 refugees have fled to India and Thailand. Christine Schraner Burgener, UN SPECIAL ENVOY

Deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi thanks people for birthday greetings

cratic solidarity. Multiple regions of the country which have not seen armed clashes in decades become zones of significant unrest. "Nationwide

clashes, including in central Myanmar and regions bordering China, India and Thailand, have led to acute new displacements of around 1,75,000 civil-

UN RIGHTS BODY TAKES UP ISSUE

■ The UN's top human rights body opened its latest session on Monday and was immediately embroiled in a debate over the representation of Myanmar.

■ Western countries said two planned debates about the human rights situation in Myanmar during the Human Rights Council's 3-1/2 week session should go forward, even without the country represented.

■ But China, the Philippines and Venezuela insisted it should be on hand. The showdown delayed the opening statement by the UN human rights chief. AP

Swedish PM Lofven loses trust vote

STOCKHOLM, JUNE 21

Swedish centre-left Prime Minister Stefan Lofven was ousted in a no-confidence vote in Parliament on Monday, plunging the country into deep political uncertainty as it tackles the Covid-19 pandemic. Lofven, who was defeated after nearly seven years in power over a plan to ease rent controls for new apartments, now has a week to resign and hand the speaker the job of finding a new government, or call a snap election.

With Parliament deadlocked and opinion polls showing centre-right and centre-left blocs evenly balanced, the political crisis

FIRST PREMIER TO GET OUSTED BY OPPN MPs

■ The no-confidence motion, which required 175 votes in the 349-seat Parliament to pass, was supported by 181 lawmakers.

■ Stefan Lofven, 63, is the first Swedish PM to be ousted by a no-confidence motion put forward by the opposition in the European Union member state of about 10 million people.

■ It is not clear to whom the speaker might turn to form



a new government if Lofven quits. The government now has a week to decide and we will hold talks with cooperation parties.

may not be resolved quickly, though economists say this would be unlikely to have a big impact on the economy. "The government now has a week to decide and we will

hold talks with our cooperation parties," Lofven said. The nationalist Sweden Democrats called the vote an important issue for many voters. — Reuters

LONDON, JUNE 21

British scientists have warned of a "pretty miserable winter" in the UK this year due to new respiratory viruses likely to emerge, with further lockdowns a possibility. Professor Calum Semple, member of the government's Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), said that children and elderly people will be especially vulnerable to endemic viruses at the end of the year, Xinhua news agency reported.

Describing it as the "fourth wave winter", he said: "I suspect we'll have a pretty miserable winter because the other respiratory viruses are going to come back." — IANS



GLOBE TROT



WAITING TO BE HEARD: Anti-vaccine protesters gather outside Madison Square Garden in New York City. REUTERS

Spain to pardon jailed Catalan separatist leaders

BARCELONA: Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez said his government would pardon the nine jailed leaders of Catalonia's failed 2017 independence bid on Tuesday as a first step towards ending the political conflict over the wealthy region. As he spoke in Barcelona's opera house, several hundred separatists protested outside, demanding more concessions. REUTERS

Ethiopians vote in what government bills as 1st free poll

ADDIS ABABA: Ethiopia held elections on Monday billed by the PM as proof of his commitment to democracy after decades of repressive rule, although voting was delayed due to violence in some areas and opposition parties boycotted the poll in others. REUTERS



TRACKING VIRUS	
NATION	DEATHS
US	6,17,188
BRAZIL	5,01,918
INDIA	3,89,258
MEXICO	2,31,187
UK	1,27,981
WORLDWIDE TILL JUNE 21, 11 PM	

STICK TO ASTRAZENECA FOR SECOND DOSE: OZ

A top health official is urging Australians to get their second dose of AstraZeneca. Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly said the authorities did not recommend people follow up their first AstraZeneca dose with a different vaccine. AP

PHILIPPINES TO BUY 40 MN PFIZER DOSES

The Philippine government has signed a purchase deal for 40 million doses of Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine in its largest such agreement this year after huge demands from wealthy countries started to ease. AP

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN 元	CAD \$	AUD \$	SGD \$	HKD \$
₹74.10	₹88.10	₹102.77	₹0.67	₹11.47	₹59.77	₹55.64	₹55.08	₹9.55



Malabar Investments redomiciles to Dubai Int'l Financial Centre

Malabar Investments, the international investment arm of Malabar Gold & Diamonds, has redomiciled with the Dubai International Financial Centre and the registration of its shares of international operations with Nasdaq Dubai's Central Securities Depository.

Škoda rolls out all-new Octavia at ₹25.99 lakh

Škoda Auto India has unveiled the all-new Octavia at Rs 25.99 lakh. Octavia was unveiled in India two decades ago. The fourth generation, with its design, exquisite interiors, class-leading safety and intelligent connectivity features pushes the yardstick further.

Mercedes-Benz unveils most advanced S-Class in India

Mercedes-Benz has launched the 7th generation of its S-Class model in India. It redefines the automotive luxury segment with numerous human-centric innovations around driver assistance, protection and interaction.

Aplicar offers access to over 200 institutes across Canada

The prospect to study in Canada is a dream for students. Online education platform Aplicar is offering students and recruitment partners the most streamlined platform in today's industry. It offers the choice of over 200 institutes.

‘Easy to buy at ₹49/day’ scheme by TVS Motor

TVS Motor Company has launched a scheme for the multi-utility vehicle, TVS XL100. Customers can purchase i-TOUCHstart variants at Rs 49 per day. With this scheme, an EMI of Rs 1,470 per month will be charged.

LIC unveils RuPay prepaid gift card ‘Shagun’

LIC Cards Services Ltd has launched a prepaid gift card 'Shagun' in collaboration with IDBI Bank on RuPay platform. The purpose of this card is to expand the gift card market with an intent to promote cashless ways of gifting.

itel launches Magic 2 4G superphone at ₹2,349

itel has launched 4G-feature phone Magic 2 4G under its 'Magic series'. Equipped with 4G connectivity, long-lasting battery, king voice and priced at Rs 2349, it offers Wi-Fi and hotspot tethering through which eight devices can be connected.

OnePlus rolls out Nord CE 5G

OnePlus has launched Nord CE 5G (core edition). Equipped with a 64 MP triple camera, a 90 Hz fluid AMOLED display, Snapdragon 750G 5G processor, and improved warp charge 30T Plus, along with OxygenOS 11 delivers a fantastic user experience.

Now stay connected with Microsoft Teams for free

Microsoft aims to help everyone stay connected. Microsoft Teams — a chat and collaboration platform for all — is already a leading solution for working professionals. Now you can connect with your family and friends through Microsoft Teams.

Experion Virsa, Amritsar, gets overwhelming response

Upcoming fully integrated township, Experion Virsa, Amritsar, has received an overwhelming response from customers and channel partners since its launch in 2019. The project will be developed in multiple phases.

Flipkart sees 3X hike in digital adoption among kiranas

Best Price cash-and-carry business has seen a 3X hike in e-commerce adoption among kiranas in tier-II and III cities from January to June this year. Flipkart Wholesale, together with Best Price cash-and-carry business, serves over 1.5 million members.

JSW Hydropower, Kinnaur, donates 10,000 immunity kits

JSW Hydropower, Kinnaur, has donated over 10,000 immunity kits and 500 oxymeters to Deputy Commissioner, Kinnaur, under its CSR initiative. Project head Praveen Puri and

CSR head Vinod Purohit were present on the occasion. Hemraj Berwa, DC, Kinnaur, thanked the management for their contribution.

Joyalukkas hails mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery

Joyalukkas has welcomed the mandatory hallmarked of gold jewellery. It said the decision was aimed at protecting consumer rights and it would ensure greater transparency in the market eliminating frauds.

ITC Hotels inaugurates Welcomhotel Tavleen Chail

ITC Hotels has inaugurated Welcomhotel Tavleen Chail with 65 guest rooms, including 18 fairytale cottages and a luxury suite. This is the second property in Himachal after Welcomhotel Shimla was launched about six months ago.

Tata Tea initiative urges people to help others

Tata Tea has launched #JaagoRe, Iss Baar #SabKeliye #JaagoRe initiative with an aim to spread awareness on a cause which is the need of the hour in the current state of pandemic, urging people to lend a helping hand to those who have been a helping hand in their daily life.

Aparna Enterprises to invest ₹100 crore in Alteza brand

Building materials player Aparna Enterprises Ltd has announced plans to invest Rs 100 crore towards building its aluminium window and door system brand Alteza in the next four years. The funds will be used for strengthening the product portfolio, manufacturing facility, marketing and retailing.

Health insurance best gift, says Care Health Insurance

Ajay Shah, Director & Head - Retail Sales, Care Health Insurance, has said, "Anything that helps provide financial security and safeguards parents during unprecedented times is without doubt the most thoughtful gift for them. Health insurance for these reasons becomes an obvious choice."

India fifth largest FDI recipient: UN

Gets proposals worth \$64 bn in 2020

UNITED NATIONS, JUNE 21

India received \$64 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2020, the fifth largest recipient of inflows in the world, according to a UN report.

The World Investment Report 2021 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), released on Monday, said global FDI flows have been severely hit by the Covid pandemic and they plunged by 35% in 2020 to \$1 trillion from \$1.5 trillion the previous year.

Lockdowns caused by Covid around the world slowed down existing investment projects and prospects of recession-led multinational enterprises to reassess new projects.

The report said in India, FDI increased 27% to \$64 billion in 2020 from \$51 billion in 2019, pushed up by acquisitions in the information and communication technology (ICT) industry, making the country the



UNCTAD REPORT

■ Global FDI flows plunged by 35% in 2020 to \$1 trn from \$1.5 trn previous year

■ In India, FDI rose by 27% to \$64 bn in 2020 from \$51 bn in 2019, backed by buyouts in ICT industry

■ Major announcements in the ICT industry included a \$2.8-billion investment by Amazon in India

fifth largest FDI recipient in the world.

The pandemic boosted demand for digital infrastructure and services globally. This led to higher values of greenfield FDI project announcements targeting the ICT industry, rising by more than 22% to \$81 billion. — PTI

Nod to PNB Housing Fin for EGM

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

Setting aside SEBI's direction, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) on Monday allowed PNB Housing Finance to go ahead with the shareholders' meeting on Tuesday to consider the proposed Rs 4,000-crore investment by private equity firm Carlyle and others in the mortgage firm.

However, results of the shareholders' voting will not

be disclosed till further directions from the tribunal.

The ruling comes hours after PNB Housing Finance informed stock exchanges that it has appealed against SEBI's direction on June 18 wherein it was asked to defer consideration of the proposed capital infusion proposal till a valuation of the company's shares is done by a registered independent valuer. — PTI

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
Four Indian wrestlers seeded in Olympics draw
Indian wrestlers Vinesh Phogat, Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Ravi Kumar were today seeded in their respective categories for the Tokyo Olympics. Both Bajrang (65kg) and Deepak (86kg) have been seeded second, while Ravi (57kg) has been seeded fourth. Star female wrestler Vinesh is the top seed in the 53kg category.

BENGALURU
Chhetri extends contract with Bengaluru FC
India captain Sunil Chhetri has extended his contract with Bengaluru FC for another two years and will be with the Indian Super League side till 2023. Chhetri had joined the club in 2013.

TOKYO
Tokyo Olympics to allow limit of 10,000 local fans in venues
The Tokyo Olympics will allow some local fans to attend when the games open in just over a month, organising committee officials and the IOC said today. Organisers set a limit of 50 per cent of capacity up to a maximum of 10,000 fans for all the Olympics venues.

NEW YORK
Felix punches ticket to fifth Olympics at US trials
US track star Allyson Felix is going to the Olympics — for a fifth time. The 35-year-old punched her ticket to Tokyo on Sunday, finishing second in the 400m at the US trials in 50.02 seconds to claim her spot for the Summer Games, extending a glittering career with nine Olympics medals already in her coffers.

WELLINGTON
Transgender lifter Hubbard selected for Olympics



Laurel Hubbard hefted 185kg in two lifts on the way to qualifying in the women's super-heavyweight division for the Tokyo Olympics. That's heavy. But it's nowhere near the figurative weight Hubbard has carried to become the first transgender athlete to compete at an Olympic Games. Hubbard was among five weightlifters confirmed today in New Zealand's team for Tokyo. At 43, she will also be the oldest weightlifter at the Games, and will be ranked fourth in the competition on August 2 for women 87kg (192 pounds) and over. Hubbard won a silver at the 2017 World Championships. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

WTC FINAL
INDIA VS NEW ZEALAND
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CROATIA VS SCOTLAND
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Toor on his way to Tokyo

Punjab shot putter qualifies for Olympics with record-breaking throw

PATIALA, JUNE 21
Punjab shot putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor qualified for the Tokyo Olympics with an Asian and national record throw at the Indian Grand Prix 4 here today.

The 26-year-old crossed the Olympics qualification mark of 21.10m with a throw of 21.49m, which was his first attempt, and broke his own national record. The 2018 Asian Games gold winner also came up with big throws of 21.28m, 21.12m and 21.13m. The previous national record, which was also in Toor's name, stood at 20.92m and was set in 2019. He also shattered the Asian record of 21.13m, which was in the name of Sultan Abdulm Al Hebshi of Saudi Arabia since 2009. "I am very happy to qualify for my first Olympics. Moreover, it was Asian as well as national record," Toor said. "I was confident of crossing the qualification mark because I was doing 21.20m to 21.40m. So, it was not a surprise for me. I am looking forward to doing well in Tokyo. It was a bit hot today but the conditions were all right otherwise," he added.

Toor said the qualification has come as a welcome return of good fortune for him. "I had several injuries last year and by the time I was fit, the Covid-19 restrictions came into place. This tournament is a big relief for me. I am now aiming to cross 22m," he said.

To put Toor's performance into perspective, the bronze winners in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics had crossed 21.23m and 21.36m, respectively.

Kamalpreet beats her mark
Olympics-bound Kamalpreet Kaur bettered her earlier



Tajinder Pal Singh Toor celebrates after qualifying for the Olympics. AFI

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national record mark in women's discus throw by hurling the iron disc to a distance of 66.59m. But her performance will not be counted as the new national record as she was the lone competitor in the event. "As per rules, for national record purposes, the number of competitors should at least be three. So, her performance will not be counted as national record. But it will be considered for other purposes like ranking," AFI secretary Ravinder Chaudhry said.

Her performance today will place her 8th in the Road to Tokyo list, and could put her in the medal contention bracket. The bronze medal winners in the 2012

and 2016 Olympics came up with 66.38m and 65.34m efforts, respectively.

The national women's 4x100m relay team, however, failed to place itself inside the Olympics qualifying bracket despite a record effort of its own. The quartet of Hima Das, Dutee Chand, S Dhanalakshmi and Archana Suseendran clocked 43.37 seconds to win the race. The Indian team bettered the previous record of 43.42 seconds set in 2016 by the quartet of Merlin K Joseph, H M Jyothi, Srabani Nanda and Dutee. But they failed to clock below 43.05 seconds needed to be among the top 16 teams in the Road to Tokyo list.

Dutee also shattered the

Toor in his groove
Tajinder Pal Singh Toor qualified for the Tokyo Olympics at Indian Grand Prix-4 held at NIS Patiala today. Amid electrifying Punjabi music, Toor hurled the iron ball to 21.49m. Toor's coach, Mohinder Singh Dhillon, said that Punjabi music was a way Toor usually pumped himself up even during training. "Even in training, he (Toor) needs music. He has his own speaker and he listens to music during training and competition. It helps him not get distracted," Dhillon said. The coach added that Toor's performance, given the pressure of qualification, was impressive. "When you know you have one or two competitions left to qualify, it adds to the pressure. Now, he is likely to throw freely in the next competition," Dhillon said, referring to the inter-state championship to be held in Patiala on June 25-29. — Karam Prakash

national record in the women's 100m event. She completed the race in 11.17 seconds, agonisingly close to the Olympics qualification time 11.15. The previous record was 11.22 seconds, also in the name of Dutee.

Star sprinter Hima Das clinched the 200m top honours with a time of 22.88 seconds. Her timing was not far behind the automatic qualification mark of 22.80 seconds.

In men's long jump, Olympics-bound M Sreesankar won the event with a best effort of 7.74m. National record holder javelin thrower Annu Rani won her event with a throw of 60.58m, which was well below the qualification mark of 64m. — PTI

Another day washed out

WTC FINAL Only 141.1 overs bowled over 4 days

SOUTHAMPTON, JUNE 21
Rain washed out an entire day's play for the second time in the World Test Championship (WTC) final today, diminishing hopes of a result in the India-New Zealand contest.

Only 141.1 overs have been bowled in the match so far as the inclement Southampton weather continued to bedevil the inaugural edition of Test cricket's pinnacle event.

New Zealand, who will resume on 101/2, would be particularly disappointed having taken the upper hand after their all-seam attack bowled out India for a below-par 217. Captain Kane Williamson, batting on 12, and Ross Taylor, who is yet to score, would have expected to erase the 116-run deficit and push for a handy first-innings lead. Rain had washed out the entire opening day on Friday and interrupted play over the weekend, though a reserve day is allocated to make up for lost time.

Important games should not be played in UK: Pietersen
Former England captain Kevin Pietersen feels that no "one-off" cricket games of "incredible importance" should ever be held in the



India's Ajinkya Rahane and Cheteshwar Pujara take a walk on the field as rain plays spoilsport on Monday. REUTERS

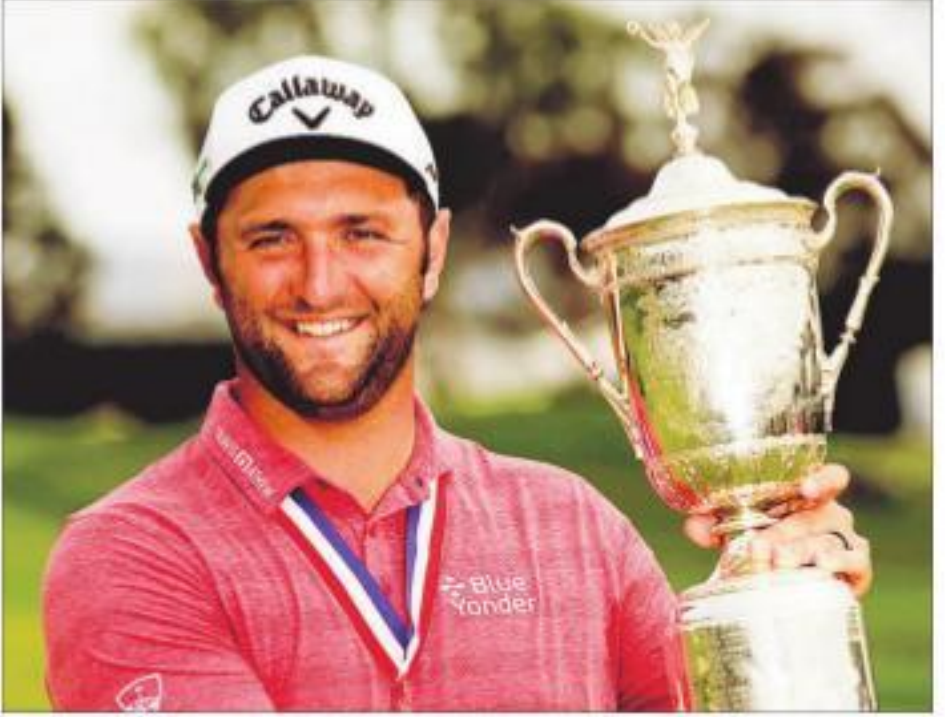
UK, which is famous for its fickle weather. "It pains me to say it, but a ONE OFF & incredibly important cricket game should NOT be played in the UK," Pietersen tweeted taking a dig at the ICC for opting Hampshire Bowl in Southampton as the venue for a marquee final.

For Pietersen, the final of an event like this should always be held in Dubai, where there is minimal chance of weather related

interruptions. "If it was up to me, Dubai would always host a one off match like this WTC game. Neutral venue, fabulous stadium, guaranteed weather, excellent training facilities and a travel hub! Oh, and ICC home is next to the stadium," he wrote. Former Indian opener Virender Sehwag was even more sarcastic. "Neither the Indian batsmen nor the ICC got their timing right", he tweeted. — Agencies

Two weeks after testing positive for Covid-19, Rahm becomes first Spaniard to win US Open

‘Karma’ man



Jon Rahm poses with the trophy. USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS

US OPEN		
LEADERBOARD		
POS	PLAYER	SCORE
1	Jon Rahm	-6
2	Louis Oosthuizen	-5
3	Harris English	-3
T4	Guido Migliozzi	-2
T4	Brooks Koepka	-2
T4	Collin Morikawa	-2
T7	Rory McIlroy	-1
T7	Xander Schauffele	-1

were coming," he said. "I didn't know what it was going to be but I knew we were coming to a special place. I got my breakthrough win here (on the PGA Tour) and it is a very special place for my family."

Bitter pill
While Rahm celebrated,

Oosthuizen pondered another Major near-miss. Though he birdied the final hole for a 71, it was another bitter pill for the likeable South African, who also finished runner-up at last month's PGA Championship, and now has six career second-placings in the four tournaments that comprise the Grand Slam. At least Oosthuizen, apart from a poor drive at the penultimate hole that led to an ultimately very costly bogey, held his game together down the stretch, unlike several other heavy-hitters. Bryson DeChambeau and Rory McIlroy were among the biggest names who came unglued on the most difficult stretch of the course early on the back nine. — Reuters

Austria beat Ukraine, enter last-16

BUCHAREST, JUNE 21
Austria advanced to the European Championship knockout stages for the first time after they beat Ukraine 1-0 in their final Group C match today to finish second and set up a last-16 clash with Italy.

The Netherlands, who were confirmed as group winners after beating both Ukraine and Austria, defeated bottom side North Macedonia 3-0 in the other fixture to finish with nine points while Austria have six from two wins. Christoph Baumgartner, who looked shaken after a clash of heads with Illia Zabarnyi minutes earlier, scored in the 21st minute from a corner when he beat the Ukrainian defender to prod home from a teasing David Alaba delivery. The groggy Austrian midfielder



England's Raheem Sterling having fun during training. REUTERS

was withdrawn 10 minutes later.

Can England find their true self?
A couple of days contemplating why England haven't already advanced at the Champi-

onship allowed Raheem Sterling to fully assess the team's shortcomings. How could a stalemate with Scotland have been prevented? "With the ball we could have shown a bit more

German quartet injured, skips training
MUNICH: Four German players were nursing injuries from their 4-2 victory over Portugal at the weekend and skipped training today, the team said. Defenders Mats Hummels and Lukas Halstenberg, who came on as a substitute, as well as midfielders Ilkay Gundogan and Thomas Mueller, were all missing from training at their Herzogenaurach base north of Munich. Mueller's availability is in doubt for their game against Hungary. REUTERS

personality and dominated the game more with the ball," the England striker said. "As a team we need to know where to identify that and take control." The team faces the Czech Republic in their Group D finale tomorrow. — Agencies

Peru too good for Colombia

SAO PAULO, JUNE 21
Peru beat Colombia 2-1 to keep alive their chances of advancing to the knockout stage of Copa America.

Sergio Pena opened the scoring for the Peruvians in the 17th minute on Sunday. Miguel Borja equalised from the spot in the 53rd but an own goal 11 minutes later by Colombian defender Yerry Mina decided the match at the Olimpico stadium in Goiania.

Peru are third in Group B with three points after two matches. Colombia remains with four points in second spot, but with only two games remaining. Brazil lead with six points. The top-four teams will qualify for the quarterfinals.

Earlier Sunday, Venezuela and Ecuador drew 2-2. Venezuela. — AP/PTI

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Parents, students flag concerns over Class XII evaluation plan

SATYA PRAKASH

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

As some students and parents' bodies questioned the decision to cancel the Class XII examinations and the evaluation formulae, the Supreme Court on Monday asked the CBSE and the ICSE to respond to their pleas, saying it's important to have finality in the matter.

"For students... they need to have some ray of hope, not uncertainty," said a Bench led by Justice AM Khanwilkar, which had on June 17 given in principle approval to evaluation formulae of the two boards for declaration of results by July 31. However, it said, "The decision for cancellation of examination has been taken at the highest level and we have in-principle accepted it."

Asking the CBSE and the



BOARD RESULTS: WHAT PETITIONERS CONTEND

- Marking should be based on the performance of the current batch, not any earlier batch
- The option to improvise the results must be given

- at the outset before declaration of results
- Policy of linking performance of present batch of students with ex-students can't be legally sustained

ICSE to file their replies to the petitions, the top court posted the matter for hearing on Tuesday at 2 pm after Attorney General KK Venugopal agreed to it.

On behalf of UP Parents' Association that demanded physical examinations for Class XII, senior advocate

Vikas Singh assailed the different sets of criteria adopted for evaluation of students by the CBSE and the ICSE, saying there should be uniformity in the criteria of both boards.

Marking should be based on the performance of the current batch and not on any pre-

vious batch and the option to improvise the results must be given at the outset before the declaration of results, Singh said even as he reiterated his demand for physical examinations in view of improvement in Covid situation.

"Such irrational policy of linking the performance of the present batch of students with that of former students can't be legally sustained under any circumstances. The present batch of students can't be penalised for the past performances of ex-students," he contended.

"How is the board exam a threat but not IIT-JEE or CLAT?" asked some of the petitioners. Advocate Abhishek Choudhary pointed out that even if a compartment student performed well in CLAT, he couldn't get admission as his/her board examination was to be held later in physical form.

SC reserves verdict on Covid relief

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

The Supreme Court on Monday reserved its verdict on PILs seeking an ex gratia compensation of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of Covid victims.

After hearing Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, senior advocate SB Upadhyay and others,

a Bench of Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice MR Shah asked the parties to file written submissions in three days and reserved its order.

The Centre had earlier maintained that giving Rs 4 lakh each to kin of victims wasn't possible due to lim-

ited resources as it would affect pandemic response on other aspects.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta today said it was not the case that the government had no funds. "The question is how to utilise the funds," he said. — TNS

Rahul slams Centre for refusing ex gratia

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has hit out at the government for not paying ex gratia compensation to kin of Covid victims. "It is impossible to value life, government's relief is only a small help, but the Modi govt is not ready to even do that," he said. — PTI

UP assault: HC grants transit bail to journalist

MUMBAI, JUNE 21

The Bombay HC on Monday granted transit anticipatory bail to journalist Rana Ayyub for four weeks in connection with an FIR registered against her by the Uttar Pradesh police for allegedly circulating a video in which an elderly Muslim man claimed he was thrashed and asked to chant "Jai Shri Ram".

The police in their FIR claimed the video was circulated to create communal unrest.

Twitter India MD wants to join probe virtually

Ayyub's counsel Mihir Desai told a single Bench of Justice PD Naik that the applicant was a journalist who had just forwarded the video from her Twitter handle. "On June 16, when she came to know that the content of the video was not correct, she deleted the same," Desai said.

He said the offences under which Ayyub has been booked are all punishable only up to three years in jail and hence, she should be given time to approach the court in Uttar Pradesh to seek relief. — PTI

HC rejects plea to call off NHRC probe into WB post-poll violence

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, JUNE 21

The Calcutta High Court on Monday dismissed a plea filed by the West Bengal Government seeking recall of the High Court's June 18 order by which it had directed the chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to constitute a committee to examine complaints by victims of post-poll violence in West Bengal.

A five-judge Bench headed by acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal said it could not sit in appeal over its own orders and the state could place its contentions before the NHRC.

"We do not find any case made out for recalling, modification or stay of order passed by this court on June 18," the court said in its order today. The way the state was proceeding in the matter, which required immediate action, did not inspire confidence," the court further said in the order.

The Bengal Government had sought recall of the June 18 order on the ground that it was

RIGHTS BODY FORMS 7-MEMBER PROBE PANEL

Those on the NHRC probe panel are: NHRC member Rajiv Jain; Atif Rasheed, Vice-Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities; Dr Rajulben L Desai, member, National Commission for Women; Santosh Mehra, DG

(Investigation), NHRC; PK Panja, Registrar, WB Human Rights Commission; Raju Mukherjee, member Secretary, West Bengal State Legal Services Authority; and Manzil Saini, DIG (Investigation), NHRC. TNS

DIDI MOVES SC AGAINST HC ORDER IN NARADA CASE

New Delhi: West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has moved the SC challenging the Calcutta HC's denial for filing of affidavits by her and state Law Minister Moloy Ghatak on their role on the day of arrest of four TMC leaders on May 17 by the CBI in connection with the Narada sting case. — PTI



not heard and adequate opportunity was not given to place all facts on record, including the steps taken by the state government to address the issues related to post-poll violence.

The High Court had on June 18 noted that while the state government has been denying instances of post-poll violence from the very beginning, the petitions filed by certain affected parties and a report submitted by the State Legal Services Secretary in this regard paint-

ed a different picture.

The court then directed the NHRC to constitute a committee to examine the complaints. The committee shall examine all cases by visiting the areas and report to the court about steps to be taken to reinstate the confidence of the people.

The order was passed on a bunch of petitions alleging that many people from opposition were subject to violence after the TMC won the elections.



Consulate General of India in New York, in partnership with Times Square Alliance, hosts the seventh International Day of Yoga celebrations, at Times Square in New York on Sunday. — PTI

Yoga ray of hope amid Covid: PM

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said yoga had become a source of inner strength in these difficult times and still "remains a ray of hope as the world fights the Covid pandemic".

In an India-marshalled show, the seventh International Yoga Day was celebrated around the world by lay people, celebrities and even Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and his wife.

Addressing the programme virtually, PM Modi announced the plan to launch a common yoga protocol in collaboration with



Launches app as world celebrates yoga day

the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The M-Yoga mobile phone app will feature several videos of yoga training in dif-

ferent languages of the world.

"This will help us in making the 'one world, one health' motto successful," he said, referring to the call for action he gave while virtually addressing the G-7 summit in Cornwall, the UK.

While practically all Indian embassies organised yoga events, noteworthy was the huge number of foreign yoga teachers and enthusiasts who had joined the celebrations.

Over 3,000 turned up to perform yoga at Times Square in the US, while Indian Navy personnel onboard INS Airavat and deployed at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam also showed their moves.

Irresponsible gameplan, TMC junks demand for bifurcation

No plan to break up state, says BJP WB chief Ghosh

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

KOLKATA, JUNE 21

After BJP MP from Alipurduar John Barla demanded statehood for north Bengal, another BJP Lok Sabha member has demanded a separate state for a different area of West Bengal.

Bishnupur BJP MP Soumitra Khan has demanded constitution of a separate state for the Jangalmahal region of West Bengal to be carved out from the state.

He said the proposed state could consist of Birbhum, Burdwan, Asansol, East and West Midnapore, Purulia, Bankura and Jhargram. It would be one of those small states like Mizoram or Manipur with a 60-member Assembly, Khan said.

He added if Prime Minister Narendra Modi could be called an "outsider" by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee despite him being an Indian, the latter also was no less an outsider for someone living

SEVERAL BJP LEADERS JOIN TRINAMOL

Kolkata: In yet another jolt to the BJP, the party's Alipurduar district president, Ganga Prasad Sharma, joined the TMC on Monday, as senior leader of the state's ruling party Mukul Roy, who also switched sides two weeks ago, claimed that this was the "beginning of the saffron party's end" in the state. Seven other BJP leaders from the region, too, followed in Sharma's footsteps and joined the Banerjee camp. — PTI

in Jangalmahal.

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh termed Khan's statement as an "irresponsible gameplan" by the saffron party. He alleged that the BJP was trying to create trouble as it could not come to terms with electoral defeat handed out to it by Mamata Banerjee-led TMC.

The separate state demand raised by two BJP MPs in quick succession has put state BJP president Dilip Ghosh, also a member of the Lok Sabha, in an embarrassing situation. His political opponents have stared questioning his control over the party's state unit.

Ghosh on Monday said

Khan demanded a separate state as he was extremely frustrated with the present law and order situation in West Bengal. The BJP had no plans to break up the state, Ghosh asserted.

WBPC president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, however, said the two BJP MPs would not have spoken out without approval from the party's top leadership. "The BJP is a regimented party. I am not ready to believe that the party's Central leaders were unaware of what these MPs were saying," Chowdhury, who is also Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, said.

EAM discusses ties with Sri Lankan counterpart

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday spoke to his Sri Lankan counterpart Dinesh Gunawardena, covering bilateral issues as well as regional cooperation under seven-nation grouping BIMSTEC.

The conversation came amid growing concern in India about the China-backed Colombo Port City project in Sri Lanka. "Good conversation with FM @DCRGunawardena of Sri Lanka. Reviewed our bilateral agenda. Also discussed BIMSTEC, IORA and other regional mechanisms. Will continue to remain in close touch," Jaishankar tweeted.

India has been pushing for expanding regional coopera-

tion under the framework of BIMSTEC.

Besides India, BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) comprises Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan. The Indian Ocean Rim Association is an inter-governmental organisation aimed at strengthening regional cooperation.

With Sri Lanka moving ahead with the Colombo Port City project, India last week said it expects that the island nation will remain mindful of their "excellent bilateral cooperation", including for mutual security in the maritime domain. — PTI

India-EU naval exercise to set stage for greater cooperation

Maritime security high on agenda but trade takes backseat

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21

The joint naval exercise between warships of the European Union (EU) and India conducted in the Gulf of Aden on June 18 and 19 will be the precursor of strengthened operational cooperation at sea, said a statement by the EU.

One frigate from the Indian Navy and three from EU's Somalia anti-piracy force under Operation Atalanta played out the scenario of an anti-piracy operation that included cross-deck helicopter landings, live firing, a nighttime joint patrol and a "naval parade" in the high seas off the coast of Somalia.

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EU INTENDS INVOLVING INDIA TO SECURE SEA LINES

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- While CRIMARIO I (2015 – 2019), was for the Western

Indian Ocean region, CRIMARIO II will expand its geographical scope to South and Southeast Asia.

- However, India will not play a prominent role in EU's attempt to strengthen its strategic trade position in Indo-Pacific, given recent regional

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Duflo, Rajan on TN's fiscal recovery panel

CHENNAI, JUNE 21

An Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister would be constituted with leading experts, including Nobel laureate Prof Esther Duflo and former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan, Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit said here today in his customary address to the Assembly.

The council is to prepare a roadmap for "rapid" and inclusive economic growth of the state, Purohit said in his first address to the House, which also marks the commencement of the first session after the formation of the DMK government last month.

"In recent years, we have seen a slowdown in Tamil Nadu's economic growth rate. This government will make all out efforts to reverse this trend and usher in a period of rapid economic growth," he said and announced that the panel

THE CHOSEN FIVE

PROF ESTHER DUFLO

Nobel laureate

RAGHURAM RAJAN

Former RBI Governor

ARVIND SUBRAMANIAN

Former chief economic adviser

PROF JEAN DREZE

Development economist

S NARAYAN

Former union finance secretary

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would be set up.

Besides Duflo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-USA and Rajan, former chief economic adviser to the Union Government, Arvind Subramanian, development economist Prof Jean Drezé and former union finance secretary S Narayan would be part of the council, he said. — PTI