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No toll booths, GPS-based collection in 1 yr: Gadkari

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 18
India will do away with toll booths and implement complete GPS-based toll collection within one year, said Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari today. He said 93 per cent of the vehicles pay toll using FASTag, but the remaining 7 per cent had still not adopted it despite paying double the toll.

"I want to assure the House that within one year, all physical toll booths in the country will be removed. It means toll collection will happen via the global positioning system (GPS). The money will be collected based on GPS imaging of the vehicle," he said during the question hour. He had directed police inquiry of those

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5% REBATE TO CAR BUYERS ON SCRAPPING OLD ONES

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari unveiled the proposed "Vehicle Scrappage Policy" in Parliament on Thursday
- 25% rebate in road tax by states & 5% discount by manufacturers
- Rules for vehicle fitness test and scrapping centres likely to be applicable from October 1, 2021, while scrapping of government and PSU vehicles older than 15 years will be from April 1, 2022
- It provides strong incentives to owners opting for scrapping their old and unfit vehicles
- These include 4-6% of ex-showroom price of new vehicle by registered scrapping centres, up to

Night curfew extended by 2 hrs in nine Pb dists

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18

Terming the spread of Covid-19 in Punjab as alarming, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced two-hour extension in the night curfew in the state's nine worst-affected districts.

The night curfew will now be in place from 9 pm to 5 am, instead of 11 pm to 5 am, in Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Patiala, Mohali, Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and Ropar. The announcement came as Punjab's daily cases shot up to 2,387 with 32 deaths on Wednesday.

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EDIT: PREVENT VAX WASTAGE

FRESH CASES CROSS 35K

- New cases at 102-day high of 35,871, recovery rate down to 96.41%
- Vaccinations nearing 4-cr mark with 17,83,303 doses given today
- If allowed, will vaccinate all in Delhi in three months, says CM Kejriwal

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RAVINDER SAINI

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JHAJHAR, MARCH 18

Despite the best efforts of the district health authorities, farmers camping at the Tikri-Bahadurgarh border have so far been reluctant to get vaccinated against Covid-19.

For the second consecutive day today, no farmer turned up for vaccination at a booth set up at the protest site. The dismal response has forced the health authorities to plan holding an awareness campaign at Tikri. "We have been contacting farmers for

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Govt bats for IAS-like judicial service

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

A "properly framed" all-India judicial service (AIJS) on the lines of other all-India services, including IAS and IPS, is important to strengthen the overall justice delivery system, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told the Rajya Sabha today.

Talks on with stakeholders to reach consensus

The service will give an opportunity for induction of suitably qualified fresh legal talent selected through a proper all-India merit selec-

tion system as well as address the issue of social inclusion by enabling suitable representation to marginalised and deprived sections of the society, he said in a written reply.

A comprehensive proposal was formulated for the constitution of the AIJS and the

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IN BRIEF

RS passes Bill to hike FDI in insurance sector

NEW DELHI: A Bill to raise foreign direct investment limit in the insurance sector to 74% from current 49% was approved by the Rajya Sabha. It is aimed at improving life insurance penetration in the country.—TNS

SC quashes 'Rakhi for bail' order by HC

NEW DELHI: The SC has set aside an MP High Court order granting bail to a molestation accused on the condition he would tie 'Rakhi' to the victim, saying it "reflects adversely on entire judicial system of country". BACK PAGE

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All want Sidhu back in team, says Capt

Hopes ex-cricketeer decides soon | No word on his role

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18
A day after Navjot Singh Sidhu met CM Capt Amarinder Singh at the latter's farmhouse in Siswan, the CM today hinted at political rehabilitation of the former cricketer into the Cabinet soon.

Without specifying the exact role for Sidhu, the CM said everyone in the government wanted him to be part of the team. "The meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere yesterday. Everyone wants Sidhu to be part of the team. I hope he decides on joining back soon. Before that he has sought some time," he said.

Sources close to the Chief Minister said Sidhu wanted to meet the party high command and senior party leadership in Delhi before joining back the government. It is learnt that everything would be clear by March 31. The CM was not keen on a major Cabinet reshuffle at this juncture as the next Assembly elections were due early next year.

In the given circumstances, the options before Sidhu to align with any other party are limited. After

CAN TAKE MY JOB IF HE WANTS: CM



CM Capt Amarinder Singh with Navjot Singh Sidhu.

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hectic parleys between Punjab affairs in charge Harish Rawat and Sidhu, if the latter settles for the same position at which he left, he would try to seek an assurance from the central party leadership, Rawat and the CM on his status if the party returns to power in 2022.

Going beyond Sidhu, the CM said he would be happy to have Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Dhullo as part of the team. "While everyone has his/her own ambitions, it is up to the Congress chief to decide. In a difficult hour, you have to set aside your ambitions and stand with the party," he said.

To a question on him leading the party and being its CM face in 2022, Capt Amarinder said it was for the AICC president to decide. On Prashant Kishor's appointment, he said in a democracy every leader and party had a team of strategists.

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No rival in Assembly elections: CM

4 YRS AT HELM

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today claimed that in the 2022 Assembly elections, the Congress would have no rival, as neither the Akalis, nor the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) offer any competition.

At a press conference to mark the Congress government's four years in office, he said before going to people to seek vote, every poll promise would be fulfilled. Claiming that more than 85 per cent of manifesto promises had been fulfilled, he said it was a record for any party in any state. The previous record was held by Chandrababu Naidu in Andhra Pradesh. He had fulfilled 81 per cent promises.

He said his government had broken the backbone of the drugs chain. He had never said he would eliminate the drugs mafia. "I had clearly said — main nashayen dilak todanga." On Opposition allegations of not fulfilling poll promises like action against those involved in sacrilege, police firing and ending the mafia, the Capt said SIT, probing the sacrilege cases, would soon complete its investigation and he would not interfere, if it decides to challan any senior police officers or politicians.

He pointed out that SIT

says all promises to be fulfilled | 85% work already done



Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh addresses a press conference in Chandigarh on Thursday. TRENT PHOTO

ALLOWANCE SOON FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

The Chief Minister said the promises of debt waiver for all farmers and Rs 2,500 a month to all unemployed youth would be fulfilled. The fiscal constraints, especially due to Covid, had pushed back his government in implementing some promises.

THREAT REAL

Amarinder declared, "As long as I am here, no Khalistani or Pakistani or any other terrorist activity will be allowed to disturb the peace in the state." Terming the national security threat perception real, he said he had met Union Home Minister Amit Shah amid farmers' agitation to discuss the issue

OPPOSES PVT JOB QUOTA

The CM opposed the policy of excessive regionalisation being followed by certain states, saying "Amarinder stands for India for Indian". Capt Amarinder was responding to a question on reservation in jobs for the local youth, as recently announced by Haryana. "If we start regionalising, we will suffer," he said.



Vijay Inder Singh
More land damages for farmers soon

ROPAR, MARCH 18
To pacify the protesting farmers demanding higher compensation for their lands for two national highways Delhi-Amritsar-Katra and Jalandhar-Ajmer, the state government has tweaked the rules. This was stated by PWD and Education Minister Vijay Inder Singh here today.

Singla, who was here to list achievements of his government in the last four years, said the government had increased the multiplier factor for land acquisition following which there would be substantial increase in the compensation to farmers.

The NHAI would acquire land in 12 districts for the two projects. Farmers had refused to give their lands for the projects, citing lower compensation. He said in Punjab, the collector rates were lesser as compared to the market rate on demand of people so that they had to spend less on stamp duty at the time of the purchase of land. This was the reason for lesser compensation. Now, the compensation would be near double. — TNS

SAD to CM: Resign on moral grounds

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18

The SAD today asked CM Capt Amarinder Singh to resign on moral grounds after candidly admitting that he had failed to end the drug menace and provide jobs to the youth.

The SAD also lambasted the CM for his point-blank refusal to reduce power tariff rates for both domestic and industrial sector, admitting that the government would not implement the Rs 2,500 per month unemployment allowance to

the youth, besides stating that the Rs 90,000 loan waiver, he had announced for the farming community, would not be executed. It accused him of presiding over four years of corruption, scams, brazen misrule and breakdown of law and order.

At a press meet, ex-minister Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said it was shocking that instead of fulfilling the promises, the CM tried to ignore his commitments. — TNS

Covid hit debt-waiver plan: Tript

ADmits to delay in medical project

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ernment had done and what it will do in its last year in power.

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Four of family killed as car rams into tree

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MUKTSAR, MARCH 18

Four persons of a family, including two women and a child, died in a road accident at Bhallaiana village on the Muktsar-Bathinda highway today morning.

The victims were reportedly coming to Muktsar to see a doctor, when the car, in which they were travelling, collided with a roadside tree. The driver, a relative of the victims, suffered injuries. He was admitted to the Civil Hospital at Gidderbaha.

Sources said Satnam Singh, his wife Rani Kaur of Bhamra Badi village in Sangrur, sister Raghbir Kaur and her son Sukhjot Singh, alias Bunty, of Attar Singhwala village in Barnala district, died on the spot. Rajinder Singh, a cousin of



The mangled car at Bhallaiana village in Muktsar. TRENT PHOTO

Satnam Singh, from Bhaini Mehraj, was driving the car.

Sources informed the car was moving at a fast pace, and the driver lost control at a turn, which caused the fatal mishap. The driver was pulled out from the vehicle after cutting its roof, they claimed.

Sources said a few minutes before the mishap, the car had stopped at a filling station. DSP Narinder Singh said they had started investigation.

Will continue to back stir: Suspect

R-DAY VIOLENCE

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AMRITSAR, MARCH 18

A day after being granted bail, Ranjit Singh (22) from Kajampur village in Nawanshahr, one of the youths accused of attacking the police at the Singhu border on January 29, paid obeisance at the Golden Temple on Thursday.

Accompanied by DSGMC chief Manjot Singh Sisra, he said he would continue to support the protesting farmers. Sisra claimed that to prevent granting bail to Ranjit, several sections, not relevant to his

case, were added in the complaint filed against him. He was granted bail in the second attempt. He said the DSGMC would put in efforts to secure release of all those who were held during the farmers' protest and continue to support agitating farmers. Video grabs of Ranjit being beaten up with lathis had gone viral on the Internet. His family has denied the charges of Ranjit attacking the police.



The accused in police custody in Bathinda on Thursday.

Jagmeet's son joins politics

MUKTSAR, MARCH 18
Former MP and senior vice-president of SAD Jagmeet Singh's son has entered politics. Akal Arpan Singh (31) is appointed as senior vice-president of the Youth Akali Dal (YAD) on Wednesday. This is the third generation of the Brar family into politics now. Jagmeet's father late Gurmit Singh remained MLA for five times and also the general secretary of the SGPC.

Jagmeet said, "I have directed Akal to first collect the data of 300 farmers whose kin have sacrificed lives in the 'kisan andolan'. He has done his Masters in Law from the University of California, Berkeley." — TNS

Properties of 55 POs worth ₹146 cr seized

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PATIALA, MARCH 18
In a major action against proclaimed offenders (POs), the Punjab Police have seized properties worth over Rs 146 crore of 55 such offenders in the past year and a half. The police have also arrested 2,427 POs while properties of 283 others have been identified since January 2020.

While the Amritsar police top the list in action against POs by freezing assets worth Rs 125 crore belonging to a single family, the Patiala police have seized properties worth Rs 10 crore from 22

Amritsar, Patiala police top performers

MORE ACTION PLANNED

■ The properties of 283 persons were identified and process was on to attach those. Many of them skipped court hearings or didn't join probe. In all such cases, properties have been identified and attached. Dinkar Gupta, DGP

POs, including a terrorist, who has been evading arrest for the past over 30 years. Data collected by The Tribune suggests that the Amritsar (Rural) police top in terms of financial seizure

properties belonging to Gulshan Jain and his family, who owned Virumal Mulakhraj Rice Mill at Jandiala Guru, were seized by the Amritsar police. The family has been absconding for the past two years after allegedly bungling government paddy and taking bank limits worth Rs 200 crore.

Patiala SSP Vikramjeet Duggal said properties in many cases were attached as per the instructions of area magistrates under Sections 82 and 83 of the CrPC.

"A local court recently

declared Baldev Singh, a suspect booked under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act in 1988, a proclaimed offender and allowed the police to attach his properties. These properties include seven acres in his village Dandoa and are valued at Rs 2.17 crore," Duggal said.

Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta told The Tribune the properties of 283 people had been identified and process was on to attach them. "Many of them have skipped court hearings or have not joined investigations. In all such cases, properties are identified and attached as per law," he added.

BATHINDA, MARCH 18
The Bathinda police nabbed a man, who had stolen as many as 20 two-wheelers from three different districts — Bathinda, Muktsar and Faridkot — in Malwa region.

Addressing mediapersons, Bhupinderjit Singh Virk, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Bathinda, said, "After a nakabandi on the Bathinda-

Malout road, the district police have nabbed the accused, identified as Gurtej Singh, a resident of Muktsar district. He had been stealing two-wheelers from quite some time now. After interrogation, he revealed the location of a godown, where he had kept all 20 stolen two-wheelers."

After taking possession of the stolen vehicles, the police arrested the accused and booked him under Sections 379, 411 and 473 of the IPC.

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He has done his Masters in Law from the University of California, Berkeley." — TNS



Get jab or gear up for weekly RT-PCR test, health workers told

BATHINDA, MARCH 18
In wake of rising number of Covid-19 cases in the district, the Health Department has taken some tough measures to ensure maximum vaccination in the coming days.

In a letter, the Bathinda Civil Surgeon told the block-level health centres to ensure maximum vaccination of health workers, failing which they would have to undergo RT-PCR testing mandatorily. In the letter, as per the directions of the principal health secretary, it has been mentioned that all employees should get themselves vaccinated at the earliest. The letter stated that in order to protect the already limited workforce, those who refuse to get vaccinated will mandatorily undergo RT-PCR testing every week and report of all un-vaccinated employees will be sub-

Bathinda Civil Surgeon issues letter, says move to check spurt in cases

mitted on every Monday. One of the SMOs at a government-run hospital in the district said healthcare employees who refuse to get vaccinated will have to undergo RT-PCR test on weekly basis and if they do not get tested, they won't be allowed at their workplaces and marked absent. Bathinda CS Tejwant Singh Dhillon, said: "We have not made vaccination mandatory for healthcare employees but keeping in view rising cases, we have asked them to get vaccinated on priority. We have to anticipate and check the rising number by ensuring maximum vaccination and regular sampling." — TNS

Bhakra water level dips, farmers worried

At 1,548 ft, level is 55 ft lower than last year

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PATIALA, MARCH 18

Punjab and Rajasthan could face an irrigation crisis during the upcoming paddy-sowing season as the water level in the Bhakra reservoir is nearly 55 feet lower than the last year.

The water level at Bhakra on Wednesday was recorded at 1,548 feet against 1,604 feet on the corresponding day last year. The water level in Ranjit Sagar Dam is 1,615 feet against 1,659 feet the same day last year. In Pong Dam, the water level is 1,304 feet against last year's 1,359 feet.

"The water level in the reservoir may decline further on account of scanty snowfall this winter as there may be reduced water inflow from the melting of snow in the glaciers this year," said an official.



FARMERS WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON MONSOON

● The water requirement from the Bhakra reservoir is a necessity in the Malwa belt and many parts of R'sthan, which depend on canal water for irrigation. Bhakra will not have the cushion of storage available to meet paddy irrigation requirement and farmers will have to depend on monsoon.

VK GUPTA, SPOKESMAN, ALL INDIA POWER ENGINEERS FEDERATION

As per the reservoir storage weekly bulletin of March 11, the total live storage available in these reservoirs in Punjab and Himachal is 4.20 billion cubic metres (BCM), which is 20 per cent of the total live storage capacity of these

reservoirs. The storage during the corresponding period last year in Himachal was 50 per cent and in Punjab was 34 per cent. Thus, the storage during the current year is less than the corresponding period last year.

Sukhbir's rally illegal, action to follow: Sidhu

FAZILKA, MARCH 18

Four days after the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) organised a rally at Jalalabad, which was presided over by SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, a controversy has erupted over the permission to the rally.

Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu has announced to take action against the organisers, terming the rally illegal. He claimed that Sukhbir's rally was held without permission from the competent authority. Sukhbir had tested positive for Covid recently.

Sidhu met mediapersons after the press conference of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh in Chandigarh.

However, Ashok Aneja, president, SAD, Fazilka, claimed that they had taken permission for the rally.

While lashing out at Sukhbir, Sidhu said he ruled the state for 10 years, but

LASHES OUT AT EX-DY CM

While lashing out at Sukhbir Badal, Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said he ruled the state for 10 years, but has no faith in the health system of the state, hence got himself admitted to Medanta hospital in Gurugram after testing positive

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In a reply to a query, Sidhu assured to bring the issue of setting up of liquor unit in Fazilka village to the notice of the Chief Minister. Villagers and farmers of nearly 30 villages have been blocking the NH- 7, near Hiran Wali Maur, demanding to shelf the proposal of setting up the liquor unit. — OC

BRIEFLY

Liquor seized, two arrested
Sangrur: The Sherpur police have arrested two persons and confiscated 270 boxes of smuggled liquor. "We have arrested Jarnail Singh and Narinder Singh from Sherpur-Badi road and confiscated 270 boxes of liquor from their car. We have registered a case and started investigation," said ASI Gurjeet Singh. TNS

Call for Delhi march

Chandigarh: Following a call given by the Sanyukta Kisan Morcha to commemorate martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh and his comrades at the Delhi borders, a large number of youth will march towards the protest site on March 23. The youth would take sand from seven places and march with "basanti" turbans. TNS

GMC work to start soon

Sangrur: Transport, Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Razia Sultan on Thursday said to improve health facilities in Sangrur district, the work on the proposed Government Medical College (GMC) at Malerkotla would start soon. TNS

Reopen routes for trade with Pak: Abdullah

FEROZEPUR, MARCH 18
Batting for reopening of more routes for trade and transit with Pakistan, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Farooq Abdullah today said it was high time that both nations should promote "peace" for the betterment of people.

Abdullah, who was here on a private visit, was accompanied by Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi and other senior officials.

He said it was time to bury the hatchets of the past, and usher into a cordial environment, conducive to the growth of economy.

Earlier, Abdullah arrived at the helipad in the Police Lines, from where he drove to Gurdwara Saragarhi Memorial. He paid tributes to the gallant martyrs of the Battle of Saragarhi. "It was my desire to visit this memorial," said Abdullah, while lauding the sacrifice of the martyrs.

State Information Commissioner Anumet Singh Sodhi, DC Gurpal Singh Chahal and SSP Bhagirath Singh Meena were also present. — OC

Take back order on Hola Mohalla Covid test report: SGPC

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-VE REPORT MUST FOR INT'L PILGRIMS

Ropar: The district administration has asked the international pilgrims planning to attend Hola Mohalla festival at Anandpur Sahib and Kiratpur Sahib to bring Covid-negative report of the test taken up 72 hours prior to the visit. Sampling has been made mandatory for those, who will stay at hotels during the six-day event starting from March 24.

Ropar DC Sonali Giri said the authorities of the two international airports at Mohali and Amritsar had been asked to keep a close watch on international visitors. TNS

She challenged the government to release a direct order on its own. Akal Takht jathedars Harpreet Singh said the pluralistic character of the country, its customs, traditions, languages and distinct identity of different communities must be secured with the path shown by the Guru.



Police challan commuters not following Covid norms in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MALKIAT SINGH

Ex-CM tests -ve again, leaves for Gurugram

To isolate in a hotel as precautionary measure

the alarm bells ringing for the Badal family. Since the Covid-19 outbreak, the former CM has been living indoors mostly for the past one year. Even

during the cremation of his younger brother Gurdas Singh Badal last year and close aide Dyal Singh Kolianwalla a few days ago, he was seen following Covid norms, wearing mask and gloves.

Sources close to the Badals said they did not want to take any risk, thus decided to bring the SAD patron, too, to the national capital region (NCR). "The personal staff, including a doctor and a DSP, too has left for Gurugram along with Badal," they said.

Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal and her three children are currently staying at her official residence in Delhi. — TNS

2,387 cases, 32 deaths in state

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18
The state has reported 2,387 cases and 32 deaths in the last 24 hours.

With these, the number of total cases so far has reached 2.05 lakh and over 6,200 people have succumbed to the deadly virus.

Hoshiarpur topped the chart with eight deaths, followed by Jalandhar with six

deaths, Amritsar and Ludhiana four deaths each, Gurdaspur, Ropar and SBS Nagar two deaths each, Kapurthala, Barnala, Patiala and Sangrur reported one death each.

9 teachers, 5 students test +ve

Ludhiana: The rising trend of the new Covid cases continued for the sixth consecutive day today when 285 fresh infections and 5 more

deaths due to the virus were reported in the district in the past 24 hours.

The fresh cases included nine teachers, five students and two healthcare workers. Among the casualties, one was from Hoshiarpur district.

With this, the total count of cases in the district breached the 34,000-mark to settle at 34,526. The active cases also surpassed the 1,600-mark to reach 1,693.

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Woman killed as youths open fire at Tarn Taran village

TARN TARAN, MARCH 18
A woman was killed and a man seriously injured when a group of five motorcycle-borne men opened fire at Pidhi village here.

The deceased has been identified as Mohinder Kaur (70). The police said the armed men enquired about the whereabouts of a man, identified as Harbhinder Singh Bhinda, and fired at him. The residents tried to catch them but four of them escaped. One of their accomplices lost his way. When residents rushed to nab him, he fired at them. A bullet hit passerby Mohinder Kaur. She was admitted to a hospital where she succumbed to injuries. — OC

Efforts to suppress farmer stir: AAP

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 18
The AAP has stated that efforts are being made to suppress the agitation of the farmers.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters here today, Leader of the Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema said AAP was the first party to oppose the farm laws, the first party to support the farmers' march to Delhi and the only party that stood with the farmers in their fight. — TNS

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Mumbai mess

SUV case lays bare nexus between politicians, tainted cops

HAD it been a Bollywood thriller, one might have enjoyed it. But it's not. The recovery of an explosives-laden SUV near business tycoon Mukesh Ambani's house and the mysterious death of businessman Mansukh Hiran have opened a can of worms, showing both the Mumbai Police and the Maharashtra Government in a poor light. Under fire from the Centre as well as the BJP, the Shiv Sena-led dispensation has replaced the Mumbai Police Commissioner. The new chief has been candid enough to admit that the credibility of the police has taken a hit due to some black sheep. In the SUV case being probed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the focus is on a controversial cop, Sachin Waze. He has gained notoriety over the years as an encounter specialist, having allegedly eliminated 60-odd suspected criminals. Waze was suspended in 2004 over his role in the custodial death of 2002 Ghatkopar blast suspect Khwaja Yunus and resigned in 2007, but he was reinstated after 13 years by the Uddhav Thackeray government in 2020. The ruling Shiv Sena is finding itself cornered after BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis claimed that in 2018, when he was the CM, he had rejected a demand by Uddhav to bring Waze back into the police ranks.

The murky goings-on have laid bare the nexus between politicians and tainted police officers. There is no denying that political patronage emboldened trigger-happy Waze to have a free run. The high-profile case has predictably sparked a tug of war between the Centre and the state. With former allies Shiv Sena and the BJP at loggerheads, the Centre has been quick to entrust the probe to the NIA. Hiran's death is being investigated by the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad.

Central and state agencies need to work in close coordination, not at cross purposes, and get to the bottom of the matter at the earliest. It would be a pity if political one-upmanship were to influence the probe and prevent the whole truth from being revealed. It's a scary thought, but what we know so far might be just the tip of the iceberg.

Prevent vax wastage

Include all those above 45 in inoculation drive

THE wastage of 6.5 per cent of the Covid vaccine doses in the country amounts to a colossal loss of the precious commodity that holds the key to containing the spread of the dreaded coronavirus. The initial rollout of the shots in mid-January among healthcare and frontline workers was marked by apprehension about the shots, with only around 60 per cent opting for them. While studies in March showed the efficacy and safety of the home-grown Covaxin, the misgivings have not been totally allayed. Making some people reluctant to take the jab is the suspension of the AstraZeneca-Oxford-developed vax (going as Covishield in India) by some western countries over certain side effects.

In this scenario, the optimal use of inoculation can be ensured by revisiting the vaccination strategy. The pace of beneficiaries in the second phase of the immunisation drive which opened to all above 60 and those above 45 with underlying diseases is encouraging. The wastage is likely to be plugged if more categories of people are included in this phase. The advice of some experts to allow all above 45 at this stage holds water. So does that of opening more vaccination centres and supporting more pharma companies that can produce the vaccine.

The boosting of the vaccination rate assumes significance in the light of the resurgence of an alarming spike in the number of Covid-19 cases in some states, including Punjab that is now witnessing the second highest caseload, after Maharashtra. Equally of concern is the fact that Punjab tops in the fatality rate. As these sobering figures have been touching new heights recently—and with little sign of the spike waning—it is urgent to redouble the efforts to control the ravaging coronavirus. Along with governmental efforts, socially responsible Covid-appropriate behaviour is the need of the hour. It is a pity that laxity has set in following the crucial mask-hand hygiene-distancing or test-trace-treat routines. Avoiding unnecessary outings, crowded places or congregations will go a long way in not only ensuring our good health but also, ultimately—and vitally—keeping the wheels of the economy moving.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We rise by lifting others.

— Robert Ingersoll

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1921

THE PUBLICITY GRANT.

WE considered it our duty to condemn the action of the Punjab Legislative Council in rejecting Mian Shah Nawaz's resolution recommending the release of martial law prisoners or, in the alternative, the appointment of a Committee to consider the matter. Let us hasten to give credit where credit is due. That the Council does deserve credit for its doings in several matters, no one who has gone through the proceedings, as published in the Press from day to day, can possibly deny. One of its very first acts, the transfer of the Amritsar Indemnity to Provincial revenue, was clearly commendable. And so was what, in fact, was one of its last acts this session, the passing of a resolution recommending the appointment of a committee to consider (1) what class of persons who suffered in consequence of official action during the martial law regime should be compensated, and (2) what compensation should be paid in each case. In between the two, there were a large number of resolutions, mostly connected with the budget, and the net effect of which was to reduce the Government's demand for grants by a little over 8 lakhs of rupees. Most people will think that the reduction was not adequate and that greater efforts might and ought to have been made to reduce that grant by at least the amount by which the normal expenditure for the year exceeds the normal revenue. But considering that the Council is new to its work and most of its members are inexperienced, while officials are usually clever people who know what they are about the failure of the Opposition to effect greater economies this year is no matter either for surprise or for disappointment. Of the economies actually effected, the most noteworthy by obvious reasons was that relating to the Publicity Board grant of Rs. 1,19,000, the whole of which was refused by the Council.

Reaching out to the have-nots

It is heartening to see in people the zeal to uplift others



TRYSTS AND TURNS
JULIO RIBEIRO



LENDING A HAND: Many volunteers are assisting daughters of domestic helps to rise above their present status in life. FILE PHOTO

In Mumbai, it is not too difficult to find women and men who care for others, but I was happy to know that Delhi shares the same sentiment.

My younger daughter visits her aged parents almost every day in the evening. The other day she brought a young woman, who she introduced as her 'mentee'. I am not sure if that word exists in the dictionary. What Nina meant was that she was mentoring the girl. My elder daughter also mentors another girl. Both 'mentees' are completing high school and need to gain confidence in themselves and improve their spoken English.

How did my daughters connect with these girls? On inquiring, I learnt that Nina, now nearing 60, met a lady on a flight from Delhi to Mumbai. The lady mentioned her involvement in a project where more affluent women from established Delhi families volunteer to mentor daughters of domestic helps to help them rise above their present status in life. By interacting with the more sophisticated, the young girls acquire confidence to compete for employment in sectors where their parents could not think of entering. The fathers of the girls were either driving the cars of the rich or were doing odd jobs to make a living. Their mothers were cooks or maids.

Ana, my elder daughter, mentors a young Muslim girl studying in Junior College. Nina's charge is a Maharashtrian from the Konkan region staying in the Mumbai suburb of Santa Cruz. She is to appear for the high school certificate this April. The organisation that placed these two 'mentees' with my daughters is better known in Delhi, where it has been operating for nearly three decades. It is known as Udayan Care. In 2016, it expanded its activities to Mumbai.

One of the girls it nursed in Delhi was sent to the UK by the founda-

tion and emerged as a qualified Doctor of Philosophy in Science. She landed a job in England, but chose to return home to participate in the foundation's work, including teaching science to those who, like her, were disadvantaged.

I have seen the same commitment in the girls living in a slum colony in Santa Cruz, close to a pharmaceutical factory belonging to the USV Company, founded by a former MP, Dr Vithal Balkrishna Gandhi, an alumnus of Wilson College in Mumbai. In memory of Dr Gandhi's wife, Dr Sushila Gandhi, the first woman doctor in their Maharashtra community, the couple's granddaughter, Lena Gandhi Tewari, who now chairs the pharmaceutical company, has adopted the girls from the adjoining slum and transformed them into young women of promise. I met Lena at my IPS batchmate Soman's house. Her work interested me. People working for other humans always appeal.

Lena began her mission of uplifting the overwhelmingly Marathi-speaking children of the slum dwellers living around her factory premises much before the CSR rules chipped in. Dance, and later drama classes,

attracted the interest of the children. Once attendance was assured, she added spoken English and maths to the subjects taught. She herself helped in the English classes and her husband, Prashant, the MD of the company, taught maths. Lena knows all the girls, past, and present, by name! One of the first girls in her class who graduated and then acquired a MBA, landed a good job in the Taj Group of Hotels in the HR department. For a decade now, we have attended every annual day event organised by Lena and her team to mark the progress of her wards.

I know of another lady, a Muslim, who spends a tidy fortune and considerable amounts of energy to improve the lot of young Muslim girls orphaned or in distress. Mumtaz 'Mimi' Batliwala hails from the well-to-do Botawala family, which owned prime land in front of the Mahim creek in Mumbai. Mimi and her sister, Shanel, have turned their family property into an orphanage where 50 or more girls are housed, fed, sent to municipal schools every day in its own bus.

Mimi herself was a disciple of the great yogi, BKS Iyengar, who used to

visit the orphanage whenever Mimi invited him for her yearly event. Yoga still is an essential ingredient of the evening programme.

The personal attention Sharmeen and Mimi have paid to the smooth and disciplined running of the institution prompts their numerous friends to render help whenever they are troubled by neighbours, petty government and municipal officials or Wakf Board members.

In Mumbai, it is not too difficult to find women and men who care for others, especially the dispossessed. But I was happy to know that in Delhi also, where the culture is different, a woman pursued her quest to ameliorate the lot of the daughters of domestic helps. Kiran Modi started Udayan Care to help women in distress 27 years ago in Delhi. It has spread its wings and its message to 20-odd centres across India. In 2016, it extended its activities to Mumbai. Today, it has 130 volunteers in the city and in the adjoining city of Thane. 'Udayan Shalini' is the Udayan Care's activity that has made a difference to the lives of young girls whose parents do odd jobs. Pooja Mehra shifted to Mumbai from Delhi in 2003 and is in charge of the project here. This programme has already touched the lives of 9,600 girls since 2003. Panchkula and Kurukshetra are two centres where the NGO has been active.

As more and more of the haves come forward to lift the have-nots from their positions at the bottom of the social ladder, the ladies who live in the high-rises of smart and not-so-smart Indian cities will be compelled to do their own scrubbing of pots and pans, sweeping and swabbing the floors, cooking their own food and putting the washing out to dry! They do this in the West. We will find ways to adjust, like the Americans and the Europeans have. A start was made during the Covid lockdown when domestic helps were prohibited from entering gated communities.

The lockdown regulations are now relaxed. Yet, some intrepid ladies I know continue to huff and puff!

To bee or not to bee

SARVJIT SINGH

WEENDS are always special, but the last morning after Friday was rather special. My wife informed me that it had rained heavily before the break of dawn, and I noticed more carefully then. Putting on our new walking shoes, we readied for our walk at the Japanese Garden in Chandigarh, being sort of a scaled-down replica of a bigger expanse of nature, with ratios maintained in slopes, pathways angled to look like miniaturised roads, a few trees by it, near the farther end of meadows and a grove towards the centre. It is unlike the usual parks which look mindlessly levelled with highly disci-

plined flower beds all over that leave little to imagination.

Entering the garden from the small rear foot entrance, we couldn't help but laugh as our eye caught sight of a big nozzle of lawn-sprinkling system spinning and squirting water happily, which we hadn't seen in a long time even on non-rainy days.

After taking a full round of the garden, as we were returning under a big dense tree by the bank of the seasonal rivulet, a path we usually bypass in favour of a kutcha track through a scatter of stone apple trees, a few honeybees came above our heads. I tried to fan them away with my hands, but then a few more came.

Seeing me struggle with nothingness, a boy sitting over there came

and gave me his thick cloth jacket, with the instruction to wrap my head and face, which I did. Instinctively, I also drifted near the very nozzle, ah, that effectively dissuaded the bees. Back home, my wife pulled out five little spears that the deluded mercenaries had left in my scalp and face, to ward off the threat, sacrificing their mortal selves in the process. Back home, four dead bodies fell out of the jacket.

Being a true student of quantum physics, I believe such incidents come to deliver important messages. A few hours later, I realised my body was activated to a higher level of consciousness. It felt strengthened by the bee stings and I felt more alive to myself. Perhaps it is a sense of insecurity, the

lack of faith that makes their limbs feeble, abdomens round and tails full of poison. And don't we see this phenomenon in humans also? Ah! So this was the message the hot bee massage happened to deliver.

The little beings shoot off in different directions from their colony with sunrise, for nectar of flowers that prefer to remain grounded and synthesise it directly from air, water, earth and sunlight for their unfolding in space. Poor bees caught in *maya* (illusion) fly miles for nectar everyday and die within weeks, because of too much whirring. Yet, I do believe the four bees that made the supreme sacrifice for the Queen, and ended up saving me instead, got a better world in return.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Covid challenge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is right in saying that if the growing Covid cases across the country are not controlled immediately, the situation can become uncontrollable. The Centre as well as the state governments will have to strictly follow the old formulas of testing, trekking and isolation for immediate control of the infection. The wastage of vaccines is also worrying in some states. People will have to be alert to the new pattern of the infection otherwise serious consequences will have to be suffered.

SHAKTI SINGH, KARNAL

List achievements first

Reference 'Didi releases TMC manifesto, promises monthly wages for all'; every political party prior to election offers freebies to voters to extract votes. Nothing can be offered free, it has to be at some cost. Parties must focus on highlighting the achievements of the already promised ones rather than fooling the voters every time.

RS KISHTWARA, PALAMPUR

Emulate Delhi Govt

The Delhi Government is currently providing around 100 home-based public utility services.

One has to simply dial helpline number '1076' to avail the same while sitting at home. The Haryana Government should follow suit. In fact, a good beginning may be made by facilitating the online issuance of driving licences, registration certificates and sanctioning of electricity and water connections, etc. Such a faceless, hassle-free and people-oriented move will earn the Khatiar government appreciation from people.

SK GUPTA, PANCHKULA

Rethink Delhi Bill

Reference to the editorial 'The Delhi Bill'; the new Bill introduced by the Centre in Parliament has revived apprehensions of a bid by the Centre to circumscribe the powers of Delhi's elected government. The Centre must rethink this ill-advised move. It would do well to revisit Justice DY Chandrachud's note in the 2018 verdict: 'In a democratic form of government, the real power must subsist in the elected arms of the state.'

SS PAUL, NADIA

Threat to democracy

You have called a spade a spade in your bold editorial 'The Delhi

Bill'. Really it is the outcome of a myopic political vision and such moves can pose a major threat to the fabric of our democracy. The Centre should revisit its decision.

SUNIL CHOPRA, LUDHIANA

Air quality poor again

Refer to the editorial 'Most noxious'; the situation in many cities of India also has become alarming due to dangerous pollution levels. After the restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic were relaxed, the air quality declined everywhere. In the past,

the Supreme Court had directed to prevent cities from becoming gas chambers. This aspect should attract national attention urgently. Apart from health issues, diseases cause avoidable burden on the economy.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

Rules for RWAs

There is a dire need for clear guidelines to ensure the proper working of RWAs in various sectors of Chandigarh. In the absence of a standard constitution, they make rules suiting themselves. There is no transparency of finances and no regular general house meeting. At places, residents have even stopped paying maintenance money due to

lack of transparency. Elections are overdue but are put off citing petty excuses. The Chandigarh Housing Board must formulate a common constitution for all RWAs, which will ensure proper development and use of public money.

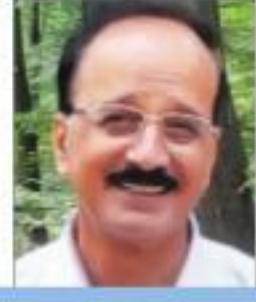
JASWANT SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Cricket obsession

Reference to 'When all one did was play cricket'; Bernard Shaw had said about cricket that '11 fools play and 11,000 fools watch'. Cricket has overshadowed all other sports. Children are obsessed with the sport and it is affecting their studies. If we divert our focus and funds from cricket to other sports, many more medals may be in our kitty in the next Olympics. Our obsession for cricket should go. To begin with, ban the IPL. It is more about making money than playing cricket. Cricketers shamelessly offer themselves for auction to earn money. The IPL exploits our craze for cricket. Secondly, we need to stop the live telecast of unduly long cricket matches. It is a national waste. An hourly score during the match should suffice. One-dayers may be preferred over Test matches.

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Markets have failed to prop up farm incomes



DEVINDER SHARMA

FOOD & AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

IT'S difficult to imagine. At a time when free markets are generally believed to provide farmers with a higher price, thereby enhancing farm incomes, the farm gate price for wheat in Canada happens to be much lower in 2017 than what it was 150 years back in 1867. This is not only true for Canada. Even in the US, as per media reports, farmers say the price they receive for wheat is much lower than what was prevalent at the time the four-year American Civil War ended in 1865.

So what happened to markets? After all, wheat is a staple food and its demand, considering the population boom the world has witnessed in the past 150 years, has grown exponentially over the centuries. According to the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), wheat production forecast is pegged at 780 million tonnes in 2020-21, an increase of 7.5 million tonnes this year. Given the food insecurity the world is faced with, FAO considers the cereal production estimates (including that for wheat) to be positive.

Now, before you wonder how this could be possible, given the fact that economic curriculum in colleges and universities teaches us that markets

provide the rightful price, take a look at an analysis by the US National Farmer Unions (NFU) which explains how the continuously declining peanut prices since 1965 had pushed three out of four peanut farmers out of business in America, and that too, at a time when peanut consumption was on the rise. Defying the supply demand logic, the peanut prices slumped from \$1 per pound in 1965 to less than \$0.25 per pound in 2020, a drop of more than 75 per cent. And if you are still thinking it probably happened because of surplus production, a *Washington Post* report tells us how just three companies, controlling the entire peanut market, had actually fixed the purchase price. After a lawsuit filed by 12,000 peanut growers, these companies finally agreed to pay \$103 million in compensation for deliberately keeping the prices low.

Peanut is no exception. This kind of match-fixing has been going on for decades. Whether in America, Europe or India, what the farmers need to understand is that the match is already fixed. It is not without any reason that market prices, when adjusted for inflation, have remained frozen or have been on a decline over the years.

Coming back to the issue of wheat prices, a Canadian author and critic, Darrin Qualman, has in an insightful series of blog posts, explained how the prices have been on a steep decline since 1867. Adjusted for inflation, the price of wheat per bushel (27 kg) was close to \$30 in 1867. Like on a ski slope, the average price had continuously been on the downward slide ever since. With global emphasis shift-



ing to agricultural exports in the mid-1980s, the prices began to slump further. In 2017, the wheat price collapsed to a little over \$5 per bushel.

The price a Canadian wheat farmer sold his wheat for in 2017 was less by \$25 per bushel than what his great-grandfather sold it for 150 years back.

No wonder, while small farmers abandoned agriculture in large numbers, the average size of a Canadian farm has grown to 3,000 acres with the big farms several times larger. While the number of farmers declined drastically, the economic argument in support of market reforms claiming that farm incomes go up when the number of farmers recedes too has turned out to be untrue. America has lost more than 5 million farms in less than 100 years, and Australia has lost 25 per

cent of its farms between 1980 and 2002. Economists will say this is a healthy development, and will make farming profitable. But surprisingly, the speed at which farmers across the globe have got out of agriculture hasn't increased farm incomes, but on the contrary, it has only worsened the agrarian crisis.

This is the same flawed argument that Niti Aayog too is promoting, saying that farm incomes will double when the number of people on the farm comes down. If this be true, I don't understand why in Canada, for instance, the farm debt should be exceeding \$102 billion, more than double than what it was in 2000. In the US, where hardly 1.5 per cent of the population remains in agriculture, farm debt has multiplied to a staggering \$425 billion in 2020. In France,

with only 7 per cent workforce employed in agriculture, more than 44 per cent farmers carry a debt burden of 400,000 euros and 25 per cent farmers earn less than 350 euros per month, below the poverty line.

While farmers have been denied the rightful price, the consumer prices have been on the rise. In another blog post, Qualman explains that while the price of a bushel of wheat in Canada and US has remained static since 1975, the retail price of 60 loaves of bread produced from each bushel in the US had increased by \$50 on an average, from \$25 in 1975 to little over \$75 in 2015. The same holds true for other food products as well. How can efficiency be only measured in terms of reducing farm gate prices whereas the food processing and

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GRAIN OF TRUTH: Globally declining wheat prices have been pushing small farmers out of farming. REUTERS

retail giants continue to increase prices, walking away with a larger share of the end consumer price? If the markets were efficient, why the food processing and retail giants continue to thrive in inefficiency?

There is nothing sacrosanct about markets. To believe that markets provide farmers with a higher price is an outdated economic thinking (and education). Markets have historically failed to prop up farm incomes anywhere in the world, a fact that economists failed to acknowledge. Demanding no trading to be allowed below the MSP, protesting farmers are actually seeking a historic correction in economic policy and thinking. This holds the future for a reverberating agriculture, and a new economic design that provides for Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

Free trade agreements can give exports a boost



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One must underscore the urgency of free trade pacts with major trading partners like the US, UK and the EU. India currently is not part of any major regional grouping. It decided to keep out of RCEP on grounds of self-interest. But it needs to rapidly enter into other FTAs that will give it the benefit of concessional tariffs in major markets.

The current anti-China sentiment may benefit India, but these trends tend to be transitory.



HALTING GROWTH: Export of pharmaceutical products did rise but it was not enough to prevent the decline in other sectors of the economy. TRIBUNE PHOTO

INDIA is facing an export slump. At a time when many other segments of the economy are recording healthy upswings, the exports have declined by 12.2 per cent during the April-February period of 2020-21. February has recorded a meagre rise of 0.67 per cent after 6.2 per cent and 0.1 per cent growth in the preceding months, showing that the economic recovery is far more fragile than envisaged earlier. Even more worrying is the fact that the two biggest areas, petroleum products and gems and jewellery, have fallen by 20 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively. There may be some reason to cheer as exports of pharma products have risen by 16 per cent, but this is not enough to stem the decline in other sectors.

Even before the pandemic, exports were lagging. There have been enough excuses in the past to explain the slow growth, including global recessionary trends. Right now, one can blame the pandemic. There is also tendency for a hosanna-like approach whenever a few products like the PPE kits or ventilators enter the world markets. The old cliché that one swallow does not make a summer applies well to this kind of approach. Export growth needs to rise consistently, rather than sporadically. Otherwise, India has little hope of becoming an international economic power. Trade has been the key for the rise of economic superpowers like China as well as the tiger economies of Southeast Asia. India, on the other hand, has not paid enough attention to exports. As a result, the sector has faced roadblocks like red-tape and a failure to outline a

long-term approach, especially in agro and commodity exports.

Solutions to the export imbroglio are numerous. First, import of inputs for export-oriented industries need to be made easier. Recently, for instance, it was found that anti-dumping duties were being levied on inputs for manufactured goods, which in turn, led to higher costs for domestic producers. It also affected export industries. India is currently the world's biggest user of anti-dumping duties, on the grounds that cheap imports, especially from China, are hurting local industries. This issue now seems to have been flagged by the Niti Aayog which could lead to a slowdown in the rapid imposition of anti-dumping levies.

Another major problem has been the withdrawal of concessions giving relief on input taxes. Many conces-

sions are no longer compatible with the World Trade Organisation's regulations. A new export subsidy to replace these was launched nearly three months ago, but in true bureaucratic style, is yet to be implemented. The Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) gives tax relief on production inputs like electricity, diesel, panchayat and stamp duties. The new subsidy was introduced on January 1 this year, but rates have yet to be notified. The result is that exporters cannot factor it into prices and thus goods continue to be uncompetitive in overseas markets.

A second area which needs a fresh look is the continuing rise of import tariffs in recent years. On the grounds of trying to make the country *Aatmanirbhar* (self-sufficient), import

duties on raw materials and finished products available within the country are being hiked. This goes counter to the entire process of dismantling import controls and reducing tariffs that had begun with the 1991 economic reforms. Domestic industry needs to sharpen its competitive edge to face competition from imported goods. Otherwise, it can never succeed in world markets. Sheltering industry from global competition should only be a temporary feature in case some sectors need protection for a brief period. This lack of global competition has an impact on development of export industries as well.

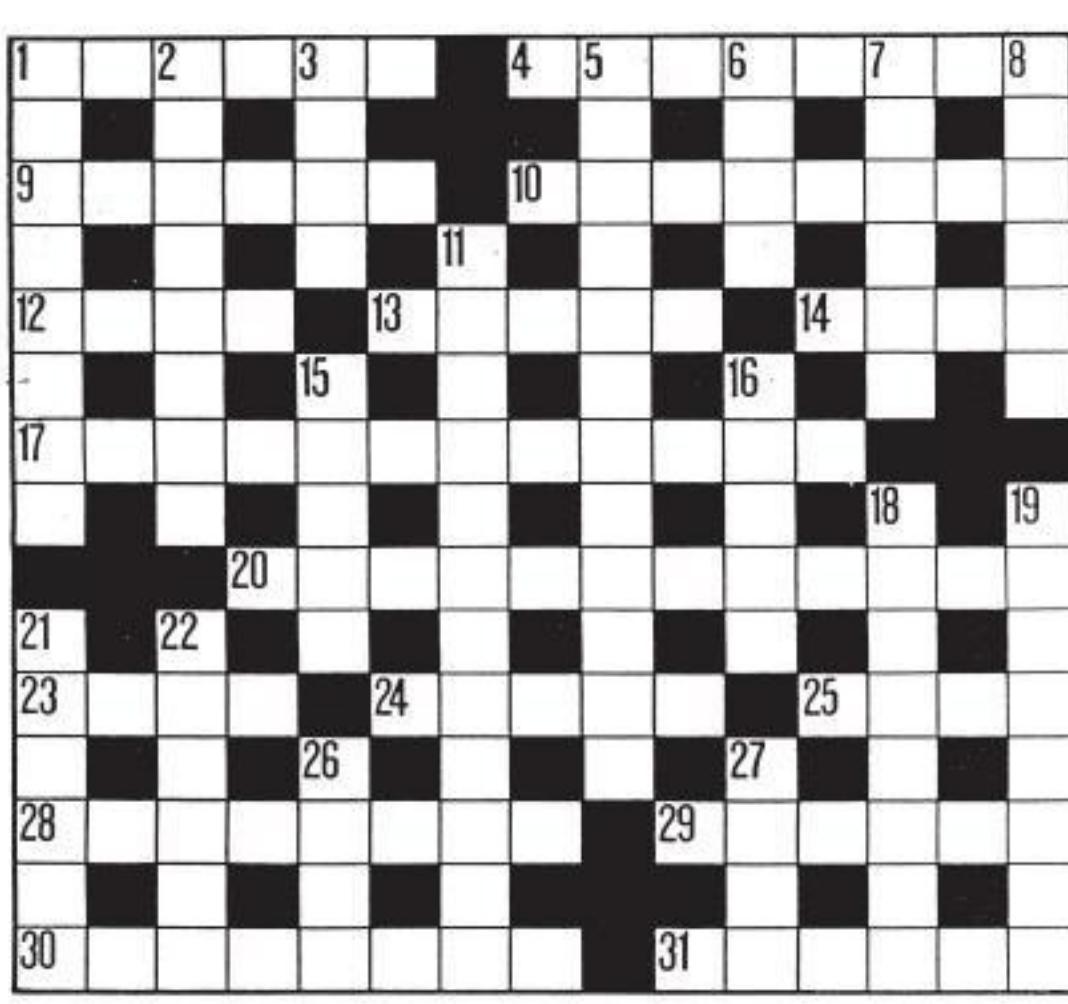
Besides, creating protectionist barriers invites similar reactions from trade partners. In the case of the US, the Trump administration may have complained unjustly about high tariffs in some areas like motorcycles, but customs duties here are undoubtedly higher. The unequal nature of the relationship is inevitable to some extent given that India remains a developing economy. At the same time, there has to be some quid pro quo in trade ties. For instance, the restoration of the long-standing concessional Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) on Indian exports to the US withdrawn by the earlier regime, is likely to hinge on greater access for American goods to this country's markets.

In this context, one must underscore the urgency of concluding free trade pacts with major trading partners like the US, the UK and the European Union. India currently is not part of any major regional grouping. It decided to keep out of the Regional Com-

prehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) on grounds of its own self-interest. But having taken this bold decision, it needs to rapidly enter into other FTAs that will give it the benefit of concessional tariffs in major markets. Negotiations with the European Union on an FTA have been taking an inordinately long time. These were launched in 2007 and then stalled since 2013 though a fresh dialogue finally began last month. The EU is India's largest trading partner accounting for 11.1 per cent of total trade. While there is a feeling that the current anti-China sentiment may benefit India, the fact is that these trends only tend to be transitory. The negotiations need to be revived and finalised quickly in order to ensure the country is integrated into global and regional supply chains.

As of now, India's share of world trade is a meagre 1.7 per cent. This needs to be raised significantly in the years to come. The pandemic may be one reason for slowing exports, but these had fallen by 1.36 per cent even in 2019-20. A turnaround is definitely possible as exporters' associations claim higher orders have already come in for processed food, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and electronics. But there has to be recognition within the government that exports are essential for reviving the economy. This has to be in tandem with a long-term vision for exports involving effective bilateral and regional trade pacts and cutting the red tape around export incentives. Otherwise, India will have to be content with playing a minor role on the world trade scene.

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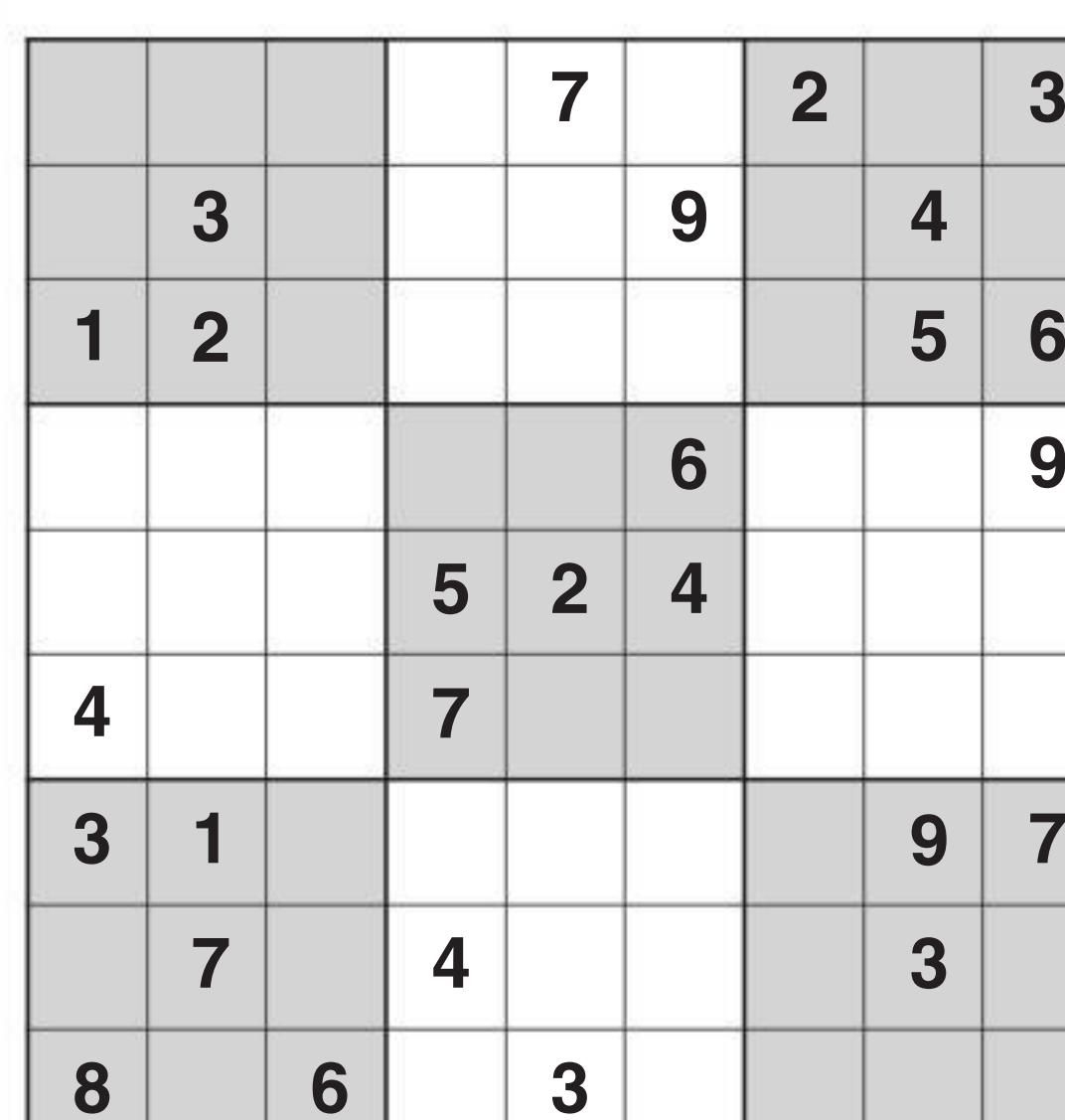


YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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Down: 1 Parasol, 2 To the life, 3 Habit, 4 Deride, 5 Subvert, 6 Van, 7 Waste, 12 Get wind of, 14 Entite, 16 Swelter, 17 Genius, 18 Aisle, 20 Augur, 22 Rap.

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CALENDAR

MARCH 19, 2021, FRIDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Phalgun Shaka	28
■ Chaitra Parvishche	6
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 6, up to 4.49 am	
■ Vishkumbha Yoga up to 10.59 am	
■ Kritika Nakshatra up to 1.44 am	
■ Moon in Taurus sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 18:33 HRS
SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:26 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	34	16
New Delhi	35	17
Amritsar	30	15
Bathinda	33	15
Jalandhar	31	15
Ludhiana	31	17
Bhiwani	33	17
Hisar	32	16
Sirsia	32	17
Dharamsala	22	10
Manali	19	06
Shimla	21	11
Srinagar	19	04
Jammu	31	16
Kargil	04	-04
Leh	02	-07
Dehradun	32	16
Mussoorie	20	10

TEMPERATURE IN °C

Cong corners govt over health dept irregularities

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



FILL VACANT POSTS

The Chamba medical college has been reduced to a referral hospital. A policy should be formulated so that vacant posts of doctor, nurse and other paramedical staff in rural areas can be filled.

Asha Kumar, CONGRESS MLA

the huge vacancies and pathetic conditions in the health institutions, especially in rural and remote areas. "To

cite an example, the Chamba medical college has been reduced to a referral hospital," she remarked. She emphasised that a policy should be formulated so that the posts of doctors, nurses and other para medical staff lying vacant in the rural areas can be filled.

Ram Lal Thakur raised questions over the quality of health care and said upgrading the primary health centre (PHC) into dispensary on papers cannot improve facilities. "I want to ask the government what action had been taken in cases of failure of samples of drugs being made in the state," he said. He also said that the benefit of Jeevan Dhara scheme was being provided only to people of five states.

In a written reply by the CM on a query by Virbhadr Singh and Jagat Singh Negi, the House was informed that in the last three years, the government had raised

No plan to reduce VAT on fuel: CM

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MARCH 18

Notwithstanding the rise in prices of petrol and diesel, the state government has no plan to reduce the Value Added Tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel.

This information was revealed in a written reply by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on a query by Rakesh Singha during Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha today.

The government said that there were no plans to reduce VAT. It was also informed that in the last three years, the state government had earned Rs 2,831.5 crore from VAT on these products.

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QUESTION HOUR

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Apart from this, debt liabilities of Rs 2,206 crore had been accrued on account of small savings, provident fund in public account in the last three years.

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Snow clearing yet to begin, wait to visit Rohtang goes on

ABHINAV VASHISHT

KULLU, MARCH 18

The visitors will have to wait longer this year to visit the major tourist attraction, the 13,058 feet high Rohtang Pass near Manali, because the BRO has yet to start snow clearance operation on the Manali-Rohtang road because of the Atal Tunnel.



Tourists throng the Rohtang Pass in Manali. FILE PHOTO

VEHICLES ALLOWED ONLY TILL GULABA

- The BRO generally starts snow clearance work for the Rohtang Pass in the last week of February and accomplishes the task by the first week of May.
- The BRO has already started the restoration work on several points to restore the Manali-Leh highway for traffic but because of the Atal Tunnel no restoration work has begun for the Rohtang Pass.
- At present, the vehicles were being allowed till Gulaba where there is no snow.

The 38 Border Road Task Force (BRTF) Commander Colonel Uma Shankar said that now the Lahaul valley is connected with the country throughout the year after the opening of the Atal Tunnel.

He said that at present the BRO has put all its strength in restoring the strategically important Manali-Leh

road. He added that if the weather remains favourable than the Manali-Leh highway will be restored in a record time by mid-April or even earlier.

The snow removal work for Rohtang Pass will be started after restoration of the Manali-Leh highway.

The beneficiaries associ-

ated with the tourism industry said that the Rohtang Pass was a major attraction among the tourists. It is the backbone of the tourism industry in Manali. They apprehend that the tourists will not be able to enjoy the snow at the Rohtang Pass if it is restored late.

Shepherds, sheep rescued in Kangra

NURPUR, MARCH 18

An NDRF team along with locals successfully rescued 403 sheep and three shepherds, who got stuck in the Mand Myani area in Kangra district after the sudden release of

water from the Shah Nehar project last evening.

According to information, the shepherds were grazing their sheep when the area suddenly got flooded. They raised the alarm, following which

locals informed the local administration.

SDM, Indora, Somil Gautam said he received information around 7 pm yesterday after which the NDRF was informed. — OC

FIR against Baddi unit officials, others for fraud

AMBika SHARMA
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, MARCH 18

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a case of criminal conspiracy and cheating under Sections 120-B and 420 of the IPC against two officials of the then Central Excise Department, Baddi, seven company officials, two consultants as well as against M/s Cadbury India Ltd now M/s Mondelez Foods Pvt Ltd for fraudulently claiming excise benefits worth Rs 241 crore between 2009 and 2011 for a ghost unit in Baddi

An inquiry was conducted by the CBI on the allegation that Mondelez Foods Pvt Ltd, formerly known as Cadbury India Ltd, paid bribes, misrepresented records to fraudulently avail area-based exemption benefits for which they were not eligible

'Gems' as Unit-II on land acquired from M/s Barmalti in Baddi to avail tax exemptions for additional 10 years.

According to the FIR, the company decided to expand the production capacity in its existing unit rather than setting up a separate unit and availed exemption from May 19, 2005, which was the date of commercial production of its first unit. The company applied for amalgamation of its two units before the director of industries on January 22, 2007 and this merger was permitted on March 7, 2008.

They, however, informed the assistant commissioner of Central Excise, Shimla Division, that their new factory had commenced commercial production and they would avail Excise Duty exemption from June 29, 2009. The company's unit-II did not fulfil the laid conditions for availing area-specific tax exemptions.

Mandi MP laid to rest at native village

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MANDI, MARCH 18

Mandi MP Ram Swaroop Sharma was cremated with full state honours at Machhiyal, 4 km from his native village Jalpehar, under the Jogindernagar assembly segment in Mandi district today.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur and other BJP leaders attended the funeral ceremony. The body was taken from his native village to the cremation ground in an open jeep. Huge crowd assembled at the cremation ground to pay last respect to the deceased MP.

Former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Prem Kumar Dhumal, IPH Minister Mahender Singh Thakur, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Sarveen Chaudhary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Rajinder Garg, BJP state president Suresh Kashyap, MP Kishan Kapoor, MLAs Vinod Kumar, Hira Lal, Jawahar Thakur and Prakash Rana and vice chairman of the State Finance Commission Satpal Singh Satti were present on the cremation ground.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur visited the deceased MP's native village at Jalpehar and offered his condolences to the family members. He prayed to the almighty for peace to the departed soul.

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Tender Notice 2020-21/32
Sealed tenders are invited for licensing out following Shops/Sites at PGI, Sector 12, Chandigarh

Sr. No.	Shops/Sites	Last date for down-loading of tender forms from PGI Website	Last date and time for submission of tenders and opening of Tender document/ Technical Bid	Price Bid shall be Opened on
1.	Built up Chemist Shop No. 6, New Shopping Complex for sale of medicines, drugs & surgical items at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	12.04.2021 (Monday) upto 04:00 p.m.	13.04.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01:00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 p.m. Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.	14.04.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.
2.	Built up Chemist Shop No. 4, Advance Paediatric Centre (Basement) for sale of medicines, drugs & surgical items at PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	12.04.2021 (Monday) upto 04:00 p.m.	13.04.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01:00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 p.m. Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.	14.04.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.
3.	Built up Shop No. 21, New Shopping Complex, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh.	12.04.2021 (Monday) upto 04:00 p.m.	13.04.2021 (Tuesday) upto 01:00 p.m. and Technical Bid shall be opened at 02:00 p.m. Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.	14.04.2021 (Wednesday) Price Bid at 04:00 p.m.
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Sr. No.	Name of Item	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Tender fees (Rs.)	Processing Fee (Rs.)
1.	School Bags (with photo) and tagline printed on the specified place as per Annexure-I and as per Specification attached at Annexure-II	2,71,685 (Approx)	20,00,000/-	7,500/-	20,000/-
2.	Date of online publication			19.03.2021 by 5.00 PM	
3.	Downloading of e-tendering documents			Up to 09.04.2021 by 3:00 PM	
4.	Date of submission of e-tendering			Up to 09.04.2021 by 3:00 PM	
5.	Submission of Earnest Money Deposit, Samples of School Bag, Cost of tender document and Processing fee			Up to 09.04.2021 by 3:00 PM	
6.	Date of opening of bids			28.04.2021 at 11:00 AM	

The Online Technical Bid received without scanned copies of tender fees, EMD and mandatory documents shall not be considered for evaluation. List of mandatory documents are specified in the terms and conditions enclosed herewith.

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The tender inviting authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Sd/- (Secretary),
Haryana Staff Selection Commission.
Dated: 17.03.2021

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Polls after delimitation: FM

J&K people have accepted abrogation of Article 370, says Nirmala

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

The government on Thursday said the J&K Assembly elections would be held after the conclusion of the delimitation process and the final decision on poll schedule would be that of the Election Commission.

During a debate on the Budget for J&K for 2021-22, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said development works were progressing fast in the UT only because the "law and order situation had improved and the people had accepted the changes" post abrogation of Article 370.

"The District Development Council poll were a referendum on those decisions and 51% voting showed that the people had welcomed the decisions," Sitharaman said after National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi flagged concerns accusing the Centre of converting J&K from a democracy to a bureaucracy.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

'DDC ELECTIONS A REFERENDUM'

"The District Development Council elections were a referendum. Around 51% voting shows that the people have welcomed the decisions," says Sitharaman as National Conference MP Hasnain Masoodi flags security concerns accusing the Centre of converting J&K from a democracy into a bureaucracy.

Sitharaman rejected NC's assertions asking why 51% people would vote if law and order was not normal and if militant threats loomed. She said six lakh youth had participated in sports activi-

ties in J&K since 2019 and this reflected normalcy.

"Terrorism related incidents are down," Sitharaman noted informing the Lok Sabha that the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail

'NO MORE MONOPOLY'

Abrogation of Article 370 has ended the political monopoly. The UT has 4,103 sarpanches and 28,942 panches. It's a sign of a strengthening grassroots democracy. Jamyang Namgyal, LADAKH MP

'HASN'T HELPED'

This Budget should have been discussed in the state Assembly of J&K. The decision regarding August 5, 2019, was a misadventure. It hasn't helped. Hasnain Masoodi, NCMP

link would be completed by December 2022. She said 3,500 MW power was generated in J&K in 70 years while MoUs for generating 3,300 MW had already been signed UT since 2019.

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SC to take up Rohingya issue on March 25

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

The Supreme Court on Thursday said it would take up on March 25 a plea for release of Rohingya immigrants detained in Jammu. The plea also seeks restraining orders for the Centre on deporting them to Myanmar.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde agreed to hear it on March 25 after advocate Prashant Bhushan said they might be deported to Myanmar where the Army recently staged a coup.

Filed by Mohammad Salimullah, a Rohingya refugee, the plea is in the form of an intervention application in a matter already pending before the court.

The number of Rohingya in Jammu is estimated to be more than 6,500. There are several petitions in the SC demanding deportation of over 40,000 Rohingyas, who fled to India after violence in the Western Rakhine State of Myanmar. — TNS

226 terrorists killed since 2020: CRPF

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

Noting that incidents of stone pelting in the Valley have reduced drastically, newly appointed CRPF Director General Kuldip Singh today said 226 terrorists had been killed by security forces in J&K since the beginning of 2020. Security personnel also apprehended 296 terrorists in the Union Territory (UT).

Singh, while briefing the media on the eve of the forces' 82nd anniversary, said the incidents of stone pelting had come down to 10 per cent of what they used to be earlier. "In J&K, where the force works in coordination with the police and the Army, 215 terrorists were neutralised in 2020 and 11 this year," he said.

"A few days back, we neutralised four terrorists in two different operations. This included the killing of top JeM commander Sajjad Afghani in an encounter during a joint operation in Shopian," the DG said.



CRPF DG Kuldip Singh at a press meet in New Delhi. PHOTO: MR BHUI

STONE PELTING DOWN

■ CRPF DG Kuldip Singh says the incidents of stone pelting had come down to 10 per cent

■ 275 encounters took place in the period and 378 arms along with 41 IEDs have been seized

Afghani in an encounter during a joint operation in Shopian," the DG said.

On "sticky bombs", Singh said, "It is a challenge. We know it. They (terrorists) might try to use it and we have briefed our forces about it."

Tikri farmers...

FROM PAGE 1 vaccination, but they refuse to take jab. They often claim that the Covid-19 pandemic is nothing but a conspiracy of the Centre to divert the public attention," said an official.

Parminder Singh of Moga claimed no farmer had been infected for three months at the stir site hence there was no need for vaccination.

"The issue will be discussed in the next meeting of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha to take a final call in this regard," said Purushottam Singh Gill, a senior BKU leader.

Civil Surgeon Dr Sanjay Dahiya said efforts were being made to convince the protesters.

Dr Vinay Deswal, Senior Medical Officer, said health officials had been directed to meet the farmers to motivate them. No one had been vaccinated, he added.

Judicial...

FROM PAGE 1 same was approved by a committee of secretaries in November, 2012. "There was divergence of opinion among the state governments and among the high courts on the issue," he said.

"As no progress was made, it was decided to leave it open to the respective high court to evolve appropriate methods to fill vacancies for appointment of district judges expeditiously... the government is engaged in a consultative process with the stakeholders to arrive at a common ground," he said. — PTI

Night curfew extended by 2 hrs in nine Pb dists

"It won't be easy on the people. They may not like it, but it's my duty," the CM said, adding that he hoped the daily caseload won't cross 3,000, as projected by some experts. The CM hoped the Centre would accept his suggestion on opening up the vaccination drive to younger people in the worst-hit areas and also to all those in public dealing. Several other stringent measures, including restrictions on gatherings, would be announced after discussions

with the Covid team over the next couple of days, he said.

Regarding a question on Himachal Pradesh CM's statement seeking curbs on people coming from Punjab for pilgrimage and religious purposes, Captain Amarinder said he was not in favour of restricting such movement. "But the Covid problem needs to be controlled, and an appropriate decision will be taken when we get a formal letter from the HPCM on the issue," he said. — TNS

Marriage registration via video link...

CHANGING TIMES

Marriage registration for spouses separated by distance has to be addressed keeping in view the changing times, the court has said.

backdrop, the registration of marriage of spouses separated by distance had to be addressed keeping in view the changing times.

The matter was brought to the HC's notice after Ami Ranjan and his wife Misha Verma filed an appeal through senior counsel

Navniti Prasad Singh and advocate Nitin Kant Setia.

The Bench was told that the wife, a medical professional, had been put on Covid-19 emergency duty in the United States.

It was added that Gurugram Deputy Commissioner-cum-Marriage Officer, in response to the petitioner's request, intimated that there was no provision for registration of a marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, without the parties appearing in person.

The Bench asserted the husband was not seeking his

wife's complete exemption from appearance before the Registrar of Marriage.

His prayer was that the wife should be allowed to appear through videoconferencing for marriage registration.

The presence of the wife could be secured through videoconferencing. The certificate of marriage could be issued after verification of facts as contemplated under the Special Marriage Act. Once the marriage certificate was issued, it could be made a part of the public record by entering it in the marriage certificate book.

Not tollbooths...

vehicles which do not pay toll using FASTags. FASTag, which facilitates e-payment of fee at toll plazas, was introduced in 2016.

Making the tags compulsory would also help in ensuring that vehicles pass seamlessly through the toll plazas, as the fee payment would be done electronically, he added.

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY AMRITSAR

Advertisement No.03/2021

Online applications are invited for the various Teaching and Non-Teaching posts in the University. Online registration of application for these posts will start w.e.f. **23.03.2021** and end on **11.04.2021**. Last Date for submitting Hard Copy of the Online submitted application is **19.04.2021**.

For further details visit University website: <http://www.gndu.ac.in>

REGISTRAR

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH (Advt. No. 01/21/CET)

The University will hold entrance tests for admission to various courses in the Teaching Departments/ Institutes and its affiliated colleges, for the session 2021-2022 as under:-

Sr.No.	Name of Entrance Test	Dates of Tests for-2021
1	PU - CET (P.G.)	12.06.2021 & 13.06.2021 (Saturday & Sunday)
2	PU - LL.B. (3 Years)	20.06.2021 (Sunday)
3	PU-CET (U.G.)	27.06.2021 (Sunday)
4	PU-B.A./B.Com., LL.B. (Hons.) (5 years) Integrated Course	04.07.2021 (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
5	PUTHAT	04.07.2021 (Sunday) 02:00 P.M. - 03:30 P.M.
6	PUMEET	11.07.2021 (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. - 11:40 A.M.
7	PULEET	11.07.2021 (Sunday) 02:00 P.M. - 03:40 P.M.
8	MBA (Executive) for USOL	18.07.2021 (Sunday) 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
9	M.Phil. & Ph.D.	22.08.2021 (Sunday)

Information about all the entrance tests would be available on University Website www.puchd.ac.in from time to time.

Sd/- Controller of Examinations

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, PUNJAB

Prayas Building, 5th Floor, Sector-38-B, Chandigarh Tel. No. 0172-2688438

NOTICE INVITING SHORT TERM E-TENDERS FOR SUPPLY OF

Antigen Kits and Inj. Tocilizumab(400 mg) (20 mg/ml, 20 ml vial) Ref. No. Tender/Proc-Cov/2021/NHM-14

The National Health Mission-Punjab, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab hereby invites online bids through www.eproc.punjab.gov.in for the supply of approximate Antigen Kits(1000000), Inj. Tocilizumab (400 mg) (20 mg/ml, 20 ml vial) (100 Vial) in the State of Punjab. Detailed requirements and terms and conditions are available on website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in.

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GOVT. OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB), THROUGH E-TENDERING SYSTEM (eproc.punjab.gov.in)

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

Sr. No.	Item	App. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Bid Security	Date and time of Technically Opening
1.	Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Gill Kalan Block Rampura District Bathinda (Under PRWSSP-1A(ii)/JJM Repair of S & S Tank, S & Well, Pump Chamber, Clear Water Tank and other structures, Providing and Fixing PSF Plant Capacity 20 Cum & 30 Cum, uPVC pipe line 6kg/cm2 Pressure of various size, Sluice Valve, Construction of Boundary Wall and all other works as per approved DNTI.	3,01,57,401/-	6,03,148/-	22.04.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Annexure-B NOTICE FOR OFFLINE TENDERS

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

JOB No. 1

Name of Work:- Providing LWSS to 6th IRBN at Dhaura Kuan in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Dist. Sirmour (H.P.) (Sh:- Drilling Lowering, Assembling & Development of 01 No. T/Well 240 mm dia 80 Mr. Deep.).

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 4,99,780/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 10,000/-

Cost of Tender Form:- ₹ 250/-

Time of Completion:- Six Months

Last date of submission to Tender:- 27.03.2021 up to 02:30 P.M.

Last date of sale of Tender from divisional office:- 26.03.2021 up to 02:00 P.M.

JOB No. 2

Name of Work:- Providing Functional Household Tap Connections under GWSS Chhechhetti in G.P. Chhechhetti in Tehsil Paonta Sahib, Dist. Sirmour (H.P.) (SH:- C/o RCC Storage Tank 32000 ltr capacity at Village Chhechhetti) (Under JJM).

Estimated Cost:- ₹ 2,38,022/-

Earnest Money:- ₹ 4,800/-

Cost of Tender Form:- ₹ 250/-

Time of Completion:- Three Months

Last date of submission to Tender:- 27.03.2021 up to 02:30 P.M.

Last date of sale of Tender from divisional office:- 26.03.2021 up to 02:00 P.M.

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

HIM SUCHANA AND JAN SAMPAK

PUNJAB HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD

Plot No. 03, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh
Ph.: 0172-2625951
E-mail: phtpbengg@gmail.com

Tender/Reference No.: 17 Date: 18.03.2021

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board, under the Department of Tourism, Government of Punjab invites online bids from eligible bidders for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last date and time for online submission of bids	Period of Completion
1	Old Jail Structure at Bassi Pathana, Punjab	4.00 Lakhs	09.04.2021 up to 03:00 p.m.	09 Months

i) Period of availability of Tender online : From 22.03.2021 to 09.04.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.
ii) Last date & time for online submission : 09.04.2

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A-34, Industrial Area, Phase-VIII, Mohali - 160071
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Advertisement for various Contractual Staff position and Visiting Faculty

Applications are invited for filling up various Contractual Staff on consolidated salary and Visiting Faculty. For complete information please visit <http://www.cdcac.in>

Expression of Interest/Intent of Association

Rolling EO/I/OA is invited for empanelment of channel partners for various activities pertaining to following domains:

Telemedicine & e-Health Cyber Security
For product details, application format and T&C for impanelment please visit at <http://www.cdcac.in> & Complete EO/I/OA should be mailed to soniad@cdcac.in

Ref ID: 3CDU(0)/2021/ADMIN-F01 day 06134/11/0007/2021 C-DAC Mohali

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

C-11, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA
Ph-0172-2577870-73,
Website : hspcb.gov.in

E-mail: hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, as per Rule 19 of Hazardous and other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, the sender of Hazardous Waste shall prepare seven copies of the manifest (Movement Document) in Form 10 comprising of colour code signed by sender for tracking of Hazardous Waste and their safe transport and disposal; and,

Whereas, as per the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) has developed a Hazardous Waste Manifest Tracking Module on live at hrocmms.nic.in for tracking of Hazardous Waste for units, Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (CWTSDFs) and Inter-State Transport and disposal;

Therefore, all the Hazardous Waste handling units including CWTSDFs and Inter-State transporting units are requested to submit the Hazardous Waste Manifest through the Hazardous Waste Manifest Tracking Module at hrocmms.nic.in and accordingly it is reiterated that HSPCB shall not accept any hard copy of the manifest.

**MEMBER SECRETARY
HSPCB**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, 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	Date of Closing/Opening	Cost of work	Earliest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
1 ETRU-24-26-2019-20	OHE modification work in c/w i) provision of 10KVA ATs at new cable Huts in UMB-RPJ section due to DFCCL lines, ii) Relocation of OHE mast due to launching of girder of DFCCL rail flyer at Km 195/15-17 and Km 286/15-17 in UMB-MOY and UMB-RPJ section.	09.04.2021	Rs.43,09,000.53	NIL (Bid Security declaration)	04 Months	45 days	Nil for downloading from REPS portal, Rs.3000/- for obtaining from Sr.DEE/TRD/UMB office

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions.
2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-II Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.
3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOWCC, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule.
4. For details, please log on to IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

No. ETRU-24-26-2019-20 Dated: 17.03.2021

HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Haryana Undertaking)
Bays No. 59-62, Sector-2, Panchkula,
Phone: 0172-2590608

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

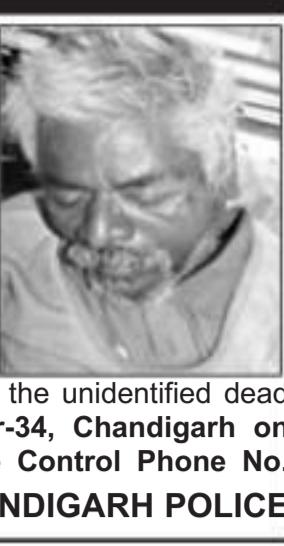
HMSCL invites e-tenders for two years Rate Contract of Transport Ventilator, Aadhar Enable Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) and Video Camera on the website www.etenders.hry.nic.in. Please see corrigendum if any regarding these tenders on the website www.etenders.hry.nic.in only.

Managing Director,
HMSCL, Panchkula

PRDH/2222/11/35/2021/2240/31/4

UNIDENTIFIED

General Public is hereby informed that an unknown person aged about 50 years, height 5'-6", normal built, whitish complexion, wearing grey colour T-Shirt was admitted brought dead in GMSH-16, Chandigarh, vide CR No. 20210076180 from near Public Toilet, Sector-44, Chandigarh. The dead body of deceased has been kept in mortuary. A DDR No. 79, dated 16.03.2018 was lodged in PS-34, Chandigarh. The whereabouts of deceased are not known. His photograph is given above.



If anyone having any information/clue about the unidentified dead body, please inform to Police Station Sector-34, Chandigarh on Phone No. 0172-2676034, 2662697 or Police Control Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

CHANDIGARH POLICE

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula — 134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

Notice to the absentee Candidates for Scrutiny of Documents

In continuation of notice dated 12.03.2021 to the Candidates called for Scrutiny of Documents, the Commission has decided to give last opportunity on 19.03.2021 to candidates who remained absent for Scrutiny of Documents for the following posts:-

S. No.	Name of the Post	Notice Dated	Scrutiny Held	Scrutiny to be held on
1.	Protection Assistant	Advt. No. 11/2019 (Cat. No. 06)	12.03.2021	15.03.2021 19.03.2021
2.	Lower Divisional Clerk	Advt. No. 11/2019 (Cat. No. 26)	12.03.2021 to 17.03.2021	19.03.2021
3.	The candidates with directions of Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, if any may also come for Scrutiny of Documents on 19.03.2021 for the above said posts along with the direction of Hon'ble High Court.			
4.	The candidates are advised to report at 09:00 a.m. in Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Sector-3, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self attested copies of all documents, one ID Proof and copy of downloaded application form.			
5.	The announcement is also available on Commission's website i.e. www.hssc.gov.in .			

Note:- Other terms and conditions are same as mentioned in earlier Notices.

Sd/- Under Secretary, for Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula.

Panchkula,
Dated: 17th March, 2021

PRDH/1159/13/60/2021/2234/31/4

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

C-11, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA

Ph - 0172-2577870-73, Fax No. 2581201

E-mail: hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com

Notice for Public Hearing

It is for the information of all concerned that M/s The Karnal Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., 3 KM Stone Meerut Road, Karnal is going to do expansion & modernization of sugar plant from the capacity 2200 TCD to 3500 TCD (expandable to 5000TCD) and 18 MW co-generation power plant at Village Sheikhpura Jagir, Tehsil & District Karnal. The project proponent mentioned above has applied to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board for conducting the public hearing for its above said proposed project for Expansion & Modernization of sugar plant from 2200 TCD to 3500 TCD (expandable to 5000TCD) and the proposed 18 MW co-generation power plant at Village Sheikhpura Jagir, Tehsil & District Karnal in compliance with EIA notification 14th September, 2006. Accordingly the Public Hearing for the above said project has been fixed on 20.04.2021 at 11:00 A.M. at The Karnal Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., 3 KM Stone Meerut Road, Karnal.

Copies of the executive summary of the project report and EIA study report, submitted by the project proponent, are available in the Head Office of the Board as well as in the following offices, which can be perused during office hours, on any working day:-

1. Deputy Commissioner, Karnal.
2. Regional Officer, Karnal, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, 2nd Floor, SCO-78-79 above Punjab National Bank, Namastey Chowk, Karnal.
3. Chairman Zila Parishad, Karnal.
4. Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Karnal.
5. Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Karnal.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned to file suggestions, views, comments and objections, if any, on the above said proposed project, to the Chairperson, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, C-11, Sector-6, Panchkula as well as Regional Officer, Karnal, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, 2nd Floor, SCO- 78-79 above Punjab National Bank, Namastey Chowk, Karnal within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Besides, a Public Hearing will also be held on the Date, Time & Venue mentioned above at the proposed site of the project, which can be attended by any person including Environmental Groups, bonafide residents and others, located at the project site/sites of displacement/sites likely to be affected. Oral/Written suggestions, if any can also be made during the Public Hearing.

No TA/DA will be admissible for attending the Public Hearing.

S. Narayanan, IFS,
Member Secretary.

PRDH/1209/11/6/2021/2254/31/4

District Child Protection Unit

Room No. 407, Fourth Floor Mini Secretariat, Panipat

Phone No. 0180-2641574

E-Mail : icpnpn.wcd@gmail.com

1. बालक का नाम- रहुल S/o स्व. काशीराम

पुरानी तस्वीर

वर्तमान तस्वीर



विवरण : बालक रहुल S/o स्व. काशीराम दिनांक 04.03.2009 से बाल श्रमिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, शिव नगर, पानीपत में देखभाल एवं संरक्षण हेतु रह रहा है। बालक के पिता द्वारा बालक को बाल देखेखा केन्द्र में छोड़ा गया था। बालक के पिता की मृत्यु हो चुकी है।

2. बालक का नाम- आकाश S/o श्री राजू

पुरानी तस्वीर

वर्तमान तस्वीर



विवरण : बालक आकाश S/o श्री राजू दिनांक 05.08.2015 से बाल श्रमिक पुनर्वास केन्द्र, शिव नगर, पानीपत में देखभाल एवं संरक्षण हेतु रह रहा है। बालक भी माता पाता द्वारा आबिद के माता-पिता का तलाक होने के बाद से ही बालक अपनी माता के पास रह रहा था।

विवरण नोट : यदि उपरोक्त बच्चों का कोई संपर्क/माता-पिता/परिवर्तेदार हो जो यह सचिना पढ़ रहा है तो वह 15 दिन के अंतर्वार्ता निम्न पाते पर संपर्क करे। यदि 15 दिन तक कोई संपर्क नहीं करता है तो बालक को दक्ष ग्रहण प्रक्रिया वारे बाल कल्याण समिति, पानीपत द्वारा आवश्यक कायदावाही अपल में लायी जायेगी।

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जिला बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी,

जिला बाल संरक्षण यूनिट, पानीपत

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE/CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
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कानून- व्यवस्था हुई बेहतर



- जीरो टैलरेंस नीति से अपराधों में रिकॉर्ड गिरावट
- माफिया एवं अपराधियों द्वारा अवैध रूप से अर्जित 1000 करोड़ रु. से अधिक की संपत्तियां जब्त/घरस्त
- उत्तर प्रदेश विधि विचार धर्म संपरिवर्तन प्रतिबेध विधेयक को मंजूरी
- सी.ए.ए. के विरोध-प्रदर्शन के दौरान सरकारी सम्पत्तियों को क्षति पहुंचाने वाले व्यक्तियों से क्षतिपूर्ति वसूली
- एण्टी रोमियो स्टर्कोयड का गठन
- सभी 1535 थानों पर महिला हेल्प डेस्ट की स्थापना
- महिला एवं बाल सुरक्षा संगठन (WCSO) का गठन
- 218 नये फास्ट ट्रैक कोर्ट गठित
- उत्तर प्रदेश स्पेशल सिक्योरिटी फोर्स (UPSSF) का गठन
- पुलिस अधीक्षक कार्यालयों में भी एफ.आई.आर. काउन्टर
- 213 नये थानों एवं 16 परिक्षेत्रीय मुख्यालयों पर साइबर क्राइम पुलिस थानों की स्थापना
- 1 लाख 37 हजार पुलिसकर्मियों की भर्ती

किसान हुए खुशहाल



- मंडी शुल्क में 1% की कमी
- 45 कृषि उत्पाद मण्डी शुल्क से मुक्त
- प्रधानमंत्री फसल बीमा योजना में रु. 1910 करोड़ की क्षतिपूर्ति
- कृषि निवेशों पर देय रु. 1803 करोड़ की अनुदान राशि किसानों के खाते में हस्तांतरित
- रु. 3 लाख 58 हजार करोड़ का फसल ऋण वितरित
- रु. 36 हजार करोड़ से 86 लाख किसानों का ऋण माफ
- 20 चीनी मिलों का आयुनिकीकरण एवं विस्तारीकरण
- बाण सागर परियोजना सहित 11 सिंचाई परियोजनाएं पूर्ण कर एवं अन्य सिंचाई स्रोतों से 3.77 लाख हेक्टेयर अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता में वृद्धि
- वरासत अभियान के अंतर्गत 8,87,617 प्रकरण निस्तारित
- स्वामित्व योजना के अंतर्गत 2,09,016 घरौनी वितरित
- 5 लाख 66 हजार से अधिक गोवंश संरक्षित, गोवंश रखने पर प्रति गोवंश प्रतिमाह रु. 900 की सहायता

बुनियादी सुविधाओं का विकास



- पूर्वांचल एक्सप्रेस-वे, बुंदेलखण्ड एक्सप्रेस-वे, गंगा एक्सप्रेस-वे व गोरखपुर लिंक एक्सप्रेस-वे का तेजी से निर्माण, बलिया लिंक एक्सप्रेस-वे को मंजूरी
- ब्रेटर नोएडा में इंटरनेशनल ग्रीनफील्ड एयरपोर्ट, अयोध्या एवं कुशीनगर में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय एयरपोर्ट
- 8 एयरपोर्ट संचालित, 13 अन्य एयरपोर्ट एवं 7 हवाईपट्टी का विकास
- प्रदेश के 10 नगरों का भारत सरकार तथा 7 नगरों का राज्य सरकार के वित्त पोषण से स्मार्ट सिटी के रूप में विकास
- प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना में 56,862 किमी. सड़कों का निर्माण
- 3,32,804 किमी. सड़कों का गड्ढामुक्तिकरण
- 13,189 किमी. नई सड़कों का निर्माण
- 13,613 किमी. सड़कों का चौड़ीकरण/सुदृढ़ीकरण
- 428 छोटे-बड़े पुलों का निर्माण
- 1.21 लाख गांवों तक निर्बाध बिजली आपूर्ति
- जिला मुख्यालयों को 2.4 घंटे, तहसील मुख्यालयों को 22 घंटे तथा ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 18-20 घंटे बिजली की आपूर्ति
- हर घर नल योजना में 30 हजार ग्राम पंचायतों को शुद्ध पेयजल

शिक्षा से खुले प्रगति के द्वार



- मुख्यमंत्री अभ्युदय योजना में प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं के लिए निःशुल्क कोचिंग
- बालिकाओं के लिए स्नातक स्तर तक निःशुल्क शिक्षा
- 3 नए राज्य विश्वविद्यालय, 51 राजकीय महाविद्यालय, 194 राजकीय माध्यमिक विद्यालय, 28 इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज, 26 पॉलीटेक्निक, 79 आईटीआई, 248 इंटर कॉलेज और 771 कस्टमर्स विद्यालयों की स्थापना
- कक्षा-1 से कक्षा-8 तक के सभी बच्चों को निःशुल्क ड्रेस, जूते-मोजे, स्कूल बैग एवं पाठ्य-पुस्तकों का वितरण
- श्रमिकों के बच्चों की निःशुल्क शिक्षा के लिए 18 मंडलों में अटल आवासीय विद्यालयों की स्थापना
- कोरोना कालखण्ड में विद्यार्थियों के लिए वर्द्धुअल क्लास की व्यवस्था

स्वास्थ्य सेवाएं हुई सुलभ



- 3 करोड़ से अधिक कोविड जांच व प्रतिदिन 1.75 लाख कोरोना जांच करने वाला देश का पहला राज्य
- 16 करोड़ लोगों की कॉन्टेक्ट ट्रेसिंग, अब तक 35 लाख से अधिक लोगों का वैक्सीनेशन
- हर रविवार सभी स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों पर मुख्यमंत्री जन आरोग्य मेलों का आयोजन, अब तक 60 लाख से अधिक लोगों का स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण एवं इलाज
- पूर्वांचल में दिमागी बुखार पर नियंत्रण, मृत्यु दर में 95% तक की कमी
- 6920 एम्बुलेंस संचालित
- 47 जनपदों में निःशुल्क डायलिसिस सेवाएं एवं 56 जनपद चिकित्सालयों में सी.टी.स्कैन की सुविधा।
- प्रत्येक जनपद में वैंटिलेटर एवं ट्रूबेट मशीनें उपलब्ध

महिला सम्मान एवं सशक्तिकरण को प्राथमिकता



- 1 लाख से अधिक महिलाओं को सरकारी नौकरी
- 58,758 महिलाओं की बैंकिंग कॉरेस्पॉन्डेंट सभी के रूप में नियुक्ति
- मिशन शक्ति अभियान में 7.30 करोड़ लोगों को जागरूक किया गया
- प्रधानमंत्री मातृ वंदना योजना से 36.16 लाख महिलाएं लाभान्वित
- 6.94 लाख बेटियों को मुख्यमंत्री कन्या सुमंगला योजना का लाभ
- 'बेटी बचाओ-बेटी पढ़ाओ' योजना में 1 करोड़ 80 लाख बेटियां लाभान्वित
- ग्रामीण आवासीय अभिलेख (घरौनी) परिवार की महिला सदस्य के नाम होगा
- पौत्री (पुत्री की पुत्री), भतीजी (सगे भाई की पुत्री) और भांजियों (सगी बहन की पुत्री) को भी राजस्व संहिता में भौमिक अधिकार
- महिलाओं एवं बालिकाओं की सुरक्षा हेतु सेफ सिटी परियोजना

जस्टिसमंदों को मिला सरकार का साथ



- मुख्यमंत्री सामूहिक विवाह योजना में 1.52 लाख निर्धन कन्याओं का विवाह
- निर्माण श्रमिकों की पुत्रियों के लिए संचालित कन्या विवाह सहायता योजना के अन्तर्गत 11,581 कन्याओं का विवाह
- 51 लाख से अधिक वृद्धजन, 28 लाख निराश्रित महिलाओं व 22 लाख विधवा महिलाओं को रु. 500 प्रतिमाह की पेशन
- मुख्यमंत्री आवास योजना (ग्रामीण) में 72 हजार 302 आवासों का निर्माण/स्वीकृति
- वनाटांगिया/मुसहर/कोल एवं थार समूह के 38 गांवों को राजस्व गांवों का दर्जा एवं बुनियादी सुविधाएं
- अल्पसंस्कृत वर्ग, अनुसूचित जाति/जनजाति, पिछड़ी जाति व सामान्य वर्ग के कुल 1 करोड़ 78 लाख से अधिक छात्र-छात्राओं को कुल रु. 13,690 करोड़ से अधिक की पूर्वदशम एवं दशमोत्तर छात्रवृत्ति वितरित
- 40 लाख कामगारों की स्थिकल मैपिंग कर रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया
- 101 करोड़ से अधिक मानव दिवस सूजित कर 1.50 करोड़ श्रमिकों को रोजगार
- पी.एम. स्वनिधि योजना में 8 लाख 32 हजार स्ट्रीट वेण्टर्स आचारित

आस्था का सम्मान पर्यावरण के लिए अभियान



- प्रयागराज कुम्भ में 24 करोड़ से अधिक श्रद्धालुओं व पर्यटकों का आगमन, यूरोप को द्वारा सराहना
- अयोध्या में दीपोत्सव, वाराणसी में देव-दीपावली, मयुरा में कृष्णोत्सव व बरसाना में रंगोत्सव का ब्रव्य आयोजन
- काशी विश्वनाथ कॉरिडोर का विकास
- बौद्ध सर्किट के अंतर्गत श्रावस्ती, कपिलवस्तु और कुशीनगर का विकास
- रामायण सर्किट के अंतर्गत चित्रकूट और शृंगवेरपुर का विकास
- जैन तथा सूफी सर्किट के तहत आगरा एवं फतेहपुर सीकरी में पर्यटन सुविधाओं का विकास
- कैलाश मानसरोवर भवन का निर्माण, तीर्थयात्रियों की अनुदान राशि रु. 50 हजार से बढ़ाकर रु. 1 लाख प्रति यात्री की गयी
- 39.42 करोड़ पौधरोपण
- गंगा के दोनों किनारों पर 9 करोड़ पौधरोपण

प्रधानमंत्री जी का विज़न हो रहा साकार | काम दमदार, योगी सरकार

PUNJAB MANDI BOARD

Tender Notice No. 05 Date: 17-03-2021
 Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Ferozepur invites percentage rate tenders from approved and eligible Firms/Contractors registered with Punjab Mandi Board for Premature Repair of Link Road from Darelwala Bandh to Manu Machi via Jamaliwala M.C. Makhi Distt: Ferozepur. Details terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to website www.eproc.punjab.gov.in. Societies must submit capacity certificate of current financial year with Technical Bid. Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Ferozepur

DPR/Pb/2732

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

E-Tender Notice Reference No. 03/2021 Dated 18.03.2021
 On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Division Bathinda invites item rate tender, only for Finolex, Jain, Prince, Kissan and Supreme PVC Pipes. Suppliers Dealers can participated/eligible for this tender. As per details below:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost
1.	Supply of PVC Pipe at Village-Manak-Khanna; Rates to be quoted by Chanthal, Gehri Bara Singh and Maiser Khana bidder in per mtr. including all taxes and FOR At Site.	
Closing Date & Time: Date: 30.03.2021	Time: 1200 hrs	

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Division,
Bathinda

DPR/Pb/2729

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ**ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ**

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰਬਰ 4 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ: 19.03.2021
 ਰਾਜਕਾਰਣ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਮ), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵੱਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਵੱਲ ਇਨਾਮਸ਼ੁਰਤ ਠੋਕੇਦਾਰ/ਫਰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਹੋਣ ਲਿਖੇ ਕੋਈ ਲੀਨ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ।

- ਨਿਲ੍ਹੂ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬੀਆਂ ਵੱਖੋਵੱਖੋ ਮੰਡੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਮਾਂ 01.04.2021 ਤੋਂ 31.03.2022 ਤੱਕ ਸੱਥ ਸੱਥ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਨਾ।
- ਖੂਪ ਹੋਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ 1,00,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਸਮਾਰੋਹ ਦੇ OHSR ਦੀ ਉਸਾਰੀ ਕਰਨਾ।
- ਮੱਕੜੀ ਕੋਈ, ਬਲਕਾਂ, ਭੱਤਾ, ਭੱਤਾ ਬਾਂਸ ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਫਾਲ, ਚੁੜੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪੰਜਾਬੀਆਂ ਨਿੱਕ ਸਥਾਨਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਪੈਂਚ ਵਰਤ ਕਰਨਾ।
- ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸੱਥੀਆਂ ਵੱਖੋਵੱਖੋ, ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਸੱਦਾ ਸਹੀਂ ਹੋਰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੱਖੋਵੱਖੋ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੁਕਾਮ ਲਾਓ।

ਸਹੀ/ - ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸ),
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ

DPR/Pb/2742

PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

Plot No. 2A, Sector-38A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160021 | Phone: 0172 2655561, 2657472

CIN: U51219CH1966SGC002630 | www.punjagro.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bids under two bid system i.e. technical and financial bids are invited for two separate e-tenders i.e.

- Construction of open industrial shed as per dimensions and specifications mentioned in uploaded drawing.
- Construction of boundary wall in approximately 4 acre area and flooring with interlocking tiles in approximately 6500 square feet area as per drawing and specifications uploaded.

Date of apply & submission of e-tender: 19.03.2021

30.03.2021 at 11.00 AM

Opening of technical bid: 30.03.2021 at 12.00 Noon.

Opening of Financial bid: After opening and evaluation of Technical bid.

E-tender documents, fee and EMD shall be submitted only through online transaction of Govt. portal <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/> and the tender form along with detailed notice inviting tender (NIT) and terms and conditions can also be downloaded from the same tendering portal.

Any further communication or corrigendum will be uploaded online only. For any query, email on proc.agro@punjab.gov.in or contact on 0172-5074210 (Punjab Agro) or 0172-2970263 (NIC helpline). General Manager (AS)

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice Reference No. 63 Dt. 17.03.2021

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur invites online bids for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Construction of Approach road for H/L Bridge (4 Span 6.00M Normal 6.346M Skew Each Clear) over Ghaggar Branch Crossing Samana-Bhawanigarh Road in Km 16.20 under NABARD-XXV Scheme	1
2	Widening of H/L Bridge (4 Span 6.00M Normal 6.346M Skew Each Clear) over Ghaggar Branch Crossing Samana Bhawanigarh Road in Km 16.20 in Distt. Sangrur under NABARD-XXV Scheme	1

Closing Date & Time: Will be intimated later on website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice Shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Provincial Divn. PWD B&R,
Sangrur (Pb.)

DPR/Pb/2755

PUNJAB HERITAGE AND TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD

Plot No. 03, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh

Ph.: 0172-2625951

E-mail: phptbengg@gmail.com

Tender/Reference No.: 16 Date: 18.03.2021

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board, under the Department of Tourism, Government of Punjab invites online bids from eligible bidders for the following work:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last date and time for online submission of bids	Period of Completion
1	Old Thane Monument at Jaito, Ferozepur	1.00 Lakh	01.04.2021 up to 03:00 p.m.	06 Months

i) Period of availability of Tender online : From 22.03.2021 to 01.04.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.

ii) Last date & time for online submission of bids shall be 01.04.2021 up to 3:00 p.m.

iii) Date & time of opening of Technical Bid : 01.04.2021 at 3:30 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions refer to e-tendering portal (www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Note: Addendum/Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on e-portal only.

DPR/Pb/2763

Sd/- Executive Director

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

E-TENDER NOTICE NO PWSSD/Bathinda Div. No. 2/2021/02

Dated:- 15.03.2021

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Document/Tendering Processing Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. value of the Project/Work (in Lacs)
1.	DNIT For Chlorine Contact Tank WSP 3 ML Sewage Treatment Plant & all other works contingent thereto at Malout Town, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib.	6240/-	100 + 368/-	1 Month	3.12 Lacs
2.	"DNIT for construction of OHSR of 0.50 Lac Gallon capacity & all other works contingent thereto as per DNIT at Growth centre water works Bathinda. (Risk & cost of Triveni Engineering & Industries Pvt Ltd.)	451420/-	1000 + 5950/-	9 Months	Lump sum

Important Dates:-

1. Period of availability of tender online shall be : 16.03.2021 at 10.00 A.M.

2. Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : 15.04.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

3. Date and time of opening of Technical bid : 15.04.2021 at 03.00 P.M.

*For terms and conditions refer to website: <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

W/S & Sew. Division No. 2, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/2764

OFFICE OF IMPROVEMENT TRUST FAZILKA

NIT No. 01/E-Tender/LG-IT FAZILKA/2020-21

Improvement Trust, Fazilka invites online bids for NIT No. 01, Sr. No. 1 & 2 works:-
Schedule for Sale of Tenders

Availability of Tenders online for Bidding	Last date and time of submission of online Bids	Date and time for opening of Technical Bids	Place of opening of Bid Documents
17.03.2021 onwards	For Sr. No. 1 & 2:- 23.03.2021 up to 01:00 p.m.	For Sr. No. 1 & 2:- 23.03.2021 up to 02:00 p.m.	Office of Improvement Trust, Fazilka

For detail logon to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

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

Sd/- Chairman,
Improvement Trust, Fazilka.

DPR/Pb/2739

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, CIVIL HOSPITAL, PALAMPUR (KANGRA)

No: MS-CH/Ip/Corrigendum /Tender /Quotation/RKS/2021-1100 Dated 18.03.2021

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to this office Notice Inviting Tender even no. MS-CH/Ip/RKS/Tender/Quotation/Store/Accnts/ 2021-824 Dated: 25.02.2021 regarding Tender /Quotations of Hospital use material/items/repair/for/deferred section.

Keeping in View of Model Code Of Conduct the date of opening of above mentioned sealed Tender/ Quotations is extended to 12.04.2021 at 2:00 PM instead of 22.03.2021 at 3:00PM and the last date of collection/Submission of Tender/ Quotation remain same i.e 20.03.2021 upto 5:00 PM (Date of Collection) 22.03.2021 till 12:00PM (Date of Submission)

Medical Superintendent-cum-Member
Secretary RKS (EC) Civil Hospital, Palampur

PUNJAB MANDI BOARD

email:- pmbxencjal@punjab.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Tender Notice No. 07 Dt. 17/03/2021

Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board Civil Special Repair of Link Roads under Repair Programme 2020-21 (Premature) of MC Lohian Khass and Bilga Distt Jalandhar. For detailed Terms & Conditions of Notice inviting Bids, refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Lakshya enters maiden quarters, Sindhu eases through

BIRMINGHAM, MARCH 18
Lakshya Sen today became the youngest Indian male shuttler to reach the All England Championship quarter-finals, while Olympics silver medallist PV Sindhu also eased into the last-8 stage of the Super 1000 tournament here. Sindhu, the reigning world champion, recorded a dominant 21-8 21-8 win over Denmark's Line Christophersen in the second round.

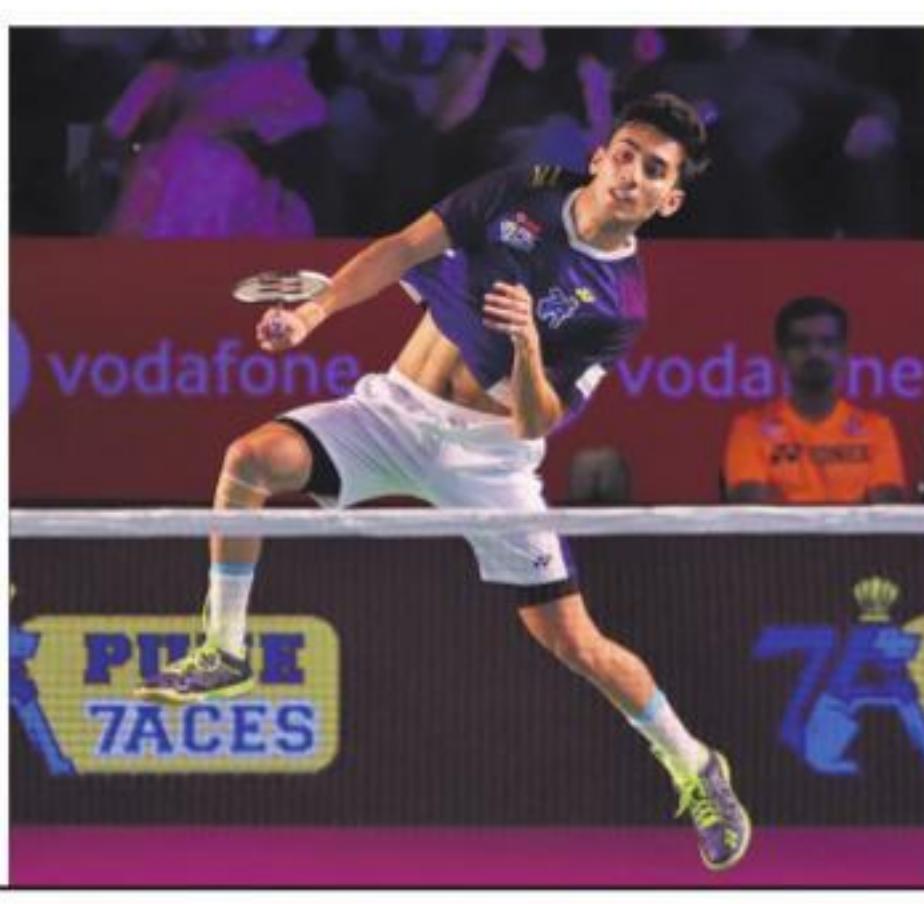
Earlier, the 19-year-old Sen, who had claimed five titles in 2019, saw off France's Thomas Rouxel 21-18 21-16.

However, it was curtains for HS Prannoy and B Sai Praaneeth after they lost in the men's singles second round.

Sen, who had claimed the Asian junior championships title, the world junior championships bronze and the Youth Olympics silver in



ABOVE: PV Sindhu beat Denmark's Line Christophersen. AP/PTI



RIGHT: Lakshya Sen beat France's Thomas Rouxel. FILE

2018, will next face Netherland's world No. 36 Mark Caljouw. Sindhu will take on Japan's third seed Akane Yamaguchi.

Prannoy couldn't find his

way past world No. 1 Kento Momota. The Japanese, who is playing his first event since the road accident that saw him undergo an eye surgery last year, won 21-15 21-14 in a

48-minute match. Praaneeth squandered a first-game advantage before losing 15-21 21-12 21-12 to second seed Viktor Axelsen of Denmark. Also ousted from the tour-

nament was the mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Reddy and Ashwini Ponnappa, who lost 21-19 21-9 to Japan's Yuki Kaneko and Misaki Matsutomo in

the opening round.

Injured Saina out

On Wednesday night, former world No. 1 Saina Nehwal was forced to concede her opening women's singles match after suffering an injury. Saina, who finished second best here in 2015, seemed to have some discomfort in her right thigh and decided to retire after lagging behind (8-21 4-10) in her opening round match against seventh seed Mia Blichfeldt of Denmark.

In men's singles, Sameer Verma outlasted Brazil's Ygor Coelho 21-11 21-19. In the mixed doubles, Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy went down 15-21 17-21 to Denmark's Rasmus Espersen and Christine Busch in the opening round. — TNS, agencies

TENDER NOTICE					
The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Shahpur invites following offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following:-					
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Tender Form	Cost of Time Limit
1	Imp. of WSS Gharoh Garh-Sair Noura in Tehsil D/Sala, Distt. Kangra, (HP) (SH: Supplying, installation and testing of diesel generator set on rent basis)	6000/-	150/-	250/-	One year

Last date of offline tenders 23/03/2021 upto 4:00PM and tender opened on 24/03/2021 at 11:30AM.

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division, Shahpur.

NOTICE FOR E-TENDERING

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form	Time Limit
1	Restoration of rain damage of LWSS Samella Scoult in Tehsil & Distt. Kangra (H.P.) (SH: Demolition of damage filter bed and RCC C/Tank, C/o filter bed and RCC C/Tank).	1690318/-	32855/-	400/-	Six Months

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 24/03/2021 upto 11:00 A.M. The tender form and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Shahpur.

HOLI SPECIAL TRAINS - 2021

CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the Notice "Holi Special Trains-2021" which was published in the various Newspapers on 18.03.2021. Following amendments are being issued:-

Train No. / Name	Earlier Published Days of Run	Revised Days of Run
04031/Varanasi-Anand Vihar (T) Superfast Express Special Train	21.03.2021 to 01.04.2021	21.03.2021 to 30.03.2021

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

Note: For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table & Stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website: <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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TENDER NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS					
Online tenders on percentage rate basis (above or below or at par the DNIT amount) are invited for the below mentioned works from the eligible contractors as per eligibility criteria of the SBD:					
Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Tender Cost	Earnest Money	Tender Processing Fee	Time Limit
1.	Operation & maintenance (O&M) of 13 MLD capacity STP (FAB Technology) for the period 1-4-2021 to 31-3-2022 at Urban Estate, Patiala.	Rs. 49.69 Lac	Rs. 99,400/-	Rs. 5,870/-	Upto 31-3-2022
2.	Special repair of damaged RCC Storm Sewer pipelines at various locations in Urban Estate, Phase 1, 2, 3 & YPS Land at Patiala.	Rs. 113.78 Lac	Rs. 2,27,600/-	Rs. 5,900/-	6 Months

Achanta Sharath Kamal

It was a good match against Sathiyan but I made some errors and he capitalised on them to win the match. I was a bit nervous before

playing against Rameez as I had never faced him before. But after the first few games I was confident that my strategy was working and I executed it well to maintain control.

Achanta Sharath Kamal

Sharath-Batra in semis

Looking to secure double qualification, Kamal also cruised into the semifinals in the mixed doubles with Manika Batra after the pair defeated Mohammed Abdulwahab and Maha Faramarzi of Qatar 11-6, 11-6, 11-2, 11-3 in the quarters.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Form
1.	CAD work for LIS Nauni Ghato in Nirmand Block Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH: Providing & Fixing of C.I. Sluice valves on branches of CAD work)	488800.00	9776.00	2 Months	250.00
2.	A/R & M/O various FIS Under Jal Shakti Division Anni Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH:Providing and supplying of Butt Fusion welding machine for HDPE Pipe jointing having diameter ranging from 63mm to 315 mm for Sub-Division Nirmand & Nither)	352000.00	7040.00	2 Months	250.00
3.	A/R & M/O various FIS Under Jal Shakti Division Anni Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH:Providing and supplying of Butt Fusion welding machine for HDPE Pipe jointing having diameter ranging from 63mm to 315 mm for Sub-Division Anni & Dalash)	352000.00	7040.00	2 Months	250.00
4.	A/R & M/O various WSS & LWSS under JS Sub Division Anni in Ann Block Distt Kulu (HP) (SH: Providing and Supplying of Portable Welding set along with accessories Sub-Division Anni)	291657.00	5833.00	2 Months	250.00
5.	A/R & M/O various WSS & LWSS under JS Sub Division Anni in Ann Block Distt Kulu (HP) (SH: Providing and Supplying of Portable Welding set along with accessories Sub-Division Nirmand)	291657.00	5833.00	2 Months	250.00
6.	A/R&M/O WSS Tarapur Khaga in Nirmand Block Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH: C/O RC Jacketing o Storage tanks 3 Nos.)	13100.00	2620.00	2 Months	250.00
7.	Restoration of rain damages to FIS Jau Kalu in Ann Block Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH: C/O RC Channel 195 Mtr along with accessories Sub-Division Nirmand)	299516.00	5990.00	2 Months	250.00
8.	C/O LIS Khubu Stangidhar in Nirmand Block Distt. Kulu (H.P)(SH: Concrete of HDPE pipe (Gravity main 280mm dia) under Dhank portion at various RD's and C/O Retaining wall.)	388514.00	7770.00	2 Months	250.00
9.	A/R&M/O WSS Tipper Pokher in Ann Block Distt. Kulu (H.P) (SH: Operation and maintenance of the Gravity Main and Distribution network for 6 Months.)	121800.00	2436.00	4 Months	250.00
10.	A/R & M/O WSS Koli in GP Gadej in Nirmand Block Distt. Kulu (H.P) (SH: Providing, laying, jointing and testing of GI pipe 25mm dia = 150 Mtr from Storage tank at Kindla to village Pokhri.)	106085.00	2122.00	2 Months	250.00
11.	A/R & M/O WSS Anni Block Distt. Kulu (H.P) (SH: Fencing around the Civil Structure at Gugra Khad.)	109810.00	2196.00	2 Months	250.00

1. Last Date of Submission of tender: 23.03.2021 up to 3:00 p.m. and opened on same day 3:30 p.m.

2. Last Date of sale of tender Form: 22.03.2021 up to 04:00 p.m.

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

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DPR/HP/6633

Surya shines



BRIEFLY

JAIPUR

Tvesa on top with flawless 66 in sixth leg

Tvesa Malik finally found the form she was seeking on the greens to produce a flawless 4-under 66 that carried her to the top of the leaderboard at the end of the second round of the sixth leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour today. She is now at a 3-under 137, three shots clear of overnight leader Jahnvi Bakshi. Climbing into the third spot was Ridhima Dilawari. Amandeep Dhillon's round of 75 saw her slip to tied-5th alongside Hitaashee Bakshi.

LONDON

Chelsea, Bayern march into Champions League quarters

Chelsea beat Atletico Madrid 2-0 on Wednesday to reach the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time since 2014 as Hakim Ziyech and Emerson Palmieri were on target to give coach Thomas Tuchel's rejuvenated team a 3-0 aggregate win. Holders Bayern Munich cruised through to the quarter-finals for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons after beating Lazio 2-1 to secure a 6-2 aggregate victory. AGENCIES

India looks forward to upping ties with US in 5 areas: Envoy

Healthcare, pharma, digital space & energy sectors figure on wish list

SANDEEP DIKSHIT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

India looks forward to closely working with the new US administration and other stakeholders around five immediate baskets of cooperation, India's Ambassador to the US Tarun Singh Sandhu told *The Tribune* in an exclusive interview.

Speaking after the February 18 Quad summit, Sandhu outlined cooperation in healthcare and pharma as the first item on the wish list. This also includes ensuring affordable medicines and vaccines.

Like Covid cooperation, the second area — digital space, information and communication sectors — was also discussed in the Quad under the rubric of emerging technologies. The third is the energy sector, including LNG, renewable and solar, that will help in the fight against climate change. Equally important are advanced partnerships in

'AUSTIN'S VISIT TO BOOST DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP'

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Tarun Singh Sandhu, INDIA'S AMBASSADOR TO US



education and knowledge partnership; and cooperation in strategic and defence areas, including in the Indo-Pacific.

"We look forward to building on the momentum to strengthen our existing partnerships across diverse sectors," he said.

He said industries in both countries were working together to chart out reliable supply chains in next-generation defence technology and to undertake joint R&D, manufacturing, innovation and experimenting in new domains. Both sides can offer a lot to each other in critical and emerging technologies such as AI, big data analytics, robotics,

quantum computing, block chain and Internet of things.

"In recent years, we have cemented traditional areas of cooperation, while simultaneously exploring new horizons. Today, there is no area of human activity that the partnership does not touch — from nanotechnology to space and Indo-Pacific to Covid vaccine manufacturing and delivery," he observed.

"The visit of US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin to India will enable the two sides to review ongoing cooperation and provide new momentum to our defence ties," he said. India remained committed

to the bilateral trade target of \$500 billion and hopes to re-engage with the US on trade and tariff issues. "In coming days, once senior officials of the Biden administration take their positions, intensive discussions can be expected on trade issues," he added.

Sandhu was hopeful that the brakes on immigration and easier work visas would also be revisited by the new administration.

"We remain engaged on issues related to movement of Indian professionals, who bring in value to the US economy," he said.

There is a strong sense of commitment and determination among the political leadership of both India and the US to take the bilateral strategic partnership to the next level. The Ambassador, however, did not take questions on the farmers' agitation and allegations in New Delhi about the increased activity of US-based Khalistanis.

IN PARLIAMENT



Cyber volunteers will only assist cops: MHA
The government informed Parliament that cyber volunteers were being roped in only for the purpose of assisting law enforcement agencies. Replying to a question in Rajya Sabha, MoS for Home G Kishan Reddy said: "The 'Cyber Crime Volunteer Framework' has been rolled out as part of the cyber hygiene promotion, as per which citizens can contribute in the fight against cyber crime." TNS

'Imperialism of Internet' unacceptable: Prasad
Union Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told the Rajya Sabha on Thursday that any attempt to create "imperialism of Internet" by certain big companies would not be tolerated. Answering supplementary questions on banning of Twitter accounts in connection with the farm agitation, Prasad said the government had no problem with dissent, but would not allow misuse or abuse of social media. TNS

Gadkari blames farm stir for highway delay
Minister of Road Transport and Highway Nitin Gadkari has blamed the 113-day farmers' protest at the Singhu border for delay in the completion of national highway connecting Delhi and Punjab. Responding to a question by Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh in the Lok Sabha regarding non-completion and delay in construction of flyovers, bridges on the highway, Gadkari said from the Mukarba Chowk to Panipat work on 14 flyovers was at different stages of construction. TNS

Airlines act against eight flyers for Covid violations

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

Amid rising number of Covid-19 cases and also in the backdrop of an order issued by the DGCA, airlines have started acting against those flyers refusing to wear masks in the flights.

Three airlines, including IndiGo, AirAsia and Alliance Air, have acted against eight passengers in the past few days. Officials said a middle

seat passenger on IndiGo's Delhi-Goa flight on Monday first created fuss on the issue of wearing a PPE gown, and then she kept taking off her mask during the flight even after repeated warnings by the cabin crew. The crew handed her over to the security authorities once the flight landed in Goa, they added. — TNS

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Treat donations to CMs' relief fund as CSR: Panel

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18
In contrast to the government's position, a parliamentary committee on Thursday said financial contributions to the Chief Ministers' Relief Fund should also be treated as corporate social responsibility (CSR) spending and necessary changes should be made to the Companies Law to make this change.

The government last year said financial contributions to CMs' relief fund for Covid-19 would not be considered as CSR spending, but corporate donations to PM Cares Fund would get CSR tag benefits. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs last year told companies to donate to state disaster management authorities to claim CSR spending.

The Parliamentary Committee on Petitions today sought to bring corporate donations to CMs' relief funds on a par with PM Cares Fund.

"Since public health is under the state list and states have to implement relief measures, not considering voluntary corporate contributions to the CMs' relief funds as CSR contributions even under unprecedented circumstances like Covid-19 appear discretionary. We recommend the government consider including the CMs' relief fund in the Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013, so that contributions to such funds can qualify as CSR expenditure," said the committee.

It also told the government to ensure CSR donations are not made to flagship government projects.

Last of the specialised ships commissioned

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18
The Indian Navy has completed the induction of eight specialised warships which have the ability to carry tanks and troops, and land them near

shores. Called the Landing Craft Utility (LCU), the eighth and last ship of the series was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. — TNS

Ashoka faculty write to VC on Prof Mehta's resignation

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18
Ashoka University faculty on Thursday asked the Vice-Chancellor to request political scientist Pratap Bhanu Mehta to rescind his resignation and sought answers on the circumstances leading to the exit of Mehta, followed by the resignation of former

Ex-chief economic adviser Subramanian also quits

chief economic adviser Arvind Subramanian today.

Mehta resigned on March 16, while Subramanian, a professor of economics at Ashoka, resigned today saying, "The

Don't vote for CPM, Congress, Mamata urges 'Marxist friends'

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2021

GARBETA/KESIARI (WB), MARCH 18

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee campaigning in tribal Paschim Medinipur district on Thursday asked "Marxist friends" not to vote for either the CPM or Congress, which are "cohorts of the communal BJP".

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Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee at a rally in Kalaikunda. PTI

unearthing of skeletal remains at Narayangarh in Paschim Medinipur district in 2011 and a CPI-M leader was accused in connection with it.

"Only the TMC will keep up its fight against the BJP," she said and blamed the saffron party for conspiring against her at Nandigram which led to her being injured on March 10 when she was campaigning there. "After the attack, they (BJP) are now spreading falsehoods. After the conspiracy they are now involved in character assassination," Banerjee said.

The Trinamool Congress supremo alleged that the BJP-led government at the Centre is involved in plundering crores of rupees and accusing rival parties of graft. — PTI



TV actor Arun Govil joins saffron party

NEW DELHI: Actor Arun Govil, who played the role of Lord Rama in TV serial Ramayan, joined the BJP on Thursday, saying his decision was triggered by TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee's "irritation" to the chant of "Jai Shri Ram". PTI

Over 700 companies of CAPF sent to WB

NEW DELHI: Newly appointed CRPF Director General Kuldip Singh on Thursday said over 700 companies of the force were being deployed in West Bengal for Assembly poll. TNS

Constitution, democracy are supreme: PM in WB

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday appealed to the state police and local administration in West Bengal to work keeping in mind their obligation to "Constitution and democracy".

Politicalisation of police in West Bengal has been taken note of by the ECI also with three senior police officers, including the DGP and ADGP (law and order), shifted by the constitutional body in quick succession with instructions to not give these officers any poll-related duty.

Purulia, where PM Modi was addressing an election meeting on Thursday, saw throwaway bombs were thrown at BJP workers in North 24 Parganas district.

"This is not right. Violence, atrocities and mafia raj cannot go on. I would like to tell the local administration and also urge the state police to treat the



PM Narendra Modi at a rally in Purulia district on Thursday. PTI

political scores during the 2018 panchayat elections.

stition and democracy as supreme," the PM said.

The PM promised that a BJP government in the state would take care of various problems of Purulia, including water shortage which was a hindrance to agricultural growth and a big burden for womenfolk who had to walk long distance in search of water.

Mukul Roy on BJP's 2nd list

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

The BJP on Thursday announced a list of 157 candidates for the West Bengal Assembly elections. The party had earlier announced names of over 118 candidates for the state. The seats for which candidates are yet to be announced include the hill constituencies of Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong.

Party's national vice-president Mukul Roy will contest from Krishnanagar North, while senior BJP leader Rahul Sinha has been fielded from Adra. Baishali Dalmia, daughter of late BCCI chief Jagmohan Dalmiya, will be contesting from Bally. Meanwhile, party candidate from Chowrangie Shikha Mitra, widow of former WBPCC chief Somen Mitra, has objected to her name in the list. — TNS

SC sets aside MP HC's 'Rakhi for bail' order

SATYA PRAKASH
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 18

The Supreme Court on Thursday set aside a Madhya Pradesh High Court order that required a molestation accused to get a "Rakhi" tied by the victim as a condition for grant of bail, saying it "reflects adversely on the entire judicial system of the country".

"Even a solitary instance of such order or utterance in court reflects adversely on the entire judicial sys-

tem of the country, undermining the guarantee to fair justice to all, especially to victims of sexual violence," a Bench of Justice AM Khanwilkar and Justice S Ravindra Bhat said.

The verdict came on a PIL filed by nine women lawyers against the Madhya Pradesh High Court's July 30, 2020, order granting bail to a molestation accused on the

condition that he would request the victim to tie him a 'Rakhi'. Alleging trivialisation of sexual offences, they had urged the top court to restrain courts across India from imposing such bail conditions.

Asking judges to avoid passing stereotype orders, it also issued directions to the National Judicial Academy to develop within

three months a gender sensitisation module for training of judges, standing counsel and public prosecutors with the help of sociologists, psychologists and gender studies experts.

Issuing a slew of directions with regard to bail conditions, the top court said, "Bail conditions should not mandate, require or permit contact between the accused and the victim. Such conditions should seek to protect the complainant from any further harassment by the accused."

SC sets aside MP HC's 'Rakhi for bail' order

NCB needs to challenge Rhea's bail: Top court

It seems quite plausible that Prof Mehta's resignation was a direct consequence of his role as a public intellectual and critic of the government. We are greatly troubled by this scenario. Even more troubling is the possibility that our university may have acceded to pressure to remove Prof Mehta or to request, and accept, his resignation," the letter read.

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) hereby informs that draw for selection of LPG distributor for the location mentioned below will be held at Indian Oil Terminal, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Marketing Division) Bye Pass, Suchi Pind, Jalandhar – 144009 on 22.03.2021 at 11:00 AM:

S. No.	Location	District	Category	Date of Advertisement
1.	Phagwara	Kapurthala	SC	05.12.2011
2.	Dera Baba Nanak	Gurdaspur	OPEN	26.10.2013

Applicants who have qualified for the draw are requested to be present in person with a photo identity card issued by any Government Department at the specified date, venue and time given against each location.

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