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Vardhan: No bias in vaccine allocation

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Thursday dismissed as "farce" the hue and cry by certain states about partisanship by the Centre on the issue of allocation of vaccines. Vardhan said 9.1 crore vaccine doses had been utilised, while 2.4 crore were in stock and 1.9 crore were in the pipeline, indicating there were sufficient doses available for all states.

"Hue and cry by certain states about partisanship by the Centre is just a farce. It is an attempt to hide their own incompetence. Maharashtra and Rajasthan are two of the top three states based on allocation of vaccine doses," Vardhan said in a tweet.

Union Minister and senior BJP leader Prakash Javadekar, responding to bias charges by Maharashtra,



A notice about vaccine shortage outside a Mumbai centre. REUTERS

NOT ENOUGH FOR MAHA

Why Maharashtra is getting fewer doses as compared to other states like Gujarat and MP, even as it has the highest number of active cases
Rajesh Tope, MAHA HEALTH MINISTER

alleged that five lakh doses of the Covid-19 vaccine were wasted in Maharashtra due to lack of planning by the state government. — PTI

Focus on micro-containment: Modi

Tells states to ramp up testing | Says vaccine in limited supply, have to prioritise

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

As the daily cases crossed 1.25 lakh in a new peak on Thursday, PM Narendra Modi asked states to fight the pandemic on a war footing, advising them to focus on testing than vaccination and on micro-containment than lockdown.

In a virtual review meeting with CMs today, the PM said vaccines would have to be prioritised due to limited supply. "The manufacturing capacity of vaccines is being worked on. The key is to stress testing as much and even more than vaccines. The more infections we find, the faster we can treat," said the PM after several CMs, including Punjab's Capt Amarinder Singh, called for flexibility for states to draft their own jab strategy. The

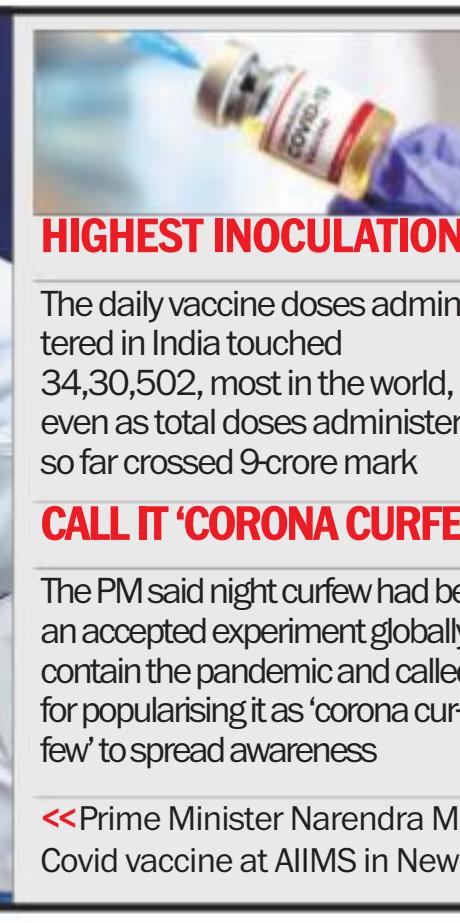


PM urged the states to first reach 100 per cent saturation of eligible people.

"Vaccination is a long-term strategy. Some people are

playing politics on the issue."

He said Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, MP, Gujarat and other states had crossed the previous peak,



HIGHEST INOCULATIONS

The daily vaccine doses administered in India touched 34,30,502, most in the world, even as total doses administered so far crossed 9-crore mark

CALL IT 'CORONA CURFEW'

The PM said night curfew had been an accepted experiment globally to contain the pandemic and called for popularising it as 'corona curfew' to spread awareness

« Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives the second dose of Covid vaccine at AIIMS in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

■ WHO rejects SII's proposal seeking extension of Covishield's shelf life from 6 to 9 months

■ Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan tests positive for Covid-19: CMO sources

■ NEW ZEALAND BANS TRAVELLERS FROM INDIA

■ NIGHT CURFEW IN MEERUT, GHAZIABAD

■ 1.25 LAKH NEW CASES IN LAST 24 HOURS

■ EASE VAX RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY, INDIA TELLS US

downs, the PM said states must test proactively to detect cases as many people were asymptomatic.

ED: OPEN VACCINATION FOR ALL

Allow states to devise own strategy: Punjab

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8
Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh today urged the Centre to allow states to devise local strategies for vaccination within the broad parameters of the Centre's approach. He sought a review of the strategy to allow all adults in high-risk areas to be inoculated.

The CM made these suggestions in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, immediately after the latter's meeting with the CMs of all states to review the Covid and vaccination situation. The CM apprised the PM of the situation in the state and the steps taken by his government to control and manage the disease. He stressed that the UK variant, which is dominating the second wave in the state, was reported by experts to be more virulent. INSIDE

Centre refuses DBT exemption to Punjab

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Punjab farmers are all set to get direct payment for their crop this procurement season after the Centre on Thursday rejected the state's demand for continuation of payment through arthiyas and exemption from the direct benefit transfer (DBT) system.

The Centre, however, agreed to give the state six-month extension to integrate land records with the national e-procurement portal.

After a two-hour meeting with Food Minister Piyush Goyal today, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Badal said the state had no choice but to adopt the DBT system as the Centre declined to give exemption.

State Food Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said: "Direct online payment will be made to the farmers. We will take arthiyas into the loop. The Chief Minister has called them for a meeting tomorrow." — TNS



LEFT WITH NO CHOICE

Why the Centre argues that the food stocks belong to it and the state is just an agent. We have no other choice. We will find a mechanism to ensure some protection to arthiyas.
Manpreet Badal, PB FINANCE MINISTER

Haryana ropes in ration depots for procurement

CHANDIGARH/KARNAL, APRIL 8

Haryana has roped in ration depot holders and farmer producer organisations (FPOs) by offering them temporary licence of commission agents to deal with the boycott of procurement by arthiyas from today over the direct payment to farmers.

Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Haryana, said payment through arthiyas was unjus-

MOVE COMES AS ARHTIYAS BOYCOTT PURCHASE

■ Temporary licence of commission agents issued to depot holders and FPOs in several districts

tified as 75 per cent of the 10.66 lakh farmers had opted for direct benefit transfer (DBT) to their accounts.

"Arthiyas are cooperating with the government in most districts. Only some districts



■ In Karnal district, 10,000 quintal of wheat procured on Thursday despite the boycott by arthiyas

like Karnal, Kurukshetra, Ambala, Kaithal and Sirsa were epicentres of the boycott. We have told DCs to issue temporary licences to depot holders (PDS ration shop owners) and FPOs. A list of 380-odd

active FPOs has been supplied to the DCs," said Misra. Chan-

der Shekhar Khare, Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs, Haryana, said temporary licences of commission agents to depot holders and FPOs were issued in Karnal, Kurukshetra, Jind and Sirsa districts today. "They will be paid 2.5 per cent commis-

sion, as applicable for the arthiyas," said Khare.

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Naxals free CRPF jawan

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Six days after being abducted, CRPF CoBRA commando Rakeshwar Singh Manhas was released by Naxals today. Hailing from Jammu, he was handed over to a group of mediators in the forest along the Bijapur-Sukma border in Chhattisgarh in the presence of a large number of villagers, the police said. Among the mediators was Padma Shri Sharmapal Saini. Manhas was later taken to

Rakeshwar Singh Manhas

CRPF's Basaguda camp in Bijapur. Officials said the jawan would be put through a

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SC rejects Maha, Deshmukh plea

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

The Supreme Court on Thursday refused to interfere with the Bombay High Court order for a CBI probe into former Mumbai police chief Param Bir Singh's allegations of corruption against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.

"We are of the view that the nature of allegations, the persons involved and the seriousness of the allegations do

require an independent agency to inquire into the matter," a Bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said, without getting into niceties of the high court's order.

Terming it "a matter of public confidence", it said, "We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned order(s)." On behalf of Deshmukh and Maharashtra Government, senior advocates

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'ROHINGYA DEPORTATION AFTER DUE PROCESS'
The SC dismissed a plea seeking directions to the Centre to release Rohingya immigrants detained in Jammu and to restrain the authorities from deporting them to Myanmar. It, however, said due process be followed for deportation. PAGE 9

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

In a startling revelation, a French media house has claimed that an Indian business intermediary was secretly paid millions of euros by Dassault Aviation, maker of Rafale fighter jets, and French defence electronics firm Thales. The French team had succeeded in removing the anti-corruption clauses from the fighter contract.

French media house

'Mediapart' published the third and final part of the series on the Rafale deal. It said: "Mediapart has obtained a number of confidential documents from the ED (Indian Enforcement Directorate) case file, which shed new light on the

behind-the-scenes events of the Rafale deal".

"Dassault and Thales paid Sushen Gupta several million euros in secret commissions to offshore accounts and shell companies, using inflated invoices for software

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LAC talks today, India raises friction points

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Ahead of another round of high-level military talks with China, India on Thursday said it would like to see disengagement at remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh that could lead to restoration of peace and tranquillity along the frontier.

The 11th round of Corps Commander talks is scheduled to start at 10.30 am on Friday at the Chushul border point on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, sources in the security establishment said.

Meanwhile, China said India's proposal for restoration of status quo of April

We would like to see disengagement in the remaining areas which would lead to de-escalation in eastern Ladakh and provide conditions for progress of our overall bilateral relationship. MEA

2020 in eastern Ladakh could be discussed at the meeting. — TNS

Elevation: Names of 5 Pb & Hry HC advocates among 45 sent to SC

CHANDIGARH: Forty-five names forwarded to the Supreme Court by the Centre for appointment as HC Judges include five Punjab and Haryana High Court advocates. Available information suggests that the HC is among the 14 of the 25 HCs

across the country to have supported the Supreme Court's proposition to appoint ad hoc judges for tackling the vacancy crisis.

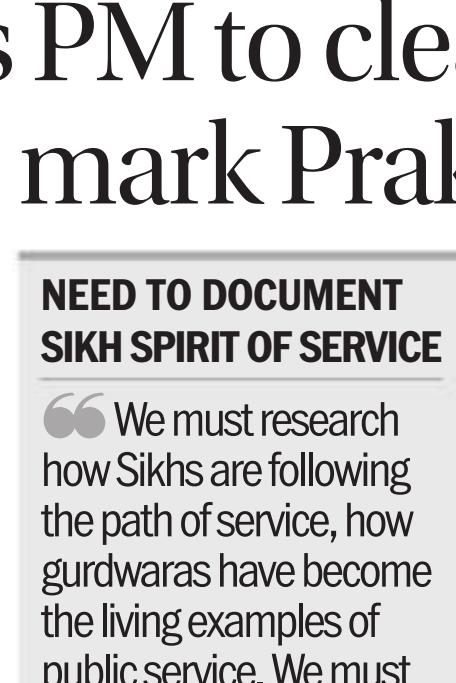
The HC is working at nearly half its strength. It has 46 Judges against sanctioned strength of 85. INSIDE

Capt urges PM to clear ₹937-cr projects to mark Prakash Purb

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh today urged PM Narendra Modi to clear the state's proposal for Rs 937-crore projects, including the development of Anandpur Sahib as Smart City, to pay befitting tribute to 9th Guru Sri Guru Teg Bahadur whose 400th Prakash Purb is being celebrated this year.

Participating virtually in the national committee meeting convened by the PM to finalise plans for the celebrations, the CM said, "I urge PM Modi to



Punjab ministers Manpreet Badal and Vijay Inder Singh in Delhi

NEED TO DOCUMENT SIKH SPIRIT OF SERVICE

We must research how Sikhs are following the path of service, how gurdwaras have become the living examples of public service. We must document this spirit.
Narendra Modi, PM

ensure the event is commemorated not only at the national, but also at the global level." — TNS

Poll results no referendum, says HP CM after Cong win in 2 MCs

SHIMLA, APRIL 8

He said the proposal included projects in and around Anandpur Sahib, Amritsar and Baba Bakala; rejuvenation of ponds in 78 Punjab villages visited by the Guru; setting up Sri Guru Teg Bahadur School of Textile Technology and Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Institute of Handicrafts. Besides Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, ex-PM Manmohan Singh, Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and LoP Mallikarjun Kharge participated in the meeting. — TNS

Clear majority in only one of the four MCs and convincing defeat at the hands of Congress in two has left the ruling BJP perplexed.

While the Congress registered convincing victories in Palampur and Solan, the BJP could win majority only in Mandi. Having failed to win majority on its own in Dharamsala has set the alarm bells ringing for the saffron party. The poll results are being seen as indicative of the shrinking of the BJP's sup-

port base ahead of the Assembly elections and a shot in the arm for the Congress. Trying

to underplay the setback, CM Jai Ram Thakur termed the party's victory in his home-town Mandi as far bigger than that of the Congress in Palampur and Solan. He dismissed the speculation that the poll outcome was a referendum on his government's performance.

Issues like price rise, unemployment and hike in LPG rates emerged as the core issues. Undercutting by some dissidents also damaged the BJP's poll prospects. — TNS

In Pb, 2.33 lakh apply for 1,152 posts of patwari

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

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LURE OF GOVERNMENT JOB

■ A newly recruited patwari gets ₹5,000 as stipend during 18-month training and ₹20,000 after that for first three years
■ The post was once considered lucrative as the official has

access to revenue records

■ With most records now available online, the role of patwaris is said to be diminishing, although the latter claim their job is still significant

received, meaning there are over 200 contenders for every post. While the basic qualification is graduation, among the applicants are M.Phil

degree holders, postgraduates and PhD students.

After the successful completion of training, the patwari gets nearly Rs 20,000 for

the first three years before being

Theft accused dies of Covid

ABO哈尔, APRIL 8 A theft accused, 28, succumbed to Covid-19 last night. A Health Department team cremated the body with the help of members of the Nar Sewa Samiti.

Vinod Kumar of Waryamnagar was arrested on the charges of theft of vehicles and mobile phones. A bike allegedly stolen by him was also recovered.

Before sending him to jail, his Covid test was conducted. His report came positive on March 31. He was sent to the Jalalabad Corona Care Centre. After his health deteriorated, he was referred to Faridkot. He succumbed to the infection last night. The body was brought here today and cremated by following all Covid protocols. — TNS

Let states devise vax strategy: CM to PM

Seeks vaccine for all adults in high-risk areas, liver & kidney disease patients below 45

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WANTS MORE BEDS AT PGI FOR STATE

- The Chief Minister urged the PM to direct central institutions such as IISER, IMTech, AIIMS, Bathinda, and PGI, Chandigarh, to increase RT-PCR testing from Punjab
- PGI, Chandigarh, should be asked to earmark at least 50 Covid ICU beds for patients being referred by the state, he said



WHERE PUNJAB STANDS

40,000	15-20%	325	
TESTS PER DAY	Bed occupancy (Level 2 & 3)	Life support ambulances	
1ST DOSE GIVEN TO	90%	8.9L	
55%	Healthcare workers	Frontline workers	45+ people

Chief Minister apprised the PM of the situation in the state, and the steps taken by

his government to control and manage the disease. He stressed that the UK variant,

which is dominating the second wave in the state, was reported by experts to be more virulent and affecting the youth disproportionately.

In his letter, the CM said his suggestions, some of which had been submitted on March 17 to the PM, were based on the state government's interaction with independent experts.

Amid reports of some states facing vaccine shortage, Capt Amarinder urged the Union Health Ministry to share the schedule for supply of vaccines with the states over the next quarter.

Given that over 80% positive cases found in Punjab were of the UK variant, he sought strengthening of viral sequencing in the state, which had been reporting

around 3,000 cases per day for the past 15 days, with around 8% positivity.

The state currently had around 26,000 active cases with recovery rate of 87.3%, 50-60 deaths a day and around 2% case fatality rate (CFR) in the second surge, which struck the state in the latter half of February this year.

The CM reiterated his earlier request for covering all teachers and staff in educational institutions for vaccination to allow resumption of physical classes once the surge abates. Also, occupation-based immunisation for judges and judicial officers, bus drivers and conductors, elected representatives at all levels, etc. should be allowed to take the vaccination, he stressed.



A man gets the Covid-19 vaccine in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Active cases over 25K, state sixth in country

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56 DEAD IN 24 HRS, BHATTAL TESTS +VE



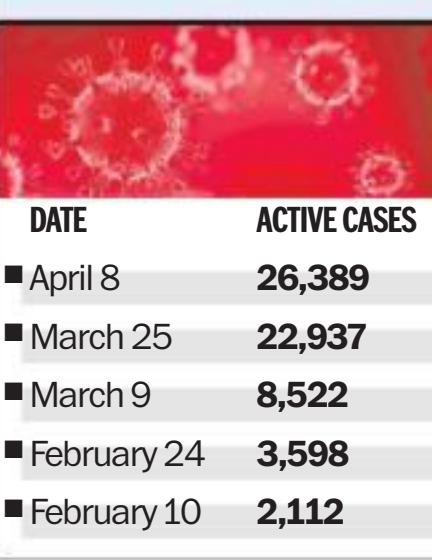
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

The growing number of active Covid-19 cases is a matter of concern for the state government, with the active cases' figure crossing the 25,000 mark.

Punjab is now among the six worst-affected states in the country when it comes to active cases. Till mid February, the number was around 2,000.

As per the latest health bulletin, Punjab's active caseload stands at 26,389. At present, the country has 9.38 lakh active cases. Maharashtra tops with 5.01 lakh active cases, followed by Chhattisgarh (58,883), Karnataka (49,254), Kerala (33,619), Tamil Nadu (30,131).

Though all neighbouring states have witnessed a spike in active Covid cases, their caseload has remained much lower than that of Punjab. In Haryana, the number of active cases stands at 17,129, followed by Jammu and Kashmir (5,623), Himachal Pradesh (4,513) and Chandigarh (3,115).



'I don't want to continue' says doc after assault by villagers

EXTREMELY TRAUMATISED, DISAPPOINTED

“I am extremely traumatised. If this is what I have to face while doing my duty, then I better call it a day. I am also disappointed that no action had been taken so far in the incident.” Medical officer, PATIALA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REOPEN SCHOOLS OR FACE STIR, GOVT TOLD

SANGRUR: Members of various organisations on Thursday organised a march here demanding reopening of schools and colleges. “All have decided to launch an agitation if the Punjab Government fails to reopen schools and colleges,” said Raman Kalajhar, a leader of PSU (Randhawa). TNS

dent despite a complaint to his seniors. Dr Kiran Verma, Senior Medical Officer, Dhadhan Sadhan, said, “The officer was beaten up after he objected to taking of photos of the dead Covid victim because it is against the protocol.”

When asked about filing a complaint with the police, Dr Verma said, “I have verbally informed the Station House

Officer who assured me of action.” The Julian SHO said he was not aware of the incident, but he could take action only after a complaint. Villagers were reportedly upset at the death of 55-year-old Charu Kaur.

Patiala Civil Surgeon Dr Satinder Singh said, “The SMO told me he had already filed a complaint.”

Block hate tweets, SGPC asks Twitter

AMRITSAR, APRIL 8

Taking cognisance of hate comments, the SGPC has asked Twitter to block the gateway through which remarks against the Sikh community were being posted. In a letter to Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur has equated the “direct and deleterious hate-filled” tweets

Equates them with anti-Jew propaganda

against the Sikhs with the anti-Jew propaganda of the Nazis. She has asked him to instruct his India team to monitor, flag and remove hate-filled tweets and block such Twitter handles.

Kaur said tweets against the Sikhs were the result of farmers’ agitation against the central farm laws. — TNS

Ashu: Token system for wheat procurement

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

The procurement of wheat will begin in Punjab from April 10. All necessary arrangements have been made. This was stated by Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu today.

He said during the current season, the procurement agencies as well as the FCI would procure wheat on the fixed MSP of Rs 1,975. The Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Department of the state had expressed the possibility of the arrival of 130 lakh metric tonne of wheat in view of which the targets of procurement had been fixed between various agencies such as Pungrain (8.5 lakh MT) while around 121.5 lakh MT wheat will be purchased by Markfed, Punsup, Warehouse and FCI

Sikh spirit of service must be researched, documented: PM

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for research and documentation of the Sikh spirit of service and the evolution of Gurdwaras as living centres of public service.

Addressing a high-level committee meeting to plan the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Teg Bahadur virtually today, the PM said the government will give a fitting tribute to the ninth Sikh Guru whose life was an example of sacrifice and wisdom.

He sought written suggestions from committee members on yearlong celebrations of the government plans.

The PM said no segment of Indian history in the last four centuries was such as could be imagined without the impact of Guru Teg Bahadur.

“He gave us the mantra of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting in New Delhi. PTI

CENTRE WILL GIVE FITTING TRIBUTE

“The Centre will give a fitting tribute to the ninth Sikh Guru whose life is an example of sacrifice and wisdom. We are blessed to have the opportunity to contribute to this historical occasion.” Narendra Modi, PM

equality, simplicity and sacrifice. It is our duty to take this lesson to everyone,” he said

Stressing the use of digital technologies to spread the

message of the Guru, the PM said, “We must research how Sikhs are following the path of service. We must document this spirit of service.” — TNS

Open museum on Guru Teg Bahadur, SAD urges Centre

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today requested that a world-class museum be established in Delhi to showcase the life of Guru Teg Bahadur on the occasion of his 400th birth anniversary. He also called for withdraw-

Wants cases against farmers withdrawn

ing all cases against farmers as well as youths which had been registered in connection with the ‘kisan andolan’ in the spirit of ‘sarbat da bhala’.

Participating in the high-level committee meeting, he said the proposed museum should be on the lines of the Virasat-i-Khalsa. Sukhbir also urged that the birth anniversary of Guru Sahib on May 1 should be observed as National Integration Day. — TNS

Experts to examine chemical parameters



Contaminated water in a stretch of Gang (Bikaner) canal. TRIBUNE PHOTO

along with it dead fish as well,” they said.

Kisan Sangharsh Samiti spokesperson Subhash Sehgal said the Centre and the state had been approached many times in the past 20 years over the unchecked release of chemical waste and sewerage water into the Sutlej and the Beas. The National Green Tribunal had fined the Punjab Government.

Superintending Engineer Bal Ram Sharma said samples of water had been sent to the state lab in Jaipur. Experts will examine the chemical parameters, he said.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th April, 2021

S.O. 1461 (E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. No. 4764(E) Dated 29.12.2020, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction of Toll Plaza Maintenance, management and operation of NH707 (Old NH-72B) on the stretch of land from Km 97 to Km 106.12 (Guma - Fediz Section) in the district of SHIMLA in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in Hindi “Amar Ujala” and English “The Tribune” both dated 02.01.2021 ; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE
Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH707 in the stretch of land from Km 97 to Km 106.12 (Guma - Fediz Section) in the district of SHIMLA in the state of HIMACHAL PRADESH

State: HIMACHAL PRADESH		District: SHIMLA				
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person	Part Survey No.
1	171	Government	Chargah	2.4546	Government of Himachal Pradesh	171/1
2	172	Government	Bakhal Doyam	0.0168	Government of Himachal Pradesh	172
3	334	Government	Chargah	0.7619	Government of Himachal Pradesh	334/1
4	548	Government	Chargah	0.167	Government of Himachal Pradesh	548/1
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[F. No. MoRTH PIU-P.S./L.A./2020-21/054/3D]						
RAJESH GUPTA, Director						

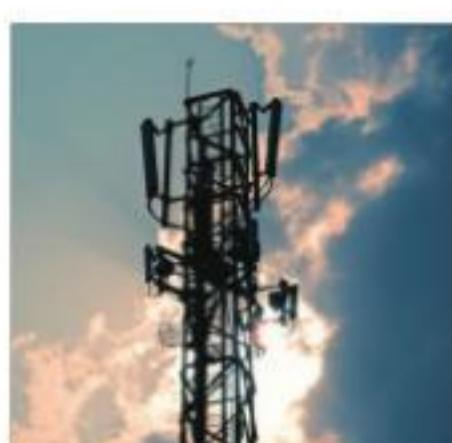
Monitor erection of mobile towers in state: HC to panel

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8 Just over a month after the Punjab and Haryana High Court sent alarm bells ringing among mobile service providers by staying the installation of towers atop residential buildings in the state of Punjab, it today ordered the setting up of a high-powered committee for detailed examination of the issue.

The Division Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh directed that the panel, comprising senior IAS officer KAP Sinha, IPS officer Parbodh Kumar and Punjab Legal Remembrance, would monitor all the activities pertaining to the erection of towers in Punjab during the petition's pendency.

The panel was also direct-



DETAILED STUDY NEEDED

The Bench asserted it felt that the matter required a detailed examination. The question whether alternative mode without using the buildings roofs, particularly residential in nature, was required to be answered.

ed to submit a status report, in sealed cover if required, by May last week. "The committee shall ensure that no activity which is violative of the Indian Telegraph Right of Way Rules, 2016, or instructions laid down (by the Punjab Government) there under is undertaken," the Bench asserted.

The committee was also given the liberty to point out any deficiencies, which came to their notice and any sugges-

tions for improvement/innovation required to be incorporated in the instructions. The Bench also directed keeping in abeyance the stay order dated March 3 till the next date of hearing.

The directions came after Punjab Additional Advocate-General Anu Chaturai did not express hesitation regarding the setting up of the high-powered committee for monitoring further erection of towers, laying down optical fibre

on the buildings, checking violation of rules or haphazard manner of erection.

Referring to the application seeking vacation of stay, the Bench added it was required to be noticed that the prayer was neither opposed by the Centre or the state. Their only plea was that the applicant service provider should act within the four corners of the law, the 2016-Rules framed by the Government of India and instructions issued by the Government of Punjab.

Appearing for one of the parties, senior advocate Chetan Mittal during the course of hearing submitted that the importance of mobile phones had increased manifold following the Covid outbreak. Even schools and other institutions were functioning due to such connectivity.

Love-stricken woman headed to Pak nabbed

RAVI DHALIWAL

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DERA BABA NANAK, APRIL 8

The botched love story of a Odisha-based woman has become the talk of the town with the Batala police earning kudos for handing over the girl to her family along with Rs 25-lakh jewellery she was carrying with her.

A few months ago, Himandari Tanya Tripathi (25), married to a businessman and the mother of a five-year-old daughter, got in touch with Islamabad-based youth Mohammad Wasim through a social media site. Cupid struck, following which the boy asked her to come to the Kartarpur gurdwara in Pakistan using the corridor at Dera Baba Nanak.

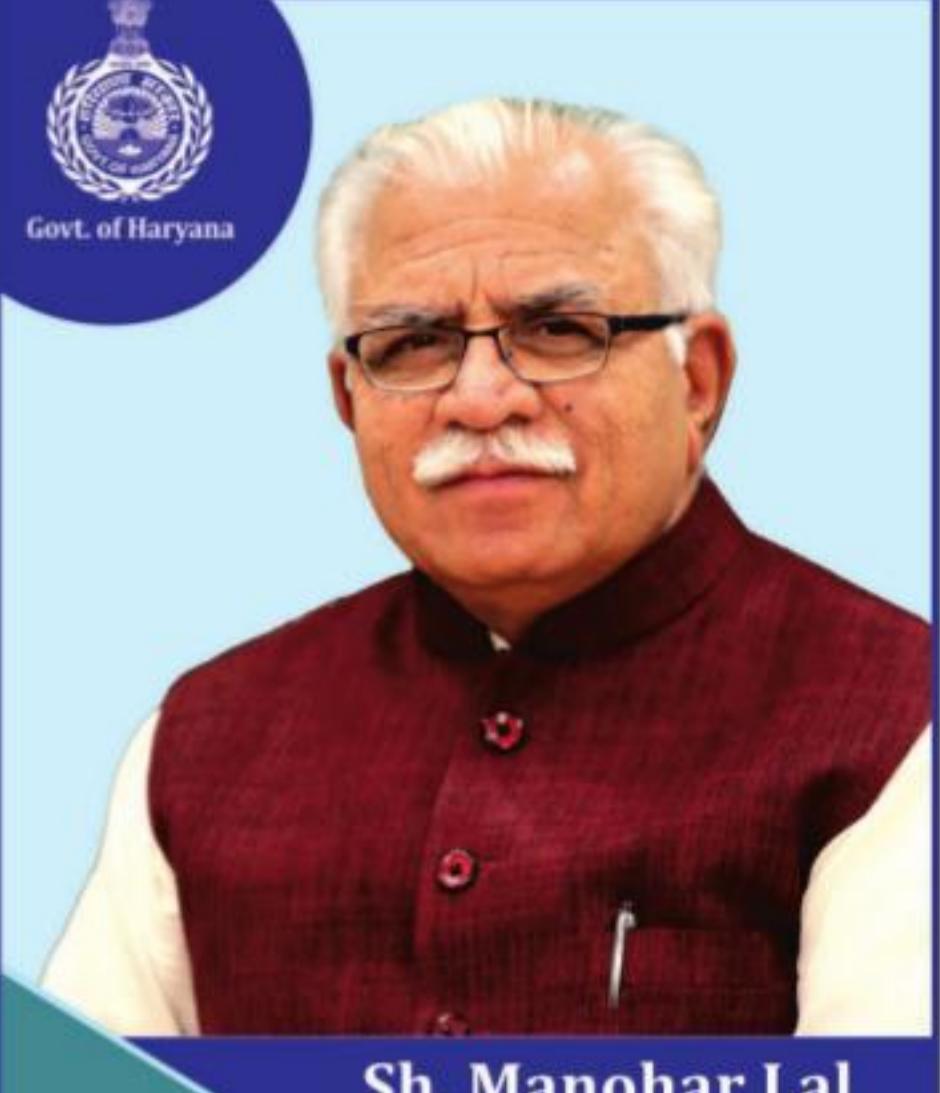
On Tuesday, she took a bus from Delhi for Jalandhar. She arrived in Amritsar at night.

Early on Wednesday, she

Odisha girl wanted to visit Kartarpur shrine to meet youth

boarded a bus to Dera Baba Nanak and landed at the corridor which, in any case, has been lying inoperative since March last year. Once there, she asked a man how she could reach Pakistan using the corridor. The man, who turned out to be a cop in civvies, intimated Batala SSP Rachpal Singh who asked DSP Kanwalpreet Singh and SHO Anil Pawar to question her. The cops initially did not believe her love story. Later, when she spoke to Wasim in their presence, they realised that she was telling the truth.

Pawar got in touch with the girl's father and husband who reached here last night and took her back.



Sh. Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

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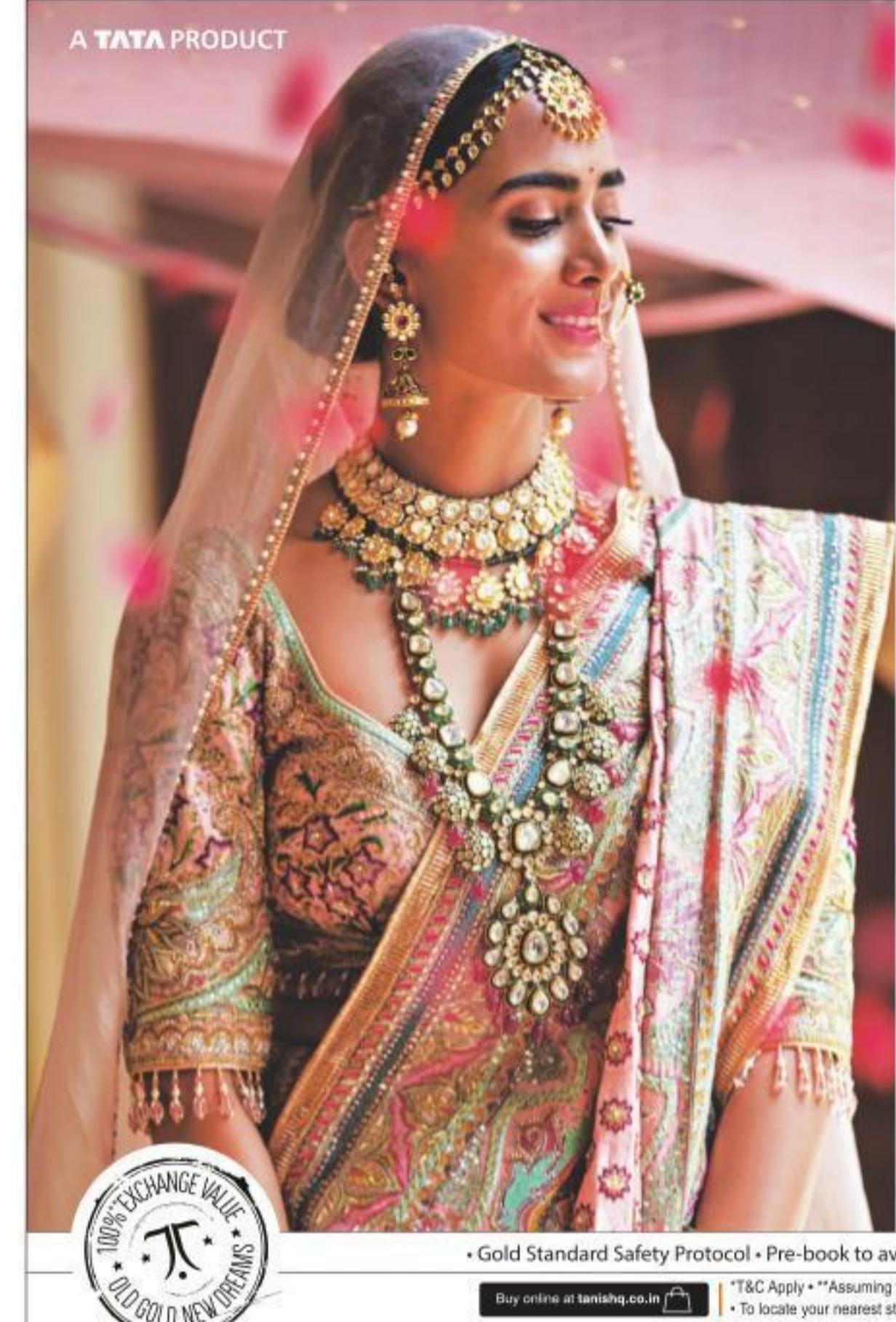


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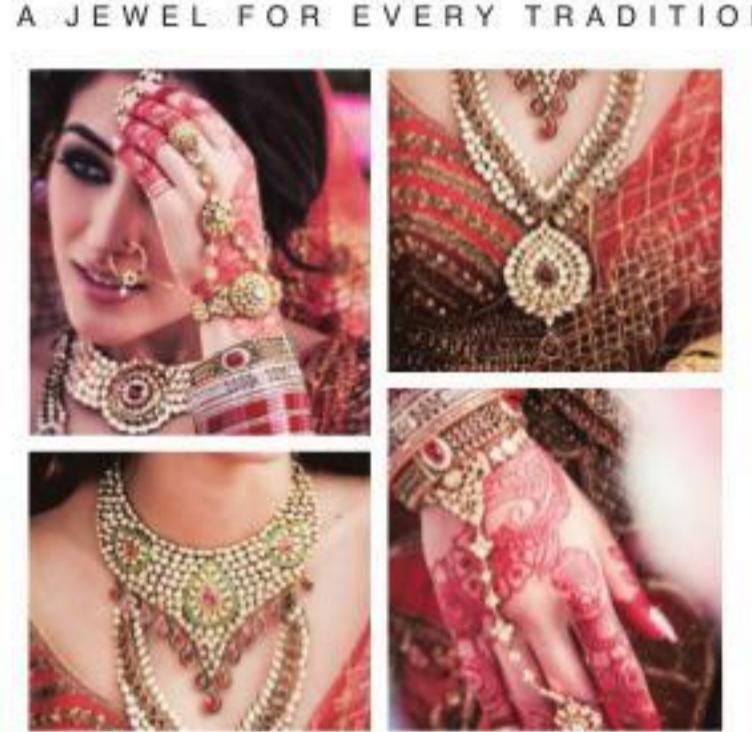


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I, Suman Devi w/o Sh. Shamsher Singh r/o Village Kheri Sikander Tehsil Pundri Distt. Kaithal, have changed my name to Suman Lata. Concerned note. (CL21002803)

I, Narinder Kumar s/o Sh. Durga Dass born on 15.12.1974, residing at Village & Post Office Laha, Tehsil Naraingarh, District Ambala, Haryana, Pin 134203, has changed my name to Narendar Kumar (CL21002819)

I, Beena w/ Charan Singh r/o # 25, Indra Awassi Colony, Ramdarbar, Phase-I, Chandigarh have changed my name to Tashvi. (CL21002863)

I, Mohd Ayub s/o Rafik Ahmad # 1397 Vikas Nagar, Mouli Jagran, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Mohamad Ayub. (CL21003184)

I, Rahul Rawat s/o Vijaypal Singh Rawat r/o Block B1-502, Maya Garden City, Nagla road, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Ph). declare that the name of my father has wrongly been mentioned as Vijay Rawat in my school records. It may be corrected as Vijaypal Singh Rawat. (CL21002867)

I, Sarabjeet Kaur alias Rosy alias Sarabjeet Kaur Banga alias Sarabjeet Kaur Bhatia w/o Sr Gurmeet Singh (do Sr Rajan Singh Banga) r/o 3D/5B/P NIT Faridabad, have changed my name to Sarabjeet Kaur for all future purposes. (CL21002911)

I, Manju Rani w/o Jagdish, 445, Sector 20, HUDA, Sirsa, have changed name to Anju Phutela. (CL21002955)

I, Shashi Puri D/o Lt. Sh. Kesav Dass r/o H.No. 282, Sector 41-A, G.F., Chandigarh-160036 declare that I had disowned my son Sidharth Puri and his wife Neha Arha & their son Mridul in The Tribune publication on 27.09.2020. Now, they are under my control and they have full rights in my moveable/immoveable property. (CL21003021)

I, Pritihi Pal Singh alias Pirthi Pal Singh s/o Kanhaiya Singh r/o # 678, Phase-2, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-160055 have changed my name to Pritihi Pal Singh. (CL21003022)

I, Tulsi Devi w/o Inder Sain r/o # 1126, 29-B, Chandigarh declare that my daughter Anuradha is out of my control. I disown her from all my moveable/immoveable property. I shall no be responsible for any of her acts and anybody dealing with her shall do so at their own risk. (CL21003030)

I, Vishav Kiran w/o Shri Ajay Kumar, resident of Lamini Pathankot, Tehsil and Distt. Pathankot affirm and declare that my Aadhar Card and other documents/proof my name Vishav Kiran buy my matriculation certificate name is written as Vishav Kiran. My actual and correct name Vishav Kiran. Kindly note. (CL21003085)

I, Army No. 1468008K Rank Hav. Satish Kumar Sah, Unit HQ CIC(K) c/o 56 APO, want to correct DOB of my son being wrongly mentioned in my service record from 11.04.2016 to 11.03.2016. (CL21003102)

I, Jasprender Singh residing. Mohalla Pathana Wala, Ward 3, Naranigarth (Ambala), have changed my minor son's name Anahad Singh to Anahad Singh Bhatia. Concerned note. (CL21003106)

I, Manju Rani w/o JC-38393W Sub Surinder Pal Unit -27 Mtn Div. Sig Regt c/o 99 APO, r/o Village Ferozepur, PO Behbal Manj, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab), Pin -144306 declare that in my husband service record my D.O.B. written wrong i.e. 20.09.1973 instead of 20.09.1970. (CL21003133)

I, Ex No. 15372777X Rank Honey Sub Santokh Singh s/o Sher Singh, VPO Gondpur Banehra Upper, Tehsil Ghanari, District Una HP, declare that my son's name wrongly entered in my service record as Arun whereas his correct name is Arun Minhas. Concerned note. (CL21003176)

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of
Sh. Kushal Singla
Civil Judge Jr. Div.,
Chandigarh.
Tanish
Vs.
General Public
CNR No.:
CHCH02-003023-2020
Next Date: 04.05.2021
For declaration and
Mandatory Injunction.
Publication issued to:
General Public

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 04.05.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of
Sh. Deepak Kumar Choudhary
Principal Judge, Family Court,
Baba Bakala.

CNR No.:
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CIS No.: HMA/124/2019
Next Date: 27.04.2021
Poonamdeep Kaur
...Plaintiff
Versus
Rajwinder Singh
...Respondent

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Rajwinder Singh s/o Balwinder Singh VPO Khanpur, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib, Distt. Amritsar C/o Victoria Success Overseas, SCO 179, 2nd Floor Sector 37-C, Chandigarh.

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants above noted cannot be served in the ordinary way of service. Hence this publication under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC is hereby issued against him/her/them and he/she/they should appear personally or through his/her/ their counsel on 27.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m. failing which exparte proceedings shall be taken against him/her/them.

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Principal Judge Family Court,
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CL21003071
Annexure A
In the Court of
Sh. Munish Garg, PCS,
Addl. Civil Judge, (Sr. Div.),
Patti.

CM-9/2020
CNR No.: PBTTA0-000064-2020
Suit No.: 5 D01 22.01.2020
Next Date: 28.04.2021

1. Ravinder Kaur wife of Varinder Singh (Daughter of Resham Singh) resident of House No. 160, Mohalla Beant Nagar, PO PAP Lines, Teh. and Distt. Jalandhar.

....(Applicants)

Versus

1. Varinder Singh son of Dilbag Singh son of Sawinder Singh r/o Village Bainta, Teh. Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran at present serving in Army SPR No. 18007853, 72 Bengal Engineer C/o 56 APO. Pin 914072.

....(Respondents)

Application Under Order 9 Rule 13 read with Section 151 of Civil Procedure Code for setting aside the Ex-parte order dated 28.08.2019 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the Petition US 9 of Hindu Marriage Act 1955 for restitution of Conjugal Rights, titled as "Varinder Singh Vs. Ravinder Kaur".

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No proper arrangements for farmers in markets: Hooda

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

PANIPAT/KARNAL, APRIL 8
Former Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda said here today that the state government had failed to make proper arrangements for farmers even though it had announced to start procurement on April 1. He visited the grain market here to take stock of the procurement process. He also interacted with farmers about their problems.



Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda at the Karnal grain market.

STOP NEW EXPERIMENTS

The farmers, who are reaching the market with their crops, are being harassed in the name of moisture & non-registration on the web portal due to server issue. The government should not do new experiments with them every day.

Bhupinder Singh Hooda, FORMER CM

Taking a dig at the government, he said the farmers, who were reaching the market with their crops, were being harassed in the name of moisture and non-registration on the web portal due to server issue. The government should cooperate with the farmers and not do new experiments with them every day.

Hooda opposed the decision to reduce the standard limit of moisture in wheat from 14 per cent to 12 per cent.

Earlier, wheat with moisture up to 14 per cent was procured.

Earlier 0.75 per cent mixed quantity (rye, mustard, chaff) was allowed in a quintal, but this has been reduced to 0.50% or 500 grams in a quintal this time, he said.

The former CM said the government was continuously increasing input farm costs and trying to mislead farmers by promising to double their income. Representatives of the Haryana Arthiya Association also met Hooda and told him that the government had assured them to leave the payment decision to the farmers.

Meanwhile, he met farmers and arthiyas in Karnal also.

DIG reinstated, FIR cancelled

AMBALA, APRIL 8
DIG Ashok Kumar, who was suspended after being booked for a spat with minister Anil Vij's brother Kapil Vij in February this year, has been reinstated with immediate effect and posted as DIG (State Vigilance Bureau), Ambala.

Was suspended after spat with Vij's kin

An order in this regard was issued on Thursday by Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Haryana, Rajeev Arora.

The FIR lodged at the Ambala cantonment police station against the DIG has been cancelled. A cancellation report was presented in the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Ambala in this regard.

The DIG's advocate Satinder Singh Garg said, "The matter has been resolved between the two."

The DIG and the minister's brother came face-to-face at Sirhind club. — TNS

Avoid investing in SRS projects in 3 dists: Govt

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 8
Against the backdrop of the ongoing Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation, the Haryana Government has sounded a warning to the investors to desist from investing in 14 projects of the realty major SRS Group, falling in three districts of Faridabad, Palwal and Rewari in the NCR.

"The general public should not invest any money for the purchase of plot, flat, floor or make any further payment to the coloniser against property already booked by them in the licensed colonies of the SRS Group," K Makrand Pandurang, Haryana's Director, Town and Country Planning, said.

While six projects each are in Faridabad and Palwal districts, two are within the jurisdiction of Rewari district in the vicinity of New Delhi. The projects include residential group housing and affordable housing projects. — TNS

3 bogies catch fire in Rohtak

TRENT NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, APRIL 8
Three bogies of the Rohtak-Delhi MEMU stationed at the Rohtak railway station got damaged in a fire that broke out on Thursday. No loss of life was reported. The train was to depart for Delhi at 4:10 pm.

"Six fire tenders were pressed into service, which took over an hour to douse the flames. The diesel tank of the train had caught fire," said an official of the Fire Brigade Department.

The Tribune

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Open vaccination for all

Approve more vaccines, ramp up production

WITH the daily Covid caseload crossing the 1.25-lakh mark, India is deep in the throes of the second wave of the pandemic. Considering how last year's nationwide lockdown wreaked havoc on millions of lives and livelihoods, another such sledgehammer blow is ruled out, even as states such as Maharashtra, Punjab and Delhi have started reimposing restrictions — night curfew, partial shutdown, ban on gatherings — in a desperate bid to contain the virus. It's clear that all-encompassing vaccination holds the key to arresting the slide. While the Centre has so far confined the inoculation drive to frontline health workers, the elderly and the middle-aged, the vulnerability of young people has been underlined by *The Tribune* report which says that around 13 per cent of the Covid fatalities in the tricity (Chandigarh-Mohali-Panchkula) since the outbreak of the pandemic in March 2020 were below 45 years.

The rate of vaccination needs to be improved drastically. The slanging match between the Centre and non-BJP-ruled states over alleged irregularities in vaccination and vaccine supply is deplorable. Political one-upmanship amid a health emergency will only worsen the situation. Enhancing the production of approved vaccines is the need of the hour. The Serum Institute of India, the world's biggest vaccine manufacturer, has sought a grant of around Rs 3,000 crore to ramp up Covishield production capacity. The Centre should have no hesitation in opening its coffers for this life-saving venture. It's also imperative to fast-track emergency use authorisation for other vaccines, such as Sputnik V. The Russian Direct Investment Fund has tied up with Indian firms to manufacture 700-750 million doses of this vaccine. Timely go-ahead to Sputnik V can give a fillip to India's inoculation programme.

The importance of Covid-appropriate behaviour can't be overemphasised. Even as five phases of the eight-phase West Bengal elections are still left, political parties should be penalised for holding 'superspreader' congregations in states that are not poll-bound. Punjab has imposed a ban on such gatherings now, almost a month after top politicians started holding rallies across the state. Social and religious assemblies should also be a strict no-no for the time being.

Job quota for locals

Haryana must relook at the self-defeating law

WITHIN a month of coming up with a law — in early March — that mandates as much as 75 per cent reservation for local domiciles in jobs paying up to Rs 50,000 per month in private sector units with over 10 employees each in Haryana, the state government is constrained to adopt a cautious approach to its policy. The reasons for the shift are many and all are good. Being exclusionist and against the grain of equal opportunity for all, it fails judicial scrutiny. The other states that have adopted this line — Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh — are either battling a challenge in the court or having trouble implementing it.

There has been widespread opposition from industry that has flagged concerns of adverse economic ramifications, especially in the booming IT-BPM hub of Gurugram and Manesar Plus, the compliance of this norm raises the spectre of the dreaded inspector raj. If Haryana bulldozes its new quota into companies looking to hire staff largely on considerations of merit, it risks losing its golden goose. With almost 70 per cent of the state's annual economic investments, Gurugram accounts for a major chunk of the revenue. Haryana cannot ignore any policy that is regressive or has the potential to rock its fiscal boat. The new legislation may force some industries to relocate and discourage the existing ones from expanding and growing and new ones from setting shop. The ominous boding of a shrinking of private jobs that such a scenario entails cannot be overlooked.

The policy is thus self-defeating and merits a relook. It was enacted in view of the fact that Haryana has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country and public sector jobs are on the wane. While keeping the reservation in government jobs to the constitutional limit of 50 per cent, focus needs to be on addressing the challenge of job creation as also the unemployability of the youth. Even as migrants vie for jobs in their area, it needs to be ensured that the Haryanvis get access to quality education that enables them to have the competitive edge.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both. — Dwight D Eisenhower

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

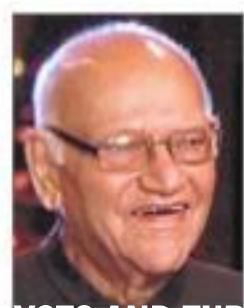
LAHORE, SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1921

A GLARING CONTRAST.

THE Punjab question may be stated in three sentences. Should the Government allow the unhappy memory of the Punjab episode of April-May, 1919, to remain green or should it restore the status quo among other things by releasing the persons now in jail? Should the Government judge its offending officers by the same or by a different standard to that by which it has judged offending members of the public and even if it does not choose to punish them, should it not at least refrain from thrusting them upon the very people whom they so humiliated and oppressed and, in the graver case, from saddling the people with the cost of their maintenance? What assurance is the Government prepared to give that even if the unfortunate events that took place about two years ago recur, there shall not be a repetition of Jallianwala Bagh and similar other official atrocities? As regards the first two questions, we have already pointed out the glaring contrast between the Government's attitude in the two cases, its unwillingness or inability, first, to deal with the offending officers as it has dealt with the offending members of the public, and secondly to apply the same maxim of "forgive and forget" in the case of the martial law prisoners, who are still in jail, that it is never tired of asking the people to apply to its own officers. It will not do to say that while one of the two classes of offenders were actually convicted by courts of law, the other were only found by a Commission or by the Executive Government to have been guilty of "errors of judgement". An atrocity like the Jallianwala Bagh incident does not become an error of judgement merely by being called by that name, and it is no fault of the people that the officials in question were never placed on their trial.

Games politicians play

The unholy neta-police-criminal nexus must be broken



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



WHAT NEXT? The developments throw up more questions than answers. PTI

If it's true that NCP chief Sharad Pawar had met Amit Shah in Ahmedabad, the Waze saga could take a more dramatic turn.

GIving its judgment in a clutch of PILs filed before it, the Bombay High Court has very correctly directed the CBI to inquire into the accusation by ousted Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh against the state Home Minister that the latter had summoned two junior officials of the Crime Branch and demanded that they collect Rs 10 crore per month from liquor bars and other such operators and deposit the money with him.

The accusation may be true, though figures could be exaggerated. It is not uncommon for Home Ministers in Maharashtra to summon Inspectors and instruct them on 'official' matters. All instructions should be channelised through the CP but no CP has the gall to tell the minister that he should not break the chain of command. Param Bir himself, when he was a middle-ranking officer, used to visit the office of the ACS (Home) and remain closeted there for lengths of time.

The court felt that the CBI was an 'independent' body. That is in stark contrast to the opinion of the SC which had famously dubbed the agency a 'caged parrot'. The agency will surely book Anil Deshmukh because the BJP is hell-bent on toppling the coalition government in Maharashtra. But will it also expose Param Bir if he, too, had been a collaborator before he was fired? Will it also expose the sins of the City Police's Crime Branch after its Commissioner brought in Sachin Waze to be his hatchet man? Param Bir is back in the BJP camp now, after his diatribe against Deshmukh. That would provide the protection he needs.

Param Bir has some difficult questions to answer. How did Waze get rein-

stated after 13 years under suspension? Why was he posted in the Crime Branch instead of being put on Covid-related duties, on which excuse he was sought to be reinstated? Why was he given independent charge of the crime intelligence unit, a position normally held by a senior Inspector? Why was he allowed to report to the Commissioner instead of his hierarchical superiors?

There are some more tricky questions! Did Param Bir know of Waze's plan to plant a car with gelatin sticks and a threat letter near Ambani's house? Waze, an Assistant Inspector, could not have conceived of this plan. Did Param Bir know that Waze arrived and left his office in the Commissioner's compound in a Mercedes car? If he knew this, what was his advice to Waze? Did he know that Waze operated from a room in a five-star hotel? If he did not know these facts, now established in the NIA's investigations, was he truly in charge of matters? His control over a former 'encounter specialist' reporting to him alone was lax!

Sanjay Pande, the senior-most IPS officer in the state, known for his scrupulous honesty, was entrusted by the Home Minister with some delicate inquiries concerning his IPS colleagues. He now alleges that Param Bir had requested him to close one such

inquiry, and Pande says that he has recorded this conversation. This revelation has added fresh grist to a drama which shows no sign of subsiding. What can the public make of this sordid affair involving crucial players in the security management system of this metropolis? Should the politicians and the police leaders be allowed to play around with people's lives?

Rashmi Shukla, another senior IPS officer in her capacity of Commissioner (Intelligence), had intercepted conversations between IPS and state service officers with the Home Minister where postings and cash for transfers had been discussed. Rumours about this were floating around police circles. Now, it is in the public domain.

If it is true that NCP supremo Sharad Pawar had met Amit Shah in Ahmedabad, prior to checking into hospital for gallbladder surgery, the Waze saga could take a more dramatic turn. Waze's benefactor Param Bir had taken back into service another dismissed 'encounter specialist', Pradip Sharma, in 2017, when Param Bir was CP, Thane. Param Bir's penchant for gun-toting police officers was known to his colleagues and even to the public.

The first joust between Pawar and Shah was won by Sharad Pawar. After getting his nephew Ajit off the hook in

the multi-crore irrigation scam, a farce was enacted in Raj Bhavan by making the state's Governor at the crack of dawn to swear in a BJP-NCP government, with Ajit as Deputy CM in the Devendra Fadnavis-led coalition government. It lasted till lunch was served that same afternoon.

The Director of the Anti-Corruption Bureau who had obliged both Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar was Param Bir, the very same who was later elevated to the prized post of Police Commissioner of Mumbai. He was removed a year later because of Waze's gaffe in mishandling an insane plot to part Ambani from his money! Param Bir had helped Fadnavis in the past by addressing a press conference in his capacity as ADGP (Law and Order) to justify the arrests of the left-wing intellectuals in the Bhima-Koregaon case. In the normal course, this press meet should have been called at Pune and addressed by that city's then Police Commissioner, Dr KK Venkatesh. Obviously, Fadnavis reposed more trust in Param Bir, who was not directly involved in the investigations.

Sharad Pawar's meeting with Shah, if it did happen, would necessarily touch on the allegations of the demand for a monthly pay-off made by Param Bir against Deshmukh. The NIA had got involved in the investigation of the car with the gelatin sticks by floating a tale of an Islamic terror cell set up in Delhi's high-security Tihar Jail. The CBI, controlled by the Centre, has been asked by the Bombay High Court to inquire into the demand of the pay-off. All cards fall neatly into Shah's hands!

And Sharad Pawar knows his task is cut out for him. If he is about to strike a bargain with the BJP to topple the Shiv Sena-led government, the fate of Param Bir will again hang by a thread. He is a clever operator, but politicians thirsting for power and revenge are a dangerous lot. If Param Bir has to face the combined might of a Sharad Pawar and an Amit Shah, the battle will take a one-way trajectory. The public and the police of this city are waiting with bated breath. The politician-police-criminal nexus needs to be broken.

For the love of hankies

RITU KUMAR

NOSTALGIA gripped my mind as I arranged the wardrobe of my daughter-in-law. Looking contentedly at the neat pile of assorted clothes, I was reminded of the suitcase my mother packed for me at my wedding. Handkerchiefs scented with rosewater and adorned with precious embroidery were a huge part of dowry. My mother kept a vibrantly embroidered hanky with every sari. So, I have a warm association with them.

Nevertheless, hankies always had an important place in our lives. Teachers used to check whether students had hankies or not in their pockets in schools. We used to play games with them, making paper boats and aeroplanes, etc. I used to

iron my grandfather's hankies and earn pocket money. In buses, 'a spread hanky' on a seat indicated a 'booked seat'. No one dared to shave it aside. Knots were put in hankies to remember something. They were waved to say goodbye to one another. Even today, a hanky serves as a good luck charm, fashion accessory, a gift and also as a mask in times of Covid.

Throughout history, there have been very few items used for multiple purposes. Among them, hankies have an interesting story both as decorative pieces of clothing as well as a means of communication between lovers. Originally known as 'kerchief', the word 'hand' was prefixed to it in the 16th century when people began to wipe their faces with it. Perhaps the earliest reference to hanky

comes from Catullus (87-57 BC) in his poems. They became a fashion trend in France where they were called 'couvrechief' (headgear). During the Renaissance, the hanky became an essential accessory, as is apparent from the words of Erasmus, 'To wipe your nose on your sleeve is boorish.'

The popularity of hankies boomed in Europe after Othello gave a hanky, brought from the East to Desdemona. When Othello discovered it in another man's possession, it led to death all around. In the Victorian era, women dropped hankies while walking past men. The young men would pick, return and romantic affairs began.

The girls used to embroider the initials of their husband's name on the hankies and they were never used, but kept as remembrance.

Picking up a few flowers from the garden of my reveries made me buy some hand-embroidered hankies for my daughter-in-law. Recently, as both of us sat re-arranging her wardrobe, I saw a box of tissues lying near them. She told me that she found the hankies so beautiful that she didn't feel like spoiling them. They are to be kept as souvenirs, as use-and-throw tissues came as handy wipers, she felt.

Well, change is constant. Following the arrival of paper tissues, cotton hankies have lost their popularity. Now, the tissue-box sellers can be seen at traffic lights doing brisk business. But somehow, my husband and I remain loyal devotees of the old hankies for wiping everything, from dust to dirt, and tears to sweat.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The French connection

The phoenix of corruption rises again in a defence deal. Middlemen exist in every system in our society, and they are hard to eliminate. You may lower the percentage of kickbacks, but you can't completely do away with them. Be it defence deals, getting work done at a clerical level, darshan at temples, or arthiyas, the government may try to regulate the middlemen, but it is impossible to weed them out. It is imperative to bring the corrupt in the open so that the nation knows who received the money, not like the Bofors scam, where the investigation itself cost many times the bribe, and remained inconclusive!

SANDEEP CHAUDHRI, KARNAL

Poll rallies as usual

Refer to 'Curfew no solution'; when the pandemic began, the lockdown and curfew proved very effective. Now, in spite of grave danger to life, people are totally disregarding Covid norms. Can challan people for not wearing masks help? When the PM and Home Minister are attending election rallies without wearing masks, how can they urge people to wear masks and avoid crowds? Are election rallies immune to Covid? We

are making a mockery of our democracy and showing the world that ministers can violate any rule and code of conduct. Only an ordinary citizen is challaned Rs 2,000 for not wearing a mask. Politicians must show self-discipline.

CAPT AMAR JEET (RETD), MOHALI

DBT for farmers

Apropos of 'DBT ensures transparency', by implementing this system, the government aims to assess the income of farmers so that at a later date it could be brought under the income tax regime. In the past, too, a few voices advocated to bring agriculture under the ambit of industrial laws. The Punjab Government has been resisting direct payment, even though this system was launched by the Congress-led government at the Centre in 2013. The NDA has only expanded its scope. But of late, the Punjab Government seems to be dithering on this in the wake of the obstinate stand of the Centre. To allay the fears of farmers, the government must convince them that agriculture would not be brought under income tax laws as agriculture nowhere in the world can sustain without financial assistance.

COL KULDIP S GREWAL (RETD), PATIALA

Middlemen in agriculture

There is no reason to oppose the move by the Central government to make payments directly to farmers for their produce, eliminating middlemen. The government should, however, also take care of the arthiyas and the survival of mandis and their infrastructure. The arthiyas also play a vital role in the procurement process. Service charges after deduction from payments of farmers may directly be given to the middlemen. The lack of mutual trust between the agrarian class and the present government jeopardises the process of reforms in the agriculture sector.

DEEPAK, BY MAIL

Interest on small savings

Apropos of 'Flip-flop on rate cut', the reversal of the decision to reduce interest on small savings schemes, within a day, highlights the flaws of the current approach to setting interest rates. Small savings schemes have been of great benefit to the Centre and states. Their popularity shows how important they are as a risk-free long-term savings option for people. Interest rates on these schemes need to be linked to the monetary policy, but the current

formula is suboptimal. We are in the midst of a spell of financial repression to boost growth and help government borrowings. But if savers are taken for granted, there will be a higher risk of financial instability. The formula needs to be reworked to cushion savers from the fallout of financial repression. That will be better than the seeming arbitrariness in the resetting of interest rates.

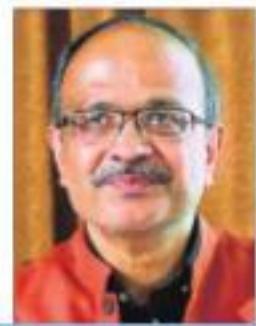
EL SINGH, BY MAIL

Develop Naxal areas

Left-wing extremism has been a serious threat to our internal security for decades. The recent ambush in Chhattisgarh should once again make our politicians introspect on the policies meant to deal with the Naxal movement. Maoist-infested areas are the most backward districts of our country with a low literacy rate. Social and economical inequalities sow the seeds of dissent. Development with emphasis on building schools, colleges, hospitals and roads in these low socio-economic areas is the only way to eradicate the ideology of Naxalism from the minds of the oppressed people and bring them into the mainstream.

AMANDEEP BAINS, KURUKSHETRA

Covid endgame not without jabs, safeguards



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AFTER a lull, the coronavirus has hit back. The numbers are rising in many states and the highest single day rise in new cases nationally has surpassed the peak reported in September 2020.

Experts had predicted a second and possibly a third wave right at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 because waves are a recurring theme of pandemics. The influenza pandemic of 1918 occurred in three waves spread over two years. A surge in the number of cases, with a clearly defined peak, makes a new wave. The waves may surface in different parts of the world at different times, but their duration and magnitude are highly unpredictable. The severity or lack of it in a new wave may differ vastly. For instance, the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in Africa was slower than in the rest of the world while the second one is turning out to be more aggressive and severe. Canada is going through a third wave, more severe than the first two.

The second wave in India came at a time when people started celebrating the country's success in tackling the first wave effectively, resulting in a dramatic drop in numbers in the first two months of 2021. Some in the government claimed the world needs to learn from the 'Indian model of Covid-19 management'. On March 7,

2021, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan declared that 'we are in the endgame of the Covid-19 pandemic'. The vaccination of healthcare and frontline workers as well as the elderly also started, and it was celebrated as 'the world's largest immunisation programme'. Generally, there was a self-congratulatory atmosphere and a whiff of premature victory celebrations. All this, coupled with behaviour fatigue that had set in 2020, may have resulted in people developing a sense of complacency. People started travelling to the hills, beaches and other tourist destinations, throwing Covid-appropriate behaviour to the winds.

The period also coincided with assembly elections in five states and mega religious events like the Kumbh. Holding elections in time is a constitutional requirement. Many countries have done this during the pandemic, and assembly elections took place in India during the first wave. However, what differentiates the current elections is the extended period of campaigning owing to the polling schedule and the intensity in the form of mega rallies and roadshows. The Election Commission pandemic guidelines are silent on this while restricting door-to-door campaigning to groups of five persons, use of sanitisers and social distancing in polling booths etc. The Assam Health Minister refused to wear a face mask saying he did not want to spread panic by wearing one.

Besides the possibility of infection spread among those physically present, mega rallies fuelled general complacency about Covid-appropriate behaviour. Citing election rallies, people are questioning pandemic management measures like capping the number of guests at weddings. Students in some universi-



sities are demanding the resumption of offline classes. The pandemic was an opportunity for the Election Commission to encourage innovative methods of campaigning and greater use of technology. In the case of the Kumbh, the Uttarakhand High Court had to intervene to make the RT-PCR test mandatory for devotees.

In addition to the laxity in public behaviour due to such factors, several biomedical and epidemiological variables are contributing to the new surge. These include the emergence of new variants and mutants, availability of pools of susceptible populations and a possible drop in immunity induced in the first wave. Sero-surveillance studies, genomic surveillance for detection of new variants and age- and gender-specific epidemiological data can help fine-tune the

response to the second wave. There are gaps and a lack of transparency in this area. Recently, member of the Covid-19 task force in Maharashtra and the Director General of CSIR got into a wrangle over delay in sharing of genome sequencing data, while being live in a television programme. To defuse the situation, the CSIR official shared his email ID with the Maharashtra doctor asking him to write to him. The lack of coordination between the Central agency and states on such a vital issue — and public display of it — after one year of pandemic management is appalling.

In addition to sero and genomic surveillance and enhanced testing, we need to speed up vaccination. Two vaccines are currently available and more could be approved in near future. The vaccination net is being gradually expanded. As this happens, the availability of enough

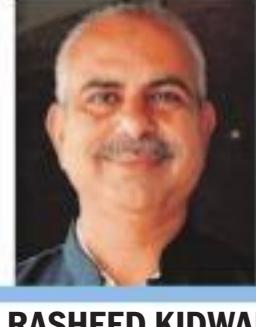
doses may become a key factor. Already some states are running dry and stocks available in some districts are too thin. As of the morning of April 7, a total of 8.71 crore doses of the vaccines had been administered. This includes fully vaccinated people (who got two doses) and those who have received only the first dose. On the other hand, 6.45 crore vaccine doses have been 'exported' till April 6. The biggest chunk — 3.57 crore doses — has been exported under commercial deals signed by the Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech with foreign entities, while 1.81 crore doses were contracted under the Covax facility of the WHO. The remaining 1.05 crore doses have been distributed as grants by the Indian government. So, even if there was no 'Vaccine Maitri', only one crore additional doses would have been available for the domestic programme.

A Russian entity, the Russian Direct Investment Fund, has signed deals with Indian companies (other than SII and Bharat Biotech) for the supply of close to one billion doses of the Sputnik V vaccine. Shockingly, Indian agencies couldn't tap this spare capacity or encourage Bharat Biotech and SII to enter into local contract manufacturing deals to boost production for domestic needs. This is despite the government allocating Rs 900 crore as a stimulus package to the Department of Biotechnology for vaccine development. The fund could have been used to boost the capacities of Bharat Biotech and SII as well as to buy spare capacities from other manufacturers. This is critical because the rapid rollout of vaccination and Covid-appropriate behaviour are the only ways to address pandemic waves.

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ALARMING: The second wave of Covid-19 has arrived at a time when people had started celebrating the country's success in tackling the first wave effectively. PTI

Grand alliance fancies its chances in Assam



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Many Assam watchers think the Congress did well to get the tie-ups right. The coalition is broad-based, having a range of parties such as CPM, ANP and BPF. Unlike in West Bengal, the BJP has been silent on CAA during campaigning in Assam, apparently to not annoy Assamese voters in the Brahmaputra Valley. The Congress and the AIUDF, have on the other hand, adopted an aggressive anti-CAA stand.

ASSAM'S three-phase polling took place on March 27, April 1 and 6, but for the Opposition parties in the state, three-leg elections imply voting dates, counting day and a tricky government formation process. In the Congress' internal assessment, Assam is heading for a change. But there is a caveat. Even the most enthusiastic Congress leader in Assam is not sure of a clear or decisive mandate for the Mahajot, a 10-party alliance consisting of Maulana Badruddin Ajmal's All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), Jimochayan (Deori) People's Party (JDPP), Adivasi National Party (ANP), CPM, CPI, CPI (ML), Anchalik Gana Morcha, Bodoland People's Party (BPF) and the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

In the 2016 Assembly polls, the Congress had won 19 while the AIUDF and BPF that had fought separately, had 14 and 11 seats respectively, in the House of 126. This time around, the Congress has a task of winning at least 40 seats in order to edge out the Sarbananda Sonowal government in Dispur. The task is daunting, but not impossible. The Congress and AIUDF, in 2016, had fought against each other, often finishing second and third. A post-poll analysis had revealed that had the two sides been together, they would have won 38 more seats. This realisation alone prompted the Congress to accommodate Ajmal in spite of vocal opposi-



ON THE EDGE: The Congress believes Assam is heading for a change. PTI

tion from former Silchar MP Sushmita Dev, Barpeta MP Abdul Khaliq and several others. On his part, Ajmal too has refrained from making provocative or controversial remarks. He has openly been saying that in the event of Mahajot winning Assam, the AIUDF would let the Congress have its chief ministerial nominee.

Many Assam watchers think the Congress did well to get the tie-ups right. The 10-party alliance is broad-based, having a range of outfits such as the CPM, ANP and BPF that neutralise the 'Ajmal factor' from becoming communal. Unlike in West Bengal, the BJP has remained silent on the

issue of CAA during campaigning in Assam, apparently to not annoy Assamese voters in the Brahmaputra Valley. The Congress and the AIUDF, have on the other hand, adopted an aggressive anti-CAA stand.

The Assam Congress is, however, extremely wary of Hemanta Biswa Sarma, a former Congress leader and now a senior minister in BJP-ruled Assam. Sarma's cottage number 6 in Dispur's Minister's Colony stood out as a centre of political activity throughout the electioneering period in Assam. Sharing the boundary wall with Sarma in Dispur's Minister's Colony is Congress

MP Gaurav Gogoi, two-time Lok Sabha MP from Kaliabor, and son of former CM Tarun Gogoi.

Interestingly, Sarma was Tarun's protégé. Gogoi senior had mentored both Sarma and Rakibul Hussain, aka Rocky, with care and patience. It is said that Sarma wanted to take over from an ailing and aging Tarun Gogoi, but the Congress central leadership, i.e. Sonia and Rahul Gandhi, stonewalled it.

The Tarun Gogoi-Sarma rivalry may have become a thing of the past, but the grand old party in Assam is still suffering from lack of a chief ministerial face in Assam. There are several aspirants for the top post but each suffers from one drawback or the other. The most influential and deserving candidate in Assam Congress is Rakibul Hussain 'Rocky', who many consider as capable of checkmating Sarma by the rule of the square in the endgame. But the fear of polarisation on communal lines, has kept Rocky, a four-time MLA from Samaguri, out of contention. Assam is incidentally among very few Indian states (other than J&K) to have a Muslim as chief minister. In December 1980, Anwara Taimur had created history of sorts, becoming the first woman and Muslim chief minister of Assam.

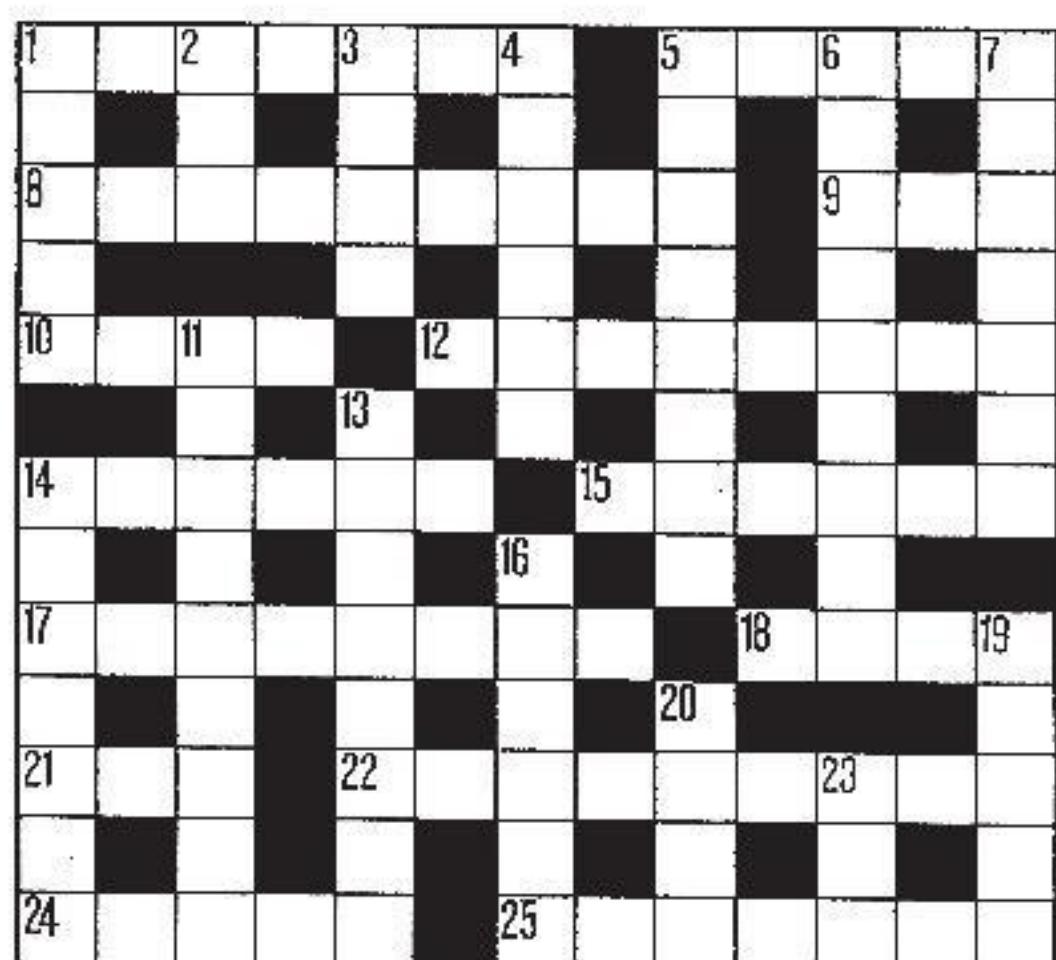
The sharp Bengali-Assamese divide has put a question mark over Sushmita Dev's prospects of bagging the coveted post. Congress insiders insist that in the event of a good showing,

both Sushmita and Gaurav Gogoi will be in the race because Rahul Gandhi would want to present a youthful face of the party. However, there is near unanimity that the chances of Gogoi or Sushmita would brighten if the Congress-led alliance manages to cross the 70-seat mark, regarded as a challenging possibility by most analysts and pollsters.

Questions have also been raised about the manner in which the Congress ran its campaign in Assam. The party kept counting heavily on Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi to shore up its prospects. It remained inexplicit why former PM Manmohan Singh, who had been a Rajya Sabha MP from Assam, for several terms, was not invited to campaign or hold press conferences. The former prime minister held a video conference once. Senior party leaders think even P Chidambaram's services could have been requisitioned in Assam. The former Union finance minister has a knack for delivering punches at public meetings.

On the positive side, the party's reliance on Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel worked well in Assam. Baghel's team of about 700-odd workers from Raipur set up camp offices in Dibrugarh, Tezpur, Tinsukia, Silchar, Jorhat, Nagaon and邦加格阿。Baghel himself addressed 38 public meetings, unusual for a party leader who does not belong to the Nehru-Gandhi clan.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Dispense, 5 Toss, 9 Ceres, 10 Elector, 11 Second to none, 13 Estate, 14 Stalin, 17 Matter-of-fact, 20 Annoyed, 21 Abide, 22 Each, 23 Prodigal.

Down: 1 Dock, 2 Surfeit, 3 Easy on the eye, 4 Steady, 6 Outdo, 7 Sergeant, 8 Get

out of hand, 12 Permeate, 15 Lacking, 16 Fodder, 18 Tunic, 19 Seal.

ACROSS

- 1. Obsequious (7)
- 5. Accumulate (5)
- 8. To backfire (9)
- 9. A cereal plant (3)
- 10. To utter (4)
- 12. Ineluctable natural event (3,2,3)
- 14. Groundless rumour (6)
- 15. Short sleep (6)
- 17. English light opera composer (8)
- 18. Smile radiantly (4)
- 21. Flee (3)
- 22. Suggest successful outcome (5,4)
- 24. Thorax (5)
- 25. Daring feat (7)
- DOWN**
- 1. Tale conveying a moral (5)
- 2. To court (3)
- 3. Entry in an account (4)
- 4. Brief look (6)
- 5. Virtually (2,4,2)
- 6. Overweening conceit (9)
- 7. Accelerate (5,2)
- 11. Without speaking (2,7)
- 13. Watchful against danger (8)
- 14. Of the stomach (7)
- 16. Bargain contentiously (6)
- 19. Obtain by fraud (5)
- 20. To abandon (4)
- 23. Self-esteem (3)

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V. EASY

CALENDAR

APRIL 9, 2021, FRIDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Chaitra Shaka	19
■ Chaitra Parvishite	27
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 13, up to 4.28 am	
■ Shukla Yoga up to 1.33 pm	
■ Purvabhadrapad Nakshatra	
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: FRIDAY 18:46 HRS

SUNRISE: SATURDAY 06:01 HRS

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BJP ropes in rebel, gets majority in Dharamsala MC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 8

Minister for Forests Rakesh Pathania today paraded nine councillors claiming that the BJP has attained

the majority in the Dharamsala MC that has 17 elected members. The eight elected BJP councillors and Independent Sarab Chand Galotia, a BJP rebel, were paraded before media.

Pathania claimed that two more Independent councillors would support the BJP and the party would easily win the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The victory of the BJP in

the Dharamsala MC where it won eight wards, one short of the simple majority, is being attributed to micro management by Pathania, who was in charge of party for the elections. He managed to curtail

the number of rebels and galvanize the support of employees and sections of the business community to ensure the victory of the party.

Interestingly, the BJP lost in Sidhbari, home ward of

local BJP MLA Vishal Nehria and Khaniara, the home ward of Kangra MP, Kishan Kapoor. However, the victory of the BJP candidates in Upper Dharamsala has come as a surprise.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDERING

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (₹)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Widening of cess between CDG-KLK on UMB-KLK section in the section of SSEW-II/CDG under ADEN/CDG in clw TBR-125.974 km over Ambala Division.	77,78,028	09 Months	30.04.2021
2	Providing standard/missing height gauge on L-xings and RUB on CDG-MRN section in the section of ADEN/CDG.	42,90,866	06 Months	30.04.2021
3	Raising and Extension upto 24 coaches, PFs from RL, ML to High Level PHs at Barwala, Utkana and Raipur Haryana.	4,83,98,498	06 Months	30.04.2021
4	TFR 97.941 KM and other related works on different sections i.e. DDU-BTI (Km. 121.146 to 125.4, Km. 127.407 to 130.127, Km. 130.561 to 133.93 & Km. 134.16 to 136.735), BTI-SGNR (Km. 7 to 58, Km. 61.275 to 110.523 & Km. 118 to 125), E cabin BTIC (Km. 0 to 1.126), JHL-HSR (Km. 6.822 to 8.697, Km. 8.697 to 21.9 & Km. 21.9 to 79.48), DHU-DU (Km. 18.25 to 29.8) & HSR-BTI (Km. 298 to 298.815) under SR DENII/UMB.	1,90,67,564	12 Months	30.04.2021
5	2493 Nos. TBTR & 2704 Nos. TBFTR on various bridges of over Ambala Division.	5,66,62,188	10 Months	30.04.2021
6	Repair of Chajja, munti, lintel, Sun shade and broken stair case of block no. 339, 340, 341, 346, 349, 351, 352, 353, 359, 360 Type-I and 363, 364, 371, 372 Type-II, 373 Type-III and repair of damage plaster of 349, 351, 352, 353, 359.	51,08,413	06 Months	30.04.2021
7	Provision of Monumental flag at FGSB railway stations over Ambala Division	9,84,246	03 Months	30.04.2021

Note: 1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tender.

3. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 4. GST will be levied as per GST Act.2017.

No.: Open Tender Notice No. NIT-01/UMB-2021-22 Dated 07.04.2021

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD. (A State Government Undertaking)

Dated:-07-04-2021

DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ONLINE RECRUITMENT APPLICATIONS (ORS*) THROUGH ORA WEBSITE from 19-04-2021 to 18-05-2021 till 05:00 P.M after which the link will be disabled. (*: by using the website www.hpselb.in)

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM DESIROUS AND ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES, FOR RECRUITMENT THE POST(S) OF DRIVER IN H.P.S.E.B.L.

Name of the Post	Number of Posts
Driver (on Daily wage Basis)	50 posts on Daily Wages Basis @ of Rs. 336/- per day
Pay Scale Rs.	Rs. 6400-2020+3450 Grade Pay

1. CATEGORY WISE NUMBER OF POSTS:-

TOTAL NO. OF POSTS FOR DRIVER - 50

GEN(UR)-19, GEN(ESM)-04 ,GEN(Sports)-01 SC(UR)-09, SC(BPL/ANT)-01 SC(ESM)-01 ST(UR)-01, ST(ESM)-01 OBC(UR)-07, OBC(BPL/ANT)-01, OBC(ESM)-01, EWS(UR)-04=50

Note 1: ESM=Ex Serviceman, BPL=Below Poverty Line, SQ=Sports quota, Gen=General, UR=Unreserved, SC= Scheduled Caste, OBC= Other Backward Classes, ST= Scheduled Tribe. EWSs=Economically Weaker Sections(EWSs).

Note 2: In case of Ex. Servicemen and sports quota posts, recruitment will be undertaken by Ex-servicemen Employment Cell, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Hamirpur (H.P) AND Director, Youth Services and Sports, H.P. Govt. Shimla separately.

2. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:-

1. Date for determining eligibility of all candidates in respect of essential qualification(s) and experience, if any, etc., shall be the prescribed on closing date for submission of online recruitment applications (ORA), i.e. 18-05-2021.

2. The candidates must read the INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY FOR APPLYING ONLINE which are available on the website of the HPSEBL, i.e. www.hpselb.in before filling up Online Recruitment Application Form (ORA) for the above post.

3. The candidates must ensure their eligibility in respect of category, age and essential qualification(s) etc. as mentioned in the advertisement to avoid rejection at any later stage.

4. Online Recruitment Application Forms submitted incomplete, without requisite examination fee will be rejected straightway.

5. The benefit of reservation various posts will be admissible only to the candidates, who are bona fide residents of Himachal Pradesh in respect of categories, viz., S.C.

6. In service candidates may apply to the HPSEBL along with requisite fee with information to their Head of Departments/ Employer for issuing NOC. No in service candidate will be evaluated unless he/she during NOC from the concerned employer.

7. Examination fees once paid will not be refunded.

8. Disputes if any, shall be subject to Court jurisdiction at Shimla.

3. Education and other Qualification

3.1 Essential: (i) Matric Pass or its equivalent with valid Driving License for Light/Heavy vehicles & practical experience of 1 year.

3.2 Desirable: Knowledge of customs manner and dialects of Himachal Pradesh and suitability for appointment in peculiar conditions prevailing in the State.

3.3 The candidate must be a citizen of India and should be a Bonafide Himachali or candidates shall be eligible for appointment to Class-III posts(s), if he/she has passed Matriculation and 10+2 has passed from any school/ Institution situated within Himachal Pradesh. Provided this condition shall not apply to Bonafide Himachalis.

3. Age : The applicant should be between 18 to 45 years as on 01-04-2021. Upper age limit is relaxable by five years for candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe / Other Categories (Other Backward Classes, Children / Grandchildren of Freedom Fighter of Himachal Pradesh and Economically Weaker Sections) of persons to the extent permissible under the general or special order(s) of the Himachal Pradesh Government/HPSEBL. The upper age relaxation is also applicable to Ex-Servicemen candidates of H.P. as per provision of relevant rules/instructions of H.P. Govt.

4. Mode of Selection : The total selection process shall be notified separately.

5. The candidates must read the INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY FOR APPLYING ONLINE, which are available on the website of the HPSEBL, i.e. www.hpselb.in before filling up online Recruitment Application Form (ORA) for the above post.

6. The candidates must ensure their eligibility in respect of category, age and essential qualification(s) etc. mentioned in the advertisement to avoid reject at any stage.

NOTE:

* The decision of the HPSEBL regarding eligibility etc. of a candidate for admission to driving skill test or selection will be final and no correspondence/ personal enquiries will be entertained.

* Onus of proving that a candidate has acquired requisite driving license/essential qualification(s) by the stipulated date is on the candidate and in the absence of proof to the contrary, the date as mentioned on the face of certificate or the date of issue of certificate shall be taken as date of acquiring essential qualification. No extra opportunity shall be provided to the candidates to produce appropriate at the time of evaluation.

7. HOW TO APPLY:-

The Candidates must apply online through the website www.hpselb.in Application received through any other mode would not be accepted and would be summarily rejected. Detailed instructions filling up Online Recruitment Application are available on the above mentioned website.

8. SCHEME OF EXAMINATION SHALL BE NOTIFIED SEPARATELY.

9. Fee :- The detail of fee for respective categories is as under:-

Sr. No.	Category	Fee
1.	for General Category	Rs. 400/-
2.	for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe / Other categories (Other Backward Classes, Children / Grandchildren of Freedom Fighter of Himachal Pradesh and Economically Weaker Sections) of persons to the extent permissible under the general or special orders of Himachal Pradesh Government/HPSEBL Ltd.	Rs.100/-

9.1 Payment through cash will not be accepted.

9.2 Female candidate shall be exempted from the application fee in accordance with the Instructions of the Government (in the Department of Personnel) issued vide letter No. Per(AP-B)B(15)-13/2019 dated 01st January, 2020.

10. Mode of Payment:

The candidates can pay requisite examination fee either through 'e-Challan' or 'e-Payment' option.

(a) The Candidates can pay the requisite application-cum-examination fee through Debit / Credit Card or net banking of any bank. Before applying online, all candidates are advised to go through detailed instruction given on the above mentioned website.

Candidates are advised to visit the HPSEBL website from time to time for updates in their own interest.

(All queries will be attended on working day between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM). FOR FURTHER DETAILS CANDIDATES MAY CONTRACT ON Telephone Number i.e. 01772809554.

11. CATEGORY CLAIMS:-

1. The category once claimed by the candidate(s) will not be allowed to be changed at any stage .

2. The Scheduled Caste of Himachal Pradesh, Scheduled Tribe of Himachal Pradesh / Other Backward Classes of Himachal Pradesh must possess such certificates(s) in support of their claims made in the Online Recruitment Application(s) (ORA), while applying for these posts / services/ and on fee concession. The benefit of reservation will be admissible on parental basis only. All the candidates belonging to reserved categories are also required to go through the relevant instructions issued from time to time by the Government of Himachal Pradesh, in order to ensure that they are eligible under a particular category.

3. OBC of H.P. (OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES OF HIMACHAL PRADESH):-

Candidates belonging to OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES of H.P. category must produce OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES certificate on the prescribed format valid till the relevant term of the Financial Year (1st April to 31st March) as notified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh (in the Department of Revenue) in Rajpatha dated 09 January, 2012 and amended from time to time by Govt. of H.P.. Candidates must have valid OBC Certificates covering the entire period from last date of submission of online applications till date of evaluation along with an undertaking that his/her status s OBC has not changed and he/she has not been excluded from the category of O.B.C. of H.P. on account of being covered under creamy layer.

For other necessary conditions you are requested to visit our website www.hpselb.in.

HPSEBL Toll Free No. 1800-180-8060 or 1912

(MANOJ KUMAR) Executive Director (Personnel)

H.P. State Electricity Board Ltd. Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-4

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General Public is hereby informed that unknown male person aged about 55 years, Height 5'7", dark complexion, thin body, black-white moustache beard, black-white hair & wearing blue striped shirt, was met with accident opposite to ISBT, Sector 43, at Sector 52 side, Chandigarh on 03.04.2021. He was admitted in PGH, Chandigarh, where he was expired during treatment on 05.04.2021. In this regard, a case FIR No. 66 dated 04.04.2021 U/s 279, 337 added 304-A has registered in Police Station, Sector 36, Chandigarh. The whereabouts & legal heirs of deceased are not known. His photograph is given above.

If anyone having any information/clue about the whereabouts of the deceased, please inform to SHO, Police Station 36 on Ph. No. 977958036, Phone No. 0172-2676031, 2925336 or Police Control Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

Chandigarh Police

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निलमी सुचना

जाम पंचाई चूपाणे नामक वाले पंचाईजी जामलात् च धौं पर्याप्त वर्ष-382, मीठान-218, डेक-1, विरेट-42, मलबाल-3, दैवत-108, (बैंक-754) सी निलमी मिट्टी 23 अप्रैल 2021 दूसरे 11 रात्रि पिंड देख गराउटे दिखे डरीनल तिरपाटा डाइवरेटर वर्टिला पेट दिवार दी निलमीयी येत जीवी नावेवी। रात्रि में उन्हें देखा गया। उन्हांने निलमी का लाल उष्टुप्ति।

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Rohingya deportation after due procedure: SC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NO INTERIM RELIEF

It is not possible to grant interim relief. However, it is made clear that the Rohingya in Jammu on whose behalf the application has been moved shall not be deported unless the procedure prescribed for such deportation is followed. Supreme Court

allowing their deportation. The Centre has assured the Bench that the relevant laws and procedures will be scrupulously followed while deporting Rohingya to their home country.

The Supreme Court had on



Wife and family members of CoBRA commando Rakeshwar Manhas celebrate after hearing the news of his release, in Jammu on Thursday. PTI

Happiest moment of my life: Commando's wife

JAMMU, APRIL 8

Days of anxious silence gave way to relief and celebration at the house of CoBRA commando Rakeshwar Singh Manhas here as the news of his release from Maoist captivity broke on Thursday.

Family members and relatives of the commando were moved to tears as they saw visuals of him stepping out of an ambulance on a news channel.

Soon neighbours joined the family in its celebrations, and cheers and chants of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" filled the air.

Everyone who visited Manhas' house was greeted with sweets and smiles.

"This is the happiest moment of my life. I always remained hopeful of his return and want to thank the central and Chhattisgarh governments and everybody else who stood by us during the testing time," Manhas' wife Meenu said.

The commando's five-year-old daughter Raghvi was seen kissing his picture on a mobile phone. "I had prayed for my father's release," she said. —PTI

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Middleman had classified MoD info

consulting," said the report. These payments were besides the questionable contract, worth 1 million euros, with Dassault for making replica models of Rafale jets.

According to information gained by Mediapart, Gupta obtained confidential documents from the Indian Defence Ministry on the dispute between India and France over the purchase costs of Rafale.

The report said, in August

2015, "Indian negotiators concluded, in a confidential report, that the overall purchase price for the jets, including their weaponry, should be 5.06 billion euros. But in January 2016, Dassault proposed more than double the price: 10.7 billion euros, excluding the missile equipment." For the French camp, Sushen Gupta's assistance was to prove precious. He obtained confidential documents from the Indian Defence Ministry

on the subject of the dispute over the purchase costs. These included the minutes of meetings by the Indian negotiating team.

The report said the Indian Supreme Court ruled in 2019 that there were insufficient grounds for opening an investigation into the matter. But that decision was made without the information gathered in the probe by the ED in another case. —TNS

Haryana ropes in ration depots for procurement

Ashok Gupta, state president of Haryana Arthiyas Association, however, said their association would continue with the boycott.

"While asking farmers to register on Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal, the government gave the option for direct payment or payment through arthiyas. But now, the government is not allowing a choice to the farmers," he said.

Meanwhile, around 10,000 quintal of wheat had been procured in Karnal district till late evening despite the boycott by the arthiyas.

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said nearly 200 arthiyas across the district had joined the procurement process. However, president of the Karnal Arthiyas Association said only some arthiyas were opposed to the boycott. —TNS

SC rejects Maha, Deshmukh...

Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Manu Singhvi contended that a CBI probe couldn't be ordered on the basis of unsubstantiated allegations.

Singhvi argued that the state government wasn't heard before the high court ordered the CBI probe and that Deshmukh had resigned before the probe commenced.

However, the Bench rejected Singhvi's contention that merely because Deshmukh resigned after the HC order, it would be a factor not to direct an enquiry by an independent agency. The top court also took note of the fact that what had been directed was only a

preliminary enquiry, albeit by an independent agency.

The Bench noted that the then Home Minister Deshmukh and the then Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh were working together closely till they fell apart. "The parties were hunky dory... Let the CBI do its job," it said rejecting the petitions. There were three PILs in the HC seeking a CBI probe against Deshmukh who allegedly asked police officers, including suspended cop Sachin Waze, to extort Rs 100 crore from bars and restaurants. Deshmukh denied the allegations. —TNS

Naxals free CRPF jawan

"debriefing" session to understand the circumstances as to how he was taken away by the Maoists and what happened with him during the custody.

The troops accompanying Manhas are learnt to have told CRPF officers that he sat down

Pak-sponsored narco-terror module busted in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, APRIL 8

A huge quantity of heroin was recovered after a Pakistani-sponsored terror module was busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police in North Kashmir's Kupwara district on Thursday, officials said. The police said, based on reliable information, the Kupwara police

busted the narco-terror module and arrested a terrorist associate identified as Mukhtar Husain Shah, a resident of Karnah in Kupwara. Nine-kg narcotic substance worth Rs 60 crore was recovered from his possession. The police said other persons involved who were absconding had

been identified and efforts were on to arrest them. "The module was in close connection with Pakistan-based terror handlers involved in drug trade. The recoveries also exposed the inter-connection between drug dealers and terrorists," the police said. —IANS

3 militants killed in Shopian encounter

SRINAGAR, APRIL 8

Three unidentified militants were killed and a security personnel was wounded in an encounter in J&K's Shopian town on Thursday. Security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Baba Mohalla following information about the presence of militants there, a police official

said. Three militants were killed in the retaliatory firing by the security forces. —PTI

TERROR SUSPECT HELD

New Delhi: The NIA has arrested a person upon his arrival at the Jammu airport in connection with a case of infiltration of militants in Poonch and smuggling of narcotics. TNS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM					
S.R. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL
1	HPGCL	21/CE/PLG/WYC/SPP-271/VOL-IV DATED 08.09.2020	THE DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 04/05/2021 TILL 13:00 HRS AND OPENING OF PART-I (TECHNO-COMMERCIAL BID SHALL BE ON 06.05.2021 AT 15:00 HRS. (PLEASE CHECK DEPARTMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS)	www.hpgcl.org.in	0172-5022425 xenplgp1.pk@hpgcl.org.in
2	HPGCL	2021_HBC_161923_1 NIT NO: 339/RGTP/MM-II/TOE-4346 DT. 04.03.2021	LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION 20/04/2021 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF LT MOTOR TO RGTPP, KHEDAR HISAR	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	822023551 mn2.rgtp@hvpn.org.in
3	HVPNL	PUBLICATION OF E-NIT NO: 48/2020-21/XEN/TS DIV-HVPNL-HISAR DATED 08.03.2020 SCOPES OF CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. 33 KV LINE BAY FOR BANAWALI AT 132 KV S/STN, BHATTU SOTTER (TENDER ID 2021_HBC_162998_1)	CORRIGENDUM-2/EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS OPENING DATE 08.04.2021 (TIME 11:00 HRS) & CLOSING DATE- 13.04.2021 (TIME 15:00 HRS.)	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4	HVPNL	PUBLICATION OF E-NIT NO: 47/2020-21/XENTS-DIV-HVPNL-HISAR DATED 08.03.2020 SCOPES OF WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. 33 KV LINE BAY FOR KARNAULAT 132 KV S/STN, BHATTU SOTTER, (TENDER ID 2021_HBC_162951_1)	CORRIGENDUM-2/EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS OPENING DATE 08.04.2021 (TIME 11:00 HRS) & CLOSING DATE - 13.04.2021 (TIME 15:00 HRS.)	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5	HVPNL	EPC/2/RELIABLE COMM DATED 30/01/2021 TENDER ID 2021_HBC_161817	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 06.05.2021 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6	HVPNL	PUBLICATION OF E-NIT NO: 49/2020-21/XENTS-DIV-HVPNL-HISAR DATED 08.04.2021 SCOPES OF WORK AGAINST THE WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. 33 KV LINE BAY AT 132 KV S/STN GULLARWALA. (TENDER ID 2021_HBC_163079_1)	CORRIGENDUM-2/EXTENSION OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS OPENING DATE 08.04.2021 (TIME 11:00 HRS) & CLOSING DATE - 13.04.2021 (TIME 15:00 HRS.)	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
7	DHBVN	NIT NO. 17/XEN CIVIL/GGN/2020-21 DATED 22/03/2021	DATE EXTENDED UP TO 16.04.2021	www.dhbvn.org.in	805988451 xencivilgrn@dhbvn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	1. PLUGGING THE OIL LEAKAGE/SEEPAGE OF ADDITIONAL 12.5/16 MVA, 66/11KV T/F T-2 WITH BAY EQUIPMENTS AT 66KV S/STN, HVPNL, BERKHERI. 2. PLUGGING THE OIL LEAKAGE/SEEPAGE OF ADDITIONAL 12.5/16 MVA, 66/11KV T/F T-3 WITH BAY EQUIPMENTS AT 66KV S/STN, HVPNL, SHAHZADPUR.	06.04.2021 16.04.2021	3.35 LACS (GST EXTRA)	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 9pro@hvpn.org.in
2	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA	CONSTRUCTION OF KHOR/ KHEL AND TIN SHED IN GAUSHALA GARIB NAGAR WARD NO. 17 IN MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DHARUHERA.	CLOSING DATE 22.04.2021	48.65 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in	9813397504 secy.mc.dharuhera@gmail.com
3	HVPNL	66 KV S/STN INDUSTRIAL AREA, AMBALA CANTT: (I) REPLACEMENT OF 12.5/16 MVA T/F WITH 25/31.5 MVA T/F AND REPLACEMENT OF BAY EQUIPMENT AND BUS BAR (II) LAYING OF POWER AND CONTROL CABLES (III) RELOCATION OF 11 KV PANEL SET	06.04.2021 22.04.2021	7.03 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4	HVPNL	SUPPLY OF ONE NO. NON AC PICKUP LIKE BOLERO CAMPER WITH DRIVER FOR SSE 220KV S/STN. UNISPUR UNDER TS DIVN. KARNAL. DURING THE F.Y. 2021- 22 OR AS PER REQUIREMENT	07.04.2021 15.04.2021	3.75 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
5	HVPNL	EXECUTION OF WORK FOR PAINTING & MTC. OF NON RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 220 KV S/STN. PEHOWA	06.04.2021 13.04.2021	2.68 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
6	THE PALWAL COOP SUGAR MILLS LTD PALWAL	SALE OF MOLASSES 20000 QTLS. SEASON 2020-21 STEEL TANK + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 15.04.2021	2.90 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8307653970 palwalsugarmill@gmail.com
7	THE AMBALA DISTT. COOP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LTD	E- TENDER FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICE	08.04.2021 28.04.2021	20000/-	www.vitaindia.org.in	9729875323 milkplant@vitambala.com
8	MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE BERI	ALL ARRANGEMENTS I.E. CIVIL WORK, SOUND SYSTEM, TENT, LIGHT ETC. FOR MATA BHIMESHWARI DEVI FAIR IN BERI.	CLOSING DATE 13.04.2021	5 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416722995 secy.mc.beri@gmail.com
9	HVPNL	PROVIDING SANITATION SERVICES, ARBORICULTURE SERVICES, OFFICE ASSISTANCE & SECURITY SERVICES AT 66 KV S/STN MALIKPUR (FOR THE PERIOD 01.05.2021 TO 31.03.2022)	07.04.2021 22.04.2021	28900/- PER MONTH	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
10	HVPNL	PROVIDING RETAINING WALL AT TOWER NO. 08 OF 220 KV D/C JORIAN-DCRTPP LINE. (INCLUDING LABOUR AND MATERIAL).	07.04.2021 19.04.2021	2.98 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
11	HVPNL	PROVIDE RE-COPPING AGAINST DAMAGED COPPING OF TOWER FOUNDATION AT 220 KV DCRTPP-UNISPUR LINE	07.04.2021 19.04.2021	1.30 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
12	HVPNL	SUPPLY OF ONE NO. NON AC PICKUP LIKE BOLERO CAMPER WITH DRIVER FOR SSE 220KV S/STN. BASTARA UNDER TS DIVN. KARNAL. DURING THE F.Y. 2021- 22 OR AS PER REQUIREMENT	07.04.2021 15.04.2021	3.75 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
13	HVPNL	CREATION OF 1 NO. 33 KV LINE BAY FOR 33 KV SUB STATION DADU AT 132 KV SUB STATION KURANGAWALI.	08.04.2021 19.04.2021	1.72 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
14	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 132 KV SUB STATION DABWALI FROM 1X16/20MVA 132/33 KV+1/20/25 MVA 132/33+2X10/16 MVA 132/11 KV TRANSFORMERS AT 132 KV SUB STATION DABWALI (SUPPLY AND SPREADING OF CRUSHED BAJRI IN YARD).	08.04.2021 19.04.2021	2.09 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

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एक दुकान को तीन साल के लिए लौज पर देने का विज्ञापन

इस विज्ञापन के द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला परिषद, करनाल की मार्किट (बल भार्किट) में एक दुकान को खुली बोती द्वारा तीन साल के लिए लौज पर दिया जाना है। खुली बोती दिनांक 20.04.2021 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे निश्चित है। बोती जिला परिषद कार्यालय के कार्मसुलाम हाल में की जायेगी। सफल बोतीदाता को अंतिम मासिक बोती रोशि की 4 गुण गशि, सिवियरिटी के रूप में खोके पर ही जमा करनावी होगी। अन्य जनकारी के लिए किसी भी कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10.00 बजे से साथे 4.00 बजे तक कार्यालय में संपर्क किया जा सकता है। बोती की शर्तें मौके पर सुनाई जायेंगी। इच्छुक बोतीदाता निश्चित तिथि, समय एवं स्थान पर बोती में आग लें सकते हैं।

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
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Indicative Advertisement No. 37/1/2021 Dated: 08.04.2021

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Opening date for submission of Online Recruitment Application (ORA) Form: 10.04.2021.

Closing date for submission of Online Recruitment Application (ORA) Form: 09.05.2021 till 11:59 p.m.

Online Applications are invited for direct recruitment of under mentioned categories of posts using the website of Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission i.e. <http://www.hpsssb.hp.gov.in>. In the online application can be filled up from 10.04.2021 to 09.05.2021 till 11.59 p.m., thereafter website link will be disabled. The candidates are strictly advised to apply online well in advance to avoid rush during closing dates of submission of Online Recruitment Applications. No offline Application Form will be accepted by the Commission. The candidates must read the instructions carefully for filling up ORA available on the website of HPSSC i.e. <http://www.hpsssb.hp.gov.in>

Name of Department/Board/ Corporation/Post/Pay Band	Post Code	Number of posts
Health & Family Welfare Staff Nurse (on contract basis) Rs. 10300-34800+3200 GP (Consolidated contractual emoluments 13500/- per month)	893	90

Health & Family Welfare Pharmacist (Allopathy) (on contract basis)	894	100
a) Rs. 5910-20200+3000 GP b) Consolidate contractual emoluments 5910-20200+3000+ 150% of GP/- per month.		

Horticulture Bee-keeper (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP	895	04
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Industries Development Officer (Sericulture) (on contract basis) Rs. 10300-34800+3800 GP	896	02
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HP Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (Weight & Measures Organization) Maintenance Supervisor (on contract basis) Rs. 5910- 20200-2800 GP	897	01
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HP State Agricultural Marketing Board Accountant (on contract basis) Rs.10300-34800+3800 GP Initial pay 14100/-	898	02
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HP State Agricultural Marketing Board Auction Recorder (on contract basis) Rs.10300-34800+3200 GP Initial pay 13500/-	899	06
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HP Power Transmission Corporation LTD. Junior Engineer (Civil) (on contract basis) Rs. 10900- 34800+5350 GP Rs. 16250/- fixed on contract basis	900	05
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HP Power Transmission Corporation LTD. Electrician (on contract basis) Rs. 6400-20200-3050 GP Rs. 9450/- fixed on contract basis	901	02
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Forensics Services Scientific Assistant (Chemistry & Toxicology) (on contract basis) Rs. 10300-34800+3800 GP Emoluments for Contract Employee(s) Rs. 14100/-	902	01
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Various Departments Junior Office Assistant (Information Technology) (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200-1950 GP	903	23
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Himachal Road Transport Corporation Law Officer (on regular basis through Limited Direct Appointment from amongst HRTC employees) Rs. 10300- 34800+4400 GP	904	01
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Health & Family Welfare Medical Laboratory Technician Gr-II (on contract basis)	905	29
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a) Rs. 5910-20200-3000 GP b) Consolidate contractual emoluments Rs. 5910-20200+3000 GP+150% of GP/- per month		
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HIMUDA Junior Engineer (Civil) (on contract basis) Rs. 10300- 34800+3800 GP	906	06
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HIMUDA Steno Typist (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200+2000 GP	907	03
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Health & Family Welfare Laboratory Assistant (on contract basis)	908	06
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a) Rs. 5910-20200+2000 GP b) Consolidate contractual minimum of pay band+GP+150% of GP		
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Health & Family Welfare Ophthalmic Officer (on contract basis)	909	02
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a) Rs. 10300-34800+3600 GP b) Consolidate contractual emoluments 10300-34800+3600+ 150% of GP/- per month		
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Health & Family Welfare Pharmacist (Allopathy) (on contract basis)	910	06
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a) Rs. 5910-20200+3000 GP b) Consolidate contractual emoluments 5910-20200+3000+150% of GP/- per month.		
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HIMUDA Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training Hostel Suptd.-cum-PTI (on contract basis) Rs. 10300- 34800+3200 GP Rs. 18300/- fixed remuneration	911	03
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HIMUDA Junior Engineer (Electrical) (on contract basis) Rs. 10300- 34800+3800 GP	912	01
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HP Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. Junior Officer (P&A) (on contract basis) Fixed salary equal to minimum of the pay band of the post i.e. Rs. 10900- 34800+5350 GP fixed on contract basis	913	01
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Prisons & Correctional Services Junior Technician (Tailor Master) (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP Emoluments for contract employees: Rs. 7810/- PM (which shall be equal to minimum of the pay band + grade pay of the post)	914	01
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Prisons & Correctional Services Assistant Superintendent Jail/ Welfare Officer-cum- Assistant Superintendent Jail (on contract basis)	915	04
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Rs. 10300-34800+4600/- GP Emoluments for contract employees: Rs. 14900/- PM (which shall be equal to minimum of the pay band + grade pay of the post)		
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HP Fire Services Fireman (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP (On fixed contractual amount of Rs. 11300/- PM (5910+1900=7810+2850+640))	916	43
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Revenue (Disaster Management) Supervisor for State Emergency Operation Centre (on regular basis) Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP	917	01
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Various Department Clerk (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP Emoluments for contract employees:- 7810/- PM (which shall be equal to minimum of the Pay Band +Grade Pay)	918	10
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Elementary Education Language Teacher (on contract basis) Fixed Emoluments Rs. 13500/- PM	919	09
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Panchayati Raj Hostel Warden (on contract basis) Rs. 5910-20200 +2800 GP	920	02
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Printing & Stationery Press Duty (on contract basis)	921	01
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i) Rs. 5910-20200+1900GP ii) Emoluments for contract employee(s): 7810/-PM		
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Revenue (Disaster Management) Accountant (on regular basis)	922	01
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Rs. 10300-34800+4400 GP		
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Jai Shakti Vibhag Junior Engineer (Civil) (on contract basis)	923	10
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Fixed contractual amount Rs. 14,100/- per month (which shall be equal to minimum of the Pay band + Grade pay) in HP.		
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Revenue (Disaster Management) Data Entry Operator, Emergency Operation Centre (on regular basis)	924	03
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Rs. 5910-20200+1900 GP		
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Total= 379		
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Note :-

i) More details like Eligibility, Essential Qualification, Exam. Fee, Mode of payment, Mode of Selection, Procedure to Apply, Instructions and category/subcategory wise detail of posts are available on the web portal of the Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur i.e. <http://www.hpsssb.hp.gov.in>.

ii) No of post(s) is tentative and may increase or decrease from time to time for different categories of posts.

(Dr. Jitender Kanwar) HPAS,
Secretary,

HP Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur.

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In case, any candidate is not satisfied with the decision of UMC Committee, he/she can appeal to Appellate Committee by depositing a sum of Rs. 250/- in Panjab National Bank upto 15.04.2021 through special fee challan downloadable from hsbt.org.in. Such candidates are advised to go through the UMC decisions available on the website of HSBTE i.e. hsbt.org.in and appear before the UMC Appellate Committee as per the schedule given below:-

Sr. No.	Place of Hearing	Time	Sr. No. as per list placed on website (www.hsbte.org.in)	Date of hearing
1	State Board of Technical Education, Haryana Bays 7-12, Sector-4, Panchkula.	10:00AM onwards	Sr. No. 1 to 405 And Sr. No. TMC-01 to TMC-32	16.04.2021 (Friday)

The Candidates are advised to go through the "Notice regarding Appellate Committee Meeting & scheduled to be held on 16.04.2021" available on the website of HSBTE i.e. hsbt.org.in and can appeal before the Appellate Committee as per the above scheduled date, place & time.

SECRETARY

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STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, HARYANA

(Department of Urban Local Bodies, Haryana)

India to underwrite Seychelles' security: PM

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said India was committed to strengthening the maritime security of Seychelles.

"Seychelles is central to India's vision of 'SAGAR' — 'Security and Growth for All in the Region'. India is honoured to be a partner of Seychelles in the development of its security capabilities and in meeting its infrastructural and developmental needs," the PM said during a virtual summit with Wavel Ramkalawan, the recently-elected Indian-origin President of Seychelles.

India also handed over a new, indigenous Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) to the Seychelles Coast Guard to help protect maritime resources. Both leaders also inaugurated several projects, including a new magistrates' court building, a mini-solar plant and 10 high impact community development projects.

India is currently negotiating with Seychelles for taking an island on lease, presumably

THE GAME PLAN

- India's ultimate game plan is to achieve greater proximity with four island nations in the Indian Ocean — Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and Seychelles — collectively called Vanilla Island nations.
- South Block is also planning a standalone summit with the Vanilla Group after the last one held in 2019. It will also partner with France.

able to set up a naval base on this strategically located Indian Ocean island-country.

India seemed set for taking the Resumption Island on lease from Seychelles when Modi visited the country in 2015 and signed a pact with Ramkalawan's predecessor. But Bihar-origin Ramkalawan's party in coalition with three other parties shot down the agreement on environmental grounds. Now with Ramkalawan as President, Modi would be hoping to resuscitate the project. — TNS

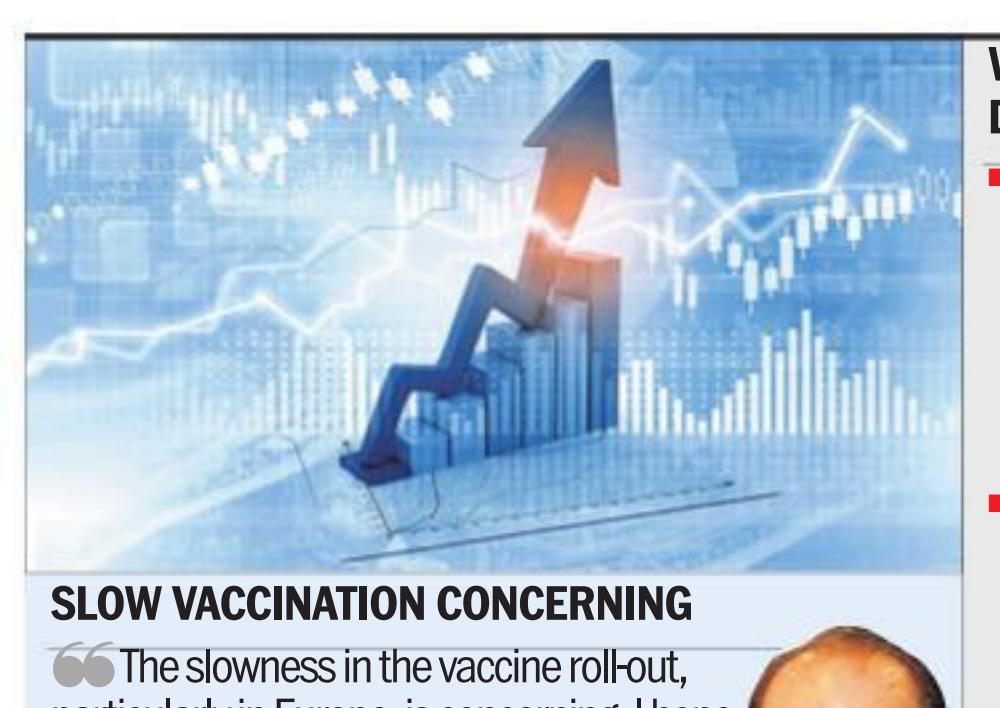
Growth driven primarily by US, China, India: World Bank chief

WASHINGTON, APRIL 8

There is now a faster global growth driven primarily by the US, China and India, World Bank president David Malpass has said even as he expressed concern over the growing inequality due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He said here was also the concern of inequality in terms of vaccinations and median income that was not going up very fast for some countries.

"But there's also the concern that there's inequality. Inequality in terms of vaccinations, in terms of median income that's not going up very fast for some of the countries and may even be going down. There's the interest rate difference, where poor countries face much higher interest rates and they haven't gone down the way global interest rates have done," he said.

"There's a good news that there is faster global growth



SLOW VACCINATION CONCERNING

The slowness in the vaccine roll-out, particularly in Europe, is concerning. I hope for a faster roll-out. And, we can look to the regulatory agencies to work smoothly towards their approvals so that more vaccines can be approved.

David Malpass, WORLD BANK PRESIDENT

driven primarily by the US, China and India, having strong rebounds," Malpass said at the start of the spring meeting of the International Monetary

WORKING ON EASING DEBT SITUATIONS

- World Bank president David Malpass has said the World Bank and the IMF are working closely together to have successful implementation of the G20's Common Framework to deal with unsustainable debt situations.
- There is inequality in terms of the bankruptcy process, which was not available to sovereign countries, so the poor countries do not have a way out of these very heavy debt burdens, he says.
- There's the interest rate difference, where poor countries face much higher interest rates and they haven't gone down the way global interest rates have done.

Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. The annual spring meeting, which is being held virtually, focuses on vaccines, climate change, debt and recovery. Malpass said there was inequality in terms of the bankruptcy process, which was not available to sovereign countries. — PTI

Economy on the path to recovery, says IMF MD

WASHINGTON, APRIL 8

A day after the International Monetary Fund forecast a global growth of 6 per cent for this year, IMF managing director Christine Georgieva said after the worst global recession since World War II, the recovery was under way.

The outlook, she asserted, was brighter because millions of people were benefiting from vaccinations and because of further policy support, especially in the US.

Georgieva said this was adding to the exceptional and coordinated actions taken over the past year. "Without them, without those fiscal and monetary measures, the global contraction last year would have been three times worse. This could have been another great depression," she noted.

"We have a good news that there is light at the end of the tunnel," Georgieva told reporters. — PTI

India asks US to ease supply of vax raw material

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

The government today said it was trying to ease curbs on the import of raw material for Covid vaccines from the US with Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and India's Ambassador to US Tarunjit Sandhu entrusted with the matter.

The US government has invoked the Defence Production Act that has led to a shortage of cell culture media and single-use tubing assemblies with Serum Institute of India (SII).

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, meanwhile, said the overseas supply of vaccines would continue taking into account the domestic requirements. "There is no ban on the export of vaccines," he said. The issue of import of raw material was taken up with the US as early as March 12, but there had been no assurance yet from the US, he said. — TNS

Riyaz Punjabi passes away

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

Riyaz Punjabi, an itinerant academic and a firm proponent of syncretism in Kashmir, passed away here today. Born in Srinagar, Punjabi was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2011.

An avid writer, Punjabi's work touched the areas of peace studies, human rights, composite culture, inter-religious conflicts and rise of fundamentalism in South Asia and Sufism. In public life as well as in private, friends recall that Punjabi, a man unapologetically fond of his drink, was also nonchalant about his stout defence of Kashmiriyat and strong opposition to using violence to achieve political ends.

Punabi was also well conversant with the Sikh faith and had written a book on the spiritual content of Guru Granth Sahib. "He was a genuinely liberal Kashmiri. If you can believe that somebody is secular; he was one of them," said Harpal Bedi, a journalist. Punabi is also remembered for a draft paper on autonomy for Kashmir. — TNS

SC Collegium meets, no decision on names

NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde held a meeting on Thursday but no decisions could be taken on the appointment of judges, sources said.

The Supreme Court Collegium briefly met and discussed the elevation of Tripura High Court Chief Justice Akil Kureshi and Karnataka High Court's Justice BV Nagarathna to the Supreme Court. However, no decisions were taken at the apex court.

All five members of the Collegium — CJI Bobde, CJI-designate NV Ramana, Justice Rohinton F Nariman, Justice UU Lalit and Justice AM Khanwilkar attended the meeting. Justice Ramana, who was on leave, attended the meeting despite his ill-health.

CJI Bobde is due to retire on April 23. It's highly



BRIEF MEETING

The Collegium briefly met and discussed the elevation of Tripura High Court Chief Justice Akil Kureshi and Karnataka High Court's senior woman judge Justice BV Nagarathna to the apex court.

unlikely that a Collegium meeting would be held before he demits office, the sources said. The Collegium-led by him has not made any recommendations. He is likely to go down in the history of the SC as a CJI during whose tenure no judges were appointed to the top court. — TNS

Naravane meets B'desh forces' chiefs

DHAKA, APRIL 8

Indian Army Chief Gen MM Naravane on Thursday met Bangladesh's Army, Air Force and Navy chiefs, and discussed issues of mutual interest and matters on bilateral defence cooperation besides bolstering strategic

ties between the two neighbours. Naravane also paid tributes to the fallen heroes of Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War after arriving in the country on a five-day visit to further strengthen the close and fraternal ties existing between the armed

forces of the two nations. Naravane is visiting Bangladesh on the invitation of his counterpart Gen Aziz Ahmed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had travelled to the neighbouring country around two weeks ago. — PTI

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Don't cross the line: Mamata to Modi over 'Didi' taunt



Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee at an election rally in Kolkata. PTI

Insider-outsider debate reflects her frustration: Nadda

DINHATA/MEKLIGANJ, APRIL 8

Claiming that a wave was blowing in favour of the BJP, the party's national president, JP Nadda, on Thursday criticised Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee for raking up the "insider-outsider" debate every now and then, saying that it reflects her "frustration", having sensed imminent defeat.

Exuding confidence that his party would win the assembly polls with over 200 seats in its kitty, Nadda said this election was all about putting an end to TMC's "cut-money (bribery) culture". — PTI

■ The EC has decided to deploy 789 companies of Central forces in the fourth phase of elections in West Bengal when 44 Assembly constituencies will go to the polls on April 10.

■ At present, there are around 800 companies of Central forces in the state, but the commission has assured to send another 200 companies from Assam.

EC NOTICE TO ADHIKARI

The EC on Thursday issued a notice to Suden Adhikari, BJP candidate from Nandigram, for alleged communal overtones in his speech made last month. He has been asked to respond within 24 hours. — PTI

'LET EC SLAP NOTICES, WILL SPEAK MY MIND'

You (EC) can issue 10 showcase notices to me but my reply will be the same. I will always speak against any division in Hindu, Muslim votes. I will always stand against division of voters along religious lines.

Mamata Banerjee, WEST BENGAL CM

of agencies," Mamata said.

Continuing her speech Mamata used a torrent of adjectives against the BJP. She called the BJP a party of rioters and racketeers and liars and cheats ad frauds. Local BJP candidate Rajib Banerjee, who switched to the BJP from the TMC, was called "Mir Jafar" by her. Mamata said if Rajib's security was forfeited in the April 10 poll in Domjur, she would personally visit the constituency after the results and fulfil all demands of locals.

"We believe that certain amount of courtesy should be maintained in politics. But the BJP has abandoned all courtesy. The Prime Minister and the Home Minister are running everything with the help

Registration compulsory, latest by 30th April 2021, to enter Kumbh at Haridwar

Health certificate, Photo ID and negative RT-PCR Test report that is not older than 72 hours, required for registration

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Visitors must follow all COVID-19 guidelines (SOPs) issued by the government

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