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Venue: VanNuys, California, USA
Position: 3rd in Asia 13th in the World

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Venue: Michigan, USA
Position: 1st in Asia 13th in the World

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Venue: University of Texas, USA
Position: 1st Position in Asia

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M.Tech

- Computer Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering with specialization in Construction Technology and Management
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- Computer Science & Engineering
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- Civil Engineering

B.Tech CSE (New Age Courses)

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B.Tech

- Computer Science & Engineering
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Diploma in Engineering

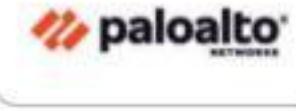
- Computer Science & Engineering
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- Civil Engineering

NEW AGE COURSES

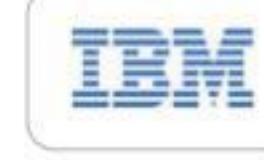
- B.Sc** - Sound Engineering, Film Making, Photography, Game Software Development
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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB
TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
 THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION PUNJAB INVITES ONLINE BID FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE NO. WORK (Under PRWSSP-II Sub Component 2A(i)):
 1. Providing and improved access to water through household connections in existing Water Supply Scheme Batoli, Block Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar.
 2. -do- Water Supply Scheme Hamayunpur, Block Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar.
 3. -do- Water Supply Scheme Jeoli, Block Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar
 Closing Date and Time:- 18.09.2020
 For details logon to:- <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
 Note:- Any corrigendum to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division No. 3, DPR/Pb/7394

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Tender Notice No.:PB/BT/10 Date: 07.09.2020

The Executive Engineer, Prov. Division PWD (B&R) Branch, Bathinda on behalf of Governor of Punjab invites online bids from eligible bidders enlisted with PWD B&R Br. for the work of:-

- Periodical Repair of Plan Road Bhagu Road via water works (BODR-16) Head 5054 RB-10.
- Periodical Repair of Plan Road Old Bus Stand to BBM Road (BODR-14) Head 5054 RB-10.
- Reconstruction of Govt. High School at Chandsar Basti, Bathinda.

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> w.e.f 14.09.2020 to 05.10.2020.

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Prov Division PWD B&R Br.
Bathinda.
Ph. No. 0164-2212878
e-mail: xenbitprovl@gmail.com

DPR/Pb/73824

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KHARAR Tender Notice

NIT No. LGMCOUNCIL/2020-21/ Dated: 09-2020

Municipal Council Kharar has invited Tenders for different civil works from Societies/Contractors/Firms. The details Terms & Conditions and any future Corrigendum can be seen on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The tenders can only be filed on above website.

Schedule of Date and Times:-

Last Date & Time for Filing the online Tender	Date & Time for Opening the Technical Bid
Date: 21.09.2020	Date: 21.09.2020
Time: 11:00 A.M.	Time: 02:00 P.M.

Sd/- Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Kharar.

DPR/Pb/73940

PUNJAB MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (PMIDC)

PUNJAB MUNICIPAL BHAWAN, Plot No. 03,

5th Floor, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh — 160022

Tel.: +91-0172-2619163, 2619158,

E-mail: gm.project.pmidc@gmail.com

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Selection of Agency for providing various Professional Support Services

PMIDC invites tender from reputed Companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 through e-Tendering method. The bidding schedule is as follows:

- Availability of Tender document/RFP online on 08.09.2020
- Pre-bid meeting in PMIDC Office 15.09.2020 at 1100 hrs
- Last Date and Time for online submission 22.09.2020 till 1300 hrs
- Last Date for Hard copy submission (both Technical and Financial bid) 22.09.2020 up to 1000 hrs
- Technical Bid opening in PMIDC Office 23.09.2020 at 1100 a.m.
- Financial Bid opening in PMIDC Office To be intimated later on

For detail terms & conditions, bidders may please refer to the Tender documents available at e-Tender website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and www.pmidc.punjab.gov.in. PMIDC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid or to annul the re-bidding process at any time, without incurring any liability and without assigning any reason thereof.

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Prov Division PWD B&R Br.
Bathinda.

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DPR/Pb/73948

Chief Executive Officer

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Period of Completion
1	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Compact Sub Station and allied work at GLADA Estate Village Daad (80.20 Scheme), Ludhiana	Rs. 106.02 Lacs	Rs. 2,13,000/-	4 months
2	Supply and erection of decorative poles and LED lights on 100 ft/80 ft roads in Sector 32-A, Samrala Road, Ludhiana.	Rs. 16.86 Lacs	Rs. 34,000/-	3 months

Tender Processing Fee: As per Portal

Online availability of tender for bidding	Last date and time for submission of online bids	Date & time of opening of tenders in O/o Superintending Engineer, GLADA Office, Ludhiana	
From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
08.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	29.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	29.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	Shall be announced later
11.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	22.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	22.09.2020, 01:00 P.M.	Shall be announced later

- For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
- For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process contact: 0172-2791226, 2791326.

Divisional Engineer (Elect.)

GREATER LUDHIANA AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

GLADA Office, Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana

DPR/Pb/73840

Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts

India Post

Tender Notice No. 03 Date 04.09.2020

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Construction Division PWD & B/R, Fazilka invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under Civil Works (Road works) category with PWD & B/R.

For detail terms and conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to our website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Constr. Divn. PWD B&R Br,

Fazilka

(On behalf of the Governor of Punjab)

DPR/Pb/73727

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Govt. of Punjab

NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 6 OF 2020-21/PWSSD ABH

Date 07-09-2020

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Abohar invites bids from the eligible bidder for the works detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Description of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Document/Tender Processing Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work
1	Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Main Pumping Station "Providing, Installing, Testing and Commissioning of Pumping Machinery, Common Header, other related works for Rehabilitation of Existing MPS at Package-1, Abohar Town (Under AMRUT)"	2.43 Lakh	Rs. 1000/-+ Taxes as applicable	9 Months	121.38 Lakh

Important dates are as under:

- Period of availability of tender online shall be : 09.09.2020 at 09:00 A.M.
- Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : 29.09.2020 at 03:00 P.M.
- Closing Date & Time of Tender : 29.09.2020 at 03:00 P.M.
- Date and time of opening of Technical Bid : 30.09.2020 at 12:00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn.,
Abohar.

DPR/Pb/73917

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No: 433-Sig-T-7-20-21 Dt: 07.09.2020 Closing Date/Time: 30.09.2020, 15.00 hrs.

Sr. DSTE/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-tenders against Tender Notice No. 433-Sig-T-7-20-21 Closing Date/Time 30.09.2020, 15.00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like Net Banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

HEADER

Contract Type	Works
Name of work	Work No. 1: Replacement of Over aged Motor Points installed over Firozpur Division. Work No. 2: S&T work in c/w modification/shifting of Railway S&T utilities affecting DFC alignment on SNL-UMB section.
Tender Type	Open (E-tendering)
Tender closing Date, Time	30.09.2020, 15.00 hrs.
Pre-Bid Required	No
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Wbk No. 1: Rs. 49,57,04,06 Wbk No. 2: Rs. 75,82,96,28
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule item
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Work No. 1: Rs. 99,200 Work No. 2: Rs. 1,51,700
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Work No. 1: Rs. 3,000 Work No. 2: Rs. 5,000
Bidding start date as per IREPS	16.09.2020

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION/

PUNJAB RURAL WATER & SANITATION

SECTOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

INVITING FOR BIDS (IFB)

THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

No. 97/WSSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2020-21

On behalf of Chairman GPWSC's of various villages/Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Malerkotla invites bids (to be submitted in the e-procurement portal) for following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Approx. Value of Work (in Lacs)	Bid Security (in Lacs)	1. Bid Submission End Date	2
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DJOKOVIC HITS LINE JUDGE WITH BALL, OUT OF US OPEN SPORT

RBI ACCEPTS SUGGESTIONS OF KAMATH PANEL FOR LOAN RECAST BUSINESS

NEP TO HELP MAKE INDIA SELF-RELIANT: PM BACK PAGE

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China provokes: Arunachal 'South Tibet'

Tribune News Service



BEIJING SAYS NOT AWARE OF 5 MISSING YOUTHS

“We have never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh. Regarding the specifics (missing youth), I am not aware of it now.

TAGIN TRIBE UPSET WITH THE AUTHORITIES

The five missing boys belong to the Tagin tribe, while condemning China for ‘abducting the teenagers’, on Monday accused the authorities of not paying enough attention to the country’s strategically important area

Asked about the missing youths from Arunachal Pradesh at a press conference, Zhao Lijian, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) spokesperson, said: “China’s position with regard to the eastern sector of the China-India boundary, i.e. South Tibet

region, is consistent and clear: We have never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh, illegally established on the Chinese territory. Regarding the specifics (missing youth), I am not aware of it now.”

China had last raked up the issue in mid-February when

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had visited Arunachal Pradesh on its statehood day. The Chinese MPA’s reaction then was stronger, accusing the minister of violating China’s territorial sovereignty and undermining the stability of the border area.

Metro back after 5 months



Delhi Metro on Monday resumed services with curtailed operation of the Yellow Line after 169 days. PTI

Court commutes death sentences in Khashoggi case

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 7

A court in Saudi Arabia has commuted the death sentences of five persons convicted over the 2018 murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, state media said.

The public prosecution said they were given 20-year jail terms because the journalist’s family had pardoned them. Three others had their sentences of between seven and 10 years upheld, the BBC reported. — IANS

Complacency won’t do, Rajan rings alarm bells

Tribune News Service



Says stimulus must for economy to revive

ful activity,” Rajan wrote in a post on LinkedIn.

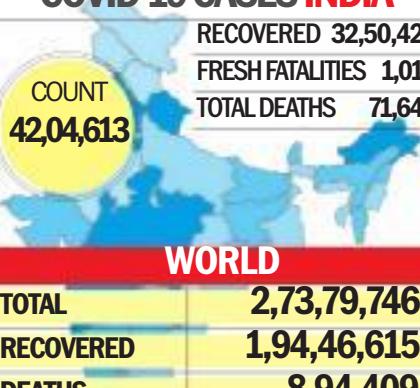
Making a strong case for an economic stimulus, he said that without relief, ‘households (will) skip meals, pull their children out of school

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70% Covid deaths in five states, testing up

Tribune News Service

COVID-19 CASES INDIA



42,04,613 with a record 90,802 infections in 24 hours as against 69,564 recoveries.

Of the total cases, 60 per cent are in the five states, which also make up 62 per cent of the currently active

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MLA under lens in scholarship scam

Rajmeet Singh

Tribune News Service

WAIT FOR PROBE

“We should wait for the probe being conducted by a committee constituted under Chief Secy. Whatever I had done was right.

Balwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Phagwara MLA

basis of tampered signatures of another IAS officer, Devinder Singh, who replaced Dhaliwal on August 30, 2019, months after the re-audit was announced by Dhaliwal.

In May 2018, a special audit of the funds disbursed during the previous SAD-BJP government (2012-2017), con-

ducted by the Finance Department (FD) on the instructions of the Council of Ministers, had reported a recovery of Rs 8.53 crore from the erring institutions.

Subsequently, the SWD conducted the re-audit of 14 institutions on the basis of an internal note signed on July 2, 2019, by Dhaliwal, Deputy Director Parinder Gill and other sub-ordinate staff. A scrutiny of documents suggests on April 16, 2019, FD’s instructions to the SWD to conduct an audit of only those institutions that had been left out in its special audit were “misconstrued” to allegedly benefit the institutions.

NCB officials question Rhea for eight hours

MUMBAI: Bollywood actress Rhea Chakraborty was on Monday grilled for eight hours by Narcotics Control Bureau officials for the second day in a row. Sources said she may be called for a third round of questioning on Tuesday to unravel the drug angle in superstar Sushant Singh Rajput’s death case. MORE ON BACK PAGE

Family lodges ‘missing’ report with the police

the family’s behaviour odd, arousing suspicion that the crime might have been committed by an “insider”. Sustained interrogation of the family members helped

Govt working on livelihood plan for IB dwellers

Mukesh Ranjan

Tribune News Service

The MEA had then shot back with its standard reaction, reiterating that Arunachal was an “integral, inalienable part” of India and added that “objecting to a visit of any leader of India to Arunachal Pradesh does not stand to reason and understanding of India”.

This time, however, the Chinese objection, although milder than the previous reaction, comes when the LAC standoff in eastern Ladakh shows no signs of abating even after a recent meeting of the two Defence Ministers in Moscow and several rounds of military and diplomatic talks.

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India in elite hypersonic club

SIX TIMES SPEED OF SOUND

- India on Monday tested hypersonic technology, joining the US, Russia and China which too are working on it
- The next version of Brahmos can be hypersonic, travelling at six times the speed of sound

RESOUNDING SUCCESS

- The test was conducted at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Launch Complex, Wheeler Island, off Odisha coast
- A ship was deployed in the Bay of Bengal to monitor the performance during the cruise phase of hypersonic vehicle
- The hypersonic cruise vehicle was launched using a solid rocket motor, which took it to an altitude of 30 km, where the aerodynamic heat shields were separated
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO for achieving the milestone



No HC relief for Saini, verdict reserved on two petitions

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7

Punjab’s former Director General of Police Sumedh Singh Saini failed to get relief from the Punjab and Haryana High Court today in the Multani kidnapping and murder case.

Taking up his anticipatory bail petition and another for

declaring the probe “non-existent” and in violation of a Supreme Court judgment, Justice Fateh Deep Singh reserved verdict in both matters. Senior advocate APS Deol and HS Deol argued that he was earlier granted bail in the same case when filed for abduction. INSIDE

RERA Regd. No. PBRERA-LDH44-PR0487

GLADA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT OF 93 RESIDENTIAL PLOTS [82 FREEHOLD + 11 FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION (EWS)] & OFFERS 9 SCOS THROUGH E-AUCTION
at GLADA Estate on 80 Feet wide Sua Road, Behind Hotel Keys, Ludhiana

**DUE TO ‘SHRADHS’ & HENCE ON PUBLIC DEMAND
THE SCHEME HAS BEEN EXTENDED TILL 30.09.2020
& E-AUCTION EXTENDED UPTO 1:00 PM ON 30.09.2020**

**DRAW OF LOTS
05.10.2020**



*Image for illustrative purpose only

DETAIL OF RESIDENTIAL PLOTS OFFERED FOR ALLOTMENT BY DRAW

LOCATION: ADJOINING SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH NAGAR (BEHIND HOTEL KEYS), LUDHIANA	SIZE OF PLOTS (SQ.YDS)	NO. OF PLOTS AVAILABLE	RATE (PER SQ. YD.)	EARNEST MONEY
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL	UPTO 100	68	₹ 29,000/-	₹ 2,90,000/-
ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION (EWS)	100-125	14	₹ 29,000/-	₹ 3,62,500/-
UPTO 100	11	₹ 26,100/-	₹ 2,61,000/-	

DETAIL OF SCOS OFFERED FOR E-AUCTION

LOCATION: ADJOINING SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH NAGAR (BEHIND HOTEL KEYS), LUDHIANA	SCO NO.	SIZE OF SITE	AREA IN SQ. YDS.	TOTAL NO. OF SITES	RESERVE PRICE (PER SQ. YD.)	TOTAL RESERVE PRICE	ELIGIBILITY FEE
COMMERCIAL SITES (SCOs)	1 (CORNER)	22'-5x69'	171.81	1	₹ 87,000/-	₹ 1,49,47,470/-	₹ 3,00,000/-
	2-9	18'x69'	138	8	₹ 87,000/-	₹ 1,20,06,000/-	₹ 3,00,000/-

NOTE: a) 2% Cancer Cess along with 15% amount of the plot will be payable within 30 days from issue of Allotment letter. b) Price of the Plot will be charged as per actual size of plot on the spot. c) PLC will be charged extra as per the norms.

- Located in the Heart of the City
- Near Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar (BRS)
- Connected with the Southern Bypass
- Main Sua Road has become 80 feet wide from 60 feet
- SCOs on 80 feet wide Main Road
- Underground electrification
- Gated Colony

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Applicant shall deposit earnest money i.e 10% of cost of plot along with application form in shape of demand draft in favour of “Estate Officer, GLADA” Payable at Ludhiana and 15% & 2% cancer cess of total amount shall be deposited within 30 days from the issuance of Allotment Letter.
- Residential Plots:** Balance 75% amount Lump Sum can be deposited within 60 days from the date of issuance of allotment letter without any interest. In such case, 5% rebate shall be allowed on balance payment. This amount can also be paid in 6 equal half yearly installments with interest @ 9% p.a compounded annually & first installment shall be due after 6 months from the date of issuance of allotment letter.
- Commercial Sites:** Balance 75% amount Lump Sum can be deposited within 60 days from the date of issuance of allotment letter without any interest. In such case 7.5% rebate shall be allowed on balance payment. This amount can also be paid in 8 equal half yearly installments with interest @ 9% p.a compounded annually.
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Grandma throws girl child into tank

GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 7

A woman of Tauri village allegedly threw her month-old granddaughter into a septic tank. For three days she fooled all, claiming the child was “missing” even as the family approached the police.

The police started investigations after a report was filed on Saturday. They found

Family lodges ‘missing’ report with the police

the family’s behaviour odd, arousing suspicion that the crime might have been committed by an “insider”. Sustained interrogation of the family members helped

crack the case with the grandmother, Luxmi (54), confessing to the crime. Luxmi was arrested and produced before a local court today. “She was angry with her daughter-in-law for having given birth to a third girl child,” said Sub-Inspector Bir Singh, the investigating officer. — TNS

Extension to retiring docs as Covid situation worsens

Expedite recruitment process of technicians, lab assistants: Capt

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7 With both cases and fatalities due to Covid-19 going up, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced a three-month extension for all retiring doctors and specialists aged under 60, and also asked the Chief Secretary to expedite the process of recruitment of technicians and lab assistants for coping with the exponential demand in view of the increasing number of Covid cases.

As per a Cabinet decision, these doctors were earlier given extension till September 30, which has now been extended till December 31, 2020, said the Chief Minister.

During a virtual review of the Covid situation with top officials and medical/health experts, the Chief Minister pointed out that the Health Department was already supporting the GMCS with specialist manpower pending recruitment by the Medical Education Department. Special relaxation had been given by the Finance Department to



HOME-MADE FOOD FOR SERIOUS PATIENTS

The government has decided to permit serious Covid patients with special dietary requirements to be given home-made food, if they wished so. To alleviate the psychological stress of serious patients at hospitals, the government will enable video calls between them and their relatives.

BOOK RUMOUR-MONGERS: CM TO DGP

Capt Amarinder Singh directed DGP Dinkar Gupta to crack down on rumour-mongers and web channels spreading misinformation on Covid. The CM also told the DGP to monitor statements being issued by anti-India elements working from abroad and register cases against all such people.



enable colleges to hire other manpower, he said.

The Chief Minister also directed formation of DC-led committees for distribution of food packets to poor families under home isolation or quarantine, in order to encourage testing, as such families generally refrained from getting themselves tested for

Covid for the fear of losing their meagre earnings.

In other measures, it has been decided that government hospitals will now permit serious Covid patients with special dietary requirements to have home-made food, if they wish so. To alleviate the psychological stress of serious patients in isolation in hospitals, and of

their family members, the government will provide some equipment in these wards to enable video calls between patients and their attendants. Further, the Chief Minister has directed all government labs to start providing the Cycle Threshold (CT) value of an RT-PCR test as it can give useful information to the doctors treating a Covid patient.

To ensure regular monitoring of Covid patients in home isolation, especially those above 40 years of age, Capt Amarinder told the Health Department to put in place a system of ensuring their clinical progress to check sudden deterioration. Covid patient tracking officers had been appointed in each district to ensure such patients received due care, he said.

Expressing concern over the delayed testing, which was leading to an increase in fatalities, the Chief Minister urged the departments to aggressively reach out to people to go for testing at the first sign of symptoms and not indulge in false bravado.

Shops, hotels to stay open till 9 pm; cash relief for workers

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7 Taking cognisance of the suggestions of several Congress MLAs and the advice of medical experts, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today announced some relaxations in the restrictions in urban areas, including opening of non-essential shops on Saturdays and relaxation in their timing from Monday to Saturday till 9 pm. As per the revised decision, night curfew will be in place in all cities/towns from 9.30 pm to 5 am now.

Hotels and restaurants will be allowed to remain open on all days, including Sundays, till 9 pm, after which home delivery of food will be allowed, as per the revised guidelines. It had also been decided to align opening of non-essential shops in Mohali with Chandigarh and Panchkula, the Chief Minister said.

Responding to complaints of shopkeepers getting inflated bills even though their shops had remained closed for a long duration, the Chief Minister directed the Power Department not to charge bills on the average of the previous year, but to send the actual bills.

Night curfew to be in place from 9.30 pm to 5 am



Residents queue up at a shop amid restrictions in Bathinda. FILE

During the meeting, Capt Amarinder directed the MLAs and ministers to aggressively counter the negative propaganda allegedly being spread by certain anti-social elements and AAP on Covid testing and organ harvesting.

People should be encouraged to identify the mischief makers and inform the police, he said, adding that they should be told that oximeters were no substitute for testing and delayed testing was leading to an increase in fatalities.

The Chief Minister also asked the MLAs to visit their constituencies and hospitals to establish better communication with people and boost their morale.

Home isolation for mild cases

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7 In revised guidelines, the Punjab Government has allowed home isolation for patients who test positive and have mild symptoms.

As per the revised guidelines issued today by the Director, Health Services, any person getting tested for Covid-19 at the time of giving sample may submit a consent form for home isolation stating that he/she has the facility for home isolation and is asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic and does not have any co-morbidity or has the co-morbid condition under control.

Health staff at walk-in testing corners/testing site will assist in filling these undertakings and keep the filled and signed copies safe for record.

In case the person turns out to be positive for Covid-19, he/she need not come to the hospital and the district Covid-positive tracking teams will contact him/her over the phone and check the health status. The patients will be monitored by the teams during the period of isolation. The teams will immediately shift the patients to appropriate isolation facility if their condition worsens.

AAP: Govt failed to curb rising death rate

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AAP MP Bhagwant Mann

the help of Central teams? At the national level, the Covid mortality rate has come down from 3.36 per cent to 1.81 per cent, while in Punjab, it has risen to 2.64 per cent," he said.

Lashing out at Congress president Sunil Jakhar's remarks regarding oximeter being available for Rs 5, Mann challenged Jakhar to book and deliver one lakh oximeters at that rate to the people of Punjab.

Mann said if the Congress leadership was ignorant of even the rates of oximeters, it could not be expected to be sensitive towards the lives of people.

"Now, will the CM reject

2,100 new cases, 61 succumb

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7 The state reported 2,110 Covid-19 cases and 61 deaths in the past 24 hours, taking the total count of cases to 65,583. So far, 1,923 people have succumbed to the virus. Besides, 47,020 patients have recovered and at present, there are 16,640 active cases in the state.

Apart from that, 534 patients are on oxygen support and 75 are on ventilator support.

In district wise break-up of cases, Ludhiana topped the list with 338 cases, followed by Jalandhar (210), SAS Nagar (176), Amritsar (157), Patiala (137), Gurdaspur (128), Muktsar (126), Ropar (115) and Bathinda (106).

SAS Nagar is the worst hit with 15 deaths, followed by Ludhiana (10), Patiala (7), Moga (5), Hoshiarpur (4), Jalandhar, SBS Nagar and Ropar (3 each), Amritsar and Fatehgarh Sahib (2 each) and Barnala, Bathinda, Faridkot, Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Muktsar and Tarn Taran (1 each).



Health officials cremate a Covid victim in Abohar. FILE PHOTO

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	12,201	509	Moga	1,653	37
Jalandhar	8,089	206	Fatehgarh Sahib	1,236	42
Amritsar	4,983	198	Tarn Taran	953	38
Patiala	7,220	202	Kapurthala	1,620	75
Sangrur	2,458	95	Fazilka	1,153	18
SAS Nagar	4,793	117	SBS Nagar	837	24
Gurdaspur	3,124	67	Faridkot	1,595	25
Bathinda	3,130	46	Barnala	1,323	25
Hoshiarpur	2,091	64	Ropar	1,116	29
Ferozepur	2,090	51	Muktsar	1,333	14
Pathankot	1,746	29	Mansa	839	12
Total positive	65,583		Deaths	1,923	

Keep patients' info confidential, officials told

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7 The Health Department has asked field officials to keep personal information of Covid patients completely confidential.

In a communication to all deputy commissioners and civil surgeons, the Director, Health Services, today said, "It is important to maintain confidentiality of Covid-19 patients to reduce stigma and misinformation."

Move to help end stigma

The order said the personal information of Covid-19 patients should not be disclosed to anyone, except to those involved in public health action to control the spread of the virus.

The officials have been directed to ensure strict compliance of the order.

Govt to provide 50,000 Covid care kits for free

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CONTAIN MASKS, VITAMIN TABLETS

A kit worth ₹1,700, which will be provided free of cost, includes an oximeter, a digital thermometer, face mask and necessary medication. The move is a part of the wider state government endeavour to ensure that all patients get complete medical care on their doorstep, thus facilitating their recovery from the disease.

A spokesperson said the kit would also include a steamer, a hand sanitiser, besides 60 glycol tablets, 30 Vitamin C and four Vitamin D3 tablets.

The pulse oximeter will help the patients keep track of their oxygen levels. The digital thermometer will be used to check body temperature. The steamer has been prescribed twice daily for 5-10 minutes, the spokesperson said.

Vitamin Zinc Zinconia 50 MG (30 tablets), Topcide 40 MG (14 tablets), Amunity Plus 200 ML (Kahra), 15 tablets of Dolo 650 mg, Multi-Vitamin Supradyn (30 tablets) besides a cough syrup 100 ml, Betadyne gargles or salt gargles, 10 tablets of Okacet and three big size balloons would also be provided as part of the

Covid care kit. The patients would be advised to add eight tulsi leaves every morning to their diet.

Patients would be advised to take two glycol tablets daily in the morning for 30 days to boost immunity.

Likewise, Vitamin C tablets have been prescribed two each morning and evening for 15 days. Vitamin D3 is to be consumed one per week for four weeks at night, the spokesperson said.

Cough syrup has been added as an SOS measure, only to be taken in case of cough. Similarly, Dolo medicine is to be taken in case fever is more than 100°C. In all, 50 masks have been provided, of which one should be used for maximum of eight hours and the used mask should be discarded.

At Rajindra hospital, 55% deaths within 48 hrs of admission

KARAM PRAKASH

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55 per cent of Covid deaths at Government Rajindra Hospital, which caters to 10 districts of the state, took place within 48 hours of admission of patients.

Experts are attributing this to the delay in providing tertiary healthcare and ICU facilities

to the patients. There are only three government-run tertiary care hospitals in the state. Of the 348 Covid deaths at the hospital till Saturday, 40 per cent had taken place within 24 hours of admission, while 55 per cent of patients had died within 48 hours of admission. Most of the patients were referrals, whose SPO2 levels were alarming, said the hospital authorities. A doctor said: "Dialysis of Covid patients is available at the Rajindra hospital only. Even patients from Ferozepur district are referred here,

which is at a distance of 200 km from Ferozepur."

Surbhi Malik, IAS and incharge of the Covid ward at the hospital, said many patients were declared brought dead when they reached the hospital. This led to a spike in the number of

Covid deaths. "Sometimes, it is clinically impossible to save patients when their oxygen levels are critically low. Also, despite having the best facilities and doctors, there is a spike in the number of deaths, because of the delay in admission of patients," she said.

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Administrative officials said Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Charanjit Singh asked them to maintain order in view of promulgation of Section 144 of the CrPC, but they jostled with the police. The police then resorted to a lathicharge.

Leaders and activists of the party had gathered in

Simarjit Bains asked people not to wear masks: Complainant

Ludhiana Police, the Civil Surgeon had requested legal action against Bains for misguiding people through a video clip regarding Covid. The Civil Surgeon said the clip was being posted on various social media platforms, leading to the creation of an atmosphere of confusion among the people regarding Covid. Bains was also inciting people not to wear masks, the complaint said.

LIP seeks minister's dismissal, protesters lathicharged

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PATIALA, SEPTEMBER 7 The Patiala police have registered an FIR against Simarjit Singh Bains, Balwinder Singh Bains and 300 members of the Lok Insaaf Party (LIP) for interference in the duty of police officials and violation of guidelines regarding Covid-19 during their protest in Patiala.

The protesters jostled with the police party which then resorted to a lathicharge to disperse the crowd. Officials said four police officials, including a sub-inspector and two women constables, were injured in the incident and were later admitted to a hospital.

SCHOLARSHIP SCAM: BJP HOLDS SIT-IN

Abohar: The BJP's SC Wing on Monday staged a sit-in at Dr Ambedkar Chowk here against the government's alleged delay in taking action in the SC Scholarship scam.

MLA Arun Narang and state BJP vice-president Dhanpat Siyag criticised Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh for not dismissing Cabinet Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot.

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No relief for ex-DGP, HC reserves verdict

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MULTANI CASE

SUMEDH SINGH SAINI

The HC reserved the verdict, while fixing the case for Tuesday

APS Deol and HS Deol primarily argued that he was earlier granted bail in the same case when it was registered for abduction under Section 364 of the IPC. As such, he should be granted anticipatory bail on the addition of Section 302 as it was the same case. He also pressed upon the fact that the FIR registered by the CBI in 2008 for the same incident was set aside by the Supreme Court.

Rebutting the arguments,

special public prosecutor SS Narula and senior advocate Sidharth Luthra argued that the investigation was at its initial stage when the accused was granted bail for the offence under Section 364. At that time, hardly any evidence was collected by the special investigation team. As of now, there was sufficient evidence on record for the indictment of Saini in Multani's custodial death.

Narula said his custodial interrogation was required to find out about the police officials involved in the illegal abduction, detention, torture, and disposal of Multani's body. The Bench was also told about a triple murder case going on against Saini in Delhi. Even after his retirement, the CBI's investigating officer had turned hostile. It was added that Saini was also responsible for intimidating a sitting High Court judge.

After hearing arguments for more than four hours, Justice Fateh Deep Singh reserved the verdict, while fixing the case for Tuesday.

One held for YAD leader's murder

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BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 7

The Bathinda police have cracked the murder case of Youth Akali Dal (YAD) leader Sukhanpreet Singh within 24 hours. A monetary dispute is said to be the reason behind the murder.

Deceased Sukhanpreet Singh had reportedly taken Rs 3 lakh on loan from the accused three years ago. He had prom-

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ised to return Rs 1 lakh on Saturday night, but was able to arrange only Rs 40,000. That led to an altercation between the two and the accused fired at Sukhanpreet using his licensed weapon, leading to his death.

Bathinda SSP Bhupinder Singh Virk said, "A probe team was constituted to crack the case and accused Sanjay Thakur of Partap Nagar was arrested. The weapon used in the crime has also been recovered."

Call records of Sukhanpreet helped police nab the accused from Jail Singhwala village, he added.

No bar licence fee for six months, says Manpreet

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HOTEL BUSINESS BADLY HIT DUE TO COVID

■ Punjab Hotel Association president Satish Arora claimed that around 5,000 small, medium and large hotels and restaurants, including national and international chains, had suffered monthly losses to the tune of ₹1,000 crore in the state.

■ More than 3,000 eateries, restaurants and hotels across the state had already been shut due to the massive losses, while many more were on the verge of closure.

CAN PAY IN INSTALMENTS THEREAFTER

■ We have agreed to exempt bar licence fee for a period of six months. Moreover, for the next six months, starting from October 1, they can pay the bar licence fee in instalments. This has been done to give a push to the sector.

Manpreet Badal, FINANCE MINISTER

Ropar schools to have rainwater harvesting system

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ROPAR, SEPTEMBER 7

To overcome the problem of depletion in the groundwater level in the area, the district administration has decided to set up water recharge systems in a large number of government schools of the district. Under the pilot project, the water recharge system has already been operationalised successfully at Chanauli village in the Nurpur Bedi block, which has been notified as an overexploited zone by the Central Ground Water Board.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Deepshikha Sharma said the rooftop area of the school building was 1,580 square meter, and over 10 lakh litre of water would be saved with this initiative.

The ADC said given the over-exploitation of groundwater in the zone, it was necessary to take measures so that there was no more depletion in the groundwater level. It was planned that all government school buildings would be used to set up water harvesting projects. This would also percolate the habit of saving water into the minds of youth, she said.

After covering all 58 schools in the Nurpur Bedi block, the project would also be started in Morinda and Chamkaur Sahib blocks, where the groundwater level had been depleting fast, she added.

Seed programme for better cane yield

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The CO-238 variety of sugarcane is considered to be high-yielding and grown on almost 50 per cent of the area under cane cultivation in Punjab.

He said the same variety in areas of Western UP and Haryana was giving an average yield of 356-370 quintals per acre whereas in Punjab, having similar soil and climatic conditions, it was 40 quintals per acre.

Shivrajpal Singh Dhalawal, sugarcane incharge, Sugarcane, said the reason for impure variety in state was its late recommendation in 2014-15, though it was cleared for cultivation in other states in 2009.

"For this season, around 20 lakh seed samplings of pure varieties have been distributed to farmers. We will introduce single-bud technique cultivation this year onwards to increase yield," said Randhawa.

Two NRIs involved in Moga trader's murder identified

MOGA, SEPTEMBER 7

From the ongoing probe into the murder case of a Moga trader, the police have found that two NRIs based in the UK and Canada were operating a gang involved in extortion in the Malwa belt.

The trader, Jatinder Kumar, was murdered on July 14.

The NRIs, Ramandeep Singh from Canada and Arshdeep Singh from the UK, had called the trader to demand a ransom of Rs 25 lakh from him. They also threatened to kill him if he failed to fulfil the demand.

After he refused to pay the money, Kumar was smothered by two motorcycle-borne youths at his shop in Moga city.

Both NRIs have been nominated in the murder case along with four others, a senior police official said. — TNS

Lockdown helped unravel missing 'saroops' mystery

GS PAUL

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AMRITSAR, SEPTEMBER 7 The unauthorised printing of "saroops" of Guru Granth Sahib was exposed thanks to the lockdown restrictions. Besides digging out the shortage of 328 "saroops", the Akal Takht-appointed panel's probe led to the recovery of 125 additional unauthorised "saroops", made using extra printed "angs" (pages), which could not undergo the process of binding as lockdown came into force in March.

The unauthorised printing was being done on verbal orders of deputy secretary Gurbachan Singh, without intimating the higher authorities. He was also held guilty of issuing forged receipts and orders, as stated in the report on the basis of which

binders Kulwant Singh and Jaspreet Singh.

Close to his retirement, Kanwaljit Singh, the assistant supervisor of the SGPC publication department, had disclosed the disappearance of 'saroops' from the records.

SGPC senior vice-president Rajinder Singh Mehta said Kanwaljit had drafted an official note on February 20, stating 80 'saroops' were damaged in the fire that occurred in May 2016, and got it endorsed from former chief secretary Dr Roop Singh and a secretary so that these could be adjusted in the record.

"The exercise was devised to cover up the discrepancy in records but could not fructify due to lockdown restrictions," Mehta said.

Kanwaljit could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

he was sacked by the SGPC executive committee on August 27.

The probe panel discovered that earlier, unrecorded 61 'saroops' were prepared with the same modus operandi on his orders, as confirmed by

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Major Covid surge post Aug 31

13,267 cases in a week | Dept attributes it to increased testing



A health worker collects a swab sample in Gurugram. FILE PHOTO

**2,224 cases,
23 more die**

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 7
With the number of fresh Covid cases multiplying two and a half times in a month, Haryana has witnessed a major surge in the infection in the first week of September.

The state saw 13,267 fresh cases of Covid in the week from August 31 to September 6 against 5,116 a month earlier, from August 3 to 9.

The state had 36,519 cases on August 2, but over 42,000 were added to the state's virus caseload in a little over a month as the total number of cases was 78,773 on Monday.

Ever since the first case of virus infection appeared in the state in March this year, the weekly cumulative cases had shown a rise every month, but this time, the surge was relatively sharper.

Haryana recorded 12 cases from March 16 to 22, 9 from March 23 to 29, 55 from March 30 to April 5 and 105 from April 5 to 12.

The number of weekly cases was 55 in the week from April 13 to 19, 60 from April 20 to 26, 146 from April 27 to May 3 and 261 from May 4 to 10.

The state saw 207 fresh cases in the week from May 11 to 17, 274 in the week from May 18 to 24 and 907 in the week from May 25 to 31.

With unlocking starting in

AVERAGE DAILY TESTING 22,500

“We were testing 5,000 people a day in June. The number rose to 11,000 in July. Daily testing went up to 17,500 in August. Now in September, the average daily testing is 22,500.” Rajeev Arora, ACS, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

June, 2,357 cases were witnessed in the week from June 1 to 7. The cases rose to 2,760 in the week from June 8 to 14, 3,427 in the week from June 15 to 21 and 3,194 in the week from June 22 to 28.

July witnessed a steady rise of cases, with 3,176 in the week from June 29 to July 5, 4,235 from July 6 to 12, 4,924 from July 13 to 19, 5,168 from July 20 to 26 and 5,187 in the week from July 27 to August 2.

We were testing 5,000 people a day in June. The number rose to 11,000 in July. Daily testing went up to 17,500 in August. Now in September, the average daily testing is 22,500.” Arora said the state tested 26,080 persons on Sunday. He said by detecting infections early, the state had kept its fatality rate low, which at 1.1 per cent was among the lowest in the country.

Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, said the rise in fresh cases was largely because of increased testing as the state's emphasis was on detecting infection early to save more lives and bring down fatality rate.

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DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	14,168	179
Gurugram	13,482	139
Sonepat	5,174	41
Ambala	4,773	43
Panipat	4,735	54
Karnal	4,165	44
Rewari	4,012	24
Rohtak	3,502	37
Panchkula	3,246	34
Hisar	3,008	23
Kurukshetra	2,569	50
Kaithal	2,479	18
Yamunanagar	2,240	30
Mahendragarh	2,156	2
Sirsia	1,862	23
Bhawan	1,745	15
Palwal	1,661	13
Jhajjar	1,507	18
Fatehabad	1,225	15
Jind	999	11
Nuh	853	14
Charkhi Dadri	322	1
Total	78,773	829

G'gram Metro back on track, receives lukewarm response

OUR CORRESPONDENT

GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 7
The Metro services resumed to a lukewarm response here on Monday after a 169-day hiatus in the wake of the Covid pandemic. The first train from HUDA City Centre chugged off at 7 am with few passengers.

There was a slight increase in the numbers in the next three trains, but the response remained tepid throughout.

“We are on our way. It’s been 169 days since we’ve seen you! Travel responsibly and commute if it’s only necessary.” #MetroBackOn-Track,” the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) tweeted and posted a video clip of the first train leaving the HUDA City Centre station.



Fewer passengers in a Metro in Gurugram on Monday. S CHANDAN

All five stations here were reopened as none lies close to any containment zone. Only four trains ran in the entire day.

Abhishek Sharma, who boarded the train from HUDA City Centre, said: “Covid cases are rising, but we will have to find new ways to get back to normal with the resumption of the Metro.”

boarded the Metro, clicked pictures and posted them on social media. We were excited, but wary at the same time.”

Auto-rickshaw drivers, who provided the last mile connectivity, expected things to get back to normal with the resumption of the Metro.

KARNAL, SEPTEMBER 7

The Kaithal police will inquire the high-profile gangrape case and two cases of blackmail and extortion as Karnal Range IGP Bharti Arora transferred these cases to the Kaithal police on Monday.

In the gangrape case registered on the complaint of the teacher at a private school, an owner of the school and a Tehsildar are the accused. In one case of blackmail and extortion, a school teacher is the accused while in the other, a school teacher and her husband are the accused.

Arora directed the Kaithal SP to submit his reports on the three cases within a month.

“I have yet to receive a letter from the IGP’s office. We will ensure justice to victims,” said Shashank Kumar Sawan, Kaithal SP — TNS

Single-window for allotting fuel stations

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PERMISSIONS ON WEBSITE

- The Department of Town and Country Planning to act as a coordinating agency by creating a website for granting permissions
- It will help in allotting land, granting CLU, no-objection certificates and occupation certificates, approving building plans, and paying dues online

“As part of the policy, a single-window platform will be set up. This will help in allotting government land through a transparent system of e-auction and granting change of land use (CLU) certificates for retail outlets which will come up on private land,” said AK Singh, Principal Secretary, Department of Town and Country Planning.

The department will develop a website to fast-track the process of granting permissions. It would act as the coordinating agency in allotting land, granting CLU, no-objection certificates and occupation certificates, approving building plans, and paying dues online, a senior officer said. The CLU permission will be valid for two years.

As per the policy, the maximum area for constructing a petrol station on a national highway has been fixed at 3,000 sq m. For petrol stations along scheduled roads, the minimum area requirement is 1,000 sq m and the maximum is 2,500 sq m.

For gas stations with auto repair workshops, ATM kiosks and eating joints, the minimum area requirement is 3,000 sq m and the maximum is one acre (4,047 sq m). The area for CNG and PNG outlets has been pegged at 50 m x 30 m.

The policy makes it clear that retail outlets would not be constructed in natural conservation zones.



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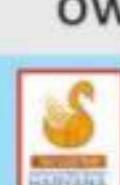
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Exams near, college demands transfer of infected jail inmates

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GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 7

The isolation of nearly 40 inmates of the Bhondsi jail in the main building of the government college in Sector 9 has left the authorities harried.

All set to host exams in the next week, the college authorities have sought immediate transfer of the inmates to another isolation facility, claiming that this has hampered preparations for holding exams with Covid SOPs.

Faridabad reported a maximum of 270 cases, followed by Karnal (206), Ambala (188), Jind (176), Gurugram (147) and Sonepat (128). Kurukshetra reported a maximum of three deaths, followed by Gurugram and Ambala. — TNS

teachers are scared and students are writing to me, saying they will not come as the infection rate is high. The administration is looking into the matter and promises quick resolution,” said Principal Satmalya Yadav.

While DC Amit Kahtri is working on a solution, sources say the Health Department is already at loggerheads with the jail authorities who despite being bound have not made any isolation or quarantine arrangement.

“The patients should have been isolated on jail premises only but they have shunned their responsibility and landed us all in this situation. The college is at risk and we are trying to reason with the jail authorities but so far it has been of no use,” said an official.

Screening of volunteers on for vaccine trials

ROHTAK, SEPTEMBER 7

Following the success of the first phase of clinical trials of India’s indigenous Covid vaccine Covaxin, experts at the PGIMS today began the process of screening volunteers for the second phase of trials.

“In the first phase, two doses of Covaxin were given to 375 healthy volunteers across the country in the age group of 18 to 55 years, 81 of whom were administered the vaccine at the PGIMS,” said Dr Ramesh Verma, co-investigator.

“In the second phase, we will give two doses to new volunteers in the age group of 12 to 65 years. Nearly 250 volunteers have registered with us for the trials,” he said. — TNS

The Tribune

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Congress at crossroads

Floor strategy should go hand in hand with revival plan

IT is arguably the best time for the Congress to corner the BJP-led Union government. The country's economy is in free fall, Covid-19 cases are growing by leaps and bounds, and there is no end in sight to the border standoff with China. However, the main opposition party is certainly not best placed to mount an offensive against the Centre. The Congress still doesn't have a full-time president, more than 15 months after Rahul Gandhi quit in the wake of the 2019 Lok Sabha poll rout. The party is busy expending its energy on taming or punishing the has-beens who were part of the 'Group of 23' that had lobbed a 'letter bomb' at interim chief Sonia Gandhi on the eve of the Congress Working Committee meeting. Taking a predictable course, the August 24 meet did nothing more than to uphold the status quo. The party's reluctance to introspect and its tendency to give the misleading impression that everything is hunky-dory have virtually ruled out the possibility of sweeping reforms.

Ahead of Parliament's monsoon session, the Congress' strategy group will meet today to prepare a plan to confront the government on the floor of the House. Leaders of the Congress and other opposition parties are likely to put their heads together later in the week to finalise a joint floor strategy. Ironically, despite being in a state of drift, the Grand Old Party is expected to lead the charge against the BJP.

The Congress' attempt to seize the initiative on the JEE-NEET issue was defeated, with the Supreme Court dismissing a review petition filed by six non-BJP-ruled state governments against its own order allowing the Centre to hold the two premier entrance tests. But the Central government finds itself on a sticky wicket over its failure to compensate the states for the shortfall in GST collection. Having so much ammo, all that the Opposition needs is a strong, vocal party at the forefront. The onus is on the Congress to set its own house in order. For a start, it should announce the schedule for the much-delayed organisational revamp.

Kesavananda Bharati

The verdict changed course of constitutional history

SELDOM does the death of a religious leader make headlines across India. The death of Edneer Mutt chief Kesavananda Bharati Sri-padagalvaru on Sunday was a notable exception. More than his service in the field of religion, he would be remembered as the lead petitioner in the historic case of 'Kesavananda Bharati Sripadagalvaru and Others versus State of Kerala and Others' that changed the course of constitutional history of India. It was in this case that the Supreme Court propounded the doctrine of 'basic structure' which placed fetters, in addition to those prescribed under Article 13, regarding fundamental rights, on the power of Parliament to amend the Constitution.

Article 19(1)(f) of the Constitution, as it stood before being repealed by the 44th Constitutional Amendment in 1978, guaranteed fundamental right to property to citizens. As various states attempted to implement land reform laws, they faced a barrage of litigation, forcing the Nehru government to create, in 1951, the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution that protected laws placed under it from judicial review. During Indira Gandhi's rule, Parliament passed the 24th Amendment, enabling it to dilute fundamental rights through amendments to the Constitution, and 25th Amendment that restricted property rights and compensation in case the state took over private property. Further, the 29th Amendment placed land reform laws and amendments to these laws under the Ninth Schedule.

The monk had assailed the amendments, contending that these violated his fundamental right to religion and freedom to manage religious affairs of his denomination and manage its property. After 68 days of marathon hearing before a 13-judge Bench, the Supreme Court delivered a 7-6 split verdict on April 24, 1973. Bharati lost, but the historic verdict made him immortal in the annals of India's constitutional history. While upholding Parliament's power to amend the Constitution — including fundamental rights, the court ruled that it can't amend the 'basic structure' of the Constitution. The ruling has since served as a bulwark against attempts by the political class to undermine constitutional values.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The road to the sacred leads through the secular.

— Abraham Joshua Heschel

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1920

Non-co-operation at the Congress.

IT is perfectly clear that up to Sunday evening, no settlement had been arrived at among the Congress leaders on the subject of non-co-operation. The All-India Congress Committee had met on Friday and had failed to come to an agreement. The Subjects Committee met on Sunday but though it sat till late in the evening, no settlement was found practicable. The majority were, of course, in favour of accepting the principle, but this as we have said repeatedly and as Mr. Chakravarty pointed out in his speech, left the real question exactly where it was. That question was about the programme. On one side were those who, while accepting the principle, opposed every one of Mr. Gandhi's concrete proposals, at any rate all the more important ones among them. On the other side were the supporters of Mr. Gandhi who declared that non-co-operation without a boycott of the Councils and the courts would be a sham and a delusion. Each party was right from its own point of view. If non-co-operation is to serve its avowed purpose, that of paralysing the Government, it is idle to stop short of the only things that could possibly have that effect. On the other hand, the paralysis of the Government is not what everyone wants at this stage, and there are many who think that the attempt to paralyse the Government by means of universal non-co-operation at the present time and in the present conditions would not only fail, but be fraught with the most disastrous consequences. We cannot help thinking that while this difference of opinion remains, it is neither right nor expedient for a body like the Congress to hurriedly adopt a programme merely by a majority vote.

New meaning of secularism

In India, it has often proved to be hypocritical or strategic



AVIJIT PATHAK

SOCIOLOGIST



BEYOND FAITH: Our religiosity might inspire us to resist the tyranny of priesthood and transcend the ascriptive identities of being a Hindu or a Muslim.

An honest self-critique should not be seen as a conspiracy, or a bid to weaken the fight against the onslaught of religious nationalism in a plural society like ours.

HERE seems to be no end to the debate on the character of Indian secularism—its possibilities or discontents. Well, at a time when the discourse of majoritarian nationalism or Hindutva has posed a threat to the ideal of egalitarian cultural pluralism, the enthusiastic champions of secularism would further plead for their case. And even those voices—non-communal, but self-critical; and rooted in spiritual traditions or folk idioms—are likely to be suspected. Yet, we need a healthy debate on the trajectory of secularism. It is in this context that the questions (say, whether secularism was defeated because it 'disavowed our languages', or 'refused to learn or speak the language of our religions', or, for that matter, 'chose to mock Hinduism') Yogendra Yadav raised in an article acquire relevance.

There are four points. First, even though religious rituals and practices might enable people to discipline their life trajectories, our religiosity—a quest for the meaning of life and death, or the search for a merger with the transcendent force—need not necessarily be always equated with the organised religion, its orthodoxy, priesthood and ritualism. Instead, our religiosity—the ecstasy of love and connectedness—might inspire us to resist the tyranny of priesthood, overcome the psychology of fear that the heavy baggage of ritualism generates, and even transcend the ascriptive identities of being a Hindu or a Muslim. This does not mean that the sacred texts associated with different faiths become irrelevant. Instead, a seeker interprets religious texts with her own existential/spiritual quest. This creates the ground for pluralism, dia-

logue and fusion of horizons. Second, reductionist/deterministic science or scientism need not necessarily liberate our consciousness, and nurture the ethics of compassion and care. Instead, it might cause disenchantment, or a sense of meaninglessness. With objectivism or instrumental rationality, we might end up creating some sort of soulless secular doctrine of 'salvation' in hedonism and unlimited techno-economic progress. And third, communalism—or the act of reducing religion into an ideology of group narcissism or psychic boundary—brutalises us by killing our aesthetic and spiritual sensibilities.

It is an obstacle that hampers the possibility of an evolutionary journey—from limitedness to abundance, or from a restricted parochial identity to spirited universalism. And hence, even though in a heterogeneous society like ours majority communalism is terribly dangerous, minority communalism is by no means an answer to it. And finally, the language of articulating the spirit of human solidarity need not necessarily coincide with that of the university-educated/English-speaking secular elite. For instance, a rural peasant in

Bengal might feel easier with the symbolism of a *Baul* singer rather than the vocabulary of a Marxist professor; or, for that matter, Kabir and Narayana Guru (but not MN Roy or Nehru) might make much sense to the subaltern.

The tragedy is that our secularism has often proved to be hypocritical or strategic. Even 'secular' parties have not always acquired the courage to question the orthodoxy of organised religions; instead, the logic of vote politics in our mass democracy has led even these parties to play with the loud symbolism of religious identities. From the billboards showing the politicians conveying their 'best wishes' to people (never mind even if people in Varanasi or Aligarh are living with poverty and unemployment) on the occasion of Dussehra or Shiv Ratri to the much-publicised Iftar parties organised by political bosses: we see the dramaturgical performance of these 'secular' leaders. Likewise, because of the rise of militant Hindutva in our times, many of our left-Ambedkarite 'secular' intellectuals become too apprehensive, and refuse to see any possibility in Hindu traditions except the tyranny of patriarchal Brah-

minism or the lumpenism of the perpetrators of mob lynching. Even a reference to Swami Vivekananda, Ramana Maharshi or Sri Aurobindo would cause much discomfort to them. Or the occasional reference to Kabir or Surdas is largely ornamental as they are more comfortable with modern/postmodern intellectual traditions. And it would not be wrong to say that some of them would even prefer to remain silent on the reactive politics of 'minority communalism' or the orthodoxies that the conservative clergy seek to keep alive. Possibly, Yadav was not wrong in complaining that this is nothing but a 'conspiracy to keep the minority voters hostage'. Does it explain the ultimate irony of our secular politics—a rightist/communal party has to eventually abolish the obnoxious practice of triple talaq? Yadav was honest in saying that the proponents of Hindu *rashtra* were the 'beneficiaries of the colossal failure of secular politics'.

An honest self-critique should by no means be seen as a conspiracy, or an effort to weaken the fight against the onslaught of Hindu majoritarianism or religious nationalism in a plural or heterogeneous society like ours. Instead it should nurture our politico-moral and intellectual honesty to move towards a society that, say, Tagore imagined through his poetic wisdom—a spiritually regenerated India as a confluence of multiple traditions, or a civilisation that renews its soul to free itself from the barbarism of militant nationalism. It should also enable us to understand the deeper meaning of Gandhi's quest: striving for a kind of religiosity that, far from fragmenting and dividing, heals and unites, and transforms politics into a spiritual act of redemption. In Tagore's poetry or Gandhi's prayers, there was no René Descartes or Karl Marx; possibly, there was a longing for the Upanishadic universalism, the spirit of 'anasakti yoga', the ecstasy of Nizamuddin Aulia, or the invocation of a tender (not a hyper-masculine warrior) Rama. With this realisation, our secularism would acquire its religiosity and touch people's hearts.

A good teacher educates for lifetime

BM SINGH

A TEACHER is one who teaches. Simple and true. But, there is something important beyond that. There is a line between a 'teacher' and a 'good teacher'. The former imparts bookish knowledge of events and facts, which is, of course, an essential academic activity. But, the latter is the one who injects in malleable minds perennial excitement, a sense of curiosity, zest for research; where young minds shall come to apprehend life and all its aspects with exhilaration, tempered by curiosity and wonder.

A teacher must always first live his or her life as a 'student', with no superannuation; and, in the eye of the pupil and the public as a moving encyclopaedia. There should be ready answers to

'why, where, how and when'.

Zenobius, in the first century BC, said, 'He is either dead or teaching school'.

During my China tour, I questioned a guide, 'How come your country has made rapid progress in such a short time?' With a flood of confidence and a smile, she replied, 'Sir, three things: Education, education and education,' adding that 'our leaders brought a tsunami of quality education through dedicated, committed teachers, with no compromise on quality.'

Today, let us see where our universities figure in the top 200 world-class universities. Abysmally nowhere, whereas China has a significant presence.

In a country where everyone has a

presence through 'vote power', quality education is on the back burner—a big reason for our slow progress.

Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner at 17, said during an address at UNESCO, 'One child, one teacher, one book and one pen, can change the world.' And, humbly, she attributed it all to her teachers, 'for education, especially for girl child education'.

Good teaching remains in us after we have forgotten what we have read. For attaining this coveted standard, we need good teachers who do not work merely as professionals, but with passion, as all professions sprout from good teaching and learning. Einstein said,

'It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.' A teacher

should inculcate among pupils, the dual art of 'education for living' and 'educating for making a living'.

A teacher should make his or her classroom as attractive as a playground, where students love to rush in, not wanting to miss a single day!

In 1953, during my days at DAV College, Ambala, we had an English teacher, Prof Lakhapal, who was a mediocre Urdu poet, too. Before his lecture, he used to recite one or two couplets, and translate them into English. Students never missed his class.

Once, then PM PV Narasimha Rao was on a public stage where Pt Bhimsen Joshi, the music maestro, too, was present. Rao got up and touched Joshi's feet. The media later asked him why he did it. He simply said, 'He has been my music teacher.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Apology for a hospital

Patients who are being treated at government hospitals have been complaining of lack of facilities which has been ratified by an MLA, as reported in *The Tribune* dated September 7. The poor and unhygienic facilities at government hospitals have been exposed by MLA Nirmal Singh, who opted for Government Rajindra Hospital for treatment of Covid after testing positive. Just in a day, he got himself shifted to a private hospital because of lack of cleanliness. We can imagine the fate of the common man who has no such alternative, and are also unable to raise their voice. That is the reason why those who can afford to, do not go to government hospitals. With huge amount being spent on these hospitals, the government cannot run away from its accountability of providing best facilities in all government hospitals, and make it mandatory for all government officials to get treatment only at these hospitals.

BD SHARMA, AMRITSAR

Fake degree scams

Refer to 'Detecting fake degrees' (Sept 7); fake degree rackets are flourishing everywhere in India. It devalues the grand thought of *shiksha*. The government seems to be

in no mood to check the spread of private universities which don't hesitate from supplying fake degrees. The question of verifying the degrees is raised after one has joined a particular post. These should have been examined much earlier. The UGC should set such norms that put stringent checks on private universities. There should be a clear identification between a real and fake degree so that even a layman can distinguish between the two.

KAPIL SHARMA, KAITHAL

Attributes of a principal

Apropos of 'A principled principal' (Sept 7), I too had the privilege of serving under principals who were contemporary of revered Principal Nath and were cast in the same mould: GC Jain and his successor RN Monga of SA Jain College (Ambala City), and Dr HR Juneja and his successor Dr HR Jindal of MM Modi College, Patiala. One endearing quality of these gems of the teaching fraternity was that they were masters of their subjects and teachers par excellence. They led the faculty with their classroom performance and had a common belief that 'a principal is a teacher first, administrator afterwards'.

SURINDER LAL, PATIALA

A karmayogi

It was a treat to read the middle 'A principled principal' (Sept 7). Principal Nath, a towering personality, was a *karmayogi* whose dream was to see DAV College, Chandigarh, as the most ideal educational institution in our country. I remember an interesting incident, when a procession of angry students reached the college. Principal Nath was at the entry gate with folded hands. The protesters asked him to allow students to join the procession. He politely said, 'I have no objection; you may request the students to join the procession.' Unbelievable, but not a single student came out of the college premises. He had such a hold on the student community.

VK ANAND, CHANDIGARH

No laws for netas

Reference to 'Covid norms: cops more harsh on activists than netas' (Sept 6); though Article 14 gives equal protection of law to all, and equality before law, but that does not happen on the ground. Incarcerations are for the common people who are breaking the rules. If *netas* are arrested, it would make a tawdry campaign, claiming 'public leaders offering help were arrested on alleged pressure by the ruling party', which would

be a bigger conundrum.

ABHISHEK PERIWAL, FAZILKA

Indian Army's gesture

Apropos of 'Three Chinese motorists stray into Sikkim, rescued by Army' (Sept 6), the Government of India should highlight this internationally, and in China, through print, social media, etc. People across the world can understand that Indians, including Indian Army personnel, are friendly to all, even if they belong to hostile nations. It is unfortunate that the leaders of China are aggressive in nature and indulge in land-grabbing. If they don't change, the world community will teach them a lesson.

SHANKAR CHATTERJEE, HYDERABAD

Metro services

The resumption of Delhi Metro services has been taken in the interest of the general public, but the running of Metro rail at this stage may become a source of another upsurge in the number of Covid cases. As per the history of various unlocking phases, the cases have jumped up with opening up of each activity. With the running of Metro rail, the chances have increased multifold.

SANJAY CHOPRA, MOHALI

Reforms can bolster global value chains



SURESHP KUMAR

CHIEF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO PUNJAB CM

GLOBAL value chains (GVCs) are a powerful driver of growth. Through the dispersal of production processes across the nations, building on the strength of the participating countries qua factor endowments, institutional framework, market size and geography, the GVCs help to realise the maximum quality production at the lowest possible costs.

There are vast disparities in the availability of resources — men, material and machines across the countries. Those like India and China, rich in natural resource endowments, remained poor for long due to lack of capital resources, technology, quality institutions and appropriate policy framework. On the contrary, countries in Europe and North America that had better access to capital resources and technology, better public policies, quality institutional framework, and enjoyed better communication infrastructure, have fewer workers.

For availing of the benefit of low-factor cost — land and labour in less developed countries and the resultant low production cost — GVCs were innovated by breaking the production processes, allowing hyper-specialisation, economies of scale, intensive use of technology, and greater division of labour leading to a rise in internal and external efficiencies. The GVCs grew faster during the

1990s and till about 2007, damped 2008 onwards, with further accentuation of the financial crisis across the globe due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The benefits of GVCs can be summed up in the form of a rise in economic growth, including an increase in GDPs; a rise in productivity and employment; poverty alleviation; and a rise in FDI in developing countries. Amongst the countries that have achieved substantial economic growth owing to their greater participation in GVCs — Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Mexico and Vietnam are discussed more often. India and China also achieved substantial growth by capturing GVC space in world trade.

In Bangladesh, as per the World Bank National Accounts Data, the rate of economic growth has risen from a meagre 2.416 per cent in 1988 to 8.153 per cent in 2019. The export of garments made of imported textiles has risen by an average of 18 per cent per annum since 1988. The country has captured 7 per cent of the world's exports in garments and footwear, third only to China and Vietnam, and these contribute

14 per cent of its GDP with employment to 3.6 million workers with nearly 55 per cent of them being women. In Ethiopia, GVC firms have shown higher productivity. The firms that were involved in both export and import of goods were assessed to be 76 per cent more productive than the non-trading firms. The firms that did exports only were 42 per cent less productive, and the import-only firms were 20 per cent less productive. In Vietnam, this relationship was found to be true across firms in all sectors. China's 'Button Town' is another fascinating example of high productivity where nearly 60 per cent of the world's total buttons are produced at the lowest costs.

Poverty reduction has also been a more discernible achievement in GVC trade-

driven economies. In Mexico, areas with a larger share of employees in internationalised firms had a greater reduction in poverty between 1993 and 2013. Similar was the experience in Vietnam from 2004 to 2014. In Kenya, horticulture farmers could get better remuneration after the introduction of contract farming as global buyers entered the market. As per the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, abject poverty declined in that country from 25.1 per cent in 2005 to 12.9 per cent in 2016. The marginalisation index also declined in these economies.

India, one of the most populous countries, after an initial era of sluggish growth, has emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies of the world. The country's GDP was \$37.03 billion in 1960; it increased to \$1.119 trillion in 2008, and \$2.2875 trillion in 2019. The annual growth rate also steadily rose to 8.5% in 2010 from 3.72% in 1961 and 3.87% in 2008, though the years from 2003 to 2007 had registered a growth rate of over 7.5%. The annual growth rate was 5.024% in 2019. The trade as a percentage of GDP was 11.297% in 1960, which gradually increased to 53.368% in 2008 and 55.624% in 2019.

The slower growth of trade in India is attributed to the restrictive trade practices emanating from the system of controls, regulations and permits prevailing in the country before 1992. Between 1992 and 2008, the country witnessed substantial structural and policy reforms. Apart from liberalising the fis-



UPSWING: After sluggish growth, India has emerged as one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

cal and economic regulations, the tax systems were made more progressive, rationalising the personal and corporate income taxes. The taxes on production and trade — both internal and external — were also simplified and made conducive to FDI and GVC-driven growth. Even the regulatory systems, as enunciated after 1992, are more conducive to trade and extensive use of IT.

The GVCs have certainly moved the countries closer to the sustainable development goals (SDGs). However, there are challenges and the success is not unqualified. Political instability, uncertain public policies, uncodified fiscal and labour regulations, incomparable bargaining strength of firms in developing countries in forging sustainable net-

works and firm-to-firm relationships; the rise in spatial disparities with a larger concentration of GVC trade in urban and border regions; and gender imbalance in property or business ownership and management are some of the key concerns. Inequity in international tax systems also impinges upon the desired continued success of the GVC-driven trade.

For revival, the process of globalisation will have to be revisited, new policies and tax codes formulated, research and innovations will require greater efforts, and international financial institutions and trade regulations will need restructuring with the revival of hitherto paralysed world trade negotiations to make the dream of Made in World a reality.

It's time to corporatise Ordnance Factory Board



LT GEN GYAN BHUSHAN (RETD)

FORMER SOUTH WESTERN ARMY COMMANDER

The conversion of the OFB into the Ordnance Factory Corporation Limited has been recommended by various committees. It would ensure that ordnance factories get the desired functional autonomy and will yet make them accountable and responsible for their operations and performances. Splitting the OFB into three or four segments and converting these into DPSUs seems to be the way forward.

TAKING a cue from the PM's call for a self-reliant India, the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence, recently prepared a list of 101 items to be embargoed from import beyond the stipulated timeline. This is a major step towards becoming self-reliant in defence. It offers an opportunity to India's defence manufacturing industry to ramp up production, using its own design and development capabilities or adopting technologies developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to meet the requirements of the armed forces.

The intention of indigenisation is desirable and extremely essential, but India's ordnance factories and defence public sector undertakings (PSUs) have not exhibited the needed competence for achieving it. India has been one of the biggest global importers of defence items. This can impact its strategic autonomy during a crisis. Any country that imports a greater percentage of its defence items will always remain vulnerable to the complexities of geopolitics. Reducing import dependency is a must.

Whenever there has been a border clash or a major terror attack, India has resorted to emergency purchases. It clearly indicates that our Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has not provided the required support and the system laid by the Ministry of Defence for the procurement of weapons and equipment within a

**SELF-RELIANCE:** Indigenisation is vital for strategic autonomy in defence sector during a crisis.

time frame is not functioning efficiently, resulting in emergency purchases during a crisis.

The OFB functions under the Department of Defence Production. With 41 ordnance factories, it was to play a major role in making armed forces self-reliant. However, lack of professional attitude that is required from a production organisation has impacted indigenisation efforts.

The armed forces have been regularly raising concerns about high overhead costs, inconsistent quality and delay in supply on various fora, leading to the setting up of various

committees to look into this challenge. All recommendations of structuring have remained confined to the files and whenever there has been a move forward, it has been blocked by pressure tactics. The OFB has the monopolistic advantage of supply. Minimal innovation and technology development has led to low productivity. Moreover, zero penalty for delayed delivery to the end customers and lack of a structured, dynamic feedback mechanism have added to the woes.

Restructuring of the OFB has been examined by various committees in the past. Their observations indicate that sustaining the ordnance factories in the existing structure is financially and strategically costly to the armed forces, hence increasing the burden of import and impacting the country's defence preparedness. The existing set-up of ordnance factories faces the prospect of obsolescence. Unless there is a migration to a newer technology, the expectations from the factories will not be met.

The conversion of the OFB into the Ordnance Factory Corporation Limited has been recommended by various committees. This will enable them to rely on their own strengths, revenues and surpluses for growth. The proposed structure would also enable appropriate future changes in line with the dynamic global environment related to the production of defence goods. With a sharpened focus and an innovative approach to the competitive ground reality, the corporation would endeavour to add value to the sector not just in India but also for the world.

The TKA Nair Committee (2000), Dr Vijay Kelkar Committee (2004), Raman Puri Committee (2015) and Shekhar Committee (2016) have recommended the corporatisation of the OFB. Based on these reports and to strengthen self-reliance in defence production, the government decided in May 2020 that under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package, the corporatisation of the

OFB would be undertaken to improve autonomy, accountability and efficiency in ordnance supplies.

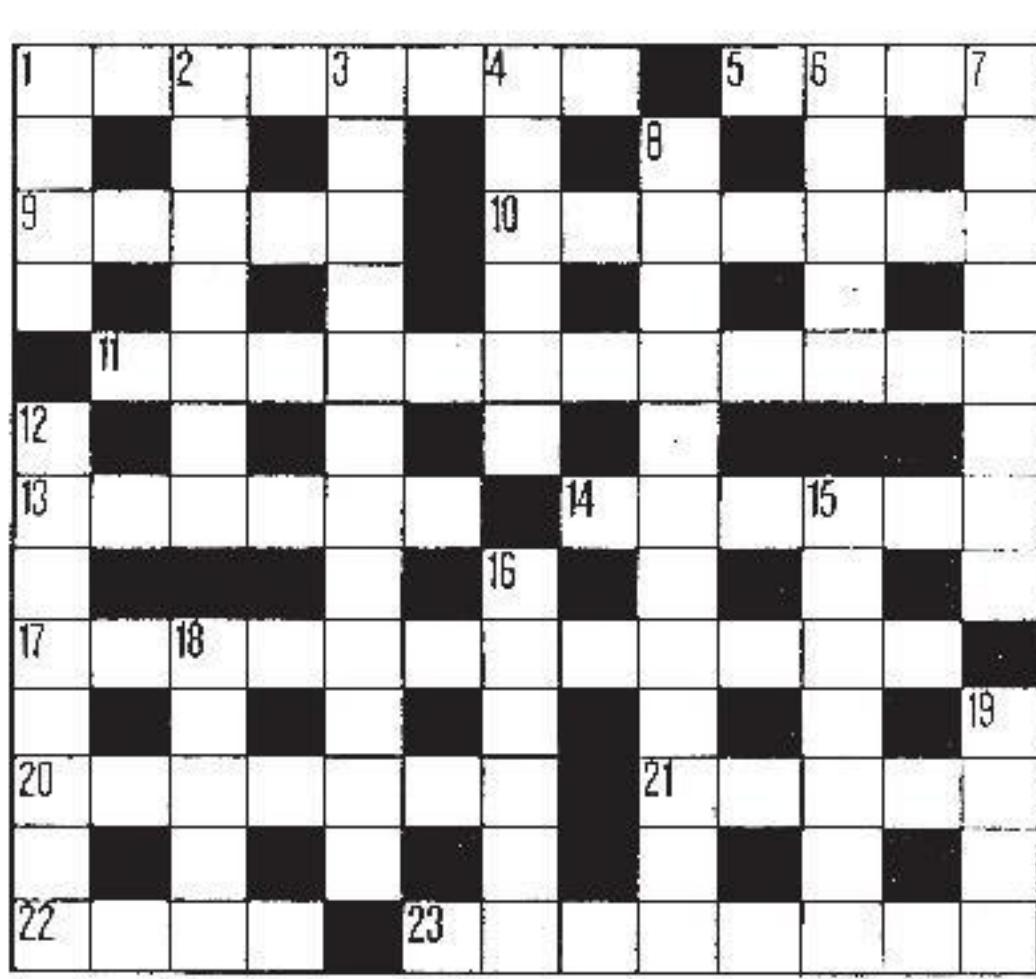
Corporatisation of the OFB will address some key issues that plague the ordnance factories — high cost and poor quality. Cases of defective assemblies and components have been highlighted on different fora. A high rate of return for rectification cases indicates poor quality management and quality consciousness.

It is essential to change the existing functioning of the OFB as an attached office of the Ministry of Defence and a budgeted entity since it is completely incompatible with the modern methods of production and practices.

The formation of a corporation would ensure that ordnance factories get the desired functional autonomy and will yet make them accountable and responsible for their operations and performances. Splitting the OFB into three or four segments as appropriate and converting these segmented boards into defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), as recommended, seems to be the way forward.

India's current leadership is committed to big-time changes with a focus on national security. It is the most appropriate time to take the overdue step of corporatisation of the OFB to address the key challenges of ordnance factories for making our country more self-reliant in defence production.

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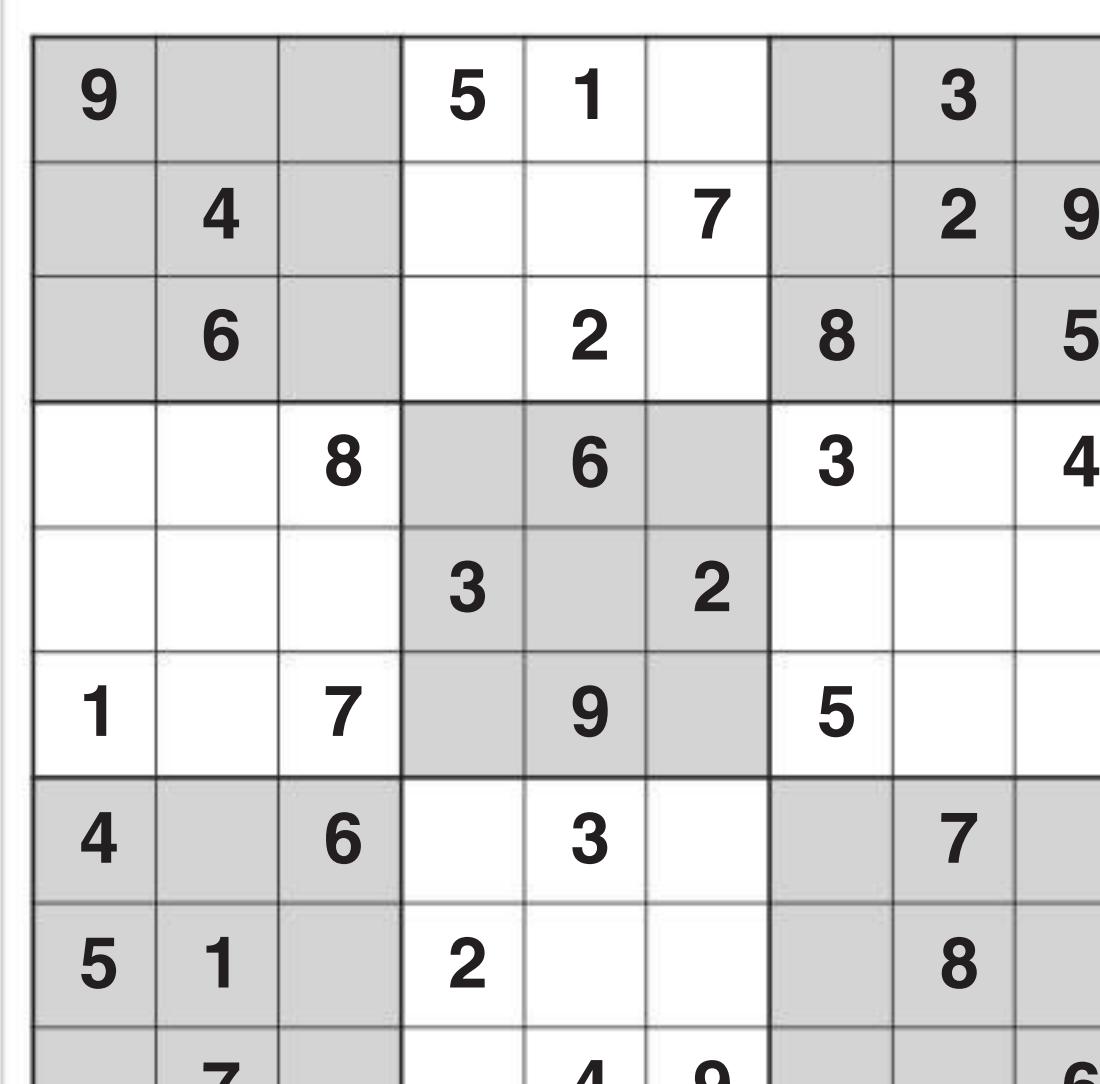


YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Black spot, 8 Romeo, 9 Take off, 10 Tissue, 11 Debris, 12 Original, 15 Attempts, 18 Trojan, 20 Depart, 21 Inflate, 22 Shade, 23 Dirty work.

Down: 2 Lease, 3 Cherry, 4 Soft soap, 5 Trying, 6 Amusing, 7 Come clean, 11 Dry as dust, 13 Instinct, 14 Stopgap, 16 Marked, 17 Hollow, 19 Actor.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, TUESDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Bhadrapad Shaka	17
■ Bhadrapad Parvishte	24
■ Hijri	1442
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 6, up to 12:03 am	
■ Vyaghata Yoga up to 5:33 pm	
■ Bharni Nakshatra up to 8.26 am	
■ Moon enters Taurus sign 3.10 pm	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 18:37 HRS
SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 06:03 HRS

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Chandigarh	35	26		
New Delhi	37	25		
Amritsar	35	24		
Bathinda	36	25		
Jalandhar	35	24		
Ludhiana	35	26		
Bhiwani	37	26		
Hisar	35	26		
Sirsia	36	26		
Dharamsala	27	18		
Manali	25	10		
Shimla	25	16		
Srinagar	30	14		
Jammu	34	22		
Kargil	21	11		
Leh	27	16		
Dehradun	32	23		
Mussoorie	24	16		

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Indora legislator, daughter infected

Addl Chief Secy, Kangra DC +ve too

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 7
Rita Dhiman, BJP legislator from Indora in Kangra, today tested positive after attending the opening day of the monsoon session.

The health authorities confirmed that both MLA and her daughter tested positive. What is worrisome is that she attended the session and it was only later in the evening that her report came.

The wife, daughter and a staff member of Rajesh

STATE TRACKER

Samples tested	229,966	
Recovered	5,359	
Active cases	2,234	
Positive cases	7,660	
Deaths	54	
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Una	624	6
Solan	1,762	14
Kangra	1,142	10
Chamba	541	4
Hamirpur	660	5
Sirmaur	1,062	3
Mandi	542	8
Bilaspur	419	-
Shimla	437	4
Kullu	359	-
Kinnaur	103	-
Lahaul & Spiti	19	-
Total	7,660	54

There was no let-up in the Covid surge as 245 cases were reported today. With one death in Una, the fatality figure rose to 53. The highest 66 cases were reported from Solan, 55 from Mandi, 51 from Kangra, 27 from Una, 17 from Shimla, 11 from Lahaul Spiti, seven from Bilaspur, six from Sirmour and five from Chamba.

66 cases in Solan

Sixty-six persons, including nine bank employees, tested Covid positive in Solan district. While 16 cases each were detected in the BBN belt and Solan, nine were found in Parwanoo and four in Kasauli. A case each was detected in the local degree college and Sugandha Apartment, while eight employees of the PNB branch on the bypass were found infected with the virus.—TNS

BJP, Cong cross swords over Covid spread



ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 7

Rule 67. A notice for adjournment of the day's business had been given by Agnihotri and Asha Kumari to the Speaker in the morning to be able to discuss Covid situation.

An adamant Opposition insisted on a debate on Covid despite Vidhan Sabha Speaker Vipin Parmar saying that the debate can also be held under Rule 130. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Bhardwaj and Forest Minister Rakesh Pathania had heated exchanges with Agnihotri and other Congress legislators, who were demanding a debate on Covid situation. Finally the debate was allowed under Rule 67 by the Speaker.

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Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur addresses the monsoon session of the Vidhan Sabha at Shimla on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

name of disaster. He said the BJP regime will go down in history as a confused regime which instead of giving relief to people in such an economic crisis enhanced power tariff, bus fares and stopped ration subsidy.

He said it was so unfortunate that when several lakhs of youth had lost their jobs, forcing many to commit sui-

cide, there were alleged irregularities in purchases in the Health Department. "There is no check on wasteful expenditure and ministers are running to Delhi every now and political appointments of chairmen and vice chairmen of Boards and Corporations were being made," he remarked.

Participating in the debate

A CONFUSED REGIME

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ure in the country," she said.

Ram Lal Thakur, Vinod Kumar, Rakesh Singh and Narinder Thakur also took part in the debate.

Hitting back at the Congress, the Chief Minister accused it of playing politics on the issue of covid. "It is so unfortunate that the Congress is trying to mislead the public on the issue. Earlier they had demanded Rajeev Bindal's resignation and when he did on moral grounds, they are now gunning for me," he said.

He said during the Congress regime, there were 1,900 suicides while now, there had been about 2,000 suicides. Bindal also intervened stating that he had resigned solely on moral grounds and now the truth was before everyone but everyone will not understand the spirit behind his resignation.

Rape accused held in Chandigarh

NURPUR, SEPTEMBER 7

The Nurpur police team arrested a rape accused, identified as Gurpal Singh (28), from Dadumajra in Chandigarh late last evening and produced him in court on Monday. The court has sent him in police remand till September 10.

A 23-year-old woman hailing from a nearby village in Nurpur, in her complaint, had alleged that the accused had sexually exploited her and also made a video while committing the crime in May. She was living with her father in Chandigarh, where she is battling for life. Meanwhile, her father approached the Kangra SP.

The Nurpur police dispatched a special team to Chandigarh on Saturday to arrest the accused. A case has been registered.

Victim was admitted to hospital after suicide bid

her native village after the lockdown, the accused started threatening her of uploading her video on social media. She also alleged that the accused had also extorted money from her by blackmailing her. Depressed, she also tried to commit suicide last Friday at her home by burning herself. Her parents rushed her to the Tanda medical college, Kangra, where she is battling for life.

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The complainant alleged that when she returned to

Martyr's family awaits road link to village

Promise was made when Havildar Subhash Chand died fighting terrorists in 2014

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, SEPTEMBER 7



The house of Havildar Subhash Chand (inset pic) in Bharana Da Basa village, the road to which is yet to be completed.

"We are not demanding anything for our family. We are just saying that their village should be connected with a road. The residents face difficulties due to lack of road con-

nnectivity to their village. It is difficult to carry people suffering from medical emergencies in their village to the nearest hospital. In monsoons when the kucha road becomes muddy it was difficult to ply even two wheelers on it," Ashwani said.

He said students have to walk long distances to reach school. "I just want that the martyrdom of my father should be honoured by the government by constructing 1.5-km road to connect their village," Ashwani said.

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'Special 26' girls to get JEE, NEET coaching in Kangra

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, SEPTEMBER 7

The Kangra administration aims to make a 'Special 26' team of girls from the district in the next two years. The administration has selected 26 poor girls from the district through an entrance test. They will be given special coaching in the next two years, so that they can get admission into top engineering and medical institutes of the country.

Rakesh Prajapati, DC, Kangra, said the plan had been conceived under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme of the government. The girls were selected on the basis of their Class X marks and the entrance test. Out of these 26 girls, 13 have opted for non-medical and 13 chose medical subjects.

The girls will be prepared for the national-level tests — JEE and NEET. Experts in science will provide coaching to the girls. The coaching programme has been designed in such a way that it does not interfere with their regular studies.

As the schools were not



AN EXPERIMENT

• It is an experiment. In case the scheme becomes successful, it will be expanded and more girls will be provided coaching across the district.. Rakesh Prajapati, DC, KANGRA

functioning due to Covid-19, the selected girls were being provided coaching online. Once the schools start, the coaching would be provided on the school premises, the Deputy Commissioner said.

When asked as to why only 26 girls were selected, the Deputy Commissioner said it was an experiment. In case the scheme became successful, it would be expanded and more girls would be provided coaching across the district.

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Ridge water tank repair begins

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 7

weeks," said Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited MD Dharmendra Gill.

Built over 100 years back during the British rule and commissioned in 1924, the water tank provides water to several parts of the city.

Tibetans pay homage to martyred SFF officer

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The local Tibetan community paid homage to the martyred soldier of the Special Frontier Force, Nyima Tenzin here today.

The officer died near Pangong Tso in Ladakh on August 30 reportedly in a landmine blast. Tenzin Loden, a 24-year-old soldier, sustained injuries in the incident.

The martyred officer, a native of Tibetan Settlement, Choglamsar, Ladakh, was cremated today in Ladakh.

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM					
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1	HPGCL, PANCHKULA	(NIT NO. 19/CE/PLG/HD/CW/3230 DATED 14/08/2020) (TENDER ID. 2020_HBC_139577_1)	START DT. 14.08.2020 & END DT. 11.09.2020 AT 13:00 HRS	www.hpgcl.org.in	xencivil@hpgcl.org.in
2	HPGCL, PANCHKULA	2020-HBC-138008-1 NIT NO. 02/CE/ADMIN/2020 DT.30.07.2020	CORRIGENDUM/DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION 15.08.2020 UP TO 13:00 HRS OPENING IS 18.09.2020 (15.30 HR.) CARRYING OUT PHOTOS/STORY OF VARIOUS OFFICES OF CHIEF ENGINEER/ADMIN., HPGCL, CORPORATE OFFICE PANCHKULA.	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9354782038 dsgei@hpgcl.org.in
3	UHBVN, ROHTAK	08/CCR/2020-21 (2020_HBC_139513_1)	PREVIOUS DATE OF CLOSING: 03/09/2020 PREVIOUS DATE OF OPENING: 04/09/2020 SCHEDULED DATE OF CLOSING: 14/09/2020 SCHEDULED DATE OF OPENING:	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenciviluhbvnrohtak@gmail.com
4	HSAM BOARD, BHIWANI	3671 DT. 20.08.2020/17/2020	THE TENDER NOTICE NO. 17/2020 ISSUED VIDE THIS OFFICE, WHICH ARE TO BE CLOSED ON 08.09.2020 AT 05:00 PM AND OPEN ON 09.09.2020 AT 09:00 AM. NOW THESE TENDERS ARE HEREBY RE-SCHEDULED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE GROUND. OTHER TERMS & CONDITION WILL BE REMAIN SAME.CLOSING TIME 18.09.2020 AT 04:00 PM OPENING TIME 18.09.2020 AT 04:05 PM	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	eabhawani.hsamb@gmail.com

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

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NC ex-MLA Rashpal among 17 dead

**COVID-19
PANDEMIC**

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 7 With 1,013 new positive cases — 600 from the Jammu division and 413 from the Kashmir valley — during the last 24 hours, the Covid count in J&K has reached 45,570.

Meanwhile, J&K on Monday recorded 17 deaths, highest in a single day — seven from the Jammu division and 10 from Kashmir, during the same period, taking the death toll to 801.

The National Conference's prominent face from the border district of Rajouri and two-time MLA Thakur Rashpal Singh died this morning after testing positive for coronavirus.

Rashpal Singh, a resident of Sialsui, Kalakote, who had won Assembly elections twice from the Kalakote segment, had also served as the vice-chairman of the State Kissan Advisory Board during Omar Abdullah-led government in 2009-15.

Sources said the former



A paramedic takes a swab sample from a university employee for the Covid test in Jammu on Monday. PTI

legislator developed some medical issues on Sunday evening and was taken to a private hospital at Katra where he breathed his last early Monday morning. He was tested positive for coronavirus, sources said.

As many as 433 more patients — 69 from the Jammu division and 364 from Kashmir — have recovered and discharged from various hospitals.

According to the official bulletin issued on Monday evening, out of 44,570 positive cases, 11,009 were active, 32,760 have recovered and 801 have died — 105 in the Jammu division and 696 in the Valley.

The bulletin said out of 10,88,652 test results available, 10,44,082 samples have been tested as negative.

Meanwhile, the Kathua administration has taken

UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance 4,82,771
Persons completing surveillance 3,81,727
Samples tested 10,88,652
Negative results 10,44,082
Positive cases 44,570
Patients cured 32,760
Total deaths 801

ORDER ON SOPS

Srinagar: A court in Kupwara has directed the District Magistrate, who is also the Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, to take the necessary measures to prevent the spread of Covid and mobilise field staff for the strict implementation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs). TNS

some effective measures for decent cremation/burial of Covid victims.

The CMO, Kathua, was asked to provide ambulance and staff for carrying the bodies to the cremation ground.

The Executive Officer, Municipal Committee, was instructed to keep the staff ready for carrying the dead bodies for the last rites. The Fire and

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	2,395	26
Srinagar	10,300	240
Anantnag	2,600	52
Baramulla	3,079	106
Shopian	1,756	29
Kupwara	2,421	54
Budgam	2,923	66
Jammu	5,795	67
Udhampur	1,030	04
Ganderbal	1,782	25
Kulgam	2,000	39
Pulwama	2,896	59
Samba	850	04
Rajouri	1,043	07
Kishtwar	355	01
Kathua	1,091	10
Ramban	703	01
Reasi	462	00
Poonch	547	05
Doda	542	06
Total	44,570	801

Mayoral poll deferred by three months

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 7 The election to the post of the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) Mayor was deferred by three more months today amidst a spike in Covid cases.

As per an official notification, the elections have been put off for six months from the date the seat of the Mayor fell vacant.

"In view of the difficulty in the conduct of the election to the post, the SMC, due to the health pandemic and management protocol related to it issued by the District Magistrate, Srinagar (Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority Srinagar), the government hereby extends the time limit for the conduct of the said election to six months from the date the office of the Mayor fell vacant (June 16)," the notice read.

The seat had fallen vacant after Junaid Mattu lost the civic body floor test on June 16 earlier this year. Later on July 15, the government announced the postponement of the elections by two months.

Mattu had won a floor test on December 26 last year after receiving the support of 50 councillors out of the total of 70.

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Excise & Taxation Department
Public Notice**

Kind Attention Dealers/Chartered Accountants/Lawyers and other stakeholders
This is to inform all concerned that in continuation of Public Notice dated 15.07.2020, the last date for submission of statutory forms under Central Sales Tax Act, 1956/Central Sales Tax (Registration & Turnover) Rules, 1957 for the assessment years 2014-15, 2015-16 to 2016-17, is extended till 31.12.2020.
Nilkant S. Avhad, IAS,
Commissioner of State Tax, Punjab.
DPR/Pb/73626

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)
NIT No. 66/SE(TIC), dated 07.09.2020**

The Department of Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 32 Nos. works (under PUEIP) as per schedule given below:-

Pre Bid Meeting	Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents
21-09-2020 at 11:00 AM in the office of SE(TIC), Zone-A, MCL	28-09-2020 upto 5:00pm	29-09-2020 at 11:00 am in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone A, MCL

For details logon to :- eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note :- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC),
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
DPR/Pb/73844

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH & MEDICAL EDUCATION, PUNJAB, MEDICAL EDUCATION BHAWAN, SECTOR-69, MOHALI

Public Notice

Keeping in view COVID-19 situation, applications are invited from eligible P.C.M.S doctors/R.M.O./M.O. working under NRHM/Fresh Medical Post Graduates for filling up the posts of Senior Residents (Adhoc) for one year in the Govt. Medical College, Patiala/Amritsar as per condition in Notification No.1/2020-2HB/PF-1/1836 dated 10.04.2018, No. 1/28/2020-4HB3/3881 and No. 1/28/2020-4HB3/3869 dated 03/07/2020. Application form can be downloaded from the official website. The last date of receipt of applications in the office of Director, Research & Medical Education, Punjab is 25.09.2020 (Friday) up to 5.00 pm. Applications received late for any reason will not be entertained and will be summarily rejected. The detail regarding instructions to apply for the post & performance, preference of specialities and concerned Notifications are available on the official website i.e. www.punjabmedicateducation.org.

DPR/Pb/73631 Sd/- Director, Research & Med. Education Pb.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

EMPLOYEES WELFARE CANTEEN (PHONE NO. 0172-2755085, 2756175)

TENDER NOTICE

The Employees Welfare Canteen, PGIMER, Chandigarh has to make various purchases through rate contract as per the details shown in the table below. The manufacturer, their authorized dealers/distributors/wholesalers suppliers can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form:-

Tender Inquiry No.	Name of the items required for purchase	Earnest Money (in Rupees)	Tender Due Date and Time
EWC/GROC 2020/34	Pulses and Grocery (Rate contract for 6 month)	Rs. 25,000/-	28.09.2020 till 12:30 PM

The Tender Form along with specification of the products are available on the website www.pgimer.edu.in and www.eproc.gov.in. The Tenders shall be received on or before the due date and time as mentioned against each item in the table above at Employees Welfare Canteen c/o Welfare Department, PGIMER, Chandigarh (Telephone Number: 0172-2755085, 2756175). These shall be opened on the same date at 03:00 PM in the presence of the authorized intending tenderers. Tenders not submitted on the prescribed form/without the required Earnest Money shall be summarily ignored. The Chairman/Member Secretary, EWC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof. DI-9057 General Manager (EWC)

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

Chief Project Director, Himachal Pradesh Ecosystems Climate Proofing Project (HPFECP) Dharamshala, requires following vehicles on monthly hiring basis from bonafide and reputed Agencies/Owners for the use of project activities undertaken in the project in Kangra and Chamba Distt. The quotation in sealed cover on the proforma should reach to the undersigned on or before 22.09.2020 at 11:00AM on the under mentioned address and same would be opened on same day at 11:30 AM. The quotation proforma along with terms & conditions can be procured from the office of undersigned on any working day between 10:00AM to 05:00 PM on payment of INR 500.00

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

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

1. Toyota Innova/Crysta
2. Mahindra Bolero.

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

INDIAN RAILWAYS DIESEL LOCO MODERNISATION WORKS PATIALA - 147003

No. DMW/WW/WA/CS/979 Pt-II Dated : 02.09.2020

Dy. Chief Engineer/DMW, Patiala acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites Short E-Tenders on website www.irps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IRPS portal. Manual payments through Demand draft, Bank's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

N.I.T. No. & Name of Work	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Closing date & time of tender	Opening date & time
CE/DMW/IT-17/2020-21/PTA Dt. 02.09.2020	2558474/-	51200/-	3000/-	24 Months	29.09.2020 at 15:00 hrs.	29.09.2020 at 15:05 hrs.

Operation repair and maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plant in Colony-II, DMW/Patiala, for two years for the year 2020-21 & 2021-22.

Note : Credentials/documents received from the tenderer after opening of the tenders shall not be given cognizance.

Eligibility Criteria for NIT No. T-17 should be viewed on website www.irps.gov.in. All other terms & conditions will remain the same.

No. DMW/WW/WA/CS/979 Pt-II Dated : 02.09.2020 1955/2020

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

JAL Shakti Vibhag TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Nurpur invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors/firms for the following through offline process.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money
1.	Aug. of LWSS Rit Chowki, Agar Kathal Geora and Thorla etc. in Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra (HP) (Sh:- C/O Anchor block to protect the Rising main 80mm dia for LWSS Chowki)	188504	3780
2.	Running and maintenance of LWSS Madanpur Thana in Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra H.P. (Sh:- Dismantling, relaying, jointing of G.I Pipe with necessary fittings in Merka Tank to San Chowk)	119152	2390
3.	Running and maintenance of Residential/Non-Residential building of IPH Department at Nurpur in Tehsil Distt. Kangra H.P. (Sh:- Demolition of floor and providing and laying floor tiles in Sub-Division Office) (T-2014-306-2304)	301071	6030
4.	Running and maintenance of LWSS Nurpur Town Phase-III in Tehsil Nurpur, Distt. Kangra H.P. (Sh:- C/O Anchor block to protect the Gravity main Line)	287552	5160

Time Limit Six Months Last Date of Sale Tender Form Division Office up to 10.09.2020 to 4 P.M. and received in this office on 11.09.2020 at 11 A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 A.M. Time Limit 6 Months.

Sd/-
Executive

Panel begins review of global health treaty

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7
The WHO-appointed committee, mandated to review the global treaty governing responses to international health emergencies, will begin its work tomorrow.

WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus today said the review committee of the International Health Regulations would begin its work tomorrow and present the final report to the World Health Assembly in May 2021 and may be an interim report this November.

The review panel was set up by the WHO after it came under severe criticism from several quarters for its initial response to the Covid-19 pandemic with the US pulling out of the organisation, accusing it of going soft on China, where SARS-CoV2 virus originated.

"The review committee will evaluate the functioning of the IHR during the pandemic so far, and recommend any changes it believes are necessary," the WHO chief said. It will review the con-

FINAL REPORT IN MAY

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Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO
DIRECTOR GENERAL

venering of the Emergency Committee, the declaration of a public health emergency of international concern, the role and functioning of national IHR focal points, and will examine progress made in implementing the recommendations of previous International Health Regulations review committees.

Depending on the progress, the committee may present an interim progress report to the resumed World Health Assembly in November; and a final report to the Assembly in May, said Ghebreyesus. The IHR was last amended in 2005.

But the Financial Times

Brexit in crisis as UK threatens to undermine divorce treaty

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 7

Britain's tortuous divorce from the European Union veered into fresh crisis on Monday after London signalled it could undermine the exit agreement with Brussels unless free trade terms are agreed by next month.

In yet another twist to the four-year saga since Britain voted narrowly to quit the EU, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government was reportedly planning new legislation to override parts of the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement it signed in January.

That could potentially jeopardise the whole treaty and create frictions in British-ruled Northern Ireland, where special arrangements had been made to avoid a hard border with Ireland to the south that could be detrimental to a peace agreement.

Britain said it would honour the deal and was simply offering clarifications to avoid any future legal difficulties.

EU diplomats were aghast,



OCT 15 DEADLINE FOR DEAL

► London has set a deadline of October 15 to strike a deal. If we can't agree by then, I do not see that there will be a free trade agreement between us, and we should both accept that and move on. ■ Boris Johnson, PM

newspaper cited three people as saying the proposed internal market bill was expected to "eliminate the legal force of parts of the withdrawal agreement" in areas including state aid and Northern Ireland customs.

EU diplomats were aghast,

cautioning that such a step -

EU: OVERRIDING PACT 'SELF-DEFEATING'

BRUSSELS: Britain's reported plans to override parts of its Brexit divorce deal would amount to 'a desperate and ultimately self-defeating strategy', a diplomat said. 'Pacta sunt servanda' meaning 'agreements must be kept' is a fundamental principle, an EU diplomat said. ■

BRITISH WANT BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

► I remain worried ... the negotiations are difficult, because the British want the best of both worlds. ■ Michel Barnier, EU CHIEF NEGOTIATOR

leaked on the eve of new talks in London - would tarnish Britain's global prestige and heighten chances of a tumultuous final disentangling from the bloc on December 31. Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney asked: 'Is this political gamesmanship or is there really a piece of legislation that's going

to emerge this week, which is contrary to the withdrawal agreement? We'll have to wait and see.' Without a deal, about \$900 billion annual trade between Britain and the EU could be thrown into uncertainty, including rules on everything from car parts and medicines to fruit and data. —Reuters



Supporters of Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro gather before a national flag-hoisting ceremony in Brasilia, Brazil. ■

On I-Day, Brazil's toll touches 1.26 lakh

BRASILIA, SEPTEMBER 7

With 447 new fatalities in 24 hours, Brazil's overall Covid-19 death toll has gone up to 1,26,650 amid thousands heading to the beach and other recreational spots to celebrate the country's Independence Day. A day ahead of Independence Day, thousands flocked to Rio de Janeiro's famous Copacabana and Ipanema beaches and also Santos, Guaruja, Sao Sebastiao and Ubatuba in Sao Paulo on Sunday, reports Xinhua news agency.

While Rio de Janeiro has imposed a ban on social gatherings due to the pandemic, Sao Paulo is the worst-hit state currently.

According to the Globo TV network, less than 40 per cent of Sao Paulo's residents stayed away from the festivities on Sunday. Some 2,00,000 vehicles passed the highway that connects the state capital Sao Paulo, the largest city in South America. But the Defence Ministry last month cancelled the Independence Day parade, held at the Ministries Esplanade in Brasilia annually on September 7, due to crowd concerns amid the pandemic. This is the first time the event will not take place since the 1960s. Brazil currently accounts for the

South Australia to ease border curbs

■ Adelaide: The authorities in South Australia (SA) on Monday said the state was "ready to move" to ease its strict Covid-19 border restrictions "within days".

Under current restrictions, anyone who enters SA from New South Wales (NSW) or the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) must quarantine for 14 days, while travellers from Victoria are banned, reports Xinhua news agency. ■

TRACKING COVID

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	1,93,282
BRAZIL	1,26,650
RUSSIA	17,871
UK	41,551
SPAIN	29,418

WORLDOMETER TILL SEPT 7, 10 PM

third highest number of Covid cases and second highest fatalities in the world. It is also the country with the maximum amount of infections and fatalities—IANS

289 held in HK



■ At least 289 persons were arrested as anti-security law protesters took to the streets of Hong Kong.

■ They opposed the government's decision to postpone the legislative elections by a year due to Covid-19.

■ The police used pepper spray and pepper balls in dispersal operations against the protesters. ■

Navalny out of coma: Hospital

BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 7

Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny has been removed from a medically induced coma and is responding to speech, Berlin's Charite hospital said on Monday.

The hospital, which has been treating Navalny since he was airlifted to Germany after falling ill on a Russian domestic flight last month, said his condition has improved and he is being weaned off mechanical ventilation. "It remains too early to gauge the potential long-term effects of his severe poisoning," Charite said in a statement. — Reuters

Merkel doesn't rule out Russian gas pipeline curbs

BERLIN, SEPTEMBER 7

Chancellor Angela Merkel does not rule out imposing sanctions on a pipeline set to bring Russian gas to Germany in response to the suspected poisoning of a Kremlin critic with a Soviet-style nerve agent, her chief spokesman said on Monday.

Merkel is under mounting pressure from members of her conservative party to suspend the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, a huge project to double Russian



gas exports to Germany that is more than 90% complete and due to start operating from early 2021.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in remarks published on Sunday that Russia must help clear up the circumstances around the poisoning of Alexei Navalny or face the possibility of Germany withdrawing its support for Nord Stream 2. — Reuters

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The Tribune CORPORATE BROADBAND

BHEL sets up 'Make in India Business Development Group'

BHEL has taken a number of steps towards meeting the Prime Minister's vision of an AtmaNirbhar Bharat. These include floating an expression of interest inviting global manufacturing companies to leverage on BHEL facilities and capabilities to set up a manufacturing base in India and take up efforts towards indigenisation of major imports, especially in the capital goods sector. Going further in this direction, the company has set up a new business vertical 'Make in India (MII) Business Development Group' to bring complete focus on these activities.

LIC enters into 65th year of operations

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has entered into 65th year of its operations on September 1. In its 64 years of existence, LIC has spread its wings from being the leading life insurance company into an internationally recognised financial conglomerate with the presence in 14 countries. It has also ventured into other financial services through its subsidiaries and associates such as LIC HFL Ltd, LIC Pension Fund Ltd, LIC Mutual Fund, LIC Cards Services Ltd, IDBI Bank Ltd, LIC HFL Care Homes Limited, LIC HFL Financial Services Limited and LICHFL Asset Management Company Limited.

L&T completes divestment of electrical biz to Schneider

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has announced the closure of the strategic divestment of its electrical and automation business to Schneider Electric, a global player in energy management and automation. The significant and complex divestment deal, one of its kind in India announced in May 2018, has been completed after receiving the requisite regulatory approvals and fulfilment of necessary conditions. The divestment is in line with L&T's stated goal of unlocking value for future growth.

Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula, performs rare surgery



Alchemist Hospital, Panchkula, recently performed a rare surgery on a 47-year-old woman with a huge abdominopelvic mass. The surgery was performed by Dr Ishika Kumari, senior consultant, gynaecology and obstetrics. Patient Karuna Sharma was admitted to the hospital with a complaint of pain in abdomen with abdominal mass. On examination, an abdominopelvic mass of 34 weeks size was detected. The USG and CT scan revealed a large heterogeneous mass measuring 29x22x19 cm with a possibility of right ovarian mass or broad ligament fibroid.

Nod to Intas for trial of hyperimmune globulin

The R&D team of Intas Pharmaceuticals has developed hyperimmune globulin for patients suffering from moderate to severe Covid infection. Hyperimmune globulin also has a potential for use as prophylaxis for all high-risk population in contact with Covid patients. This could be an important therapeutic option that can potentially help combat the disease until a vaccine is available. The company has received permission from the Drug Controller General of India to conduct clinical trial for it.

Tetra Pak ties up with Green Recycling Links

Tetra Pak has tied up with Green Recycling Links to accelerate collection of used beverage cartons in Himachal Pradesh. This partnership will cover Shimla, Solan and Baddi where the consumption of beverage cartons is the highest in the state. In addition,

Harvest Gold launches 'Thanks Team' programme

Harvest Gold has launched a special programme to thank its team which has been working to ensure that the bread is produced under high safety and hygiene standards. Titled #ThanksTeam, the programme acknowledges the selfless and passionate efforts of the Team of Harvest Gold.

Nippon Life India raises ₹720 crore through NFO

Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited has raised Rs 720 crore through a new fund offer (NFO) during the pandemic, making it one of the largest digital NFO. Over 80,000 investors, including 3,000 from Punjab, invested in the NFO through both digital and offline mode.

Sonalika Tractors records 80% growth in August

Sonalika Tractors has registered a 80% growth in August by selling 8,205 units as compared to 4,560 units in the domestic market last year. It has surpassed an estimated industry growth of 73%. Overall sales (domestic + exports) stood at 10,206 units in August as compared to 6,412 units in same period last year.

PSPCL unveils 'Kifayati LED Bulb Yojana' worth ₹8.63 cr

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has launched an initiative worth Rs 8.63 crore aimed at providing viable power solutions to people hailing from the below poverty line (BPL), SC and BC backgrounds. PSPCL CMD A Venu Prasad said in accordance with the 'Kifayati LED Bulb Yojana', each eligible consumer from BPL, SC and BC categories, availing electricity subsidy having sanctioned load up to 1 KW, would be provided with two LED bulbs at just Rs 30.

RBI accepts Kamath panel suggestions for loan recast

Announces sector-specific thresholds for stressed assets

RESOLUTION FRAMEWORK

■ The lenders can take into account five specific financial ratios and the sector-specific thresholds for each ratio in respect of 26 sectors, including auto components, aviation and tourism.

The RBI had on August 7

announced the constitution of a panel under the chairmanship of veteran banker KV Kamath to make recommendations on the required financial parameters to be factored in under the 'Resolution Framework for Covid-related Stress' along with sector-specific

thresholds for each sector.

■ The 26 sectors specified by the RBI include automobiles, power, tourism,

cement, chemicals, gems and jewellery, logistic, mining, manufacturing, real estate, and shipping among others

specific benchmark ranges.

"The recommendations of the Committee have been



broadly accepted by the Reserve Bank," the central bank said. — PTI

Event industry in crisis, seeks help

The industry expects loss of ₹1 lakh crore in the current quarter and wants govt to infuse funds or give rebate in Goods and Services Tax.

and association meets were cancelled. Similarly, exhibitions and trade fairs, which constitute a major portion of their earnings, were also called off, hitting their earnings.

"The industry is in deep crisis. The entrepreneurs have invested a huge capital in light and sound equipment. The past six months were the worst with no earnings at all. As we didn't get moratorium on loans, we were forced to sell equipment and go for menial jobs to run our fam-

Vodafone Idea launches new brand identity 'Vi'

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7
Vodafone Idea Ltd on Monday unveiled a new brand identity, as the struggling telco looked to rediscover itself post the apex court's ruling on past statutory dues.

VIL, which had about 280 million subscribers as of June, said Vodafone and Idea brands will now be called 'Vi'.

"A brand with its eyes set on the future, it is built for and around customers... The integration of two brands is a culmination of the largest telecom integration in the world," VIL said communicating its new unified consumer brand identity and positioning through a virtual launch on Monday. — PTI

the event.
"Mere opening up of events is not enough. According to estimates, nearly 70% of the workforce in the event management industry has already been rendered jobless. The government must infuse funds to pull out the industry from the crisis," said Nitin Thakur, partner, A One Global Entertainment.

The industry has urged the government to extend tax refunds and loan facilities to the event management industry under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME

World No. 1 Djokovic disqualified after hitting line official with ball

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 7 A pelting swipe at the ball after having his serve broken brought a sensational end to Novak Djokovic's US Open yesterday after the world No. 1 was disqualified for striking a line judge in the throat.

The dramatic moment came when the overwhelming title favourite reacted angrily to going 5-6 down to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta in the first set of their fourth-round encounter at an empty Arthur Ashe Stadium.

What would have been an innocuous incident had the ball flown a foot either side of the official instead left her lying on the ground, clutching her throat and screaming in pain. There was no question that Djokovic hit her inadvertently, and he quickly rushed to apologise, but it was a clear breach of Grand Slam rules forbidding the physical abuse of anyone within the tournament precincts. Tournament referee Soeren Friemel came out and spoke to chair umpire Aurelie Tourte and Andreas Egli, the Grand Slam supervisor, before a long chat with the three-time US Open champion.

Djokovic, who was clearly making the point that he had not intended to hit the official, was overheard saying



Novak Djokovic leaves the court after being defaulted. USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS



Djokovic immediately realised that he had hit the line judge.



The line judge clutches her throat after being struck by the ball.

"she doesn't have to go to hospital for this" but after 12 minutes of pleading his case his fate was sealed. Djokovic eventually walked over to shake hands with a stunned Carreno Busta and trudged

off the court before leaving the grounds without attending a press conference.

New Grand Slam champion

Extraordinary even in a year when the coronavirus pan-

demic has wreaked havoc in the sporting world, the disqualification ended Djokovic's 26-match winning streak in 2020 and what, at times, looked like a charge towards his 18th Grand Slam title. That would have brought him within one title of Rafa Nadal's tally of 19 and two of Roger Federer's record 20 Major triumphs.

With defending champion Nadal and Federer absent this year and no other former winners of the major four tournaments left in the men's draw, Flushing Meadows is now guaranteed to welcome a new member into the Grand Slam champions club. — Reuters

“The pressure just got to him. I think a lot has been going on off the court. ...whether he likes it or not, he's going to be the bad guy the rest of his career. If he embraces that role, I think he could recover. John McEnroe
I'm so sorry about that, because it's not the way that I want to be in the quarterfinals. Pablo Carreno Busta
If he would have hit it anywhere else, we are talking about a few inches, he would have been fine. I'm a little bit in shock right now. Alexander Zverev

Swap me for jokers incident. Accidentally hitting the ball kid in the throat? how many years would I be banned for? 5? 10? 20? Nick Kyrgios

Almost every high-performance player I train does what Novak did. I tell them to stop it, and break the habit for this exact reason. Tim Mayotte, COACH

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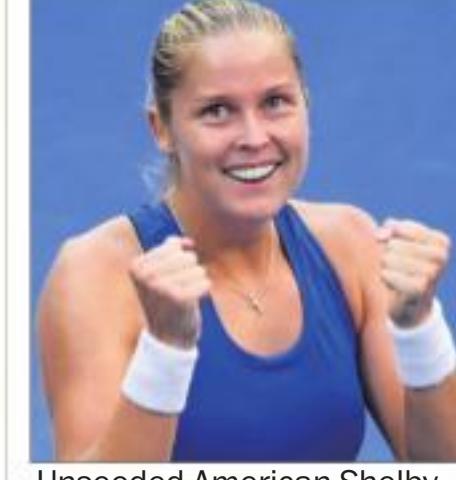
- Nick Kyrgios in 2019 Italian Open after he hurled a chair on to the court
- Denis Shapovalov in 2017 Davis Cup after he inadvertently struck a ball into the umpire's face
- Serena Williams in 2009 US Open after an argument with a line judge on the final point of her semifinal
- John McEnroe in 1990 Australian Open after being handed three code violations

OTHER RESULTS**MEN'S SINGLES**

Alexander Zverev bt Alejando Davidovich Fokina 6-2 6-2 6-1; Borna Coric bt Jordan Thompson 7-5 6-1 6-3; Denis Shapovalov bt David Goffin 6-7(0) 6-3 6-4 6-3

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Naomi Osaka bt Anett Kontaveit 6-3 6-4; Yulia Putintseva bt Petra Martic 6-3 2-6 6-4



Unseeded American Shelby Rogers (in pic) beat sixth seed Petra Kvitova 7-6(5) 3-6 7-6(6). USA TODAY SPORTS/REUTERS PHOTOS



American Jennifer Brady (in pic) stunned 2016 winner Angelique Kerber 6-1 6-4 to reach the US Open quarterfinals for the first time.

NORTHERN RAILWAY PUBLIC NOTICE

Address : Sh. Sada Nand S/O Sh. Vinod Mandal, Mushkipur Kothi, Jamalpur Gogri, Distt. Khagaria-851203
S. Sh. Sada Nand S/O Sh. Vinod Mandal, Tech.III(E), T. No. 748 is remaining absent from duty in an unauthorized manner from 15.03.18 to till date. Through this notice you are hereby given a last chance to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice for submission of your defense otherwise it will be concluded that you are not willing to continue your service in railway and D&AR proceedings initiated against you will be finalized as an ex-parte action accordingly.

No. 577-M/D&AR/DSL/1228 Dated : 02.09.2020 1952/20

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**Haryana Staff Selection Commission**

Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula – 134151

(www.hssc.gov.in)

Notice for Scrutiny of Documents of ESP category for the post of Clerk against Advt. No. 5/2019, Category No. 01 of Departments/Boards/Corporations, Haryana.

It is for the information of all concerned candidates that notice for Scrutiny of Documents of ESP category for the post of Clerk against Advt. No. 5/2019, Category No. 01 of Departments/Boards/Corporations, Haryana and decided that the Scrutiny of Documents of the candidates will be held from 09.09.2020 to 11.09.2020.

2. The candidates are advised to report on due date at 09:00 A.M. in the Commission's Office, Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all the original documents, set of attested copy all documents and self-attested copy of downloaded Application Form, along with one set of self-attested copies of all documents mentioned in their application form and one ID proof. The Roll Nos. of the ESP category candidates are available on Haryana Staff Selection Commission website www.hssc.gov.in

3. In case a candidate does not appear for Scrutiny of documents no further opportunity will be given thereafter.

4. While everyone has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/ technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.

Note:- The result of ESP category has been withheld vide result notice dated 03.09.2020.

Place: Panchkula

Date: 07th September, 2020.

PRDH/82660

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

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. DISTT. JUDGE (MATRIMONIAL CASES), JAMMU.

Neha Chawla R/o M-25 Opp. Green Land Palace Near Radio Sharda Lower Roop Nagar Buttanagar Jammu- 181121 (J&K)....Decree Holder

Vs

Late Surinder Chawla (deceased) through his brother and my brother-in-law namely Virender Chawla and Rajinder Chawla sons of Late Govind Ram Chawla residents of

1. 19-A, 20-A Tribune Colony, Housing Society Ambala (Haryana) Cantt.

2. C/o Chawla Enterprises Hanuman Market Kamla Nehru Marg, Ambala Cantt (Haryana)

Judgment Debtors

In the matter of:

Execution of order dated 7.12.2009 passed by this court in file No. 120/Misc of 2006 for granting Rs. 20,000/- as maintenance per month and litigation charges Rs. 20,000/- (one time) for grant of interim relief in execution proceedings.

Notice to :

Virender Chawla and Rajinder Chawla sons of Late Govind Ram Chawla residents of

1. 19-A, 20-A Tribune Colony Housing Society Ambala (Haryana) Cantt.

2. C/o Chawla Enterprises Hanuman Market Kamla Nehru Marg, Ambala Cantt (Haryana)

Judgment Debtors

Whereas the petitioner has presented the above titled petition, copy/copies whereof is/are sent herewith, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court on 17.9.2020 at 10.00 A.M. to answer the said petition, either in person or by recognized agent duly instructed by you or by an advocate and you are further at liberty to produce on that day all documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence. You may answer to the petition on the date mentioned above.

You are further informed that in default of your appearance on day and in the manner above mentioned, the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this court, this 23.7.2020

Addl. District Judge

(Matrimonial Cases) Court, Jammu

HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN PANCHKULA PUBLIC NOTICE

All the applicants/land owners who had already submitted their applications online for allotment of plots under oustees category in pursuance of advertisement issued in the leading newspapers, The Tribune(1.11.2018), Hindustan Times (1.11.2018) and Dainik Jagran (1.11.2018), were given an opportunity to submit their documents as per HSV Policy dated 11.8.2016 and 8.5.2018 in concerned Estate Offices within 7 days from date of publication of this public notice (published on 22.08.2020) in support of their claims for allotment of plots under oustees policy in lieu of their acquired land.

Now, it has been decided to afford an opportunity of personal hearing to the applicants along with relevant documents in the concerned Estate Office so as to decide their claims by the Committee constituted by the authority. The applicants may appear in respective Estate Offices as per schedule given below.

S. No.	For applicants of Urban Estate	Date and Time	Venue
1	Ambala and Naraingarh	10.09.2020, 9 AM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Ambala (0171-2552351)
2	Kaithal	10.09.2020, 2 PM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Kaithal (0174-235019)
3	Karnal	11.09.2020, 9 AM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Karnal (0184-2267909)
4	Panchkula	12.09.2020, 9 AM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Panchkula (0172-2560202)
5	Kurukshetra	14.09.2020, 9 AM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Kurukshetra (01744-232785)
6	Jagadhri	14.09.2020, 2 PM onwards	Estate Office, HSVP, Jagadhri (01732-237886)

Sd/- Administrator,

HSV, Panchkula

0172-256004

PRDH/82659

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, CHANDIGARH**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The e-tender (Online Tenders) are invited for "Pest Control Services" in GMCH-32, Chandigarh as per details given below:-

Sr. No.	Pest Control Area(s)	Earnest Money in Rupees	Last Date and Time of submission/ upload of e-Tenders documents online	Last Date & Time of Physical submission of EMD & other documents	Date, Time & venue of opening of online bid (Technical Bid)
1.	Award of contract of Pest Control Services in different areas/ Departments of this Institution such as Block-A, B, C, D, E, J, L & O (College Building Sarai & Hostel), Hostel Complex-32, Guest House Sector 32 & 48, Chandigarh, UHTC Sector 44, Chandigarh and RHTC, Palosa & South Campus Hospital, Sector 48.	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	21.09.2020 up to 03.00 p.m.	21.09.2020 at 03.00 p.m.	22.09.2020 at 3.00 p.m. in I.T. Centre, Level-I, Block 'B' Hospital Building, GMCH, Chandigarh

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- The contract shall be awarded to the responsive bidder who gives the overall lowest offer.
- The tenderer should be registered under Indian Pest Control Association and are possessing a license issued by the Competent Authority to provide Pest Control Services.
- The contract shall be awarded initially for a period of one year, which is extendable annually upto a maximum period of two years (including the initial period of one year) on the same terms, rates and conditions accepted by the tenderer subject to review and found the satisfactory performance of services/activities and compliance of all terms and conditions of the Agreement, which is further subject to the approval of the Competent Authority. The contract shall stand automatically cancelled, if the competent authority declines to grant approval.
- The tenderer/tendering firm/company shall be Income Tax Assessee. They will furnish proof of the same i.e. an attested copy of PAN along with copy of last Income Tax Return.
- The tenderer should have experience of minimum two years of running a pest control contract during last five years having value not less than Rs. 06.00 Lacs per annum.
- The Earnest Money in the physical form as mentioned above shall be deposited in the shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt, Term Deposit Receipt or Demand Draft valid for one year from any of the scheduled Bank in an acceptable form duly pledged in favour of Director Principal, GMCH-32, Chandigarh, in the Room No. D-475, Establishment Branch-IV Level-III, Block D, Government Medical College & Hospital, Sector 32-B, Chandigarh or before 21.09.2020 by 3.00 p.m.
- The tenders along with copy of EMD must be submitted online on or before the date as noted above. No tender shall be accepted in physical form.
- Date of opening of Price Bid to be intimated separately to the bidder who qualify technically.
- Any Conditional tenders/offer will not be entertained and the same will be rejected outrightly.
- In case the day of opening of tenders happens to be a Government holiday then the tenders will be opened on next working day at the same venue & time.
- Tender document can be downloaded from the website of Chandigarh Administration <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in> and also on the GMCH website <http://www.gmch.gov.in>.
- All other terms & conditions, instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process etc. may kindly be seen from the above noted website.
- The tenderer can approach the System Analyst cum-Nodal Officer, e-tendering, GMCH-32, Chandigarh on any working day, in case of any query/clarification regarding e-tendering process (Ph. No. 0172-260123-27, Extn. 2112).
- The undersigned reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

No. GMCH-E-IV-EA-2-17/2020/34400

Dated: 4.9.2020

Sd/- Director Principal

HIMACHAL PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Through
Society for Improvement of Forest Ecosystems Management & Livelihoods in Himachal Pradesh (Regd) for implementation of the JICA assisted PIHPFEM&L, Shimla (ID-P269)

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Education policy will help make India self-reliant: PM

Seeks states' support for effective implementation of NEP

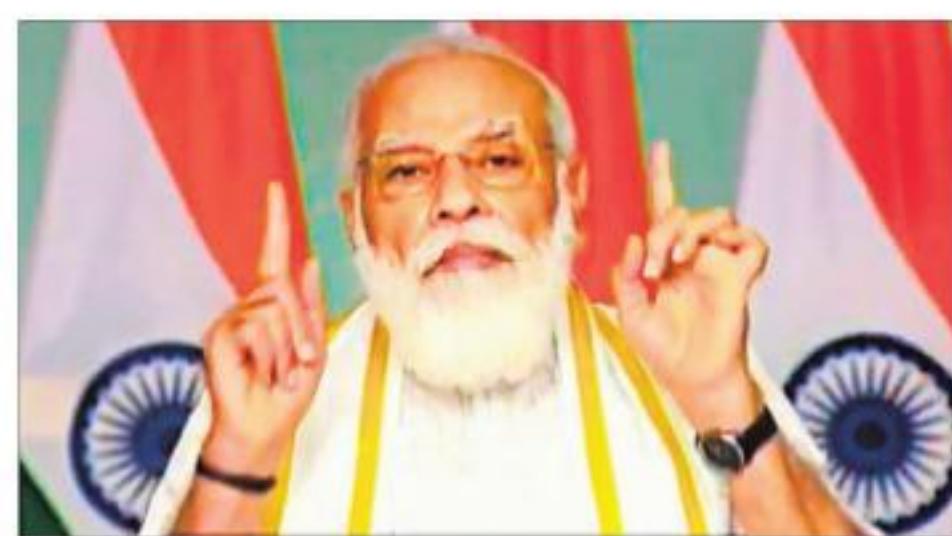
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7
Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said the new National Education Policy (NEP) has been prepared after widespread consultations and is a strong effort to take the education system out of current "one size fits all" approach followed in the country.

"It will not be correct to confine the policy to the government's domain," the PM said, adding that just like the foreign policy or the defence policy, the education policy also belongs to the country.

Addressing the inaugural session of the one-day Governors' Conference, he said though the responsibility of education lies with the government, its interference in the policymaking should be minimal. It should have participation from stakeholders, students, guardians, teachers and education experts.

"This is not the government's education policy, but the country's education policy," he said in an apparent bid to address concerns expressed by some states and



'GOVT INTERFERENCE MUST BE MINIMAL'

Though the responsibility of education lies with the govt, its interference in policymaking should be minimal. This is not govt's education policy, but country's policy. Narendra Modi, PM

'STATES NOT CONSULTED'

The policy encourages privatisation. As states were not consulted before making it, implementing it will hurt the spirit of cooperative federalism.

Hemant Soren, JHARKHAND CM

'WON'T IMPLEMENT'

There is no question of implementing NEP in Bengal for time being. It has been framed without taking WB into confidence. It undermines role of states

Partha Chatterjee, WB MINISTER

political parties. Exhorting states and universities to organise seminars and conferences till September 25 for a dialogue on its implementation, the PM said the new policy has been prepared after widespread consultations and

suggestions with more than two lakh stakeholders, including students, guardians, teachers and experts. "It is after such a wide consultation that we have arrived at the NEP, a reason why it has received so much support and acceptability," he added.

"The new policy aims at not just about bringing changes in the education system, but also give direction and shape to India's vision of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', building a strong economy and make India a global destination for education," the PM said.

Exhorting states to build on research and quality education, President Ram Nath Kovind said the success of NEP 2020 depends upon the states' participation. "Education comes under the concurrent list," he said, asking the states to also resolve existing issues like filling vacancies and help make India a knowledge hub. Kovind appreciated the manner in which the policy is distilled into a coherent and effective document by drawing inferences from lakhs of suggestions from across the social spectrum.

70 pc Covid deaths in five states

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8,82,542 cases and 70 percent of the total 71,642 deaths. Of the 90,802 cases reported in the last 24 hours, Maharashtra has seen the maximum cases at 23,350 followed by AP at 10,794, Karnataka at 9,139, UP at 6,518 and Tamil Nadu at 5,783.

Of the total active cases in India, Maharashtra has 26.76 per cent, followed by Andhra Pradesh (11.30 pc), Karnataka (11.25 pc), UP (6.98 pc) and Tamil Nadu (5.83 pc). These five states presently contribute 62 per cent — 32,50,429 — of the total active cases. Of the 1,016 deaths India saw in 24 hours, Maharashtra has reported the most at 328.

Also, over the last one day, Andhra Pradesh recorded the

RUSSIAN VACCINE TEST IN INDIA SOON

New Delhi: Clinical trials for the Russian Sputnik V vaccine will be held in India this month, chief of the Russian Direct Investment Fund Kirill Dmitriev has said. The preliminary results will be published in October-November, he said. The RDIF CEO denied the allegations that Russia had stolen the vaccine. TNS

ATTORNEY GENERAL IN SELF-QUARANTINE

New Delhi: Attorney General KK Venugopal was in self-quarantine after a member of his staff tested Covid positive, the Supreme Court was informed on Monday. TNS

highest recoveries with 11,915 newly discharged cases. Karnataka and Maharashtra saw 9,575 and 7,826 recoveries, respectively, while Tamil Nadu and UP witnessed 5,820 and 4,779 new recoveries.

These five states together contributed 57 pc of all recoveries in the last 24 hours, but

the Health Ministry said the disease management strategy in the said cluster needs to improve. The national recovery rate has touched 77.31 pc. The gap between total daily new cases (90,802) and total daily new recoveries (69,564) is, however, worrisome, sources said.

1st mental health helpline launched

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7
Recognising the massive mental healthcare gap in times of Covid, the government today launched the first-ever national mental health rehabilitation helpline to encourage people to seek help.

The helpline — 18005990019 — will be toll free, operational 24X7 and manned by trained psychiatrists from India's 25 mental healthcare institutions, including eight national institutions.

Launching the helpline in 13 languages, including Hindi, English, Gujarati, Punjabi and Assamese, today, the government conceded a disturbing fact — the mental healthcare gap in India is a whopping 70 to 92 per cent. — TNS

Amid PoK remark row, Centre gives Y plus security to Kangana

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7
Amid ongoing verbal and social media spat between Kangana Ranaut and Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, the Centre has decided to provide Y+ security cover to the actor. She will be protected by 10 armed commandos of the Central security forces round the clock.

A decision in this regard was taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs ahead of Ranaut's planned visit to Mumbai on September 9 from her home state Himachal Pradesh, where she has been staying for a while.

The actress had expressed that she felt unsafe in Mumbai after the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. She has also been quite vocal about drug use in a section of the film industry. She reportedly said she feared Mumbai Police more than the "movie mafia", and would prefer security either from Himachal Pradesh or the Centre.

Reacting to Ranaut's remarks against Mumbai Police, Raut had tweeted: "We kindly request her not to come to Mumbai. This is nothing but an insult to Mumbai Police." This lead to a Twitter war as Ranaut tweeted: "Why is Mumbai feeling like Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir?"



EX-COP SENDS NOTICE

■ The Shiv Sena's Aurangabad city unit has submitted a memorandum to the police seeking registration of an offence against Kangana ■ Legal notice was sent to the actor by retired ACP Pradeep Lonandkar, seeking an apology over her tweets on Mumbai

ACTOR'S COMMENT NAIVE: CONGRESS

New Delhi: Congress chief spokesman Randeep Surjewala said, "Kangana has been provided Y security so that she can openly carry out BJP's political agenda, criticise us and defame Maharashtra. While we stand up for the actor's right to dissent, no reasonable person can accept what she said about Mumbai comparing it with Pakistan occupied Kashmir." He said to describe the business capital of India as PoK was naive, political opportunism, reprehensible and incorrect.



Actor Rhea Chakraborty leaves for the NCB office on Monday. PTI

Rhea files plaint against Sushant's sister, doctor

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 7
Actress Rhea Chakraborty, who is accused of abetting the suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, has filed a complaint with the Mumbai Police, accusing Rajput's sister Priyanka Singh and a Delhi-based doctor of forgery and preparing a "fake" prescription of medicines for anxiety.

In her complaint to the Bandra police, Chakraborty sought that Priyanka Singh and Dr Tarun Kumar, working with Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi, should be booked under relevant sections of the IPC for forgery, the NDPS Act and the telemedicine practice guidelines.

The actress in her complaint said Rajput was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and was undergoing treatment for various other mental health issues.

However, Rajput was not disciplined in following the treatment and would often abruptly stop his medications, she added.

"On June 8, Rajput showed me the messages he and his sister Priyanka had exchanged in which Priyanka sent him a list of medicines to take. I explained to Rajput that he has already been prescribed medicines by doctors who are treating him," she said. "Rajput, however, disagreed with me and insisted that he would only take the medicine his sister was prescribing," she said. — PTI

Heroin cartel busted, seven held by NCB

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 7

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) today said it had busted an international heroin smuggling cartel, as the agency sleuths arrested seven persons, including foreigners, and seized drugs worth Rs 48 crore.

Officials in the agency said among the arrested persons were a man from South Africa and a woman from Myanmar.

Following the arrests, the arrested accused were interrogated during which it was revealed that the mastermind was coordinating the operations from abroad by creating various layers of anonymity.

"In a bid to overcome the

current situation where scheduled international flight operations are suspended owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the mastermind and the syndicate involved were exploiting the international courier route," a senior NCB official said.

The operation began early this month with the seizure of a parcel, originating from South Africa, containing 970 gm of heroin from a courier service in the national capital.

The parcel led the agency to arrest Indian nationals identified as Wahid, Mohsin, Shahjahan, Hanif and Munnasir from a hotel in Delhi. — TNS

Nitish kicks off poll campaign

PATNA, SEPTEMBER 7

Fashioning his campaign for the Assembly elections around 15 years of his rule versus a decade-and-a-half of the Lalu-Rabri government, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday asked JD(U) leaders and workers to reach out to voters, particularly the new generation, explaining them about the difference between the two. — PTI

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