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comply with new IT
rules, Twitter dithers

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REDRESSAL SYSTEM

- FB, WhatsApp, Sharechat, LinkedIn, Koo, Telegram and Google share details of the grievance redressal system
- Appoint chief compliance officers, nodal contact persons and grievance officers
- Twitter shares details of a lawyer (of a law firm) as nodal contact person, grievance officer
- But govt officials say the lawyer can't be termed Twitter staffer

GoM to take a call on GST exemption on Covid items

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NEW DELHI, MAY 28

A Group of Ministers (GoM) will decide within 10 days the question of providing GST exemption on Covid-related items, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced at the end of the 46th GST Council meeting held via video-conferencing on Friday.

"There were protracted discussions with varying viewpoints. I announced the formation of a GoM which will submit its report by June 8 so

SPL SESSION TO WEIGH FURTHER RELIEF TO STATES

- Oppr-ruled states, including Punjab, press for complete GST exemption on vaccines, O₂ concentrators, oximeters, test kits, ventilators
- GST Council to hold special session to discuss extending compensation to states beyond 2022
- Centre to borrow ₹1.58 lakh cr to compensate states for loss of revenue from GST
- Amnesty scheme for small GST taxpayers, allowing filing of returns with reduced late fee
- GST Council decides to waive I-GST on free Covid-19 related supplies from abroad
- Exempts import of med used for treating black fungus from I-GST



that any further reductions that need to be done will be done," she said, pointing out that any duty relief must ben-

efit patients and not the intermediaries. The council, meeting after eight months,

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Jaishankar meets top US officials on vax, security

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, MAY 28

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met several top US Cabinet ministers, lawmakers and officials to discuss developments pertaining to the Quad, Indo-US cooperation on vaccines and Afghanistan on Thursday.

Jaishankar also interacted with members of the US-India Business Council and the US Global Task Force on Pandemic Relief.

On Friday, Jaishankar began the day with a meeting with his counterpart and US Secre-

Holds talks with US Secy of State Blinken, NSA Sullivan & Defence Secy

tary of State Antony Blinken.

Jaishankar is in the US to sort out several issues related to the import of vaccines and raw materials as well as to build on partnership to counter the security-related issues involving China that affect both countries.

The minister met US NSA Jake Sullivan and discussed

Afghanistan among other

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IN BRIEF
No international flights till June 30

NEW DELHI: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday issued an order extending suspension of scheduled commercial international flights to and from India till June 30. —TNS

Sushant's flatmate held in drug case

MUMBAI: The Narcotics Control Bureau has arrested Siddhartha Pithani, a flatmate of Sushant Singh Rajput, in a drug case linked to the Bollywood actor's death last year. —PTI

Body of missing paraglider found

PALAMPUR: A rescue team, with the help of a local shepherd, recovered the body of missing paraglider Rohit Badhoria from the snow-covered slopes of Dhauladhar about 40 km from here, on Friday. INSIDE



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Unlike Delhi & UP, state ensures dignity to its dead

To deal with emerging situation, crematoria add more platforms, gas-operated chambers

MANAV MANDER

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, MAY 28 The Case Fatality Rate in Punjab remains the highest in the country, yet, unlike Delhi and UP, there are no long queues for the last rites of Covid victims, with the administration increasing the number of chambers and platforms at various crematoriums.

In Ludhiana district, the LPG-operated Ramgarhia crematorium in Dholewala and Swami Vivekanand Swarg Ashram Trust at Model Town had two gas chambers each till last year and both have added two more. With this, the city has eight gas-operated chambers. The

**FREE SERVICE FOR NEEDY**

- Dukh Bhanjan Sewa Society in Ludhiana is conducting the last rites free of cost for those who cannot bear the expenses
- It is carrying out the work in association with the District Health Department and the Civil Hospital and plans to take it further to other districts as well

<< Last rites of a Covid-19 victim being performed in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Dana Mandi crematorium had seven platforms and now it has 20. In all, seven crematoriums have been marked in Ludhiana for Covid victims.

To ensure dignity to the dead, the district administration has set up a cremation

cell, whose mobile numbers are given by hospitals to the bereaved families. The cell arranges an ambulance, wood/LPG and PPE and informs the family about the cremation time.

"We daily cremate 30 bodies

as compared to 15 last year. If the patient dies late at night, the cremation is done the next day. The body is moved to the Civil Hospital mortuary in case the hospital does not have its own," says Judgepreet Singh, member,

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NGO Samvedna Trust.

At Bathinda, the crematorium at the Grain Mandi has 24 platforms and the one adjacent to DAV College has four. Cremations are done round the clock and at times even late in the night by NGOs Naujanaw Welfare Society and Sahara Jan Sewa. On one occasion, the crematorium ran out of space and nine bodies were consigned to flames at 105. On a couple of occasions, the last rites of the bodies were done on the ground instead of the platform after which more platforms were constructed. We have one gas-operated chamber but people are reluctant to use it," says Ramesh Sharma, president, Shri Durgaina Committee, who also looks after the Shivpuri cremation ground.

"We did not want the families to wait for cremation. So after seeking their permission, the bodies which could not be accommodated on the designated place were burnt on ground that is covered with tiles. The need for more slabs in the crematorium

never arose," says Sonu Maheshwari, chairman, Naujanaw Welfare Society. There is no gas-operated crematorium at Bathinda.

In Amritsar, the cremation is done mainly at Shivpuri near the Durgiana Temple and the Shaheedan crematorium near Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh. "We have added 35 new platforms. The number now stands at 105. On a couple of occasions, the last rites of the bodies were

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platforms were constructed. We have one gas-operated chamber but people are reluctant to use it," says Ramesh Sharma, president, Shri Durgaina Committee, who also looks after the Shivpuri cremation ground.

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MUKTSAR, MAY 28

COVID METER		
Cases	3,724	
Critical	920	
Active	44,964	
Deaths	148	

WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Jalandhar	497	10
Ludhiana	416	20
Fazilka	278	5
Bathinda	247	7
Patiala	223	9

on May 15; a 36-year-old woman of Gidderbaha passed away on May 15; a 35-year-old resident of Killianwalli village died on May 13; and a 26-year-old girl of Hakkawala village lost her life on May 9. — TNS

Back from Tikri stir, Muktsar farmer dies

MUKTSAR: A 65-year-old farmer, Sukhdev Singh, from Khar Ki Dhabh village died of cardiac arrest on Thursday. He had recently returned from the Tikri border protest site following illness. Sources said the victim had been actively participating in the ongoing farmer agitation. He had visited the Tikri border several times. Sukhdev was even jailed in connection with farmer protests in the past, they added. — TNS

Talk to striking safai workers, CM urged

Chandigarh: SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Friday asked Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to talk to "safai" workers directly to end their ongoing strike, else the state could face several other diseases at a time when it was battling Covid-19. He said despite protests at several places across the state for a fortnight, the government was adopting a callous attitude towards their grievances. Lauding their role during the pandemic, he said: "The government should not adopt such an insensitive attitude towards these frontline workers." — TNS

Muktsar villages' caseload still high

MUKTSAR, MAY 28

Of 178 Covid patients detected on Friday in Muktsar district, 120 belonged to villages and the rest to Malout (29), Muktsar (19), and Gidderbaha (10) towns. Besides, not just the elderly, people below the age of 40, too, are dying of Covid.

Eight persons in 21-40 age group lost their lives in the recent past in the district.

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AAP protests 'fleecing' by private labs

MUKTSAR, MAY 28

Against the alleged loot by some private hospitals and laboratories, the AAP youth wing today started a chain hunger strike for five days by sitting near the Bathinda Chowk on the outskirts of the town.

Sukhjinder Singh Kaoni, district president of AAP's youth wing, said five workers of the party would observe a chain hunger strike from 9.30 am to 4 pm daily.

Begins five-day relay fast

He claimed, "Before starting the strike, I had given some evidences of overcharging by a private laboratory to the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), but she did not act in this regard. The laboratory is charging Rs 2,500 for a chest CT scan and on being enquired about the extra amount of Rs 500, the staff said it was the sanitising fee. I met the Deputy Commissioner too in this regard, but to no avail. We want action against private hospitals and laboratories which are fleecing patients." — TNS

Centre, state failed to contain Covid spread, allege farmers

Tribune News Service**PATIALA, MAY 28**

Farmers under the banner of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU Ugrahan) today started a three-day protest in Patiala alleging the Centre and state government had failed to act against the spread of Covid-19.

Over 1,500 farmers gathered at the PUDA ground near the Tripuri police station. The farmers not only sat in straight lines ensuring social distancing but also wore masks, carried sanitizers and water bottles.

Leaders of the union said the state and the central governments had failed in executing their duties in the pandemic.

General secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokkalani said, "People are dying but the governments have not been able to ensure availability of ventilators for them. We have proved time and again that farmers in Haryana or elsewhere are not the reason for the spread of Covid. In fact, farmers and their families who came to the protest sites have been

Three-day dharna begins in Patiala with 1,500 participants

Women activists protest the central farm laws in Patiala. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

saved from Covid because we have been warning them and informing about ensuring safety and social distancing."

Responding to a question, he said actor Deep Sidhu along with some others was responsible for trying to derail the farmers' protest.

On Mission Fateh launched by the state government, he said, "The government failed in ensuring facilities for people. The Centre and state want to divert the attention of the people from important questions." Manjit Singh Nyal, Patiala district presi-

dent of BKU (Ugrahan), said, "We will continue the protest for three days. We will also ensure that Covid guidelines are followed. Farmers in far more numbers want to gather but we have decided to keep the gathering to a maximum of 1,500 to 2,000 only."

No minister on ground to help villagers: SAD

OUR CORRESPONDENT**ABOHAR, MAY 28**

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today dared Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to name one village he or his ministers had visited despite the high incidence of Covid cases in rural areas.

"Instead of attending to the people, the ministers have left them to fend for themselves. Despite a severe shortage of vaccines, the Punjab Government hasn't thought it fit to allocate Rs 1,000 crore for their immediate purchase, he said.

He added it was reprehensible that the Chief Minister had failed to respond to an offer by the Confederation of Colleges and Schools to donate thousands of oxygen concentrators and establish Covid care centres.

Launching "Oxygen Sewa" at Fazilka and Jalalabad, the SAD president said, "We received help from the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee as well as NGOs to carry out 'Oxygen Sewa' in 15 constituencies. I appeal to NGOs to help pro-

vide oxygen concentrators to needy patients."

Two former Congress legislators Hans Raj Josan and Dr Mohinder Rinwa said Sukhbir had assured them that a medical college would be set up at Fazilka once the SAD came into power.

Will start mass mobilisation against BJP, says kisan sabha

BATHINDA, MAY 28

Balkaran Brar, state president, Kul Hind Kisan Sabha (Punjab), while addressing a state-level meeting in Bathinda on Friday said farm unions would unite and start mass mobilisation against the BJP at the national level.

He also condemned the "arbitrary" hike in petrol and diesel prices recently and demanded that heavy taxes on fuel be curtailed so as not to burden the common man.

Brar added, "Centre's stubbornness will only lead to political consequences for the BJP in the upcoming elections in different states. We will unite against the BJP via mass mobilisation in the country. We will lay bare its anti-farmer and anti-common man policies before the people. Apart from skyrocketing petrol prices, number of other



Leaders of the Kul Hind Kisan Sabha and Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union during a meeting in Bathinda on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

daily need essential items is quite expensive now." The meeting was jointly conducted by the farm union and Punjab Khet Mazdoor Sabha.

Baldeep Singh Kot Shamir, a leader of khet mazdoor sabha said, "People across all sections of society have now seen corporate-favouring face of

the Centre. Notwithstanding tenets enshrined in the Constitution, the government has brought in laws against the will of the people. We demand repeal of such laws."

Union leaders also exhorted that more people must visit protest venues at Delhi borders to strengthen the ongoing farm movement. — TNS

BJP men face farmers' anger at Kiratpur Sahib

KIRATPUR SAHIB, MAY 28

Tension prevailed when BJP leaders led by party's state secretary Anil Sachher reached to sanitise Sheetla Mata Temple here today. Soon after a large number of farmers and local party workers of Congress, SAD and AAP reached the spot to oppose them.

A heavy police force deployed outside, however, didn't allow the protesters to enter the temple. Earlier the farmers had forced the RSS not to hold blood donation camps in dis-



Farmers raise slogans against BJP leaders at Kiratpur Sahib.

Bathinda admin aims at 100% testing in all villages by June 10

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**BATHINDA, MAY 28**

Amid the fear of Covid spreading in rural areas, the district administration is targeting 100% testing in all villages of Bathinda. In a review meeting with the senior officials on Covid, Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan today directed the District Development Panchayat Officer (DDPO) to ensure 100% testing in all villages of the district by June 10.

He also directed the authorities concerned that although at present there was no problem of oxygen in the district, the use of gas in the hospitals should be monitored.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the residents to follow the instructions issued by the government for the prevention of the epidemic. If they have any

symptoms like cough, fever, cold etc., they should get their tests done immediately.



A health team collects a swab sample in Nawanshahr.

If a person tests positive for Covid, he/she should not panic. Early detection will contain the disease spread and save their loved ones.

He also reviewed the situation of domestic isolation, Covid testing, oxygen and Level-2 and Level-3 beds in the district. In Bathinda today, seven deaths and 257 new cases of Covid were reported, taking the death tally to 883 and cases to 39,863 in the district.

Notably, the testing in the rural belt was met with huge resistance by residents during the first wave and even during the initial phases of the second wave, owing to ongoing farmers' agitation. Many believed "Covid is not a disease but merely a ploy by the Centre to sabotage the farm stir", but now people are aware in rural areas and have started taking vaccination.

Admissions to BR Ambedkar medical college soon: Soni

MOHALI, MAY 28

The Punjab Government has been making continuous efforts for the development of medical education in the state and under this series admission to the MBBS courses at Dr BR Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences would be started this year.

This was stated by Minister for Medical Education and Research Om Parkash Soni after reviewing the construction work at the institute on Friday. Soni directed the authorities to submit the

Wellness facilities may replace vacant SHCs in rural belt

KARAM PRAKASH**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE****PATIALA, MAY 28**

The crippling rural healthcare system is likely to take a further hit with the government planning to convert vacant Subsidiary Health Centres (SHCs) — the only medical facility in the countryside — into Health and Wellness Centres.

If the decision is implemented, 489 posts of rural medical officer (RMO), who are MBBS, are likely to get scrapped in the state. The reason being Health and Well-



Biomedical technicians from the Army repair ventilators at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College & Hospital in Faridkot. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Army technicians fix Faridkot ventilators Offer help to Patiala, Asr colleges too

BALWANT GARG
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FARIDKOT, MAY 28

To repair the non-functional ventilators and other essential equipment at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital (GGSMCH) in Faridkot, electronics and mechanical engineers from the Army Hospital reached here with a on-the-wheel workshop-cum-laboratory.

"The team of biomedical technicians will stay in the medical college for the next three days to repair the equipment, calibrate it, putting in needed parts, doing a thorough inspection and sending it back with all the accessories so that it is ready to use," said a technician assigned for the job.

Not only for Faridkot Medical College, the Army has also offered its help to repair and calibrate all medical equipment in government medical colleges at Patiala and Amritsar.

In the fight against Covid, every ventilator the Army can get working is another life potentially saved, said

30 of 119 machines given under PM Cares non-functional

Dr Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences.

With 450 beds for Covid patients at GGSMCH, it has 119 ventilators now. About 30 of these ventilators, most of which were provided under the PM Cares funds, are non-functional due to various technical snags.

After facing an acute crisis in dealing with faulty ventilators and other medical equipment, the Department of Medical Education and Research started the process to engage full-time biomedical technicians or engineers for the maintenance and repair of the machinery used in health-care facilities.

Though the medical colleges have workshops to repair the equipment, most of the staff is not skilled enough to work with the cutting-edge technology.

Nine of the names were eventually dropped from the list following voting, taking

State raises concern over shortfall in GST relief cess

COUNCIL MEET

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 28

Punjab today raised concern over the shortfall in Goods and Services Tax Compensation Cess for 2021-22, which will lead to a compensation cess shortage for a second year in a row.

Having been "coerced" by the Government of India into accepting the new terms of borrowings to meet the shortfall in GST compensation in mid-2020, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal, who was representing the state at the 43rd GST Council meeting today, said he was dismayed that the Centre was going back on the promise of compensation made to states at the time of GST rollout, which was why the compen-

Demands tax concession for all Covid supplies

UPGRADE INFRA

► Use this massive challenge to upgrade medical preparedness and health infrastructure constrained by the burden of taxes.

— Manpreet Singh
Badal, FM

PREVAILING GST

18% Protective gear, digital thermometers, lab sanitizers, disinfectants, paper bed sheets, etc

12% Covid test kits, vaccines, ventilators, medical oxygen, nebulisers

12-18% Remdesivir, Doxycycline, Ivermectin, Tocilizumab

ness and health infrastructure constrained by the burden of taxes," he said, adding only general items such as ambulances, capable of commercial exploitation, could be taxed.

It may be mentioned that many goods attract basic customs duty ranging up to 20 per cent and GST up to 18 per cent, besides a social welfare surcharge of 10 per cent and IGST of 23 per cent on taxable value. Badal took a serious view of a number big decisions being taken by the GST Implementation Committee, while the GST Council had been reduced to a bystander. He said decisions should only be taken by the council. "A Group of Ministers could be formed for raking urgent decisions," he suggested.

sation announced was less than last year. "We need to apply 14 per cent compounding on actual revenue for 2020-21 and calculate the total compensation entitlement," he said.

During the meet, Badal also demanded extension of tax concession on all Covid

supplies, especially vaccines and medicines. Badal, on behalf of the state government, said everything required for testing, treatment and prevention of the disease should be exempt from the GST.

"Use this massive challenge to upgrade medical prepared-

HC notifies 19 advocates as senior

CHANDIGARH, MAY 28

Gaurav Chopra youngest lawyer on the list

the total down to 18. Advocate Baljit Kaur Mann's name was, however, added after a majority of the judges was in favour of designating her advocate as senior, taking the total to 19.

Information suggests Gaurav Chopra, enrolled in 2003, is the youngest advocate in the notified list of senior advocates. Just about 40, Chopra was not even born when senior-most lawyer in the list, Jai Vir Yadav, was enrolled in 1978.

Chopra's father Ravinder Chopra was a renowned senior advocate practising on the revenue and civil-law side

and was a former president of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association. Gaurav was also the youngest elected Bar secretary.

The other names are Pawan Kumar Mutneja, Rajvinder Singh Bains, Baljeet Singh, Gursharan Kaur, Tribhuvan Dahiya, Gurinder Singh Attariwala, Rakesh Nehra, Sumeet Goel, Vinod Sharma (Bhardwaj), Amit Jain, Naresh Singh Shekhawat, Pankaj Jain, Jagmohan Bansal, Harpreet Singh Brar, Aashish Chopra and Amit Jhanji. The order issued by the Chief Justice and the judges also made it clear that the advocates were designated senior subject to the condition that they would conduct 10 free legal aid cases pro bono every year.—TNS



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Govt harming future of Dalit students: AAP

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) welcomed the notice issued by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes to the state government on non-issuance of roll numbers to Dalit students, studying under the Post-matric Scholarship Scheme in the state.

In a joint statement issued on Friday, deputy Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Saravjit Kaur Manuke and MLA and youth wing president Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said the state government had embezzled crores of rupees from the scholarship funds, due to which Class X pass Dalit students were facing difficulties in pursuing their studies.

Meet Hayer said AAP had started a struggle against Minister Sadhu Singh Dharamsot for harming the future of Dalit students and had staged dharnas across the state, including that outside the minister's residence.—TNS

CM: ₹682 cr power relief for 69L domestic consumers

CHANDIGARH, MAY 28
Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday said the massive cut, ranging from 50 paise to Rs 1 per unit, in domestic power tariff will provide major relief to domestic consumers, especially the poor, who are already reeling under financial problems due to the pandemic.

WILL BENEFIT POOR

► The massive cut in domestic power tariff will provide a major relief to domestic consumers, especially the poor, who are already reeling under financial problems due to the pandemic.

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

in tariff for industrial users was quite marginal, he pointed out, adding that this would also come as a relief to industry, which had been severely impacted by the lockdowns.

The industry has been getting power subsidy from the state government since 2017, when the tariff was reduced to Rs 5 per unit as variable cost. Soon after coming to power, the Capt Amarinder Singh government had announced its decision to subsidise power for the industry.—TNS

Asr man chosen LoPin UK council, villagers rejoice

AMRITSAR, MAY 28
Rajbir Singh Bhullar of Amritsar's Wazir Bhullar village has been elected Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in the UK. There were 64 councillors of the Labour Party in the council and among them he was appointed the Leader of Opposition on May 19. Residents of his native village and the family erupted in joy.

Before moving to the UK, he had been a student of economics at Panjab University, Patiala, and later he studied English literature at Panjab University, Chandigarh. During his college and university days, he had been an active student leader.

His father, a retired Inspector of the Punjab Police, Mann Singh Bhullar said unlike India, politics in the UK was public-oriented with focus on amenities and happiness for all.—TNS

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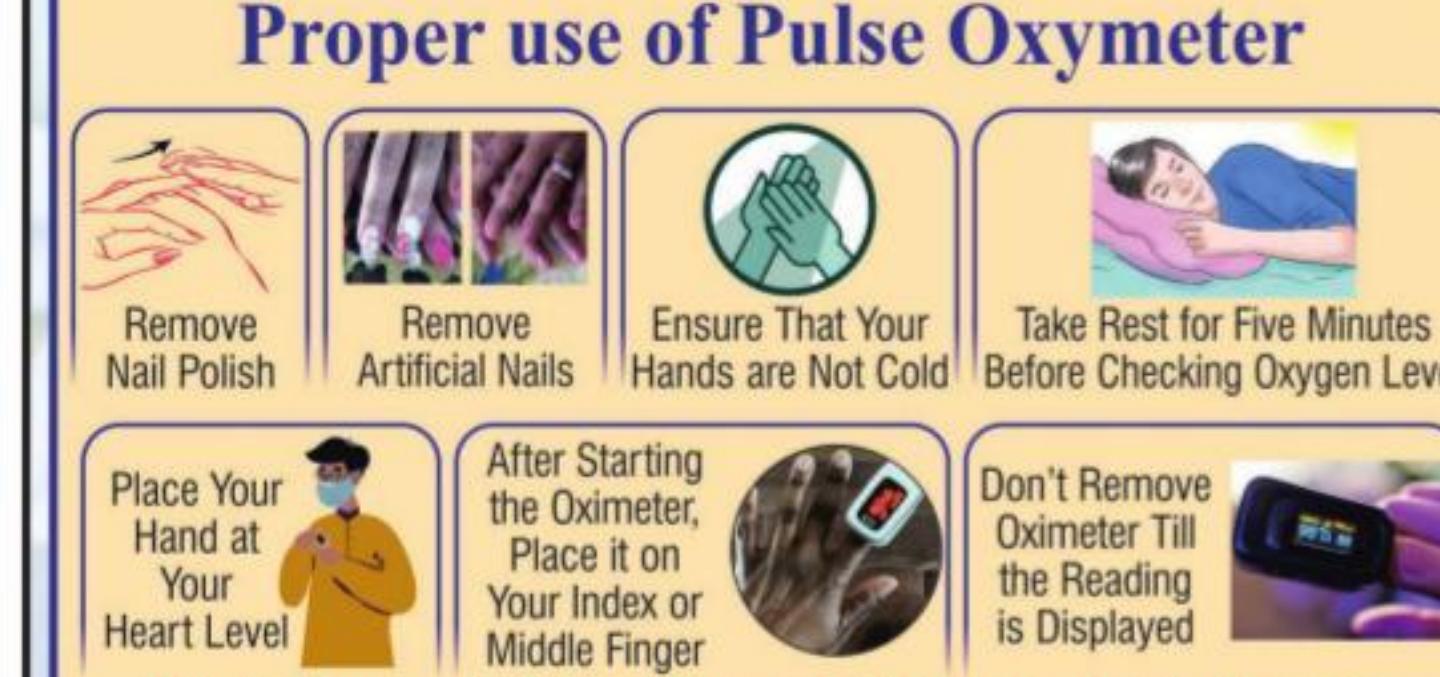
Do's

- Maintain social distance.
- Don't skip meals, instead take 5 to 6 light meals.
- Drink more fluids.
- Avoid outside food, alcohol, tobacco and smoking.
- Set the time to watch TV and connect with friends and family through audio/video calls.
- Fulfill your hobbies and take proper rest.
- Do light exercises according to your health.

Don'ts

- Don't visit public places.
- Don't use public transport.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth or face.
- Don't share water, utensils, towels or bedding with family members.
- Don't visit the elderly due to their low immunity.
- Don't stop home isolation without doctor's advice.
- Don't take stress about your and family members' health, financial condition or job.

Proper use of Pulse Oximeter



Pbi varsity hikes transcript fee for students

RAVNEET SINGH
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New orders to come into effect from June 1

₹20,000 FOR SENDING DOCUMENTS ABROAD

Fee of ₹20,000 for sending transcripts abroad will be collected from all students irrespective of whether they are applying from India or abroad. A student will be charged ₹5,000 for every extra set. Controller of examinations

were charged an overall fee of ₹290 (about Rs 21,000) for preparation and dispatch of documents. This is while the university normally gets nearly 60-70 applications every working day.

This is an exponential increase in fee. Most students undergo graduation or post-graduation courses. The total fee to be paid, as per current

ratios, for semester-based three-year bachelor and two-year master courses is about Rs 6,000 apart from form and courier fee. The university has now hiked the fee more than three times for us," said a student. "The university is cash-strapped. They seem to be trying to collect funds with such 'unwarranted' hikes," said another student.

Controller Examinations Dr JJS Khattar said, "Till now the Indian students had to travel from far-off distances to present their passports on the campus for verification. With this an effort has been made to make it easy for them. Therefore, a lump sum has been decided and no verification of passport will be done."

Award for Faridkot NIC app

FARIDKOT, MAY 28

The NIC, Faridkot, has been selected among the top districts by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and National e-Governance

Division for good performance. DCVimal Kumar Setia and district informatics officer Anil Katiyar were awarded for designing "M-Nivar" mobile app for the district.—TNS

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IN BRIEF

Cong leader protests Manpreet's 'interference'
Chandigarh: Congress leader from Bathinda (Rural) Harvinder Singh Laddi along with other leaders on Friday staged a dharna outside the Sector 2 residence of the Chief Minister alleging Finance Minister Manpreet Badal was interfering in his constituency. TNS

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TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar invites following offline tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from eligible Contractors for the following work through offline process:-

Sl. No.	Description	E/Cost	E/Money	Time
1	Providing CAD work for LIS to village-Dhanach-Chukhria in GP Shaya Samara Tehsil Raigarh District Sirmour H.P (SH- C/O RCC 2 Nos. Irrigation tank 30000 litres Capacity at different locations).	363084	7300/-	3 Months
2	Providing CAD work for LIS to village-Khanoti in GP Deedip Tehsil Raigarh district Sirmour H.P. (SH- C/O 2 Nos. RCC irrigation tank 50000 litres capacity at different locations).	498940	10000/-	2 Months
3	Water quality monitoring & surveillance under JMM programme in Distt. Sirmour H.P. Operations & maintenance of water testing Laboratory at Jal Shakti Sub-Division Nohradhar in for one year.	366592	7350/-	12 Months
4	C/O Rain Water Harvesting Structure in Tehsil-Raigarh-District Sirmour H.P (SH- Providing & fixing M.S. wire mesh fencing around the water harvesting structure near inspection hut Rajgarh).	498800	10000/-	3 Months
5	Providing GWSS to multi village of GP Nohradhar- Deva manjal Bharati, Bhutti Manjal Samara, Bhataan Bhujawal, Dama, Liana Bhata and Ser Tandula Tehsil Nohradhar Distt. Sirmour H.P. (SH- C/O RCC storage tank 10000 litres capacity and blyaging Jointing of GMS pipe line for village Jamal in GP Sawai).	239236	4800/-	3 Months
6	CAD to LIS Dhamander and adjoining village in GP-Tali-Bhujal Matai-Bahog & Koti Padhog-Tehsil Raigarh Distt. Sirmour H.P. (SH- C/O protection work for front side of main well and main line at RD. 170).	422093	8450/-	3 Months
7	Providing CAD work for FIS to village Dahan in GP-Dahan Tehsil Raigarh District Sirmour (SH- C/O RCC irrigation tank 60000 litres capacity).	345685	6950/-	3 Months
8	CAD to LIS Dhamander and adjoining village in GP-Tali-Bhujal Matai-Bahog & Koti Padhog-Tehsil Raigarh Distt. Sirmour H.P. (SH- C/O protection work for main line at RD. 260 and 375).	472770	9500/-	3 Months

Cost of From: -250/- each

The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to 4.00 p.m. dated 07.06.2021, non-refundable, in cash or by money order as per cost shown above.

The tenders shall be received in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar up to 2.00 p.m. dated 08.06.2021 and shall be opened on the same day at 3.00 p.m. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives if any.

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Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Nohradhar.

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The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Full Name of work	Construction of Road Over Bridge with bow string girder 1x54.00 mm span alongwith (LHS 4.00 x 2.65m by box pushing) at Level crossing No. 118-C/3 at Km. 248/7-9 and Road over Bridge with steel composite girder 2x24.00mm span at Level Crossing No. 98-B (in YJUD yard) on SRE-UMB section and Road Over Bridge with bow string girder 1x60.00mm span at LC No. 127-C between Ambala City-Shambhu Railway station on DFCCL route.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 2685.06 Lakhs
3. Completion period of the work	18 Months
4. Earnest Money to be deposited	NIL
5. Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 06.06.2021 to 21.06.2021 upto 11:30 hrs.
6. Last date/Time of upload of tenders	21.06.2021 upto 11:30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 28.05.2021 to 21.06.2021
7. Date and time of opening of tender	21.06.2021 at 11:30 hours (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system, Financial bids of the eligible tenders would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No. 74-W-1-1-513-WA-UMB Dated : 27.05.2021 1149/2021

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Tax recovery: No coercive step if appeal, pre-deposit filed, says HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PETITIONER ALLOWED TO USE BANK ACCOUNT**

Allowing the petitioner to operate its bank account, the Bench asserted: "The respondent-department should have restrained itself from coercive recovery as soon as it came to know of appeal with mandatory pre-deposit."

account of incentive/sale promotion were liable to service tax under the category of business auxiliary services and were recoverable under the provisions of the Finance Act, 1994, along with interest and penalty.

The Bench, during the course of hearing, was told that a show-cause notice dated November 1, 2019, raising demand of service tax along with interest and penalty was issued to the petitioner, a private limited company, located at Ludhiana and Pathankot.

The notice was issued on the premise that the commissions received on

Resolution Scheme, 2019. The declaration, however, became meaningless as the company failed to deposit the tax assessed by the due date. The respondent, to recover tax liability arising out of the assessment order, attached the petitioner's bank account vide an impugned order dated March 23.

The petitioner, taking advantage of extension in the limitation period by the Supreme Court, pre-

ferrered an appeal before the first appellate authority against the assessment order. Appearing before the Bench, the petitioner's counsel referred to circular dated September 16, 2014, issued by Central Board of Excise and Customs to contend that coercive step could not be initiated if an appeal was filed along with the pre-deposit of 7.5 per cent. As such, the recovery proceedings initiated by respondent were bad and contrary to board circular binding on the respondent.

The Bench asserted the board circulars were undisputedly binding on department and the circular made it clear that coercive measures for recovery of balance liability were not permissible if an appeal was filed along with mandatory pre-deposit of 7.5 per cent.

Allowing the petitioner to operate its bank account, the Bench asserted:

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Cong panel to meet MLAs in a few days

CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI, MAY 28

To resolve the infighting

between factions of the Punjab Congress and putting up a united front ahead of the 2022 Assembly election, the three-member committee — comprising veteran leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, JP Aggarwal and Harish Rawat — will start hearing out state leaders over the next few days. The committee was constituted by Congress chief Sonia Gandhi today.

Rawat, who reached Delhi today, said the committee would listen to the MLAs and ministers in Delhi "as soon as possible". The committee could also give the option of virtual interaction to those who can't travel to the national capital. Party's former chief Rahul Gandhi is also expected to meet select leaders.

Beginning with PPCC chief Sunil Jakhar, the committee will hear out ministers before interacting with MLAs. It will also hold talks with Capt Amarinder Singh.

Rawat, who is party's Punjab affairs in charge, said he would meet other committee members tomorrow to finalise the schedule of interaction with state leaders. It is learnt the committee may start the interaction from May 31 or June 1. He said Navjot Singh Sidhu

was

a key component of the party and putting up a united front in the coming Assembly election year. A deputy chief ministerial berth for Sidhu is being seen as an option but top leaders feel there may be two deputy CMs for balance. Sidhu is learnt to be keen on the presidency of state Congress unit. — TNS

SIT formed, minister's ex-pvt secy under lens

SANGRUR, MAY 28

To probe the role of Bachitar Singh, former private secretary (secretariat staff) of Cabinet Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, in a fraud case, the Sangrur police have constituted a special investigation team (SIT). The Punjab and Haryana High Court had last week passed directions to constitute the SIT.

Sangrur resident Ramdas Bansal had got registered a fraud case against Abhishek Goyal, Kapil Garg, Sanjeev Kumar and another Sanjeev Kumar after they allegedly refused to pay Rs 75 lakh to him for the sugar that he supplied to them. Later, the police

FRAUD CASE

nominated Naveen, Yogesh, Jiwan and Bachitar Singh as an accused in the case.

"I supplied sugar to Abhishek Goyal after Bachitar Singh, then private secretary to the minister, introduced him to me. Bachitar called us repeatedly to pressurise us to continue the supply of sugar after we stopped it as Goyal had not released our payment. We have call recordings of Bachitar to prove our allegations. In total, Rs 75 lakh is pending," said Bansal. The SIT will be headed by SSP Sangrur Vivek Sheel Soni. — TNS

CHANDIGARH, MAY 28

The Punjab State Consumer Disputed Redressal Commission has ordered the Chandigarh Heart Centre, Sangrur, to pay a compensation of Rs 10 lakh to 60-year-old Kamalpreet Grewal on account of medical negligence.

The hospital had given a report of successful stent implant in her heart. However, her problem persisted. The family visited Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana, and another surgery had to be performed.

President of the Commission Justice Paramjeet Singh Dhaliwal and members Rajinder Kumar Goyal and Kiran Sibal have

ordered the hospital to pay the compensation with 8 per cent interest from the date of complaint (January 14, 2019) till the date of payment. a stent implant had been done and the blockage cleared. A little later, the patient again experienced chest pain in and around her heart. When there was no response from the hospital, she was taken to the Fortis Hospital in June 2018. After tests, it was found that there was 95 per cent blockage in the artery operated in the previous hospital. After being discharged from the Fortis, the husband of the patient

Grewal visited the Heart Centre on April 14, 2018, after she complained of uneasiness and pain in her chest. The family was informed after surgery that

the flow of blood was "good in all coronaries". The second stent had been inserted at the point of second blockage, so there was no question of wrong stent implant, the reply had said. Not agreeing with the defence put forward by the Sangrur hospital to the allegations, the order noted that the hospital had been "grossly negligent" while performing the surgery due to which she had to undergo a second surgery.

Religious texts found dumped, FIR registered

BATHINDA, MAY 28

A sacrilege incident was reported today with Hindu and Sikh religion texts being found dumped at National Colony, near Sirhind canal, here.

Sikh leader Mahinder Singh Khalsa said he found some pages of 'gutka' and Hanuman Chalisa on the ground while he was on a morning walk.

Bathinda SSP Bhupinder Singh Virk visited the scene and took information from the police officials. He said 'gutka', Hanuman Chalisa and other religious literature were found lying near Sirhind canal this morning. "We have registered a case in this regard and are probing the matter," he added. — TNS

Three days on, case filed over Moga sacrilege, suspect held

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOGA, MAY 28

Three days after alleged sacrilege of 'gutka' (a religious book) at Sukhanan village in the district, the local police have finally registered a case and arrested a suspect.

The suspect, Ram Singh, a resident of Janduke village, Mansa, was spotted in a drunk state on the intervening night of May 25 and 26 outside Gurdwara Dera Baba Bhag Singh of the village holding three religious books.

On spotting him, local youths called the panchayat. Soon after, hundreds of people gathered at the spot.

The suspect was detained

by the local police for investigations the same day, but an FIR under Section 295A of the IPC was registered against him at the Samalsar police station last night. The police announced his arrest today. Jaswinder Singh, a

resident of

Tarn Tarar, May 28

A day after two youths were killed in a shooting incident in Patti town, the district police are trying to identify the two assailants. "The investigation is on. At this stage, we have information that the shooters went towards Sarhali village. There is no information regarding where they went thereafter," said Patti DSP Kuljinder Singh.

The DSP said the police

had seen CCTV footage from eight cameras and more were being scanned to gather information. The two assailants were in a Swift Dzire car, he added.

Patti residents Amandeep Singh, alias Fauji, and Prabhdeep Singh, alias Pooran, were killed in the firing, while their associate Shamsher Singh, alias Shera, suffered a gunshot wound. His condition was stated to be critical. — OC

Patti shooting: Day on, police scour CCTV footage

TARN TARAN, MAY 28

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2 more die of mucormycosis in Karnal

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, MAY 28

Two more Covid patients, who were undergoing treatment and had been found infected with mucormycosis (black fungus), died at Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College (KCGMC) here today. They had tested positive for mucormycosis on May 25.

With these two deaths, the number of black fungus-related deaths increased to 11 at the Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College.

"Two more positive cases have been reported, taking the number of black fungus cases to 43 at the hospital," said Dr Jagdish Dureja, Director, KCGMC.

The two deceased were 56-year-old man from Gohana in Sonipat district and 54-year-old man of Ghula Cheeka in Kaithal district, he added.

Black fungus cases rise to 171 in Hisar

82 patients admitted to Agroha medical college | 23 dead | Hospitals face drug crunch

DEEPMENDER DESWAL

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, MAY 28

Black fungus cases have risen to 171 in Hisar district. The shortage of medicines for the treatment of these patients has further complicated the situation as five persons have died at medical college, Agroha, in two days.

According to sources, the death toll due to the fungus has gone up to 23 in medical college, Agroha. Patients from Hisar, Sirsa, Fatehabad and other districts are being referred at Agroha which till today — had 82 patients under treatment.

As medical college Agroha had no medicines, treatment and surgery of patients could not be performed today.

Dr Geetika, director of Agroha medical college, said that she had been waiting for the approval of the state committee for the required medi-



cines for the patients admitted in the hospital.

"Till now, we have not received the approval for medicines. Many black fungus-infected patients are in a serious condition. We have sent the request for medi-

cines to the state health authorities and are waiting for their response," she said.

Civil Surgeon Dr Ratna Bharti stated that they have till now notified 171 cases of black fungus in Hisar district. "The patients are admitted in

private hospitals in Hisar besides Agroha medical college. People need to be alert and must consult doctors in case of any symptoms even after recovering from Covid," she said, adding that 11 patients of black fungus had

died in Hisar district.

The Civil Surgeon said there is a procedure for getting medicines for black fungus patients. "Hospitals put forward the case to the state health committee which approves each case," she said.

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WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Hisar	219	14
Gurugram	171	8
Karnal	135	4

Patients from Hisar, Sirsa, Fatehabad are being referred to Agroha. FILE

150 farmers booked for May 26 protest

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MORCHA SETS UP KISAN FEDERATION

HISAR, MAY 28

Divisional Commissioner, Hisar, Chander Shekhar today said the farmers failed to adhere to their assurance of holding a demonstration in peaceful and non-violent manner during their protest in Sirsas on May 26.

The police have registered a case against 150 farmers for the May 26 incident when activists had observed 'black day' in Sirsa town. Shekhar claimed that the farmers had removed police barricades and burnt an effigy of the government about 200m away from the residence of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala.

The Commissioner said during the talks after the protest on May 24, the farm leaders had assured the administration that they would hold protest peacefully and in a non-violent way.

However, despite the assurance given by them, they illegally removed the barricades at Bhumanshah Chowk in Sirsa on May 26, he said in a statement here today.

The Commissioner maintained that the police and administration acted sensibly during the protest and kept the situation under control.

However, he urged all farm leaders involved in the talks to ensure that such incident does not occur again in future.

Sirsa Civil Lines SHO Jitender Singh confirmed that a case had been registered against about 150 farmers.

In Rohtak, medicine shortage hits treatment

Supply inadequate, patients' kin forced to buy vax at inflated rates

SUNIT DHAWAN

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROHTAK, MAY 28

An acute shortage of Amphotericin-B injections is affecting the treatment of the patients of mucormycosis (black fungus) infection admitted to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS), Rohtak. With the number of black fungus patients increasing by the day, the injections being supplied by the state authorities remain grossly inadequate.

As of now, the PGIMS has 123 patients who require at least 600 doses (injections) per day. However, the number of doses being received

SONEPAT MAN DIES

A 45-year-old man from Sonepat admitted to the PGIMS, Rohtak, for treatment of black fungus died on Friday. Some patients of black fungus have also lost their vision during the treatment.

is much lesser.

Owing to the shortage of the drugs at the state's premier medical institute and unavailability at private medical stores, family members of the patients are being forced to buy these illegally at exorbitant rates.

There are reports of black

fungus drugs being sold in the black market. Two territory managers of well-known pharmaceutical companies were recently arrested on the charges of selling Amphotericin-B injections at nearly 40 times the maximum retail price (MRP).

Medical experts maintain that Liposomal Amphotericin-B is the drug of choice for the treatment of black fungus by virtue of its high effectiveness and minimal side-effects.

"The other drugs are not only low in efficacy, but these may also harm the kidneys. Hence, Liposomal Amphotericin-B remains the most preferred drug,"

said Prof MC Gupta, head of the Department of Pharmacology at Pt Bhagwan Dayal University of Health Sciences, Rohtak.

O₂ plants to come up at 135 CHCs, hospitals

CHANDIGARH, MAY 28

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today said oxygen generator plants would be set up in all 135 Community Health Centres (CHC) and District Hospitals of the state for uninterrupted oxygen supply.

The Chief Minister said this after virtually inaugurating four oxygen generator plants in three government hospitals in Gurugram today. These plants have been set up in collaboration with Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

The Chief Minister said industries had made a commendable contribution during

TAKE ACTION AGAINST PVT HOSPITALS: GUPTA

Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on Friday again urged the state government to take strict action against two Panchkula-based hospitals for overcharging Covid-19 patients for their treatment.

the pandemic period. He said in the first wave of Covid-19, there was a shortage of concentrators, but soon this shortage was overcome.

He said health infrastructure was being strengthened ahead of the possible third wave of Covid-19. — TNS

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12/5-2021	Department of MPP & Power (H.P. Power Corporation Limited)	Assistant Engineer (Executive Trainee Environment)	₹ 16650-39100 + ₹ 5800 (G.P.) (on fixed contractual amount = ₹ 31,150/-)	02 (Unreserved)
13/5-2021	Department of MPP & Power (H.P. Power Corporation Limited)	Assistant Engineer (Executive Trainee Civil)	₹ 16650-39100 + ₹ 5800 (G.P.) (on fixed contractual amount = ₹ 31,150/-)	Unreserved = 10, UR Ward of Freedom Fighter of H.P. = 01, UR (Hearing Impaired of HP) = 01, SC of HP = 05, SC Ex. SM of H.P. = 01, ST of HP = 02, OBC of HP = 04 & EWS of HP = 02
14/5-2021	Department of MPP & Power (H.P. Power Corporation Limited)	Assistant Engineer (Executive Trainee Mechanical)	₹ 16650-39100 + ₹ 5800 (G.P.) (on fixed contractual amount = ₹ 31,150/-)	Unreserved = 04, SC of H.P. = 01, EWS of HP = 01
15/5-2021	Department of Sainik Welfare, H.P.	Deputy Director (Sainik Welfare), Class-I, (Gazetted)	₹ 10300 - 34800 + ₹ 5400 (G.P.) (on fixed contractual amount = ₹ 15,700/-)	Unreserved = 06 & S.T. of H.P. = 01
16/5-2021	Department of Fisheries, H.P.	Assistant Director of Fisheries, Class-II, (Gazetted)	₹ 10300 - 34800 + ₹ 4400 (G.P.) (on fixed contractual amount = ₹ 14,700/-)	UR Ward of Ex-SM i.e. dependent sons/daughters/ wives of Ex-serviceman = 01 & OBC of H.P. = 01 (Backlog)

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Fuelling misery

Centre, states reluctant to forgo fuel taxes

If the trend of rising international crude prices coupled with high Central and state taxes continues, Madhya Pradesh may soon join Rajasthan in recording pump prices of over Rs 100 per litre. The turning point was in April 2020, when international fuel prices touched rock bottom. Though consumers thought they would reap the benefits, the Centre and the states saw it as an appropriate moment to earn some easy revenue. They hiked their respective taxes on fuel while the consumer kept paying the same price despite low global crude rates.

Now when international prices are rising, governments have been unwilling to cut taxes in order to provide fuel at the previous rates. As a result, the average fuel price in India is among the highest in the world — Rs 93 per litre for petrol and Rs 88 per litre for diesel. From this, the Centre corners Rs 33 on every litre of petrol sold and states about Rs 20. This is reflected in the skewed correlation between global crude prices and the rate at the pump. Since May last, global petrol prices have risen by just Rs 3.53. But retail prices went up by Rs 20. States claim they have been deprived of the entire 41% of their excise share because the Centre levies cess which is not shared with them. Therefore, they are forced to play with the duty structure on fossil fuels (and liquor).

If the state's compulsions are reasonable, it is difficult to accept the Centre's reasoning that pump prices are high due to cartelisation among oil-producing nations. If market forces are indeed behind the rise, why was there an 18-day pause when four states and a UT went to the polls recently? And as soon as counting was over, rates were jacked up half a dozen times, though global prices did not rise proportionally. It is also a mystery why PSU oil companies charge nearly the same price, despite different efficiencies. As inflation has crossed the RBI's upper band, the Centre should provide some relief to the consumer, who has already been kneecapped by the pandemic.

Keeping Covid at bay

NCR should take a cue from Gurugram's villages

THIRTEEN villages of Gurugram district have managed to ward off the virus by strictly following Covid-appropriate norms and observing a total lockdown, shutting out outsiders. The respective panchayats deserve a pat on the back for encouraging self-discipline and self-sufficiency among the residents. About 65 other villages in the district are on course to being declared Covid-free as they have just one case each. These are the findings of a door-to-door survey being conducted by the health department in Gurugram's rural areas. Amid these green shoots, the overall situation in the district continues to be a cause for concern. Its daily caseload remains among the highest in Haryana, though the positivity rate has come down in recent weeks. The majority of these infections are being reported from Gurugram's urban areas, pointing to laxity on the part of the people in terms of wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

Other places in the National Capital Region (NCR), such as Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Noida, are also finding it hard to tame the virus due to half-hearted enforcement of the restrictions and recklessness on the part of the residents. The sorry state of affairs is summed up by Thursday's incident in Greater Noida, where two young men hurled abuse at a doctor and his staff, issued threats and opened fire outside the clinic after one of them was told to wear a mask before entering the premises.

In Delhi, the authorities have been struggling to make people see reason and follow the pandemic safety protocol. On May 23, the Delhi Police did not challan people for violating Covid-19 guidelines and instead gave them masks and flowers to raise awareness about sticking to the basics. It's a pity that grown-ups have to be schooled to shun complacency and indiscipline. The entire NCR needs to take a cue from Gurugram's 13 villages and mend its ways. The second wave seems to be subsiding, but it's way too early to take it easy. Nobody is safe until everyone is safe — it's as simple as that.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Governance is possible only with assistance. A single wheel does not move. — Chanakya

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1921

Indian Defence.

IN the matter of Indian defence, referring to the Anglo-Japanese treaty, Mr. Sastri said that Indians would continue to criticise it as long as it provided for the Japanese assisting to maintain order in India. In reality, the provision is not only absurd, but is humiliating to the British Government and to India. Those who do not know this provision may be reminded that the preamble to the Agreement states that the alliance is made for the purpose of maintaining "the territorial rights of the High Contracting parties in the regions of Eastern Asia and of India, and the defence of their special interests in the said regions." From the point of view of the British Government, the last word on the subject was said by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman when he decided that he was enough of an imperialist, if this was imperialism, to hold that "the maintenance of the integrity of India is our affair and no one else's and if further measures of defence are necessary the appeal should be made to the loyalty of the people of India and to their own capacity for organising their defence." Of course this was reversing the natural process. The defence of India is and ought to be primarily and principally the concern of India herself and only secondarily of Britain. But where every man with a particle of common sense in him will agree with Sir Henry in as regards his assertion that it ought under no circumstances to be the concern of anyone else. "Is there not danger," said Sir Henry, "that the pride of the Indian people may be wounded, and the prestige of the Empire abased in the eyes of the world by the provision by which Japan makes herself jointly responsible for the defence of the Indian frontier?" We need say nothing about the prestige of the Empire, but speaking for India herself we have no hesitation in stating that not only is her pride wounded by the provision, but its existence is an insult to her manliness and self-respect.

Time for maximum welfare

Covid experience shows that privatisation policy needs a complete overhaul



AUNINDYO CHAKRAVARTY

SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST



CASH INFLOW: Small businesses, hawkers and small retailers need interest-free loans so that they can finance their working capital cycle. PTI

While Indians were losing jobs and small businesses were shutting down, India Inc was registering record profits. You can't have a better example of market forces not working for the common good.

If there is one thing that is to be learnt from the Covid crisis it is that the neoliberal idea of minimum government is a failure. The foundational principle that defines the self-image of modern societies is that they seek to maximise the welfare of their citizens. Even nations that are avowedly in favour of free-market systems support it because they say the market is the best allocator of available resources. In other words, the stated objective of all nations is to ensure that their people live in 'achhe din'.

Modi came to power by aligning himself with neo-liberal principles. If his slogan of 'minimum government' came tied to 'maximum governance' what the second part entailed was never made explicit. Over the seven years that Modi has been in power, it has become clear that he believes in private entrepreneurship over the public sector. Much of the Modi government's policies have been aimed at privatising all sectors of the economy, providing stimuli through the financial system and monetary benefits, instead of direct government spending.

The experience of Covid shows that this policy orientation needs a complete overhaul. The private sector is driven by only one motive, maximising profits and accumulating capital. And as we have seen over the past one year, corporate profits can increase even when the rest of the economy is contracting. While Indians were losing jobs or taking pay-cuts, small businesses were shutting down, India Inc was registering record profits. You cannot have a better example of market forces not working for the common good.

The same is true for the health sector. Privatisation of health has not only resulted in inequalities in access to health but also caused misallocations of resources. More has been spent on air-conditioning and beautifying hospital rooms than on ensuring that there is enough oxygen supply. It is easier to get a McDonald's burger at the food court in a big private hospital, than emergency life-saving drugs. Private health is oriented towards procedures and ailments that make more money than simple treatments that save more lives.

As the private sector has grown, the government sector has withdrawn. Instead of spending on building better health facilities for the poor and incentivising doctors and health workers to work in small towns and villages, the government has chosen to spend on medical insurance. The underlying assumption is that private health will take care of the poor as long as a collective insurance system pays for it. These are neoliberal pipe dreams that haven't worked in any country, leave alone a developing economy like ours.

Independent India set up a planning commission to decide how scarce resources can be deployed to achieve maximum welfare in the short term and development over the long term.

The institution became more or less defunct by the early 2000s, and the Modi government removed all pretence by changing its name. Yet, that is precisely what we require now — central planning using the latest data collection and analysis techniques. Given the spread of cellphones and Aadhaar, it is extremely easy to collect data from all parts of India and analyse it using both human and artificial intelligence.

The Centre has to spend at least an additional 10 per cent of the GDP. Estimates made by the NIPPP in 2013 suggest that even if all of this is spent on subsidies, salaries and pensions, it will still boost India's national income by almost that much. If the additional spending is split between capital and revenue expenditure, GDP will go up by 17 percent. This is absolutely essential to ensure India's economy goes back to its pre-Covid trajectory as soon as possible.

The planners need to quickly identify different categories of beneficiaries and what kind of support they need. CMIE's latest unemployment figures for rural India suggests that the situation in May is even worse

The day Nehru died

ANIRUDH DHANDA

SO vividly I remember the afternoon of May 27, 1964. I was playing with imaginary friends at the back of our home. There was a short wall that separated the office of Lalaji from the rest of the chunk of land having the chowkidar's house, an old mausoleum and Lalaji's iron rerolling mill. I saw a few men walking into Lalaji's office, all clad in white kurta-pyjama and with a sombre expression. Immediately, Lalaji came out along with them and called the chowkidar to lock his office and the rest of the place. He shouted to other workers to shut everything because Nehruji was no more.

I ran in to tell the others at home. But

everyone knew by then. My grandfather was not sitting in his armchair, but stood close to the radio. He sat down only when instrumental music started playing after the repeat broadcast of the news. I rushed to the rooftop to have a look around. Everything had closed down. People were standing in front of the shops in groups, staring at the ground in sorrow.

Every year, I am reminded of the scene and the tallness of the leader on whose death everyone, without exception, grieved. The shutdown was spontaneous, as if the entire nation was enveloped by the tragedy. Death was announced at 2 pm by the steel minister, Subramanian, in Parliament. His words, 'The light is out',

reminded everyone of the words used by Nehru at the time of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi.

The NYT reported, 'As news of Mr Nehru's death spread, several thousand people gathered at the gates of his residence. Men, women and children stood in mile-long queues in the hot sun, through the late evening and then a drizzle to see their dead leader, whom they had affectionately called Chacha Nehru.'

His will, released to the public on June 3, 1964, Nehru had requested his ashes be scattered across India: 'I am proud of that great inheritance that has been and is ours, and I am conscious that I too, like all of us, am a link in that unbroken chain which

goes back to the dawn of history in the immemorial past of India. That chain I would not break, for I treasure it and seek inspiration from it. And as witness of this desire of mine and as my last homage to India's cultural inheritance, I am making this request that a handful of my ashes be thrown into the Ganga at Allahabad to be carried to the great ocean that washes India's shore. The major portion of my ashes should, however, be disposed of otherwise. I want these to be carried high up into the air in an aeroplane and scattered from that height over the fields where the peasants of India toil, so that they might mingle with the dust and soil of India and become an indistinguishable part of India.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Covid origin

Apropos of 'Step up Covid origin probe: Biden to Intel', there is no smoke without fire. As China's demeanour and stand on the novel coronavirus have been sceptical since its outbreak, a high-level probe was a global imperative to know from where and how the deadly virus originated. One should not forget that the World Health Organisation had expressed disappointment over China for not finalising the permissions initially for the arrival of the team that was to investigate the origin of the virus in January this year. If the theories surfacing are spurious, as China claims, why is it not lending a helping hand to the probe agencies? After all, it has also faced the brunt of the pandemic.

TUSHAR ANAND, PATNA

Substantiate slogan

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has alleged 'a political effort' to tarnish the government's image. This is concocted. There is a difference between the political imagery and actual government record. The government could speak through its actions taken over seven years rather than engage in a war of words. Its

own slogan of 'Sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas' needs to be substantiated by 'actual' government record.

PREM SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Poorly paid

Refer to "The lasting appeal of nambardari"; the nambardar still enjoys the age-old aura in villages. His job is multifarious. The most important is the identification of a person in the court of a tehsildar in matters of land registration, mutation and division. Once I, too, needed identification by my village nambardar. After having done his job, he asked for a fee of Rs 20. I was flabbergasted as I was unaware of the custom. I glanced at those standing in the small courtroom. All nodded in unison. I took out Rs 50, gave it to him, and left. He ran after me to thank me for my generosity. The nambardar is a poorly paid functionary. His honorarium needs to be enhanced.

ROOP VERMA, JALANDHAR

Safety of health workers

The Indian Medical Association has projected a shocking report about the death of 20 doctors daily due to Covid-19. This worrisome situation should be urgently tack-

led by the National Medical Commission which is an authority to ensure that necessary infrastructure required for safe medical practices during Covid-19 is provided to all doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other front-line staff on priority. The IMA is a voluntary association and its advice should be included in the regulations. There should not be any hesitancy among the medical staff to get themselves inoculated, after which they can render service more intensely to save lives.

SUBHASH VAID, NEW DELHI

Freedom fighters

Today came the news of the passing away of 95-year-old freedom fighter and renowned Islamic scholar, Maulana Mufti Abdul Mazak Khan. The other day centenarian HS Doreswami, another freedom fighter, passed away. People at large are not even aware of such persons living among us. Passing references are made in the media when such august personalities are no more. It is a sad commentary on our sensibilities that little heed is paid to these persons who were in the thick of the freedom struggle and are a witness to the glorious events of the national struggle for freedom. They are a valuable national repository of

knowledge about the freedom struggle. It is the responsibility and moral duty of the Central and the state governments to pay attention and take immediate steps lest we are deprived of valuable national heritage.

DV SHARMA, MUKERIAN

Haryana history pioneer

A former editor of the 'Journal of Haryana Studies' and former director of the Haryana Academy of History and Culture, Dr KC Yadav, breathed his last on May 27 on account of cardiac arrest owing to Covid infection. Dr Yadav had been chairman of the Department of History, Dean Social Sciences, Dean Academic Affairs, and chief adviser of Ambedkar Study Centre at Kurukshetra University. He not only guided a large number of PhD scholars, but also published outstanding books on Haryana's history. Before his demise, he had completed 'Bahadur Shah Ka Mukadama' and 'Constitutional Development and Electoral Politics in Punjab'. He was planning to revise his book, 'Revolt of 1857 in Haryana'. His death has caused an irreparable loss to the discipline of history in general and to the field of Haryana studies in particular.

RANBIR SINGH & KUSHAL PAL, KARNAL

Power tussle keeps Nepal in turmoil



MANJEET SINGH PURI

FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL

EVEN Covid-19 has not kept Nepal's politicians under lockdown or focused on handling the second wave of the pandemic. Instead, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli remains continuously engaged in retaining power by any means.

In December 2020, President Bidya Devi Bhandari, who is from the same party as Oli, simply accepted his recommendation and dissolved the Parliament's House of Representatives even though it had more than two years of its life and the ruling party commanded a near two-thirds majority. Oli took this step because he was outflanked within the ruling Nepal Communist Party and was unwilling to share power with other powerful leaders in his party. But the Supreme Court of Nepal, in February 2021, restored the House.

However, matters were compounded when in another matter soon thereafter, the Supreme Court ruled that the merger of the erstwhile UML (Unified Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Nepal), led by Oli, and the Maoist Centre of former PM Prachanda, that had established the Nepal Communist Party (NCP), was

invalid. The UML's own numbers in the 275 member House of Representatives were now only 121, below the half-way mark of 136. Moreover, the UML is itself split with a faction led by former PMs, Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jaganath Khanal, controlling 20-plus MPs and strongly opposed to Oli. Strange as it may appear, but this judgment helped Oli stage a split in his party as the Nepal/Khanal faction are not able to muster the required 40% in both the parliamentary party and the central committee of the political party, something that was possible in the unified NCP with the inclusion of the Maoists.

The main opposition in the House of Representatives is the Nepali Congress with 63 MPs followed by the Maoist Centre with 49 MPs, which has withdrawn support from PM Oli. The other group of around 32 MPs is the Janata Samajbadi Party, essentially a party of MPs from the Madhesh. They are also divided with one faction, led by Mahant Thakur and Rajendra Mahato, which is said to be "friends of India", supporting Oli while the other led by Upendra Yadav being in the opposition. For many, the situation appears to be a case of the Rest versus Oli, backed by friends of India.

Pursuant to the resurrection of the House, Oli sought a vote of confidence on May 10 but lost securing only 93 votes out of the 232 cast. As per Nepal's Constitution, had May 10 been on a vote of no-confidence moved by the opposition with the name of an alternate leader, the reappointment of Oli as PM would not have been possible. But this not

being the case and no one else laying claim, he was put back in the saddle as the leader of the largest political party. However, he expressed his inability to prove majority and the President's office put out a notice around 7 pm on May 20, asking any MP capable of obtaining majority to make his/her claim by 5 pm on May 21.

Thereafter, drama followed as Oli now claimed the support of 153 MPs based on a self-declaration as leader of the full strength of his party, UML, and that of Mahant Thakur, the Chair of the Janata Samajbadi Party. At the same time, the leader of the Nepali Congress, former PM

Sher Bahadur Deuba, also laid claim after cobbling together a coalition including the Maoists, the Upendra Yadav-led faction of the Janata Samajbadi Party and around 20 MPs from the UML producing, as per reports, signatures of 149 MPs.

In most parliamentary democracies, either floor tests would follow or at least some attempts to verify the loyalties of the MPs, but once again setting aside good constitutional practices, the President, at 2 am on May 22, dissolved the House of Representatives for the second time in six months. And Oli remains the PM till the General Elections, announced for mid-November 2021 but which



RELENTLESS: PM Oli is keen to retain power by any means. AP

on applicability of party whips. Incidentally, as a political compromise, a sitting Chief Justice has once become an interim PM in Nepal to ensure a level playing field and fair elections!

There is obvious interest in knowing whether the developments in Nepal would turn out to be favourable for India with pointers of Oli's dependence on an India-friendly grouping of MPs and his amendment, through an ordinance, of the citizenship law to benefit children born to Indian mothers, a long-standing demand in the Terai. On the other hand, the Nepali Congress has traditional ties with India. How things turn out, only time will tell, including the outcome in the Supreme Court, but Chinese activism in Nepali politics, which had become quite visible through 2020, would have to reboot. Of course, this should not be taken to mean that the influence and ability to get things done by Nepal's northern neighbour will not continue.

For too long having been the target of finger-pointing in Nepal, India's Foreign Ministry has viewed the happenings "as internal matters of Nepal to be dealt by them under their own domestic framework and democratic processes". This is diplomatically correct, but India's engagement with Nepal needs to be strengthened, given the security interests, trade links, civilisational and people ties, and in today's time, the need for strong collaboration on Covid-19, apart from climate change, especially in the Himalayan region, and on water.

When the Navy rose to the cyclonic challenge



COMMODORE G PRAKASH (RETD)

DEFENCE COMMENTATOR

INS Kochi had to pick up hundreds of survivors from the churning waters. This was in night-like conditions amid blinding rain. INS Kolkata too chipped in. It was madness. The ships had to work their propellers with utmost care in a sea littered with desperate humans. Through an unreal night in which ships rose and fell many tens of feet and strong wind played with fates, more than a hundred came on board by morning.

THE dance of death unleashed by cyclone Tauktae had hardly begun to sink in when cyclone Yaas crashed into our east coast. As we braced for the fury of Yaas, of great inspiration was the incredible rescue the Indian Navy had pulled off from the very heart of Tauktae off Mumbai. The weather and sea conditions that prevailed would make the hardest seafarer disbelieve even a fraction of the final success achieved. Despite my 35 years in the Navy, with time on board ships, Sea King helicopters, command and control centres and various headquarters, I too find the success stupendous.

For the record, the Navy rode right into the raging cyclone, rescued 188 people, retrieved 70 bodies, gave logistic support to stricken craft and provided professional advice. By sheer chance, I had a ringside view of Tauktae from a 10th-floor flat near Land's End, Colaba, Mumbai. With howling wind and blinding rain all around, I watched big naval ships and Sea King helicopters with awe, as TV showed glimpses of their deployment. As the winds subsided and the last of our ships got back to harbour, there were accounts from the warriors of the sea in person. Warriors who had risked their lives, warriors who had led their flock literally into a storm.

As Tauktae had swept up the west coast, steadily gathering strength, Indian Navy helicopters had already rescued people off Mangalore and Goa. Prudently, the Western Naval Command prepared for what was to come. They absorbed the copious information that flowed from Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, through the Navy's Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) at Gurugram. They ensured that ships, aircraft, personnel, equipment and special stores were ready



TESTED TO THE HILT: Cyclone Tauktae gave the Navy an opportunity to learn valuable lessons about disaster preparedness. PTI

and took care to see that their assets on land and in harbour remained safe.

The formidable Western Fleet, the strongest force any Two Star Admiral has in this world, was to be at the core of the oncoming effort. In support were the venerable Sea King helicopters with a glorious past in amazing rescues and the powerful P8I aircraft for prolonged surveillance of large sea areas. It was providence that this strong force was available, for no one else in India could have faced what was coming. Hundreds of people working offshore were about to face mortal danger very soon.

The first responder was the 8,000-tonne destroyer, INS Kochi, which sailed out of Mumbai harbour around 11.30 am on May 17. Safely getting out of the harbour itself was a near impossibility. As she let go her ropes that kept her safely tied to the jetty, four strong naval tugs struggled to handle the heavy ship in the 80 to 100 kmph winds that randomly kept changing directions. Her Captain had to choose a burst of high engine power, normally

used in open waters, to break out of the confines of the naval dockyard. In the blinding rain that reduced the visibility to night-like conditions, the Captain probably would have laid faith in fervent prayer too. The long channel leading out to sea was littered with civil craft dragging their anchors and getting in the way. INS Kochi weaved through this chaos. An iconic photograph of INS Kolkata, setting out from Mumbai harbour about two hours after Kochi, captures the conditions for posterity. Little would these ships have known that this was probably the easiest thing they and those that followed them were to endure in the next 72 hours.

While the exact events of the following days in the entire area must be chronicled, analysed and investigated, I must pay tribute to the sheer human spirit and some robust systems that held out in the face of extreme adversity.

There was great competence of the ships. INS Kochi, which reached a sinking accommodation barge P305 in the afternoon, had to pick up hundreds of

survivors from the churning waters a few hours later. This was in night-like conditions from blinding rain. Real night too closed in soon. INS Kolkata, which too reached the area, chipped in. It was madness. The ships had to work their propellers with utmost care in a sea littered with desperate humans. They would spot a group of survivors, manoeuvre their ship windward of them, and slowly drift in their direction. Getting people on board wasn't easy. Everything was tried. Experienced marine commandos, professional divers and even non-divers jumped into the mad sea. Nets were used to virtually fish people out of the sea. Through an unreal night in which floating survivors and ships rose and fell many tens of feet and strong wind played with fates, more than a hundred came on board by morning.

The first Sea King helicopter, a multi-role 42B, took off from INS Shikra early morning on May 18 in dangerous operating conditions which lay beyond

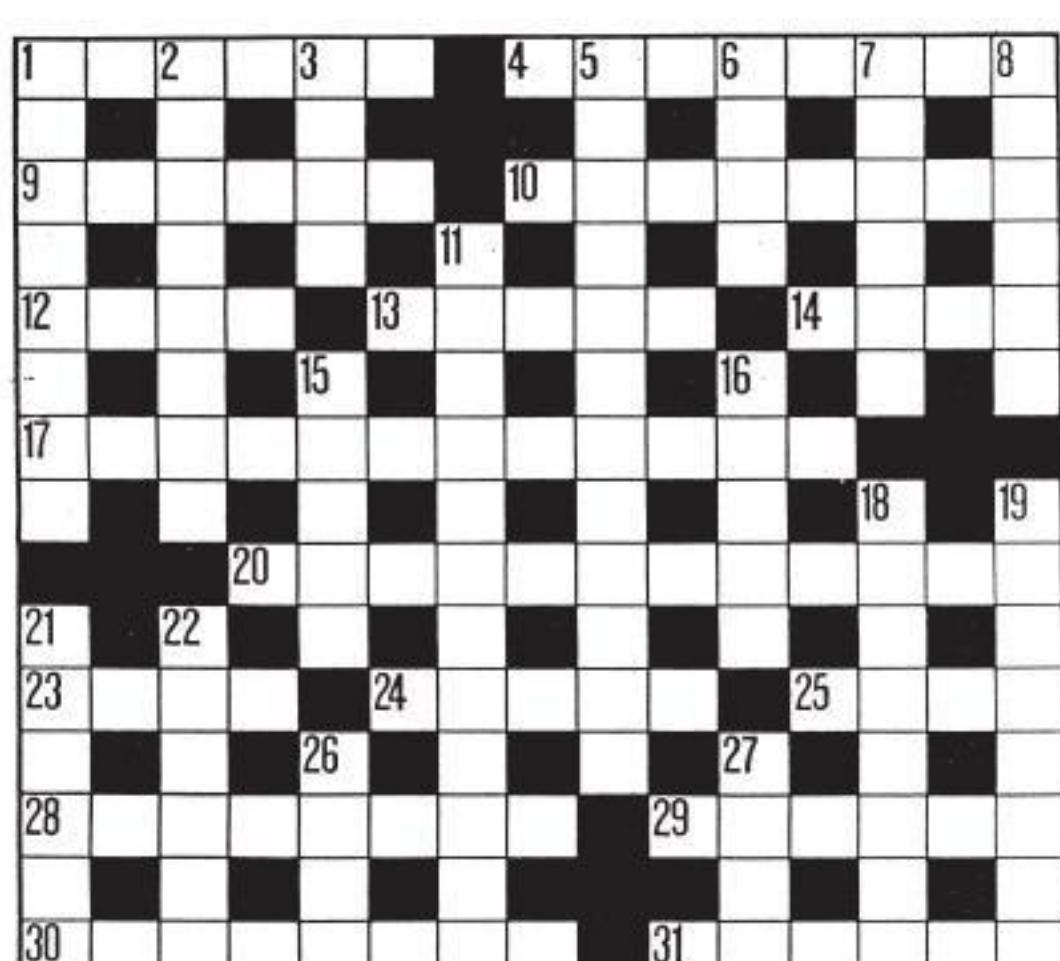
what the manufacturer advises. The Sea King picked up three survivors from near INS Kolkata, supplied the ships with body bags and returned to Mumbai. Two Sea Kings will ultimately go on to save 39 people.

There were also other relief activities going on elsewhere. All this was managed by the 4,000-tonne Indian Navy ships — Talwar, Betwa and Teg — and Beas.

Captains of ships struggle for words to express the enormity of the fortitude they saw around them. Hygienist sailors packed decomposing bodies! Medical officers and staff diligently recorded cues that could help identify bodies later, engineers and their crew who remained below decks in murderous conditions to keep the machinery going, seamen risked their life, chefs cooked in hellish conditions, quartermasters who steered the ships delicately among floating humans, and sailors and officers of every hue, who made the Navy proud with their courage and selflessness. Similarly, it was the collective effort of hundreds of professionals on ground that enabled every Sea King to take to the sky. Senior Operational Staff Officers who lived next to their office phones for four days and senior leadership who gave the most important gift to those on the field, autonomy borne of trust, completed the matrix.

Everything couldn't have been perfect. While the Navy will assiduously find lessons for future use, the country must plug the holes that exposed hundreds to unnecessary danger. Even with all that, no one can be sure of a disaster-free future. But what we can be sure of is a strong Navy that will deliver, under any circumstance, like nobody else can. Well done, Shano Varuna!

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

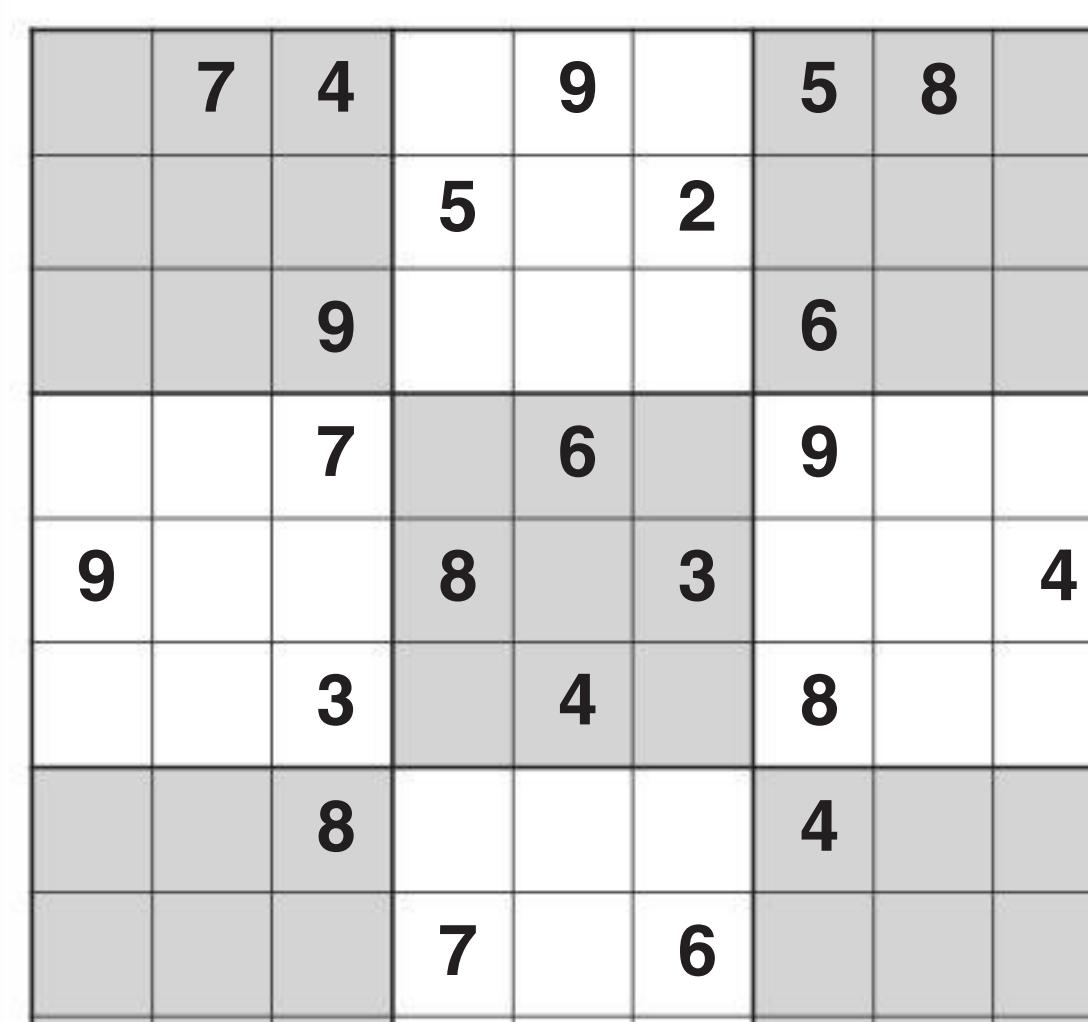
Across: 1 Chasm, 4 Comrade, 8 Awl, 9 Round trip, 10 Request, 11 Apply, 13 Nearly, 15 Decamp, 18 Piety, 19 High-hat, 21 Tempt fate, 23 Vie, 24 Harvest, 25 Tacky.

Down: 1 Chagrin, 2 All square, 3 Merge, 4 Crusty, 5 Mediate, 6 Air, 7 Empty, 12 Play havoc, 14 Layette, 16 Pottery, 17 Thwart, 18 Pitch, 20 Greet, 22 Mar.

ACROSS

- 1 Be sparing (2,4)
- 4 Artificially assumed (8)
- 9 To spread out (6)
- 10 Athletics field event (4,4)
- 12 Sensitive perception (4)
- 13 Glaziers' cement (5)
- 14 Knock senseless (4)
- 17 Wide-ranging work of reference (12)
- 20 Pompous or formal person (7,5)
- 23 Principal role in play (4)
- 24 Extortionate moneylending (5)
- 25 Placid (4)
- 28 A freshwater turtle (8)
- 29 Spurious (6)
- 30 Recklessly determined (8)
- 31 An instant (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Medieval armoured glove (8)
- 2 Ability to achieve result (8)
- 3 Resentful mood (4)
- 5 With sincerity (4,3,5)
- 6 Nervously irritable (4)
- 7 Faithful (6)
- 8 Rely (6)
- 11 Old hat in style (3,2,7)
- 15 Shrewd (5)
- 16 Slightly intoxicated (5)
- 18 Undeceive (8)
- 19 Put an end to (5,3)
- 21 Grasp tightly (6)
- 22 Cask (6)
- 26 Style of dress (4)
- 27 Norwegian capital (4)

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V. HARD

CALENDAR

MAY 29, 2021, SATURDAY

Vikrami Samvat 2078

Shaka Samvat 1943

Jyeshta Shaka 8

Jyeshta Parvishite 16

Hijri 1442

Krishan Paksha Tithi 3, up to 6.34 am

Krishan Paksha Tithi 4, up to 4.04 am

Shubha Yoga up to 11.20 am

Purvashadha Nakshatra up to 6.04 pm

Moon enters Capricorn sign 11.39 pm

Shri Ganesh Chaturthi Vrat

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 19:18 HRS

SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:22 HRS

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New Delhi 40 26

Amritsar 42 27

Bathinda 44 28

Jalandhar 42 27

Ludhiana 42 27

Bhiwani 41 27

Hisar 43 27

Sirsia 44 29

Dharamsala 31 17

Manali 27 11

Shimla 27 18

Srinagar 30 13

Jammu 42 24

Kargil 17 08

Leh 13 04

Dehradun 36 23

Mussoorie 25 16

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MATRIMONIALS

BRIDES WANTED

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Hindu/ Brahmin boy, Indian Forest Service (IFS), 5'-5", November 1986, Haryana based settled in Himachal, wanted working girl preferably in Civil Service/ Doctor (MBBS/ MD)/ College Lect. 94168-69233. (CL21016313)

Suitable match for handsome boy, Class One Punjab Govt Officer, Caste no bar. 98159-78656. (CL21017075)

MAHAJAN

Wanted Chandigarh based working girl preferably IT background for a Himachali Gupta boy aged 31 years, BE Electronics and communication, working in Chandigarh in IT firm. Father Doctor, brother and sister in law IT Engineers in Australia. Contact: 98885-85899. Email: akhilgupta090@gmail.com (CL21016646)

SM4 Mahajan B.Tech boy, 28/ 5'-1/2", Gurdaspur, working in MNC Bangalore, 14 LPA. 98159-71775. (CL21017525)

Match for Manglik/ non Manglik

Mahajan boy 31.12.1984, time 11:05 am Mukerian, 5'-10", B.Sc. (Med) & MBA, working with MNC at Chandigarh, package 15 Lac, own house. Mohali. Parents retired from Govt. job. Upper caste welcome. 98143-95868 (boy), 99145-14185 (mom). (CL21017711)

JAIN

Match for smat Jain boy, 15.02.94, 5'-11", B.Tech, MBA, Punjab Government Gazetted Group A Officer in Agriculture Department, seeks government job girl, Hindu upper caste no bar. 99885-37708, 99140-21200. (CL21016559)

VAISH

Garg, Anshik Manglik boy 5'-9", 22.04.1995, 05:59 am, B.Tech, M.Tech, private job in Mohali. Contact: 90235-76234. (CL21016478)

Jaiswal boy 34 M.Sc., MCA, own business required educated beautiful girl bureau excuse. 94170-49290. (CL21017269)

AGGARWAL

Professionally qualified/ Medico/ CA/ Civil Service match for a Gazetted Officer assured career Engineer M.Tech, 30 years, 6 feet, fair, slim, smart boy from affluent Gupta family. Father mother both IAS Officers. Caste no bar. May forward/ mail biodata along with photograph and DoB, ToB at email: chandigarh39@gmail.com (CL21017693)

POM for handsome Garg 5'-11" boy 26.02.1990 (Manglik), 14-24 Kurukshetra, B.Tech. + MBA, pkg 10 Lac, working in Chandigarh (MNC), 79737-39577, 98173-67899. (CL21017769)

Suitable match for Baniya boy, 31/ 5'-7", Tayal Gotra, Manglik Graduate, Pvt. Job, Derbassi. 81959-01082. (CL21016325)

Suitable match for Gupta Manglik boy, 09-12-1992, 3:15 pm, Ludhiana, Graduate Marketing Manager, reputed company, 8558919200, 978132731 (CL21016929)

Well settled business family (Bansal) Ludhiana, 19.03.1990, 1:40 pm, B.Com. (Hons), seeks tall, beautiful girl. 90237-30421. (CL21016269)

Suitable match for Jindal handsome boy, 36 years, 5'-8", Punjab Govt. Teacher. Brothers married. Father business, Patiala based family, 99145-30006. (CL21016220)

Ludhiana Garg Industrialist boy 6ft, handsome, 29 March 90, 5:52 pm, B.Com., (Hons), seeks tall, beautiful girl. 90237-30421. (CL21016264)

Match for handsome Bansal boy 29/ 5'-9", B.Tech, working MNC, USA from six years GC applied. Decent salary affluent family. # 96811-00002. (CL21016289)

POM for Jindal handsome boy born December 1994, 5'-7", B.Tech, Software professional in Gurgaon MNC 17 Lakh annually, preferred vegetarian non-Manglik employed girl. 94176-39243. (CL21016317)

Match for Garg 5'-3", 27 boy, working as Lab Technician, Rohtak PCI, Govt., 99914-41595. (CL21016346)

Non- Manglik Garg boy 18.11.93, 8.00 pm, 5'-7", B.Tech job Gurugram, Pek 14 LPA preferred. B.Tech girl, 98155-43164. (CL21016364)

Well qualified match for 88 born NM Agg. Hindu boy, 5'-6", Govt. Gztd. B Officer. UC no bar. Horoscope must. WhatsApp 97807-43606. (CL21016387)

Suitable match for Singla boy, BCA, MBA, 5'-5", 15.01.1995, 3:37 pm, Sonepat, Well settled business in Cheeka, 99963-35582, 7261-67000. (CL21016391)

Mittal boy Advocate, unmarried, Narasingar 25.5.86, 00:40 a.m., 5'-6", Agriculture and Commercial property. Only son. Upper caste accepted. 94662-58880. (CL21016415)

Suitable match for Bansal boy, 26.01.1988, 6', Advocate Kurukshetra. Caste no bar. 97800-34546. (CL21016423)

Match for CA Garg boy, 28.08.1994, 5'-6", Patiala, own established practice with CA father, seeks beautiful, slim, educated Govt. employee. Contact: 98151-77842. (CL21016452)

Match for Garg boy 17.02.1991, 4:02 am, Sunam, 5'-8", B.Tech, job in Chd. Mob. 94635-13834, 83604-58409. (CL21016470)

Required a beautiful and educated match for Singla smart boy Tax practitioner 1988, 5'-6", B.Com, CA IPCC, Lib alone son. 80542-11760. (CL21016980)

Non-Manglik 5'-8", 08 Feb. 1992, 2:15 a.m. Bathinda, Handsome, teetotaller, B.Tech, MNC Gurgaon, 14 LPA. Preferred non-working/Teacher girl of middle class family. 78145-70430. (CL21017033)

Gupta boy, 29/ 5'-7", Thapar Graduate, PG done from Delhi University, working in Punjab Govt. Patiala based family. Contact 981096999. (CL21017034)

H'some IRS Officer (Assistant Commissioner Income Tax) B.Tech, IIT, 5'-7", job Panchkula, 10 Lac package, kothi Kharar, girl job near Chandigarh. 98725-51691, 98725-71241. (CL21017089)

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JAT

Match for Army Captain Jat Grewal 27, 6'-2", handsome boy ESM family. Contact: 94160-76480. (CL2101748)

Suitable match for cleanshaye Jatt boy B.Sc., M.A. English, M.Phil., December 1988, teetotaller. Seeks homely well educated, beautiful girl. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 84272-12700, 98158-52410. (CL2101728)

TONK-KASHTRIYA

Govt. job match for Sikh Tonk-Kashtriyah boy, 29, 6', PO, in PNB, bank. M: 963847151. (CL21016538)

Amritdhari handsome boy 1994, MA Religious. Own Mechanical business seek educated girl, Gen BC acceptable. 62801-79365. (CL21016736)

Seeking educated match for Sikh Tonk Kashtriyah 1995 born B.Tech, boy working in MNC Gurugram contact 99152-80757 (CL21016969)

Suitable match for Manglik Hindu smart convert educated MBA Govt. employee 31/5*-9*. Preference Govt. employee girl. Upper caste no bar. nikitakr@gmail.com, 9418989891. (CL21016793)

Tonk Sikh boy 1991, 5*-5*, Govt. Job, Chandigarh. Seeks Govt. job, Chandigarh. Caste no bar - 98882-41361. (CL21017085)

Working/educated - qualified beautiful match for Oct. 1993, 5*-11", B.Tech. Sikh Tonk-Kashtriyah boy. Working as Software Engineer with Multinational Company. Mob: 8246-98402, baljinderrollaz@gmail.com (CL21017277)

KAMBOJ

Match for Canadian PR Kamboj boy, 27/6', vegetarian, B.Tech (ECE). Only Kamboj contact: Mob: 86999-48418 (CL21016744)

Sikh Kamboj boy 30, 5*-8*, M.Tech, Software Engineer Canada PR own house seeks well educated girl. Only Canada. Contact: 98159-62163. (CL21017246)

Government employed beautiful girl for handsome Kamboj boy, 1987, 5*-6', Government Teacher. 22 acre prime agricultural land. No dowry. Only Kamboj / Jatt contact: 98787-61599, 94639-76766. (CL21017326)

Suitable match for Kamboj Gursikh boy 30/5*-6', Chartered Accountant working in Govt. Bank. 70874-10599. (CL21017521)

DOCTORS/ENGINEERS

Medico match for 29, 174 Rajput Himachali MD ongoing Doctor. Upper caste welcome. 94186-73520. (CL21013455)

Match for Dhiman Doctor boy BAMS, MBA, M.Sc (Psy), MD (IIIrd year). All India Institute of Ayurveda, Delhi, Oct. 83, 5*-7", stipend Rs. 7 lac. Highly educated affluent Punjabi family. 78388-97277. (CL21016358)

Suitable match required for Saini Sikh clean shaven MBBS, MD (Pediatrics), 1989, 5*-7*, vegetarian boy. Hoshiarpur. 70091-32976. (CL21016619)

Medico match for Brahmin boy, 2.9.1990, 4.45 pm, Amritsar, 5*-6", MBBS, DA, own hospital. Upper caste no bar. 98143-4926. (CL21016763)

Medico match for Arora Sikh boy, MBBS, MD (Anesthesia) Dec 92, 5*-7". Caste no bar. 99152-62771. (CL21016767)

Wanted vegetarian MBBS / Doctor / Officer girl for Hindu, MBBS handsome boy, 25.02.1987, 01:54 am, 5*-7/2", annual income 6 Lacs, Megh Bhagat (Dhamathia) vegetarian, teetotaller. Family of reputed Doctors & Class-I Officers, Res Chandigarh / Mohali. Upper caste no bar. Respond with biodata and recent photos on WhatsApp: 8146757377. (CL21016830)

Medico match Sikh Parjapat boy, MBBS, PGD Anaesthesia, Critical Care, 1991/ 6', SH Multi Speciality Hospital, Mohali. Caste no bar. 8427656352. (CL21016833)

Beautiful and handsome boy BDS Ramdassia, Nov. 1987, 5*-7", working own Clinic. Upper caste no bar. 98143-4926. (CL21016920)

Match for Parjapat Dr boy, MD Homeopat. 5*-9", Dob Nov. 91, Own clinic in Mohali and Barnala. Contact: 94172-80153. (CL21017035)

Professionally qualified match for Punjabi Hindu Khatri Consultant Cardiologist boy (MD Medicine, DNB Cardiology). Working in renowned Cardiac hospital of Jalandhar with handsome salary. Only son, fair 5*-9", 8th March 1985, 4:35 am, Jalandhar. CallWhatsApp: 7814564079. (CL21017151)

MD/ MDS/ PCMs for Punjabi local Khatri boy 1991, 5*-11", MDS Protho running advance clinic. Father having rice mills. 91150-00040. (CL21017234)

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Matches for 94, 5*-9", (BDS Canada) and 92, 5*-9", Orthopaedic Doctors of Doctors family. 79738-04005. (CL21017665)

BACKWARD CLASSES

Suitable match for Chaudhary Anshik Manglik handsome boy, 5*-11", 12.02.1994, be.(Mech). Working IOC, Officer. Contact: 94172-49698. (CL21016378)

YADAV

Match for Yadav boy, 5*-6", 14.03.1995, BT (Civil), JE Punjab Govt. preference Tricity Govt. job girl. 90233-16818, 62801-04908. (CL21017498)

Suitable match for Yadav boy, 28, 5*-10", B.Tech., Govt. job, Haryana Police (Panchnukla). Gotra: Chikana, Dabhi, Ghothwali. Preferred: Rewari & Mahendergarh (Haryana). 94178-68048. (CL21017683)

SCHEDULED CASTES

Ravidasia Class 1 Officer in Punjab Govt. posted Chandigarh, 1897 born, 5*-11", 98552-4297. (CL21014729)

Match for 26 yrs. Junior Engg in Cent. Govt. 6' ft. preferred Govt service girl. WhatsApp: 94630-86254. (CL21016361)

Suitable match for turbaned non-trimmer Gursikh boy, 6 ft. fair and slim, Canadian PR, salary 6 digits well settled, has own house in Toronto, working as Product R&D Manager in an established Software firm, DoB 17.1.1990/ 9:11 pm/ Chandigarh. Girl should be professionally qualified above 5*-5" and willing to settle in Canada. Contact: 97809-94664. (CL21016159)

Australia Taimworth NSW residing PR applied well settled Gursikh Jat/Ramgarhia boy, 20.04.1988, 5*-8", seeks Australia residing PR/ PR applied girl. Caste no bar. Bureau excused. 98156-14244. (CL21016351)

Wanted PQ vegetarain match Australian PR/ Citizen for Australian Dentist MDS 38, 5*-11". The only married sister and parents settled in India. 86999-14546, cjsingh47@yahoo.com

Canadian citizen working Ontario, never married, professionally qualified Oct. 80/ 5*-7", handsome Brahma boy seeks suitable qualified girl. Caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 978829895. (CL21016428)

Ramdasia Sikh boy 1990, 5*-8", B.Tech (CSE), Online Web Developer Software works, sister married. Father retired Subedar /Army, mother housewife, simple marriage. WhatsApp: 97819-21553. (CL21016966)

SM for Mazhab Sikhs boy, 17.06.1987, working as Excise Inspector. Preferred Govt job. Mobile No. 98145-82215. (CL21016767)

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SM4 Ramdasia Sikh Sardar vegetarian, non-drinker, Living Canada, 99696-50048, jaswantbhatty1961@gmail.com

State Govt. employed Ramdasia boy, 5*-7/8", B.Tech, MBA, R/o Pathankot seeks educated working girl. Preferably Govt. employed. Father retired Gazetteer. Officer. Contact: 98886-45999. (CL21017190)

Valmiki boy 32, 2 looking for beautiful 5 or 5.7 tall girl. 94636-77900 Tanda. (CL21017193)

Suitable graduate girl 5*-8", required for Hindu Ravidasia 6*-3", BA, LL.B., handsome boy (24.10.89), doing reputed Company's C&F Business Punjab, Chd. & Himachal area. Father reputed Politician (Union Cabinet Minister) Ram. No dowry. Interested send details on ram888@gmail.com (CL21017274)

Ravidasia boy, 06, 86, 6*-1", B.Tech. Sub-Inspector Punjab Police (IT), Prefred Govt. employee Patiala, 88726-0653. (CL21017297)

Suitable match for handsome Ramdassia Sikh boy 6*-1", regular job in Verka, seeks Govt. employee/ NIRI girl. Sisters well settled in Australia. Father. Bank Manager. 81460-57843. (CL21017396)

Hindi Ramdass Arya boy 5*-7", M.Sc. Nov. 88, working in Govt. Bank Officer required. Govt. job girl. Preferred Govt. Teacher. 98787-077668. (CL21017424)

SM4 Ad-dharmi, 5*-11", 89, M.Sc. Maths, serving Air Force in Jalandhar (Salary 65,000/-). Required Government job/well qualified. 8135811648. (CL21017455)

Wanted beautiful educated girl preferably Beautician, Dress designer or Clever for very handsome Chamar Himachali boy July 1988, 5*-6", M.Com working online Share trading & GST. Father Mother retired officers, Brother & Bhabhi officers in Delhi, Own Kothi in Posh area at Jullundhar. Contact: 98964-14566. (CL21017530)

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MISC.

Suitable match required for Punjabi Prajapati fair, handsome 5*-6", 32 yrs old, B.Tech boy Only NIRI to approach. Mob: 94178-84298. (CL21016294)

Required beautiful well educated working girl for Nai (non professional) MBO boy, working MNC Company, 21.3.1992, 5*-11", (caste no bar), no demand, simple marriage. 88378-1626. (CL21016686)

Hindu Nai handsome boy 1990, 5*-5", Captain (Officer), Merchant Navy, want beautiful girl Govt. employees/ professional. Cont. WhatsApp: 78891-92870, 98780-65244. (CL21017970)

SM4 Ravidasia Sikh boy, Aug. 1990, 5*-8", M.Tech. (ECE), own business. Annual turnover 3.8 cr. Preferred working/ well educated girl. 94179-00404. (CL21017980)

Seeking suitable match for Parjapat Sikh veg/ teetotaller turbanned working boy 11.1988, 6', MD, job in CMC Hospital, Ludhiana as SR. Own clinic & Chemist shop. Reputed family, high income. Beautiful, tall girl preferred. 95019-40687 (CL21017675)

Agarwal Doctor boy 1989/ 5*-11", MS, M.Ch. parents Doctor, upper caste no bar. 99714-46491. (CL21017730)

Beautiful Doctor girl for fair, smart and handsome Hindu Arora boy 1988/ 5*-9", Medical Officer HCMS-I from a reputed Doctor family. 88168-48080. (CL21017807)

Seeking MD/ MS good looking and homely match for Brahmin Radiologist boy from Punjab 6/ 29.10.1990, 11:26 am. Upper caste preferred. 98882-37070. (CL21017822)

Match for handsome Brahmin Physician, Doctor, 31 year old, 5*-10", Govt. Veterinary Doctor. 600051-70007. (CL21018017)

NRI

Decent intelligent and pretty Medico match for well settled Australian citizen, M.Sc. Clinical Nursing, 28 yrs, 5*-8", fair, vegetarian Hindu. Khatri boy Preferred M.Sc. Nursing or Dentist, Plz send biodata with 3 pics. Contact/ WhatsApp: 0061451519745. (CL21017221)

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**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AMRITSAR
E-TENDER NOTICE**

No. MCA/EO/207 Dated:- 28.05.2021

Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, invites online bids from eligible bidders/firms for e-tendering of Parking Stands of Municipal Corporation for the year 2021-22. For further specifications details and terms and conditions kindly visit <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The last date to submit the bids is 21.06.2021 till 5.00 P.M. The Technical bids of Tenders will be opened on 22.06.2021 at 10.00 A.M. The contract of parking stand will be one year.

Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be published on the above website only. For any clarification please contact Sh. Dharminder Singh, Estate Officer (M. No. 9646004303) or Sh. Amandeep, E-Tendering Clerk (M. No. 9888925061)

Sd/- ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER,
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
AMRITSAR.

**GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS**

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Online bids on item rate are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractor/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh JSV Department, IHP Department, Central/State Government, Department or Govt. undertaking in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof.

Name of work:- Providing house hold connection by ministry of Jal Shakti Har Ghar Nai Se Jal under LWSS Bani Barsar Gaali Zone 3rd in Tehsil Barsar, Distt. Hamirpur (HP) (SUB HEAD:- C/o Infiltration gallery 40 mtrs long, Pump House, Raw water & clear water tank 40000 liters capacity each, Sedimentation tank 20000 liters, filters beds 2 units clear water tank/sump well 20000 liters)

Estimated Cost:- Rs. 5390229.00

Earrest Money:- Rs. 86402.00

Cost of tender Form:- Rs. 800.00

Time Period:- 05 Months

Schedule of tendering:-

1. Site Visit	From 27.05.2021 to 05.06.2021 during working hours from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except holidays.
2. Bid submission start date	From 27.05.2021 at 3:00 P.M.
3. Bid submission end date	From 07.06.2021 up to 11:00 A.M.
4. "No Physical" submission of documents, except original bid security/bid cost deposited through offline mode, will be allowed	Up to 11:00 A.M. On dated 07.06.2021
5. Opening of eligibility criteria of the bid	At 11:30 A.M. on dated 07.06.2021 in the office of Executive Engineer, JSV Division Barsar (H.P.)
6. Opening of Financial bid	Date and place to be notified separately.

Note:- The tender Terms and conditions and other detailed conditions can be available and downloaded from the website <https://hpiphe-tenders.gov.in>

DPR/HP/1078

PUBLIC NOTICE

Compensation for the land acquired for constructing two-laning of NH-444 (Saha-Shahabad section in Ambala) Villages 1. Kesari 2. Bajeedpur 3. Dinarpur 4. Shergarh 5. Narangarh 6. Nagala 7. Ghasitpur 8. Bihai in District Ambala-Haryana, is to be determined under section 3 'G' of NH Act, 1956.

Particulars of the land acquired has been Notified under section 3D of National Highway in Extraordinary Gazette of India, vide S.O. No. 3923 (A) dated 29/10/2020 and also Published in English daily 'The Times of India' dated 20/11/2020 Hindi daily 'Amar Ujala' dated 20/11/2020 and under section 3A notified vide notification No. SO No 1863 (E) Dated 12/06/2020 and also Published in English daily 'The Times of India' dated 18 June 2020 Hindi daily 'Amar Ujala' dated 18 June 2020

"In pursuance of section 3(D) of the NH Act, 1956 on issuance of notification (S.O. 3923 (E)) & on its publication in the Gazette of India on date 29/10/2020 the land as mentioned in the notification has been vested with the Central Government. Therefore, in pursuance to section 3G (3)(4), for determination of compensation, all affected land-owners are informed through this newspaper publication to kindly present their claims supported with relevant certified document for their acquired land, within 7 days, from the date of this publication, either by themselves or through their authorized representative/advocate, in the office of the undersigned. After expiry of 7 days, no any objection/ representation shall be entertained and the unilateral decision will be pronounced and compensation list will be declared."

District Revenue Officer-cum-Competent Authority Land Acquisition, Ambala

**HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Online bids on item rates basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Fatehpur Himachal Pradesh on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned work from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time	Cost of form (in Rs.)
1	Providing functional house hold tap (FHCTC) connection in village Kural, Kasiyal, Bhanoli, etc. through proposed LWSS Kural, Kasiyal, Bhanoli in Tehsil Fatehpur, District Kangra HP under Jal Jeevan Mission (SJ- Supply & Erection of Submersible Pumping machinery with its allied accessories and laying, Jointing, testing of Rising main 80 mm dia GI pipe (Medium Class).	11,26,692/-	22,535/-	Six months	400/-
2	Providing functional house hold tap (FHCTC) connection in village Kural, Kasiyal, Bhanoli etc. through proposed LWSS Kural, Kasiyal, Bhanoli in Tehsil Fatehpur District Kangra HP under Jal Jeevan Mission (SJ- Construction of 1 No. Pump House, C/o collection Tank 35000 ltr capacity and C/o overhead storage Tank 60000 ltr capacity with 5.00 mtr etc. height).	17,16,562/-	33,250/-	Six months	400/-

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering is 07.06.2021 up to 11:00 A.M. The tender forms and other detailed terms and conditions can be obtained from the website www.hipih.org

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Fatehpur,
District Kangra HP – 176053.

"HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPAK"

DPR/HP/1079

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DPR/HP/1078

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

TENDER NOTICE

SR. NO. **NAME OF DEPARTMENT** **NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER** **OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE** **AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN LACS** **NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL**

1.	Superintendent, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala	Tender for work of videography	29.05.2021/07.06.2021	30.00 THOUSAND	8146687037 supdt.estab@ppsc.gov.in
2.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No. 1, Ludhiana	Providing W/S/S Rajgarh Block Pakhowal, Distt. Ludhiana under Nabard-XXIII/JJM	31.05.2021/15.06.2021	1.05 LACS	961500057 div1ldh@gmail.com
3.	EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HARIKE CANAL DIVISION C.C., FEROZEPUR	Internal Clearance of Mayawali Disty from RD 59210 to 85000 and others	29.05.2021/04.06.2021	1.07 LACS	9478563858 harikecanalzr@gmail.com
4.	Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Div, Ferozepur at ZIRA	Providing Water Supply Scheme Bhupe Waia Block Makhu Distt. Ferozepur Under Head 1a(II)JJM	29.05.2021/08.06.2021	76.00 THOUSAND	9646200286 eewss.divziraph@yahoo.com
5.	Executive Engineer, EASTERN CANAL DIVISION, Ferozepur	Renovation of Canal Rest House at Hussainiwala Head	28.05.2021/07.06.2021	76.00 THOUSAND	xeneastern.fzr@gmail.com
6.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Malerkotla	PROVIDING AND INSTALLING T/WELL SIZE 150 MM I/D AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME JATI MAJRA BLOCK DHUR DISTRICT SANGRUR	28.05.2021/10.06.2021	15.00 THOUSAND	9779166566 eewss.mlk@gmail.com
7.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No. 1, Moga	1) Improvement of Water supply scheme of Village Jaimal Wala 2) Sadha Singh Wala 3) Kalie Wala Block Moga-II, 4) Rauli, Block Moga-I Distt. Moga (Under PRNSWSSP-ZA)(JJM)	01.06.2021/11.06.2021	1.52 LACS	9779474950 xenews_moga@yahoo.com
8.	Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Batala	Augmentation of W/S Schemes 2A(ii) District Gurdaspur 1. Talwandi Rama 2. Veela Teja 3. Pabbari Khurd & Kalan 4. Parowal & Kotli Dhadian 5. Rattar Chhattar 2A(I) 6. Providing Tubewell Village Nangal (4215)	15.06.2021/15.06.2021	2.76 LACS	7696031134 eewssbatala2@gmail.com
9.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division (PWD) B&R, Gurdaspur	Widening/Upgradation of various Narrow Culverts/Bridges on Link Roads in Market Committee Dharial Kalanaur and Gurdaspur for the year 2020-21 Phase-2	31.05.2021/15.06.2021	8.77 LACS	9646036125 eepdpwdp@gmail.com
10.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Malout	Construction of Judicial Court Complex including Residences at Gidderbaha, District Shi Muktsar Sahib (Punjab)	28.05.2021/17.06.2021	0.68 LACS	7087424344 xen_malout@yahoo.co.in
11.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division Rajpura	PROVIDING AND INSTALLING NEW TUBE WELL AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME VILLAGE BHATERI BLOCK RAJPURA, DISTRICT PATAIALA	28.05.2021/08.06.2021	82.20 THOUSAND	8427754491 wss_xenrajpura@yahoo.in
12.	Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj C&M Division Patiala	Construction of various Roads in Ablowal Colony, Ward No. 1, Block Patiala, District Patiala.	27.05.2021/07.06.2021	1.94 LACS	9814040079 xenprpatalia@yahoo.in
13.	Executive Engineer, Constrn. Div. No. 2, PWD B&R, Hoshiarpur	Constrn. of H.L. Bridge 85.16 M over Dandian Choe X-ing Mahlan to Dandian Road including approaches, road diversion and protection	29.05.2021/10.06.2021	5.32 LACS	98550-7606 xen_c2@yahoo.co.in
14.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1, Pathankot	PROVIDING INSTALLING TUBE WELL 150MM I/D UP TO 110 MTR DEPTH WITH PERCUSSION RIG ETC. AT ABADIE QILLA VILL. NANGAL DISTT. PATHANKOT (UNDER DEPOSIT WORK)	31.05.2021/10.06.2021	0.36 LACS	9914715280 xen_pk@yahoo.co.in
15.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD B&R Branch, Pathankot	4th Re-invite Providing Normal Patch work on composite basis including the cost of bitumen on various link road of Market Committee, Narot Jaimal Singh, Distt. Pathankot	31.05.2021/10.06.2021	0.97 LACS	9646036125 eedcpthpkwdp@gmail.com
16.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Div., B&R Branch, Bathinda	(1) Construction of various span slab type culverts including approaches on both sides of the culverts crossing various link roads of M.C. Bhuchro (2) M.C. Bhagta (3) M.C. Mau (4) M.C. Rampura	02.06.2021/16.06.2021	4.33 LACS	9876403133 xenbliprov@gmail.com
17.	Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 1, Jalandhar	Providing Estate Water Supply Sewerage, rain harvesting & fire fighting arrangement at Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar Govt. College at Boota Mandi, District Jalandhar	07.06.2021/08.06.2021	51.00 THOUSAND	9814703929 eewss.div1jalandharpb@yahoo.com
18.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Div. No. 2, Pathankot	PUMP CHAMBER OHSR 25000 LTR ETC. FOR AUG. W/S SCHEME PAHARI PUR & MAZIR RAJPUTTAN, DISTT. PATHANKOT (PKG-2) (UNDER NABARD-XXIII)	31.05.2021/10.06.2021	0.71 LACS	9417303999 eewss.pathankot2@gmail.com
19.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Div., Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur)	WSS BINJON, Block Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) Providing 100% FHTC, Prov. Chlorination plant, Distribution system, Sluice valve, Dismantling, Providing water connection and O&M for electricity bill for 3 months complete in all respects (UNDER 2A(ii)JJM)	28.05.2021/07.06.2021	31.95 THOUSAND	98762-4411 eewss.divgarhshankarpb@yahoo.com
20.	Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, SBS Nagar	Construction of one stone masonry water recharging structure at Village - Ballowal Saunkhri and one stone masonry water recharging structure at Village - Malewal, Block - Saroya and Balachaur, S.B.S. Nagar	29.05.2021/12.06.2021	0.34 LACS	8926670000 dscos.dsbnsagar@punjab.gov.in
21.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No. 2, Patiala	PROVIDING AND INSTALLING NEW TUBE WELL SIZE 200 MM I/D STRAIGHT UP TO 230 MTR. DEPTH, GRAVEL PIT RISING MAIN, ETC. AT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME VILLAGE GALOJI, BLOCK PATAN AND DISTT. PATAIALA UNDER HEAD 4215	28.05.2021/21.06.2021	35.00 THOUSAND	8146385234 xenws_pta@yahoo.co.in
22.	Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Rupnagar	Installation of Tubewell, UGSR, Estate Water Supply & Sewer System etc. for Sri Guru Govind Singh Ji Institute, Block Sri Chamkaur Sahib, Distt. Ropar	27.05.2021/28.06.2021	3.16 LACS	1881512487 division_ropar@yahoo.co.in
23.	Controller of Stores, Punjab, Chandigarh	RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF DUEL DESK, TEACHER TABLE & CHAIR, SURGICAL GOODS, PURCHASE OF RT-PCR, DISPOSAL OF SWARAJ MAZDA, UNSERVICEABLE STORES, ROAD ROLLER	31.05.2021/21.06.2021	120.00 THOUSAND	883785009 cospunjab@yahoo.in
24.	Executive Engineer, Gurdaspur Division, UBDC, Gurdaspur	Estimate for Berm Cutting and Silt Clearance of Batala RD 28120-39500 and Rania Disty.	26.05.2021/02.06.2021	0.12 LACS	9501233559 eebudc@gmail.com
25.	Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, PW Division, Bathinda	1) The Providing and Laying PVC Pipeline at Village Dipali, Distt. Bathinda, Rs. 63.73 Lakh 2) Construction of Dhanak Dhambali at Bathinda, Rs. 34.93 Lakh	26.05.2021/11.06.2021	1.97 LACS</	

Didi skips Yaas review meet with Modi, draws criticism

PM announces ₹1,000-cr relief package for Odisha, WB & J'khand

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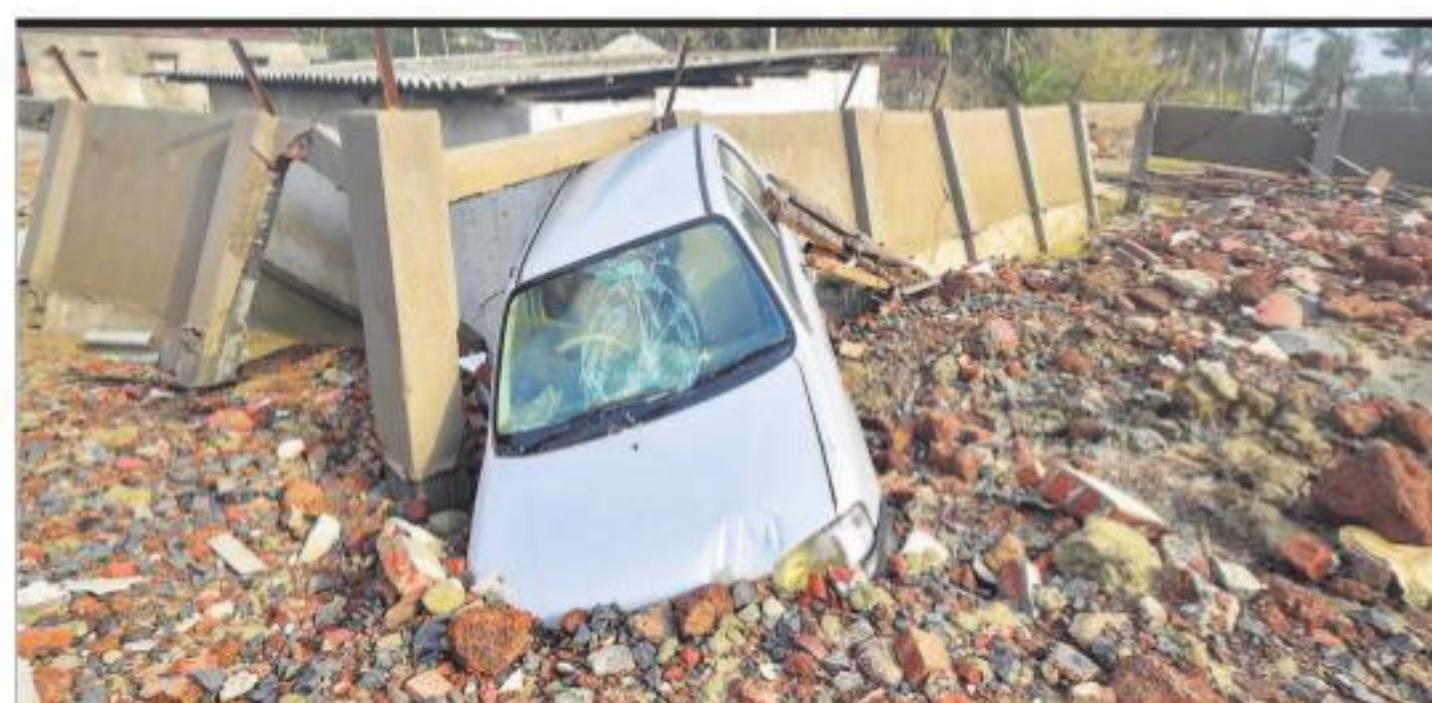
Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today skipped a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to assess the damages caused by Yaas, choosing instead a quick interaction at the airbase where the PM's flight landed after an aerial survey.

"West Bengal has incurred a loss of ₹20,000 crore due to the cyclone," the CM claimed. The review meeting snowballed into a political controversy after Mamata personally met the PM before the meeting and submitted a copy of the damages caused by the cyclone to him.

The CM is learnt to have skipped the meeting due to the presence of her friend-turned-bitter foe Suvendu Adhikari.

Later, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik tweeted he decided not to burden the Union Government by asking for additional funds, considering the Covid-19 situation in the country.

Modi, nevertheless, announced a financial assistance of Rs 500 crore to Odisha. Another Rs 500 crore was allocated for West Bengal and Jharkhand, which will be released on the basis of the damage. The Union Government will deploy an inter-



A partially buried vehicle at Shakurpur village in East Midnapore district of West Bengal on Friday. PTI



PM Narendra Modi conducts aerial survey of cyclone-hit parts of Odisha and West Bengal on Friday. PTI

ministerial team to visit the states to assess the extent of damage, based on which further assistance will be given.

The PM also announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the

seriously injured in the cyclone. He conducted an aerial survey of the areas around Digha in West Bengal.

MAMATA SEEKS ₹20K-CR RELIEF PACKAGE

- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee met PM Narendra Modi at the Kalaikunda airbase and submitted a report to him on the damage caused by the cyclone in the state
- She sought ₹20,000 crore package for redevelopment of the worst-affected areas
- The CM is learnt to have skipped the meeting with the PM due to the presence of her friend-turned-bitter foe Suvendu Adhikari

CENTRE RECALLS BENGAL CHIEF SECY

The Centre on Friday issued an order recalling WB Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay, asking him to report to Department of Personnel & Training on May 31. Bandyopadhyay, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the WB cadre, was scheduled to retire on May 31 after completion of 60 years of age. TNS

Dominica court stays Choksi's repatriation

NEW DELHI, MAY 28

A court in Dominica has "restrained" the authorities from removing fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi from the Caribbean island country till further orders, local media reported. The order came on a petition filed by the lawyers of Choksi, who was detained in Dominica for "illegal entry".

Choksi's lawyer Vijay Aggarwal said the legal team "has filed a habeas corpus petition in Dominica for Choksi and also highlighted deprivation of access to Mehul Choksi and deprivation of constitutional rights



Mehul Choksi

to legal assistance".

The High Court of Justice in Dominica "restrained" the authorities from "removing" Choksi till further orders and listed the matter for hearing on May 28 at 9 am local time, Antigua's media said. —TNS

Hearing on Class XII exams on Monday

NEW DELHI, MAY 28

The Supreme Court on Friday deferred to May 31 hearing on a petition seeking directions to cancel the Class XII exams of the CBSE and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) amid the surge in Covid-19 cases across the country.

"Be optimistic. Maybe by Monday some resolution will be there. Let us have it on Monday," a Bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar told petitioner Mamata Sharma, who has sought directions to devise an "objective methodology" to declare Class XII results within a specific time frame.

The CBSE had on April 14

WAYS TO EASE STRESS

Many countries are now looking for alternate ways to conduct exams so that the students are free from mental pressure.

Anoop Gautam, CEO of a company providing online education

announced cancellation of Class X exams and postponement of Class XII exams in view of the sudden spike in Covid-19 cases.

The Ministry of Education recently sought detailed suggestions from the states and

Interim bail for 4 TMC leaders

KOLKATA, MAY 28

A five-judge Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Friday granted interim bail to four Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders, including two West Bengal ministers, in the Narada sting case.

The Bench granted interim bail to Firhad Hakim, Subrata Mukherjee, members of the Mamata Banerjee-led Cabinet, Madan Mitra, Trinamool Congress MLA and Sovan Chatterjee, former minister, upon furnishing bonds of Rs two lakh each.

The four accused have been debarred from giving interviews to the press on this case. —TNS

108 cr to get jab by Dec, Rahul stoking fear as per toolkit script: Javadekar

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AT CURRENT VAX PACE, 3rd WAVE INEVITABLE

PM exported vaccines....

2nd wave is a result of his theatrics. At today's pace, vaccinations will conclude by May 2024, but by then we will have multiple waves.

Rahul Gandhi, CONGRESS

COVAXIN PRODUCTION CYCLE OF 120 DAYS

Covaxin maker Bharat Biotech on Friday said it was working to ramp up production, but the process was time consuming. "The timeline for manufacturing, testing and release for a batch of Covaxin is approximately 120 days, depending on the technology framework and regulatory guidelines to be met."

people. We will not use such words for him (Rahul) because people have stopped his "nautanki" (drama) in reference to PM Narendra Modi, Javadekar said. India would get 216 crore doses to vaccinate over 108 crore people by December. Asking Rahul "not to spread fear among people" by talking of "third, fourth, and fifth wave", the minister said India was second country globally to carry out the fastest and largest inoculation programme.

Slamming Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his scathing observations on vaccination strategy and use of word "nautanki" (drama) in reference to PM Narendra Modi, Javadekar said India would get 216 crore doses to vaccinate over 108 crore people by December. Asking Rahul "not to spread fear among people" by talking of "third, fourth, and fifth wave", the minister said India was second country globally to carry out the fastest and largest inoculation programme.

Addressing the media virtually, Rahul claimed the current rate of vaccination guaranteed a third wave and the PM and the government had not yet understood the disease that was evolving fast, nor did they have an inoculation strategy to prevent future waves.

"At today's pace, vaccinations will be completed by May 2024, but by then we will have multiple waves and people will remain vulnerable," the Congress leader said, defending his recent tweet where he called Covid "Movid", in an attack on PM Modi and expressing concern over 3 per cent inoculation coverage in India.

Javadekar questioned Rahul saying considering the importance he was giving to vaccines now, why did he and leaders of his party raise questions regarding Covaxin. "The PM opted for Covaxin to put a full stop on all questions," he said.

Dealing with China in 'non-escalatory' manner: Army Chief

NEW DELHI, MAY 28

Army Chief Gen MM Naravane on Friday said there could be no de-escalation without complete disengagement at all friction points in eastern Ladakh and that the Indian Army was prepared for all contingencies in the region.

In an exclusive interview, Gen Naravane said India was dealing with China in a "firm" and "non-escalatory" manner to ensure the sanctity of its claims in eastern Ladakh. It has been more than a year since the military standoff between the two sides erupted in eastern Ladakh on May 5 during which there were fatalities on both sides for the first time in 45 years. Gen Naravane asserted that the Indian Army was currently holding onto all important areas in the high-altitude region and had adequate personnel in



Army Chief Gen MM Naravane

the form of "reserves" to react to any contingencies. "We are very clear that no de-escalation can take place before disengagement at all friction points. India and China have signed a number of border agreements which have been unilaterally breached by the People's Liberation Army," Gen Naravane said.

He said the next rounds of military talks with China would focus on restoring the status quo ante of April 2020. —PTI

It's living hell: HC on fungus drug shortage

NEW DELHI, MAY 28

"We are living this hell. Everyone is living this hell. It's a situation where we want to help but we are helpless," the Delhi HC lamented on Friday while hearing pleas on the shortage of black fungus medicine and the problems being faced by the patients.

While the Centre placed a report giving the steps taken by it to source the medicine and overcome shortages, the HC directed it to give further details on the current status of its imports and when the stocks are expected.

The court, which was hearing two pleas seeking medicine vials for two patients, expressed helplessness over the situation and said it cannot pass any order that a particular patient should be given preference for treatment while denying it to others. It asked the Centre to come back on May 31 with a definite statement as to what happened to these 2.3 lakh vials. —PTI

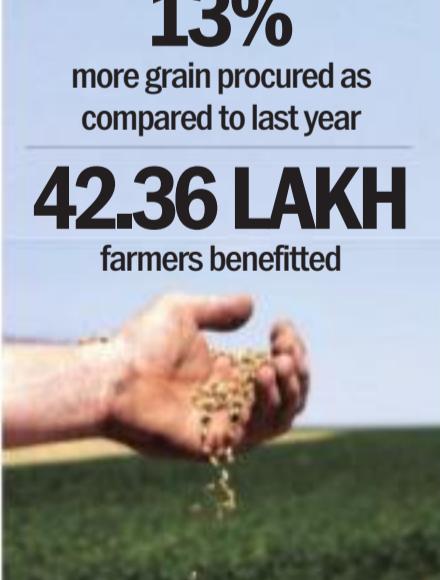
Wheat procurement on MSP crosses 400 LMT

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NEW DELHI, MAY 28

Wheat procurement on MSP has crossed the 400-LMT mark, an all-time high, the government said today. According to the latest figures of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, 400.45 LMT of wheat has been procured, benefitting 42.36 lakh farmers, till May 27.

It said procurement of wheat in ongoing RMS 2021-22 is continuing smoothly in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir at MSP as was done in previous seasons.



As of May 27, over 400.45 LMT of wheat has been procured, which is an all-time high. The figure is more than the previous high, 389.92 LMT recorded in RMS 2020-21.

DRDO develops aero engine technology

NEW DELHI: The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Friday said it had established technology that made vital parts for aircraft engines. It is called isothermal forging technology. TNS

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 2-LANE ROB ON KURUKSHETRA NARWANA RAILWAY LINE AT LC NO. 40 KM. 49/4-50 NM THANSON DHAND KAITHAL (PDG. STREET LIGHT ONLY) + 2 OTHER WORKS	27.05.2021 11.06.2021	85.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01842265696 pwd-eed-karnal@hry.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH	IMPROVEMENT BY WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD MAJRI JATTAN IN PANCHKULA DISTT. + 1 OTHER WORK	28.05.2021 17.06.2021	42.68 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2168279 pwd-eecd-chandigarh@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	REPAIR OF ROAD CUT MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR LAYING OF DEEP SEWER LINE S.K. ROAD AT KHERI MARKANDA TO SIRSALA KASERAL KANIPALIA (ROAD ID 8060) DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA	24.05.2021 08.06.2021	24.52 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-238066 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, KURUKSHETRA	SPECIAL REPAIR/RENOVATION OF SUB HEALTH CENTRE AT VILLAGE MISTRI FARM IN DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA UNDER HEALTH WELLNESS CENTRE SCHEME (EXCLUDING EI) +3 OTHER WORKS	24.05.2021 16.06.2021	24.69 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01744-238066 pwd-eepd1-kurukshetra@hry.nic.in
5	PWD B&R, SIRSALA	PERIODICAL RENEWAL BY WAY 30MM THICK BC AND 5 YEARS PAID MAINTENANCE COST ON NATHURASI KALAN TO RUPANA BISHNOIAN KM. 0.00 TO 13.00 (ROAD ID 5819) IN SIRSALA DISTT.	31.05.2021 15.06.2021	206.69 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01666222959 pwd-eepd2-sirsala@hry.nic.in
6	PWD B&R, NARNAUL	CONSTRUCTION OF GENERAL TOILET IN JUDICIAL COMPLEX AT NARNAUL IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT. (RE-INVITED)	27.05.2021 16.06.2021	17.01 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0128251267 pwd-eepd-naraul@hry.nic.in
7	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, AMBALA	WORK OF REPAIR OF V.R BRIDGE AT RD 15.415 KM OF PANJOKHARA MINOR + 3 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 04.06.2021	35.37 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171297270 xenyslambala@gmail.com
8	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION SUMP WELL AT RD 500-R OF BHALAUT LINK DRAIN FOR DEWATERING THE FLOOD WATER FROM FIELDS OF VILLAGE PAKSHMA DISTRICT-ROHTAK+ 1 MORE WORK	CLOSING DATE 07.06.2021	14.98 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9896410404 xenwsdrhrt@gmail.com
9	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, NARWANA	CONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD 69200 OF PUNDRI DRAIN NO. II	CLOSING DATE 02.06.2021	17.19 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7988925704 xen-wsnr.rrw@gov.in
10	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, BIHANI	REMODELLING OF MANHERI MINOR RD 0 TO 8700 & 35500 TO 45000 OFF TAKING AT RD 49600-R DADRI DISTY. + 5 OTHER WORKS	28.05.2021 08.06.2021	6.80 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	981211077 bondbdivision1@gmail.com
11	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, TOHANA	REPAIRING FALL STRUCTURE AT RD 2000 SIRHIND CHOE DRAIN+2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 04.06.2021	69.75 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9995827609 hid.eewstohana@yahoo.com
12	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, KURUKSHETRA	CONSTRUCTION OF 01 NO. RECHARGE BOREWELLS IN SARSA VILLAGE DISTRICT KURUKSHETRA				