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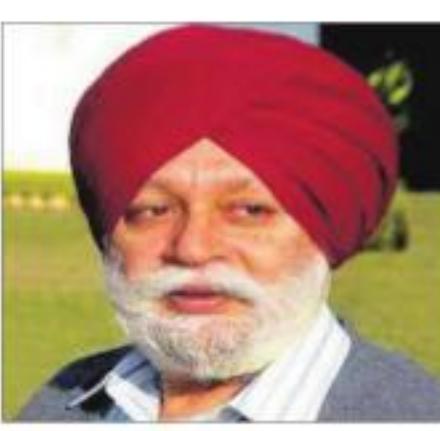
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Justice Gill takes oath as Pb CVC

CHANDIGARH: Former Acting Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Mehtab Singh Gill, on Wednesday took over as Punjab State Chief Vigilance Commissioner. He was administered oath by Punjab Governor this afternoon. Justice Gill will exercise superintendence and control over the vigilance and the police department. Five retired high court judges and three IAS officers had applied for the post. **INSIDE**

Govt abolishes film appellate tribunal

MUMBAI: The Ministry of Law and Justice has reportedly abolished the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal with immediate effect. Filmmakers and producers took to Twitter to express their disappointment. "Do HCs have a lot of time to address film certification grievances? How many film producers will have the means to approach courts?" filmmaker Hansal Mehta tweeted. —PTI

IN BRIEF

370 judicial officers shifted in Punjab, Haryana

CHANDIGARH: Punjab and Haryana HC has shifted 206 Civil and seven Additional District and Sessions Judges in Punjab and 156 Civil Judges and an Additional District and Sessions Judge in Haryana. —TNS

Petrol costlier in Pb after levy of infra tax

CHANDIGARH: With the levy of 25 paise per litre infrastructure cess, petrol and diesel have become dearer in Punjab. The cess would enable the state collect Rs 216 crore revenue annually. **INSIDE**

Now, Waze targets Transport Minister

MUMBAI: Suspended cop Sachin Waze on Wednesday claimed former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh had sought Rs 2 crore from him to continue in the police and Transport Minister Anil Parab had asked him to collect money from contractors. —PTI

Naxalites release missing jawan's pic

BHUPUR: A photo of Rakeshwar Manhas sitting in a hut has been purportedly released by Naxals who are believed to have abducted the CoBRA commando after a gunbattle in Bastar on April 3. **SEE ALSO P9**

Punjab bans political events, extends night curfew till Apr 30

Fresh cap on weddings, funerals | Vax target raised to 2 lakh per day

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

To check the surge in Covid cases in Punjab, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday ordered a total ban on political gatherings and extended the night curfew from 9 pm to 5 am in all districts of the state. The restrictions will remain effective till April 30.

Violators, be it political leaders, will be booked under the Disaster Management Act and Epidemic Diseases Act, he stressed.

As part of the fresh curbs, the maximum gathering at funerals and weddings has been reduced to 50 persons indoors and 100 outdoors. Schools and regular colleges, except for medical and nursing institutes, will also remain closed till April 30. Wearing masks has been made mandatory for all government employees while in office.

However, as some respite for shop owners in malls, the government allowed the entry of 10 persons per shop at any given time. The earlier order had capped the mall entry to 100 persons.

Capt Amarinder said it was

JABS AT WORKPLACES FROM APRIL 11

To boost the ongoing inoculation drive that continues to battle hesitancy and wastage issues, the government is all set to launch workplace Covid vaccinations from April 11.

1,15,736

cases in 24 hours, the highest since the first Covid case was reported on January 30, 2020

BKU FIRM ON HOLDING BAISAKHI CONFERENCE

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RAHUL BACKS JAB FOR ALL

MASK UP TO FIGHT COVID: PM ON WORLD HEALTH DAY



MAHA VAX SHORTAGE

Many inoculation centres in Maharashtra are being shut due to the shortage of vaccine, Health Minister Rajesh Tope said on Wednesday, adding the state now had 14 lakh doses which would last just three days. PTI

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7-DAY LOCKDOWN IN MP'S CHHINDWARA

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced a seven-day lockdown in Chhindwara and a two-day lockdown in Shahapur from 8 pm on Thursday. Night curfew will be imposed in all municipal areas of MP from 10 pm to 6 am till further orders and all municipal areas in every district will be under Sunday lockdown until further orders.

SII FOR ₹30 BN GRANT TO BOOST OUTPUT

The Serum Institute of India has sought a grant of Rs 30 billion to ramp up monthly production of AstraZeneca's vaccine (Covishield) to over 100 million doses by May-end. The current output is around 65-70 million doses a month. PTI

ED THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE THE VACCINATION DRIVE TO TARGET 2 LAKH PERSONS PER DAY (UP FROM 90,000).

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Mohali worst-hit dist in 2nd spike

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

In the ongoing second Covid-19 wave, Mohali district seems to be the worst affected as in the last one month the district has reported around 8,500 cases.

Between March 6 and April 6, the state reported 69,709 cases and 1,306 deaths, with around 12 per cent cases and 6 per cent deaths from Mohali district only.

Mohali is followed by Jalandhar, which reported 7,685 cases and 235 deaths, and Amritsar (6,605 cases and 122 deaths). Hoshiarpur reported 6,446 cases and 212 deaths. Doaba, though relatively a small region, has witnessed worst spike as it has maximum concentration of NRI population.

Besides, Ludhiana, the

2,997 cases, 63 deaths in 24 hrs

largest district in the state, has reported 5,950 cases and 146 deaths in the same period. On Wednesday, the state reported 2,997 cases and 63 deaths.

In district-wise break-up of deaths, SAS Nagar topped the chart with nine deaths, followed by Amritsar and Hoshiarpur seven each; Patiala and Ropar six each; Jalandhar, Kapurthala and Ludhiana four each; Gurdaspur three; Moga, Pathankot, Sangrur and Bathinda two each; and Fazilka, Faridkot, Ferozpur, SBS Nagar and Tarn Taran reported one death each. —TNS

BKU: Will hold conference on Baisakhi

BATHINDA, APRIL 7

Giving thumbs down to the CM's order on ban on gatherings due to a Covid surge, the BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) is adamant on holding a kisan conference on Baisakhi at Talwandi Sabo on April 13.

BKU (Ekta-Ugrahan) state secretary Shingara Singh Mann said, "Instead of upgrading and providing better health

Gives thumbs down to ban on gatherings



A govt employee gets the vaccine in Jalandhar. MALKIAT SINGH

79 more pvt hospitals to provide critical care

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

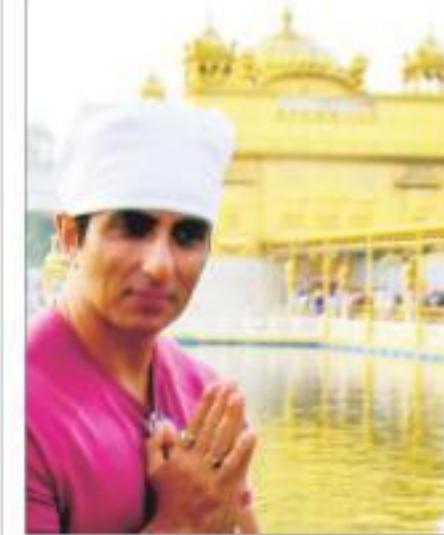
Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said the state government has added 79 new private hospitals to the list of tertiary care centres to provide treatment in the five most-affected districts of the state. He said the inflow of patients in critical conditions was higher in Amritsar, Ludhiana, SAS Nagar, Jalandhar and Bathinda districts.

The minister said these districts required more hospitals that were compliant as per the expert committee criteria for providing an optimal level of tertiary care to the Covid patients. He said hospitals recommended by the expert committee and the hospitals which had submitted self-declaration from these five districts had now been authorised as tertiary care hospitals for the treatment of critical patients.

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Sonu Sood at Golden Temple.

Directorate of Defence Services Welfare Punjab Punjab Sainik Bhawan, Sector 21-D, Chandigarh

Sub:- Advertisement for Appointment of General Manager.

Applications are invited for recruitment for the post of General Manager on 2 years Contractual period in Punjab State War Heroes Memorial & Museum, Amritsar. Candidates fulfilling the following eligibility criteria, send their application at Directorate of Defence Services Welfare Punjab, Punjab Sainik Bhawan, Sector 21-D, Chandigarh by 20 April, 2021 (4:00 p.m.).

Eligibility:-

1. He should be a retired Armed Forces Officer not below the rank of Lt Col/Col or equivalent rank in Navy/Air Force.
2. Should have had above average profile having held important staff/command appointments during services.
3. Experience in management of project while in service or after retirement would be preferred.
4. Experience in Museum/Memorial related work will be an additional qualification.
5. Should be below the age of 62 years.

Brig. Satinder Singh (Retd.)
Director, Defence Services Welfare Punjab.

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APPLICATION FOR POST OF SUBJECT EXPERTS

World Bank assisted "Integrated Development Project (IDP) for Source Sustainability & Climate Resilient Rain-fed Agriculture" has placed demand for Subject Experts-(Procurement, Agriculture and Hydrology) one position in each category respectively to Himachal Pradesh Natural Resource Management Society (HPNRMS). HPNRMS invites application from the interested candidates which should reach this office through e-mail (hpnrms@gmail.com) on or before 5.00 pm on 22.04.2021. The post is to be filled purely on CONTRACTUAL BASIS initially for a period of one year. The contract may further be renewed on yearly basis if the performance of the appointee is satisfactory and depending upon the requirement in the Project and services will be co-terminus with the Project period.

The application forms along-with details of Terms of References (ToR) are available on the website www.hpnrms.org and www.hpidp.org under the tab "Recruitments". Interested candidates, fulfilling all the eligibility criteria, may download the Proforma from the above given site and submit the application (pdf form only) on prescribed Proforma/ format with duly self attested copies of certificates/testimonials within the stipulated time. Applications received offline shall not be entertained. Only the shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. Canvassing in any form will lead to disqualification and rejection of candidature. The number of vacancies is liable to increase or decrease as per requirement and the process can be terminated at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Executive Officer,
HP Natural Resource Management Society
Forest Road, Solan-HP- 173 212
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Advt. No. PBT/2021/Con/2

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Punjab Biotechnology Incubator (PBT) invites the applications to fill one post of Office Assistant (PMPC/PMCA) purely on contractual basis for a period of 2 years extendable as per requirement on consolidated pay of Rs. 30,000 P.M. Last date for submitting the applications: 30.04.2021.

The detailed advertisement and application form is available on PBT's website i.e. www.pbtlabs.com DPR/Pb/3518

Admn.-cum-Fin. & Accounts Officer

Government of Punjab Department of Home Affairs and Justice Advertisement for the post of Member, Punjab State Human Rights Commission

The Punjab Government invites fresh applications for the post of one Member in the Punjab State Human Rights Commission, Chandigarh by extending last date for the receipt of applications. As per the provisions of Section 21(2)(b) of The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, the Member shall be a person who is, or has been, a Judge of a High Court or District Judge in the State with a minimum of seven years experience as District Judge. It is also clarified that this appointment will be in accordance with the terms and conditions as specified in The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 and The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2019. Application, along with Bio-Data and passport size photograph should be submitted in the office of undersigned, Room No. 219, 2nd Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector-9, Chandigarh within two months from the date of publication of the advertisement (time 5.00 p.m.). No application shall be entertained after the deadline. The candidates who have already applied with respect to advertisement dated 25.11.2020, are not needed to apply again.

Sd/- Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab Department of Home Affairs and Justice.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND MINORITIES (RESERVATION CELL) PUBLIC APPOINTMENT

Applications are invited from qualified and experienced legal professionals one post of OSD (litigation) at the Secretarial level in the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities. The qualifications and other conditions are as under:

- Minimum educational qualification is B.A. LLB in First Division (Punjabi passed up to Matric Standard)
- The person appointed will be paid fixed salary/retainership fee of Rs. 60,000/- p.m.
- The tenure for the post will be two years but is likely to be extended further with the approval of the Department of General Administration, Punjab.
- Three years practicing experience in Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
- The age of the applicant should be between 25-40 years as on 1.1.2021
- The complete application (educational qualifications, experience and two passport size photographs duly attested by Gazzeted Officer) should reach the office of Director, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, S.C.O. No. 7, Phase I, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) by 15.04.2021. Applications received after the last date will not be entertained. For any further information, please contact: director@welfarepunjab@gmail.com

Sd/- (Raj P. Srivastava), IAS,
Principal Secretary to the Government of Punjab
Department of Social Justice,
Empowerment and Minorities.

DPR/Pb/3525

'Fateh' kits in short supply as cases peak

Health Dept finds it difficult to meet rising demand | Patients wait for weeks

APARNA BANERJI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, APRIL 7

The plan of the state government to provide Corona Fateh Kits to all Covid patients in isolation has taken a hit following the recent peak in the cases.

Launched on September 22, 2020, the Corona Fateh Kits were aimed at ensuring 'regular self-monitoring of health indicators of all Covid patients in isolation to enable early identification of critical parameters to save lives'. However, the Health Department is finding it difficult to meet the demands regarding the kits themselves.

Patients said while they were flooded with calls from the department, the actual kits did not come for weeks. Also, some



A man loads Fateh kits on a cart for disbursal in Jalandhar. FILE

Covid-positive patients under isolation are being asked to collect the kits themselves.

The kit has 18 items, including a pulse oximeter, digital thermometer and essential medicines. A Jalandhar based

READY TO DISTRIBUTE 4,000-6,000 KITS DAILY

Some districts with sudden spurt might have had a temporary shortage, but we will start distributing 4,000 to 6,000 kits on a daily basis from tomorrow. With 70% cases in home isolation, there is a need for 2,000 kits every day.

Hussan Lal, PRINCIPAL HEALTH SECRETARY

government employee said, "My mother and son have tested positive. When we sought the kits, we were directed to the local dispensary at Mithapur. They asked us to contact the 104 helpline. We

repeatedly sought the kit but no one gave it to us. Another doctor called us and made me write a few numbers. It's been four days since the 104 team noted our address. So far, no kit has been given to us."

Another Covid patient said, "What's the use of home quarantine if I have to go and take the kit myself? All five people in my family have tested positive but the call from the Health Department asked me to pick up the kit from a Basti Nau dispensary."

District Immunisation Officer Dr Rakesh Chopra said,

"There has been a sudden spike this year. It was more gradual and slow last year. The cases are rising rapidly so the demand has risen. At times, there is shortage. Our vehicles get kits from Amritsar, Bathinda or Chandigarh, whichever warehouse has them. We are not asking positive patients to collect them but if there has been an oversight, we will look into it."

Pakisssues visas for Baisakhi celebrations

AMRITSAR, APRIL 7

The High Commission for Pakistan has issued over 1,100 visas to Sikh pilgrims to participate in the annual Baisakhi celebrations from April 12-22. These visas have been issued as a "special gesture" by the Government of Pakistan in view of Baisakhi.

Nonetheless, the pilgrims would have to comply with the Covid guidelines. Either, a Covid-19 negative report 72 hours before departure or vaccination certificate would be mandatory for those who would accompany the jatha. The SGPC had submitted passports of around 875 devotees. A special camp for Covid-19 testing is being organized by the health department on April 9 and 10 from 9.30 am at the SGPC office. —TNS

Rain, gale flatten crop in Malwa region

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, APRIL 7

The untimely rain, coupled with high velocity winds, flattened wheat in the southern Malwa region on Tuesday night. The wind speed in Bathinda was recorded at 92.6 km per hour. Trees and electricity poles were uprooted at many places, disrupting the power supply and telecom services.

Farmers are a worried lot as the meteorological department has predicted more rain for the next two days. "There are still chances of light rain/thundershowers along with thunderstorm and lightning accompanied with gusty winds at isolated places in next 24-36 hours in the region," said Raj Kumar of the MeT department.



Farmers examine their rain-battered crop at Govindpura village in Bathinda. PHOTO: PAWAN SHARMA

In Bathinda and Mansa damage to the wheat crop has been reported from some places. Khushpreet Singh, a Gobindpura village farmer, said: "The high velocity winds flattened the standing wheat and mustard crop". Jagtar Singh, another farmer from Kotfata village also witnessed the flattening of crop on a sizable chunk of his 12 acres.

Kaur Badal said: "The government should immediately order girdawari and announce compensation." SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal today visited fields at Ghudda village in Bathinda district. He also sought relief for the affected farmers.

Storm causes breach in Abohar canal

OUR CORRESPONDENT

AOHAR, APRIL 7

Many trees were uprooted, as a thunderstorm hit the area yesterday evening. Uprooting of trees reportedly caused a breach in the sub canal between Jandwala Hanwanta and Bhanger Khera village in Abohar. Villagers today informed the administration that wheat crop on more than 100 acres and some fruit orchards having kinnon plants were inundated.

The Irrigation Department team has started work to plug the breach today. Uprooting of trees also obstructed the traffic on highways in the subdivision. A breach in the Panjawa sub canal was prevented as farmers reached the site after the rain stopped, and removed the shrubs that had fallen in the canal.

Justice Gill takes oath as state CVC

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

Be ye ever so high, still the law is above you! Historian Thomas Fuller's immortal words were Justice Mehtab Singh Gill's favourite as a judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The import of the quote acquired greater magnitude and a more potent connotation, as the former Acting Chief Justice was today administered oath by Governor VP Singh Badnore as state Chief Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).

When a high-powered committee comprising Punjab Chief Minister, the Speaker and a senior minister met to finalise the name for the post out of five retired high court judges and three ex-IAS officers, Justice Gill was the obvious choice. He had not only headed a commission for looking into implication of innocents during the past decade, but was also

known for his "tough stand" against corruption and corrupt practices.

"I have so often used the expression in cases where the high and the mighty have tried to keep the arm of law at bay. My motto remains the same as I head the commis-

sion established to bring about more transparency and check corruption among public servants," said Justice Gill.

The commission, an independent body set up in accordance with the Vigilance Commission Act 2020, will exercise effective superintendence over the functioning of the Vigilance Bureau and all departments of the state government to provide clean, fair and transparent administration.

Justice Gill said the commission would review the progress of investigations conducted by the Vigilance Bureau and cases of prosecution pending with various government departments.

It has been empowered to give directions to the Vigilance Bureau for discharging the responsibility entrusted to it, besides looking into allegations under the Prevention of Corruption Act and other relevant offences against public servants.

CM sanctions ₹130 crore for flood protection

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 7

Infra charge levied, fuel prices increase

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



NEW RATES IN 4 CITIES

City	Petrol	Diesel
Mohali	92.77	83.72
Ludhiana	92.42	83.39
Jalandhar	91.83	82.87
Amritsar	92.48	83.46

*The prices vary in cities due to different factors like local municipal taxes and transportation costs (as on April 7).

ting the Governor's nod, have been notified. The collected revenue will be deposited in the development fund of the Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB).

DC intervenes, protesters climb down tower

PATHANKOT, APRIL 7

Pathankot Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sanyam Aggarwal brokered an agreement between Shahpur Kandi dam officials and members of the Dam Oustees Sangharsh Committee, following which two octogenarians, who had perched atop a BSNL communication tower for the past several days, agreed to come down.

Saram Singh and Kulwinder Singh had made their way to the top of the 150-foot tower last Tuesday.

Following the written agreement, Aggarwal will forward Khaira's recommendations to the State Irrigation Department. — TNS

ASI dismissed, SHO shifted over 'custodial torture'

MOGA, APRIL 7 SSP Harmarbir Singh Gill has dismissed ASI Amarjeet Singh and transferred SHO Jaswant Singh to the police lines on the allegations of illegal detention and alleged torture of two youths in police custody, the video of which went viral on the social media.

After coming to know about the incident, senior lawyer HC Arora had sent a notice to Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan to take legal action against the erring cops. It was after his notice that DGP Dinkar Gupta asked the SSP to take action against the cops who were responsible for the 'insensitive' act. — TNS

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMRITSAR, APRIL 7

The Amritsar (Rural) police in coordination with the BSF gunned down a Pakistani smuggler during the wee hours near the India-Pakistan border on Wednesday. However, no arrest could be made.

In a joint operation, 22 packets of heroin, weighing approximately 22.6 kg, two AK-47 rifles with two magazines and 21 live rounds, one SAIGA-MK rifle with two magazines and 21 live rounds, along with a mobile phone with two Pak SIM cards, a 15-foot plastic pipe having diameter of 4 inches (made in Pakistan) and Rs 210 in Pakistani currency were recovered from border outpost (BoP) Kakkar falling under the Lopoke police's jurisdiction. Acting on a tip-off, Amritsar (Rural) SSP Dhruv Dahiya led a team comprising DSP (detective) Gurinderpal Singh Nagra and ASP Majitha, Abhimanyu Rana, which coordinated with the BSF to carry out the operation successfully.

Indian smugglers who were supposed to receive the consignment have been identified to be linked with Jagdish Bhura and Jaspal Singh of Gatti Rajjo village in Gurdaspur. The two have been in touch with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The SSP said the links of Pakistani smuggler on this side were being investigated to ascertain details.

"Bhura, who is in Belgium, has been involved in terror activities, while Jaspal has been involved with



The consignment of drugs and ammunition seized in Amritsar.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION TO BUST NETWORK

• A follow-up action is being taken to unearth the entire network of border couriers and associates of Jagdish Bhura. Our aim is to arrest the accused that would lead us to further vital disclosures. Dinkar Gupta, DGP

Pakistani smugglers in pushing weapons into India. A case under the NDPS Act was registered against him at the Ferozepur police station in July, 2020," he said.

A case under Sections 21, 23, 27A, 29, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act, 25, 27, 54 and 59 of the Arms Act, 14 of Foreigners Act, and Sections 3, 34 and 20 of the Indian Passport Act has been registered at the Lopoke police station.

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Smuggler held with 31 kg drugs in Ferozepur

FEROZEPUR, APRIL 7

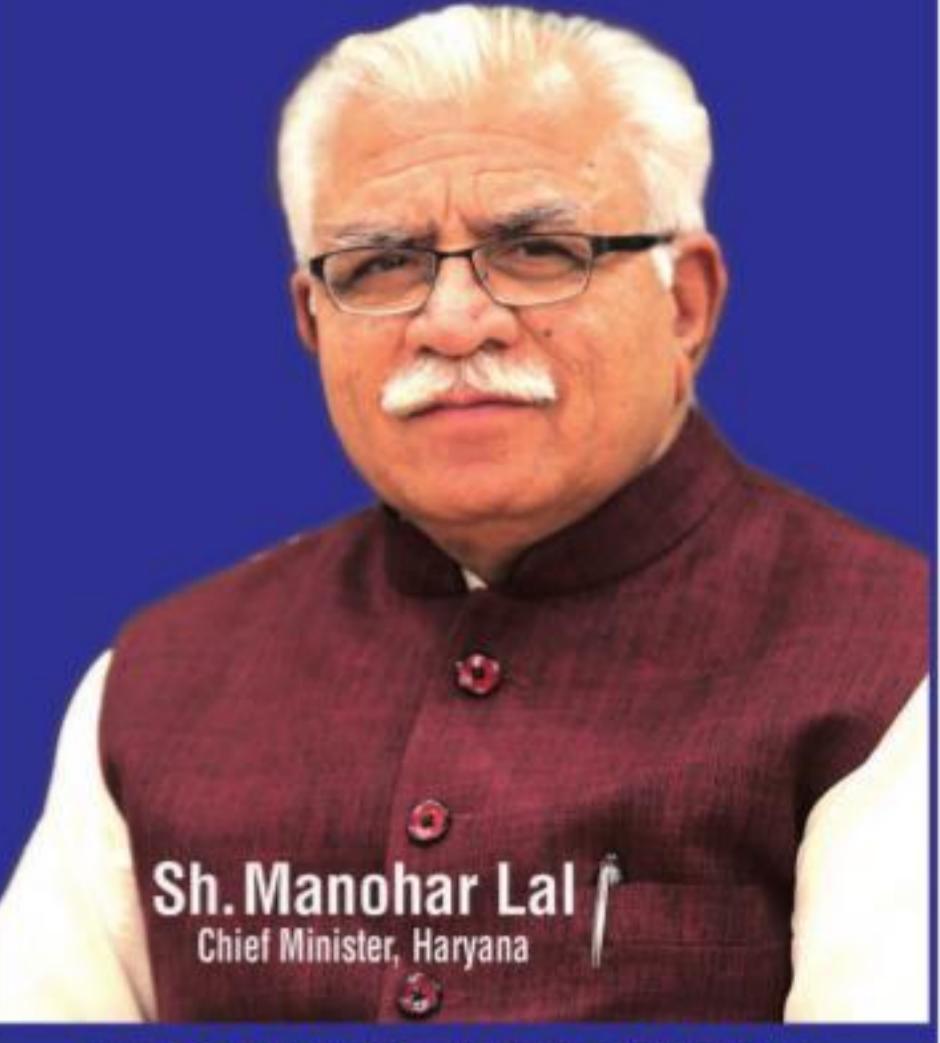
The BSF today recovered 31-kg heroin worth Rs 156 crore and nabbed a Pakistani smuggler, whose identity was not disclosed, in two separate incidents of drug seizure in this sector along the India-Pakistan border.

In the first incident, sleuths of the BSF's 14 battalion nabbed a Pakistani smuggler and recovered 30 packets of heroin, weighing 29.870 kg and worth Rs 150 crore in the international market, near border outpost MW Uthar in the Khemkaran area.

In another seizure, BSF troops belonging to 136 battalion recovered 1.16-kg heroin worth Rs 6 crore. DIG, BSF, Surinder Mehta said on observing suspicious movement along the fence, BSF troops challenged the smugglers, who managed to escape. Later, during the search operation, the consignment was recovered. — OC



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I, No. 2686727W, Ex. Hav. Dalinder Singh r/o Village Kharoh, PO Sadhot, Teh. Sarkaugh, Distt. Mandi (HP), declared that in my service record my son name is wrongly entered as Aditya Bhardwaj instead of Aditya Thakur. May be corrected. (CL21002509)

I, Davinder Singh Thakur s/o Bahadur Singh r/o Adarsi Nagar, Distt. Una (HP), declare that this is my passport No. M8432624 wrongly entered my name as Davinder Singh instead of Davinder Singh Thakur. (CL21002578)

I, Amandeep Kaur Grewal W/o Manmohan Singh Grewal R/o House no. 1636 Phase-5, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed the name of my minor son from Rajvir Singh to Paramvir Singh Grewal. (CL21002586)

We, Raj Narain s/o Late Sh. Darshan Lal and Mrs. Manjit Kumari w/o Sh. Raj Narain r/o House No. 714, Section 38-A, Chandigarh, declare that our elder daughter Miss Tannu is out of our control. We disown her from our moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody dealing in any matter with her at her and by others will be their own risk. (CL21002591)

I, Suman Khatri w/o Yagik Arora d/o Late Manmohan Krishan r/o Flat No. 85/2, Darpan City, Kharar. Payal w/o Jaspal Singh r/o HL 146, Phase 2, Mohali is my real sister. We are not on talking terms since 4 years. I declare that me & my family has no concern with them either financial or familiar. If anybody dealing with them he/ she will do at their own risk. (CL21002649)

COURT NOTICE

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Lalit Kumar Singla, District Judge (FC), Barnala.

Manpreet Kaur Mann Versus Harbhajan Singh Mann CNR No. PB001-000990-2020

Next Date: 10.05.2021 Publication issued to: Harbhajan Singh Mann, Father: Jagroop Singh @ Pillu Vill. Thamangarh, Teh, Talwandi Sabo, Distt. Bathinda now residing at C/O Daya Singh Kalsi, PO Box 497, Eldore, Kenya.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 10.05.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 24.03.2021. Sd/- Civil Judge Junior Division-6, CL20113642 Patiala.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana.

Davinder Singh Versus Kamaljeet Kaur CNR No.: PB001-017239-2018

Next Date: 13.05.2021 Publication issued to: Kamaljeet Kaur Father: Late Sh. Ranjit Singh r/o VPO Khera, Teh. Dehlon, Distt. Ludhiana.

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Dated, this day of 15.03.2021. Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana.

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I, Nisha Thakur w/o Davinder Singh r/o Ardash Nagar, Amb, Distt. Una (HP), declare that my husband's name in my Passport No. M3274093 wrongly entered as Davinder Singh but his correct name is Davinder Singh Thakur. (CL21002588)

Pari Singh daughter of Pramod Kumar Singh residing at Village Keshav Pur Sultanpur, Post Makhemphur, Distt. Mau Uttar Pradesh- 275307 shall henceforth be known as Aadhyaa Singh. (CL21002705)

Prashant Singh son of Pramod Kumar Singh residing at Village Keshav Pur Sultanpur, Post Makhemphur, Distt. Mau Uttar Pradesh- 275307 shall henceforth be known as Aaditya Pratap Singh. (CL21002724)

I, Reshma Devi w/o Joginder Singh r/o H.No. 345, Sector 4, 2 U.E. Kalan, inform that sale deed of above mentioned property in the name of Rekha Kalyan and Suresh Kalyan vide Regd. Number 3794/1 Dated 5.8.2010 has been lost. (CL21002724)

I, Army No. 25664409M Hav (DR) Md Abdus Salam SK of HQ Coy Unit 57WFU c/o 56 APO declare that my wife name recorded wrongly in my service record as Anjumawar Begum. Whereas the correct name is Anjumonara Begum. (CL21002742)

Ar. Army No. 25664409M Hav (DR) Md Abdus Salam SK of HQ Coy Unit 57WFU c/o 56 APO declare that my wife name recorded wrongly in my service record as Anjumawar Begum. Whereas the correct name is Anjumonara Begum. (CL21002742)

COURT NOTICES

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Rakesh Kumar Sharma Addl. Principal Judge

Family Court,

Ludhiana.

Prabhjot Kaur

Vs.

Amarjit Singh @ Ambu

CNR No.

PBLD01-023699-2019

Next Date: 17.05.2021

Publication issued to:

Amarjit Singh @ Ambu

Father: Ravinder Singh

Village Gandran, Tehsil

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In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 17.05.2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 22.03.2021.

Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge

Family Court,

CL20100771 Ludhiana.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of

Ms. Jubilee,

Civil Judge

Junior Division-6,

Patiala.

Mrs. Upinder Ghuman

Versus

Sh. Sangram Singh

CNR No.

PBPT02-000575-2020

Next Date: 19.05.2021

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Dated, this day of 16.03.2021.

Sd/- (Rahul Garg), ACJ,

Sr. Division SDJM, Khanna.

CNR No.:

PBLDA0-000593-2020

Next Date: 10.05.2021

Tension erupted today outside the office of Finance Minister Manpreet Badal, on the GT road, as BJP Mahila Morcha activists reached here to protest against the 'deteriorating law and order situation' in the state.

Farmers also reached the spot and started shouting slogans against the BJP and the Union Government.

The women activists held

bangles to the ministers in

protest against the attack on Abohar MLA in Malout,

and rise in cases of rape and

theft. We are trying to wake

up the government through

this protest."

Meanwhile, in Fatehgarh

Sahib, timely intervention

by the police averted a

clash between BJP leaders

and protesters in front of

MLA Kuljeet Singh Nagra's

office. In Abohar, the

police erected barricades

near the DAV College to

prevent the activists from

reaching the South

Avenue residence of PPCC

chief Sunil Jakhar. —TNS

protection to runaway couple violates rights

Farmers oppose Kanda, police use water cannons



The police use water cannons to disperse protesting farmers in Sirsa on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Tribune News Service

THE FLASHPOINT

- Farmers gathered near the MC office where the police had put up barricades
- They raised slogans against Sirsa MLA Gopal Kanda, president of the HLP
- He had voted against a no-trust motion brought against the government

brought against the Manohar Lal Khattar government in the Assembly by the main opposition Congress last month.

Farmer leaders had earlier said they would continue with their "peaceful social boycott" of leaders of the BJP and its allies.

Kanda had voted against a no-confidence motion

Sirs DSP Aryan Chaudhary said the protesters attempted to go past the barricades when the police tried to stop them.

The police managed to get the two leaders out of the MC office in their vehicles amid the protest.

Protesting farmers blocked BJP MP Nayab Singh Saini's car in Kurukshetra district's Shahabad yesterday, smashing its windscreen as he was about to leave a party worker's home, the police had said.

Meanwhile, during the MC meeting, HLP-backed Reena Sethi secured 17 out of 32 votes and was elected the chairperson. She defeated BJP's Suman Bamania, who polled 15 votes.

Cabbie robs G'gram man of ₹30,000

GURUGRAM, APRIL 7
A PowerGrid engineer was allegedly robbed of Rs 30,000 by a man who gave him lift.

The accused threatened the victim with a knife and got him to withdraw Rs 30,000 from his ATM.

A native of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh, Amit Kumar is living in Sector 46. The incident took place on Tuesday morning when he was heading to office.

Victim had asked for lift from accused

"It was outside gate No. 2 of Sector 46, I asked for lift from a cab driver, who agreed and soon after held me hostage at knifepoint. The car driver asked for money. When I refused, he snatched my wallet. He took me to an ATM kiosk and withdrew Rs 30,000 from my account and fled with one of his friends who came on a Scooty," Amit told the police.

Following the complaint, an FIR had been registered at the Sector 50 police station under relevant Sections of the IPC. — OC

4 held for damaging K'shetra MP's SUV

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WHY SECTION 307 ADDED TO FIR?

“Farmers neither pelted the SUV with stones nor caused injury to the MP. The police have been unable to justify Section 307 in the FIR. They have sought three days for the probe. Rakesh Bains, BKU LEADER

Around 4.30 pm, a five-member committee held a meeting with Shahabad DSP Atma Ram. After the meeting, the farmers lifted the dharna on the assurance that the police would recheck the facts of the case.

BKU (Charuni) spokesman Rakesh Bains said, "Farmers neither pelted the SUV with stones nor caused injury to the MP. The police have been unable to justify Section 307 in the FIR. They have sought three days for the investigation. If we are not satisfied with the police probe, a panchayat will be held on April 12."

The DSP said, "The police will recheck the facts."

3 held for planning to steal ₹16 cr from dormant account

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Initial probe revealed that the scammers accessed the email linked to the dormant account and managed to fraudulently update a new mobile number to receive the OTP. The fraudsters needed 48 more hours to transfer the funds but were apprehended.

fraudulently update a new mobile number to receive the OTP. The fraudsters needed 48 more hours to transfer the funds but were apprehended. A beneficiary account where they planned to transfer the funds has also been identified.

The accused have been identified as Jagbir and Kaptaan, both residents of Jind district, and Imran, a native of Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan. A case has been registered.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

NEW DELUXE BUILDING, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM TO RECRUITMENT NOTICE

RECRUITMENT OF VARIOUS POSTS IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CHANDIGARH

This corrigendum is being issued in reference to the Recruitment Notice bearing advertisement No. 1857 dated 26.3.2021 published in various newspapers i.e. The Tribune, Dainik Bhaskar, Hindustan Times, Punjab Kesari, Ajit (Punjabi) vide advertisement No. 1857 on dated 31.03.2021 for recruitment of various posts in Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh in the pay scales as mentioned against each category in col. 2. Now, in pursuance of instructions of Govt. of Punjab, Finance Department (Finance Personnel-1 Branch) vide letter No.7/42/2020-5FP/1/741-746 dated 17.07.2020 duly adopted by Chandigarh Administration vide No. 7000/1/2-F&PO(7)-2020/12240, dated 17.09.2020, the Pay Scales mentioned in the above said Recruitment Notice published on 31.3.2021 in col. no. 2 is amended to the following extent as mentioned in col. 3 below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post and pay scale	Revised pay scales
1.	Station Fire Officer Rs. 10300-34800 + 4200 GP	The Chandigarh Administration has decided that pay scale admissible to all recruitment / appointments-(Direct Recruitment/ Compassionate appointment) in any cadre of any Administrative Department under the Chandigarh Administration shall not be higher than the pay scale admissible to the said cadre in Government of India as notified as per recommendations of the 7th Central pay commission. As such the pay scale under Punjab Govt. or 7th Central pay commission will be granted to the new recruitee whichever is lower on the same analogy the MCC has decided to grant pay scale as per 5th Punjab pay commission applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2006 or as per the 7th Central pay commission whichever is lower at the time of issuance of appointment letter.
2.	Fireman Rs. 5910-20200 + 2400 GP	
3.	Driver Rs. 5910-20200 + 2400 GP	
4.	SDE (Civil) Rs. 15600-39100 + 5400 GP	
5.	SDE (Hort) Rs. 15600-39100 + 5400 GP	
6.	Accountant Rs. 10300-34800 + 4400 GP	
7.	Sub Inspector (Enf.) Rs. 10300-34800 + 4400 GP	
8.	Jr. Engineer (Civil) Rs. 10300-34800 + 4800 GP	
9.	Jr. Engineer (Horticulture) Rs. 10300-34800 + 4800 GP	
10.	Jr. Engineer (Public Health) Rs. 10300-34800 + 4800 GP	
11.	Jr. Engineer (Electrical) Rs. 10300-34800 + 4800 GP	
12.	Draftsman Rs. 10300-34800 + 3800 GP	
13.	Clerk Rs. 10300-34800 + 3200 GP	Minimum pay admissible - Rs. 1990/- (level 2) under the 7th Central pay commission. (Chandigarh Administration vide Notification No.34/129-IH(11)-2021/237 dated 06.01.2021)
14.	Steno-typist Rs. 10300-34800 + 3200 GP	Minimum pay admissible - Rs. 2170/- (level 3) under the 7th Central pay commission. (Chandigarh Administration vide Notification No.34/129-IH(11)-2021/237 dated 06.01.2021)
15.	Data Entry Operator Rs. 10300-34800 + 3200 GP	The Chandigarh Administration has decided that pay scale admissible to all recruitment / appointments-(Direct Recruitment/ Compassionate appointment) in any cadre of any Administrative Department under the Chandigarh Administration shall not be higher than the pay scale admissible to the said cadre in Government of India as notified as per recommendations of the 7th Central pay commission. As such the pay scale under Punjab Govt. or 7th Central pay commission will be granted to the new recruitee whichever is lower on the same analogy the MCC has decided to grant pay scale as per 5th Punjab pay commission applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2006 or as per the 7th Central pay commission whichever is lower at the time of issuance of appointment letter.
16.	Patwari Rs. 10300-34800 + 3200 GP	
17.	Horticulture Supervisor Rs. 5910-20200 + 2400 GP	
18.	Jr. Draftsman Rs. 10300-34800 + 3200 GP	
19.	Computer Programmer Rs. 10300-34800 + 4200 GP	
20.	Law Officer Rs. 10300-34800 + 4200 GP	

Note: (i) All other information as mentioned in the above said Recruitment notice dated 31.3.2021 shall remain same.

(ii) For further information/corrections, if any, regarding pay-scales or any change in Recruitment of above mentioned posts etc. will be intimated on the Website of this Corporation.

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DBT ensures transparency

System in farmers' interest, won't make arthiyas redundant

THE Centre and the Punjab Government are at loggerheads over implementing the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for making payments directly to the farmers for their produce. The state fears that the switchover would herald the end of its time-tested arthiyas system and impact its agriculture-based economy. For decades, arthiyas or commission agents have been helping farmers at every stage, right from the crop's arrival in the mandi to its purchase by government or private agencies. These middlemen have also been lending money to them for buying inputs, albeit at stiff interest rates. Punjab has around 47,000 registered arthiyas who make about Rs 1,500 crore annually as commission for their services, including passing on the payments to the farmers. Punjab is insisting on doing it the roundabout way.

The DBT system was launched by the Congress-led UPA in 2013 with the aim of ensuring accurate targeting of beneficiaries of welfare schemes, besides minimising duplication and curbing fraud. The NDA not only retained it but also expanded its ambit to initiate direct payment of the minimum support price (MSP) to farmers. The ultimate reform objective — transparency and accountability in the procurement process — has to be lauded.

Punjab and Haryana, which spearheaded the Green Revolution, have a robust and reliable procurement system that benefits farmers as well as arthiyas. Such a framework is not in place in states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where farmers are constrained to sell their harvest well below the MSP. These disparities embolden unscrupulous elements to make a killing by smuggling the crop from one state and selling it in another. Their estimated profit is a staggering Rs 700 crore for every 10 lakh tonnes of the crop sold. The DBT, if implemented in letter and spirit, can plug such loopholes and weed out fake beneficiaries. Considering the wide range of services provided by the arthiyas, they are in no danger of becoming redundant even if the growers get direct payment. Political and electoral considerations should not be allowed to derail a reform measure that seeks to protect farmers and bring in greater transparency in procurement.

Curfew no solution

Ramp up vax drive and follow Covid-apt norms

FROM less than 9,000 Covid-19 patients recorded in a day in early February to an all-time high of over 1.15 lakh new infections on Wednesday, the upward spiral of the coronavirus has been unabated in India. And, worryingly, its onward march in this second surge is unrelenting and more ravaging. The state authorities and the public face the challenge of not only keeping the disease at bay but also battling the increase in the positivity and mortality rates in many parts, glaringly so in Maharashtra, Punjab and Chandigarh.

But what do state governments do as part of 'stricter' measures to check the sudden and steep spike in cases? In a copycat manner, one after the other, Maharashtra, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Odisha, Rajasthan, Gujarat, have in the past few days been imposing night curfew or partial lockdowns and other mobility and travel restrictions. While it does give the impression of 'action taken', there is little evidence of such steps preventing the insidious coronavirus from halting its strike. But what it definitely does lead to is utter confusion as the Covid-weary public struggles to keep track of the who, where and when of the movement of goods, services and categories of people. That the curbs necessitate a dense list of dos and don'ts — marked by many exceptions and exemptions and a review of the evolving scenario — makes a further mockery of the exercise. Add to that the economic cost that a lockdown entails, the disaster just worsens.

Instead, the authorities would do well to concentrate their energies on tackling the virus with a potent tool: the vaccine. The inoculation drive must be ramped up to cover more people in a shorter time. More mobile camps must be taken to clusters of people like workplaces, marketplaces and community centres. Double it up with motivation drives to help overcome hesitancy for the immunity-boosting shots as also decrease vax wastage even as there is no relaxation in the test-trace-treat regime. At the same time, it is incumbent upon the people to avoid crowds and not be complacent about the mask-hygiene-distancing routine.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who buys what he does not need steals from himself. — Swedish proverb

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1921

AN ATTACK UPON THE MODERATES.

WE cannot help thinking that the attack made by Lala Lajpat Rai on the Moderates in a recent speech at Bombay was a one-sided attack, good enough for an ordinary nationalist or non-co-operator, but not for one holding the eminent position that Lala Lajpat Rai does in Indian politics, far less for the President of the Special Congress at Calcutta. Much that the speaker said we can grant; some of it we have ourselves said. It is true that while till the other day, there were three parties in the land, the bureaucracy, Moderates and the advanced wing of the Nationalist Party, to-day a portion of the second have virtually merged their existence in the first. That they would do so had been foreseen by some, at the very time when the Moderates first seceded from the Congress. The worst thing about such secession was that it would place the seceders more in a position in which some of them at any rate would be unable to resist the temptation of identifying themselves with our common opponents. To-day not only the Moderate ministers in certain provinces, but an appreciable proportion of the Moderate rank and file, have virtually made common cause with the bureaucracy as regards the latter's campaign against the non-co-operators. Within certain limits, the thing is intelligible. Both the Moderates and the bureaucracy are opposed to non-co-operation and are convinced of the necessity of countering it, and it is not unnatural that there should be something in common between their respective activities in this direction. When there is propagandism, for instance, it is inevitable that the Moderates should repeat some of the things said by the bureaucracy and vice versa. But those Moderates who support, or even fail to oppose, a policy of repression go beyond all reasonable limits and lay themselves open to the severest condemnation.

Save the small savers

Govt volte-face highlights the vulnerability and implicit power of the middle class



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SENIOR ECONOMIC ANALYST

A N old acquaintance from the management side of the newspaper house, in which I once was 'business editor', was on the line not so long ago. He was bemoaning that interest rates on small savings had been cut again. The return on the deposit in his PPF account, in which most of his life's savings had been placed, would be hit. This interest income was his pension as his lifelong private sector employment did not fetch him a pension which government service would have. I could do little more than sympathise. These past few days, I have been expecting a call from him again, bemused by the interest rates being cut yet again, and then restored in less than a day.

The gentleman's plight and the volte-face on the part of the government highlight the vulnerability and implicit power of the middle class. It does not have the numbers compared to those below it in the economic hierarchy, but makes up in terms of being able to set the public mood. Nothing turns the mood more sour than the sight of a pensioner's income being threatened even as prices have started to go up again.

Small savings schemes — grouped under post office deposits, savings certificates and social security schemes, like PPF and senior citizens savings schemes — are an important source of household savings. The money collected under the entire gamut of small savings schemes is used by the Central and state governments to finance their fiscal deficits. The balance left over is invested in government securities.

The decision on the part of the government's economic administrators to advise and implement the rate cuts in the first place cannot be faulted.

If small savings rates remain out of line, then money will flow out of banks into small savings. This will prevent banks from giving higher accommodation to commercial borrowers so that they can bump up business levels and overall economic activity. This, in turn, will stymie the nascent recovery that is taking place in the economy which will prevent a rise in the government's revenue earnings and put paid to efforts to bring down the fiscal deficit, which is



NO-GO: Interest rates on small savings schemes, an important source of household savings, should be left intact. TRIBUNE PHOTO

There is good economic logic and political compulsion behind not tampering with interest rates.

The fiscal deficit, the primary benchmark of the stability of the government's finances, must be brought under control after it had gone haywire in the preceding year of lockdown and economic slowdown. A good way to do this would be to reduce expenditure by bringing down interest outgo on government borrowings, and this is best done by lowering the rate of interest at which the government borrows.

In the hierarchy of interest rates — right from what is paid by the government on its long dated bonds to what banks pay their depositors — small savings interest rates (a form of government borrowing from you and me) cannot be the odd man out. If interest rates for the most part are going down, then those on small savings must follow suit.

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where we began in the first place.

A government is asking for trouble if it tries to lower small savings rates even as a vigorous election campaign is entering its final phase. This is particularly so when inflation seems to be on the way up again. The February figures, the latest available, show an uptick for both consumer prices and food inflation. When they fell during the previous few months, the expectation was that the high inflation rates through 2020 were now behind us.

So the dilemma is that to keep bank interest rates low to aid credit expansion and economic recovery, it is necessary to bring down the entire interest rate regime of which small savings interest rates are a part. But lowering small savings interest rates during election time is to antagonise the middle class, of which pensioners are a part.

Is there a way out? Yes. What the government must learn to do is not to miss the wood for the trees. The fiscal deficit number is important, but more important is the need for overall economic recovery. Once that begins to take place, aided by growing bank credit facilitated by moderate bank lending rates, the growing volume of economic activity will increase the government's tax revenue collection, and there-

is a disincentive to pre-encash bank fixed deposits as that attracts an interest penalty.

Over and above all this, there is a welfare argument in favour of ensuring that the superannuated are able to look after themselves by ensuring that their post-retirement incomes are not impeded in any way. Just as basic healthcare and up to secondary level education need to be adopted as social security goals — that is, the state should foot the bill and to the needy citizen they should be free — a post-retirement cash flow, or a pension by whatever name, should also be provided by the state to the not so well-off.

The bottom line is — don't tamper with the middle class's superannuation-related savings, whatever a narrow reading of economic theory might suggest.

(Interest declared: I am a superannuated private sector employee!)

In 5 minutes, found true calling

SUNITA MONGA

IT will not be in any manner a mismatch to compare education with the craft of sculpture and a teacher with a sculptor. The analogy is befittingly apt in a sense that your education formally and formidably shapes you and a devout and zealous teacher chisels you on the very anvil of his experience.

Both a competent teacher and a skilful sculptor are well-versed with their job and leave no figurative and literal stone unturned to carve the best artistic piece out of

their subject matter. A few years back, while addressing a congregation of savants at a seminar, I was reminded of one of my teacher's contribution in sculpting my career.

It was my first day in the class of MA English. As the teacher had not arrived yet, there was an unbearable commotion replete with excitement in all the corners. Discordant voices with their high octaves were audible even in the corridor attached to our classroom.

Least acquainted with any student in the class, I was self-absorbed, waiting with bated breath for the arrival of the teacher as he was the

one who could restore order to this anarchic state of affairs.

In a few minutes entered Dr Oberoi (with whose moniker I was not familiar at that time) with a justified indignation writ large on his face. His august presence was enough to bring much-needed silence, which was now music to my ears that lingered momentarily in the air. Then we heard the teacher's voice, which sounded grim and gruff.

Annoyed over the mayhem, he said, 'It is quite easy to blabber all this loud sitting on your desks. I would wish to see any one of you

come here on the podium and deliver a barely brief talk of five minutes in English.'

When he again brandished the challenge at us in his vigorous and vehement manner I raised my hand and elegantly tiptoed towards the dais to salvage the situation. Not having any previous experience of public speaking, I was jittery, but the next five minutes changed my life entirely. I gained my poise and confidence in no small measure.

Today, I am able to teach public speaking with aplomb, all thanks to that rumpus and the five flowing minutes that followed it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ok to have middlemen

Refer to 'Middleman, again', we seem to be oversensitive to the presence of middlemen in defence deals. Are there no middlemen in other sectors? In the sale or purchase of property, there are property dealers. Manufacturers of consumer items or electric appliances pay commission for the promotion of their sales. We have insurance agents that serve as the link between insurance companies and clients. Farm produce is sold through arthiyas or commission agents. Even during match-making, we take the help of a 'vichola', who is generally a relative or a friend. In the Rafale deal worth Rs 59,000 crore for 36 fighter jets, commission worth Rs 8 crore was reportedly paid, which is peanuts as compared to the total amount of the deal. It works out to barely Rs 22 lakh per aircraft against the cost of Rs 16,000 crore for each plane. What is the fuss about? Let us accept the phenomenon of middlemen as a normal feature, as prevalent elsewhere.

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Same old story

Apropos of 'Middleman, again', public reality tells a different story. Opposition parties like the Congress are beating the drums about how they made the right noises when the deal was struck. The gov-

ernment reaction came in the form of a statement by Cabinet minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, dismissing it all as 'baseless'. The irony lies in the surfacing of the very name of one who is on bail for money laundering in the case of Agusta choppers. Now, the taxpayer's money shall grease the wheels of this controversy ad nauseam!

LALIT MOHAN SHARMA, DHARAMSALA

Reopening of schools

Private schools are being opened for the new academic session in Ambala district, as per earlier instructions of the Haryana Government. Covid cases are peaking again, and the size of the classrooms is small. Sitting arrangements are not adequate, as two students sit on a single bench, and social distancing is not possible. Masks are being used and hand sanitisation is being done, but it's not enough. Fresh guidelines need to be issued for the schools in Haryana. Online classes option must be given to students with weak immunity. The other possibility may be even-odd roll number on alternate days.

RAVNEET SINGH, AMBALA

Kerala voter turnout

Kerala, with 96.2 per cent literacy (highest in the country), recorded only

73.58 per cent polling. What does that imply? That the educated lot is fed up with all political parties and they no longer believe in voting? Such low voting could have been expected from a state like Bihar, where the literacy rate is lower. It is surprisingly the same state in which Wayanad constituency falls, from where Rahul Gandhi won the Lok Sabha elections. After being defeated by Smriti Irani from Amethi, it was asserted by some Congress leaders that the voters of Wayanad were more literate.

RASHPINDER SINGH, BY MAIL

Court working days

Apropos of 'Justice NV Ramana appointed next CJF', the huge propensity of cases is routinely highlighted. However, the truth is that high courts and the SC officially work for about 190 days a year. Now, deduct strikes, stoppage of work, Bharat bandh, etc. It seems Indian courts do not work for over five months. The system of long vacations for courts — a British-era practice — continues. As per the calendar, the number of non-sitting days, including Saturday and Sunday, come to 176 days for the apex court. It translates into an average sitting of 16 days per month. When there are nearly 60,000 cases pending in the SC, it has five vacations in its annual calendar, including a summer break

of 45 days, one-week Holi vacation, and winter break of 15 days. It also closes for 10 days for Dussehra and Diwali. The government should increase the court working days as well as the posts of judges to help revive the justice delivery mechanism.

RAMIT BAGGA, PANCHKULA

Politics triumphs at PU

Apropos of 'PU okays Senate election schedule', all hopes of Panjab University, Chandigarh, to reincarnate itself as a Central university to cure its perennial ills are dashed to the ground for good; governance reforms envisaged in the National Education Policy-2020 notwithstanding. The moral of the story: Politics triumphed over academics. Posterity will bear consequences.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

Vaccination doubts

The government is saying that people are reluctant to get vaccinated against Covid. But some real issues like, whether people with some drug allergy should get vaccinated or not, are not being addressed by hospitals or vaccination centres. I contacted Cowin helpline on this issue, but got vague replies. So, though being eager to get vaccinated, people like me are in a fix.

IPS ANAND, GURUGRAM

Why no govt wants OBC count in Census



YOGENDRA YADAV

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, SWARAJ INDIA

WHAT Does the Ruling Class Do When It Rules? This was the title of a classic book on Marxist theory by Swedish political scientist Göran Therborn. If the title was not enough, the book also carried an equally wordy subtitle: 'State Apparatuses and State Power Under Feudalism, Capitalism and Socialism'. I could never read the entire book, but the mouthful of a title stayed with me.

Someone should write an Indian sequel: What Does the Ruling Caste Do When It Rules? State Apparatuses and State Power under Brahminism in a Constitutional Democracy. The book could be a study of the myriad ways in which the caste order continues to rule India, using all forms of formal and informal State power. The story of how various governments of different political hues conspired to not count Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the Census must find a place in this book.

Last week, the National Commission for Backward Classes appealed to the Modi government to count the OBCs in the 2021 Census. To be more precise, it advised the government to file an affidavit supporting the counting of OBCs in a case coming up before the Supreme Court. In all likelihood, this intervention is too little, too late. The government has already gone back on its promise to enu-

merate the OBCs and is unlikely to retract. We may already have missed the bus, once again, for 10 more years.

Counting OBCs in the Census is a simple idea. Our decennial Census, like such an exercise all over the world, is not merely a headcount. It puts all persons and households in various categories. It records the age, sex, education and occupation of each individual. It also records the language, religion, house type and major assets of each household. As for caste, it uses three categories: SCs, STs, and General. If a household falls under SC or ST, then the enumerator also records the exact caste from the official list or the schedule.

The long-standing demand for OBC count is simply this: besides SC and ST, there should also be a column for the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes or the SEBC (the official nomenclature for OBCs) in the Census enumeration form.

As in the case of SC and ST enumeration, once someone falls in the SEBC category, their exact caste will be recorded. Mind you, this task is different from the demand for a full-fledged caste census that entails a complicated exercise of categorising all castes, for which we do not yet have an official compendium. So, the OBC count is a limited and simple exercise because there already exists an all-India list of OBCs that qualify for quota under the Central government.

The rationale is equally simple. A modern State cannot but count every category of citizens that it recognises for purposes of any social policy. The US, like most multi-racial societies, enumerates race in its Census. Britain does it for immigrants by their origin. There could be arguments for and against OBC count before the introduction of nation-wide OBC reservations in 1990. You may like it or dislike it,



We don't know the population size of the largest social category of our citizens. The Mandal Commission put it at 52%. Other claims vary from 36% to 65%. Census enumeration would yield information that can help evolve social policies to bring down avoidable street fights over which caste should or should not get reservation.

DIE IS CASTE: The caste structure fears enumeration might unmask the nature of its privileges. PTI

but to not count the category for which you have such major affirmative action programmes is plain ridiculous.

Just look at the consequences of this information vacuum. We don't know the population size of the largest social category of our citizens. The Mandal Commission used some guesstimate to arrive at the mythical figure of 52 per cent. Other claims and counter-claims of the OBC population vary from 36 per cent to 65 per cent! Besides resolving the needless mystery about the size of the OBC population, Census enumeration would yield a wealth of demographic information (sex ratio, mortality rate, life expectancy), educational data (male and female literacy, ratio of school-going population, number of graduates) and policy relevant information about economic conditions (house type, assets, occupation) of the OBCs.

All this information would be available not just for the OBCs as a whole, but also for each caste that falls within the OBC category, for every state and dis-

trict, and so on. This information can go a long way in evolving and fine-tuning evidence-based social policies. This could also bring down avoidable street fights over which caste should or should not get reservation.

Over the last three decades, successive governments have come up with ploys and pleas to defy this straightforward reasoning. Intellectuals have spread paranoia about the rise of casteism as if closing our eyes to caste will wish it away. The bureaucracy has used the alibi of 'operational difficulties', without specifying how counting OBCs is more difficult than counting SCs or STs. The latest gem of bureaucratic nonsense is the reason offered by the government: OBC count will "adversely affect the integrity of the Census exercise". Whatever that means!

By the time OBC reservations were introduced, it was too late for the 1991 Census. A decade later, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government simply

nixed this idea for the 2001 Census despite a clear request from the Registrar General and Census Commissioner. The UPA government, too, dodged the issue till it was caught in an unprecedented storm in the Lok Sabha in 2010. The government was forced to concede the unanimous demand for a 'caste census'. Yet the caste order managed to subvert this decision by shifting caste enumeration outside the main Census operations. Smart bureaucrats came up with the idea of a Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), only to report that the caste data gathered from that huge exercise could not be classified and used. Three decades gone and no data yet!

The Modi government resorted to a U-turn. In 2018, then Home Minister Rajnath Singh declared that the country would have its first-ever OBC count. The decision changed, without any debate or public reasoning after the 2019 election. It is only when the draft schedules for Census 2021 were

released that we learnt about the missing OBC column. Since then, many stakeholders have made fervent appeals for reversing this decision. The National Commission for Backward Classes, now a constitutional body, has recommended it. So have the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Welfare of the OBCs and the Ministry of Social Justice. The government of Rajasthan and state assemblies in Bihar, Odisha and Maharashtra have endorsed this demand. Clearly, not enough to shake the order of things.

Why is the caste order so determined to foil OBC enumeration? Not just because such a count may reveal the very large numbers of OBCs. That is more or less known, if not precisely. Nor because it might expose the plight of OBC communities, many of whom are worse off than the top layer of the SC communities.

Arguably, the deepest anxiety of the caste order is that such an enumeration might unmask the nature of caste privileges. Once you count SCs, STs and OBCs, you automatically get information on the residual category, the upper caste. Since the Census also collects information on religion, it should not be difficult to generate fine-grained data about the social, educational and economic privileges of the upper-caste Hindus. This category counts for less than 20 per cent of our population, but occupies broadly 80 per cent of all positions of power and privilege. It hides under the umbrella category of General. It has good reasons to fear the naming and counting of its privileges. After all, the ultimate caste privilege is to remain "caste-less" — to make its own caste privileges invisible. This is what the ruling caste does when it rules.

Views are personal

Pak's puzzling U-turn on trade policy with India



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The bottom line seems to be that the Pakistan army is prodding the government to forget about the Kashmir issue for the moment, to deal with a crisis which is making it difficult for the army to keep itself afloat in unremitting operations along the Line of Control, not to mention the continuous counter-terrorism operations in the tribal areas.

INDIA-PAKISTAN relations resemble nothing more than a game of snakes and ladders, with more snakes than ladders. That tendency was worsened recently by the Imran Khan government taking yet another U-turn on its policies, this time on reopening trade with India, making everyone wonder whether it was even worth trying to get the relations with this troublesome and erratic neighbour on an even keel.

First, the clearance for importing sugar and cotton from India was done by Pakistan's Economic Coordination Committee headed by Finance Minister Hammad Azhar, who had attended this meeting on his very first day in office. Till then, it was Prime Minister Imran Khan who was holding charge of the Finance Ministry, after the unceremonious exit of his predecessor Hafeez Sheikh after less than two years in office on March 30. But he was luckier. Another Finance Minister — Asad Umar — lost his job in just eight months. Now, there are rumours that another of Imran Khan's affiliates, Shaukat Tarin, may be considered for the job or to head the Economic Advisory Board. In short, it's complete chaos.

Whatever the context, the meeting itself seems to have made clear the reason for this decision. Sugar is clearly cheaper in India; and as for textiles, it's no secret that while production has seen some recovery after the government offered several sops, it's far from being in even recovery mode. Apart from a poor cotton harvest driving up prices to a 10-



TIGHTROPE WALK: Imran Khan is secure till he retains the backing of the military.

year high, industry leaders also observe that the quality of Pakistani cotton is poor, leading to a demand for imported cotton.

Meanwhile, an interesting fact. Pakistan's order books could benefit due to the strained US-China relations, particularly after the ban on cotton from Xinjiang on grounds of forced labour. There's money to be made. So, it's no wonder that textile exporters are upset at the sudden reversal of the government policy. People on the ground are likely to be upset too. After all, it employs about 40 per cent of the workforce, employing relatively unskilled labour as well. It also comprises 60 per cent of the total exports. This deal with India matters to the Pakistani people.

Then came the complete turnaround — so complete as to risk upsetting the applecart altogether. The Cabinet report-

edly decided that the decision had been 'deferred' until a complete reinstatement of Article 370 in Kashmir.

True, decisions by any ministry have to be endorsed by the Cabinet, and some of them do get rejected. But as Pakistan's daily Dawn commented, the reversal "is a bizarre development — one that falls squarely under the unfortunate category of the left hand not knowing what the right is doing."

Obviously, even if the minister was new to the job, the ministry itself doesn't work on its own, especially on such a sensitive subject as trade with India.

Someone okayed the discussion on the proposal, and someone else or the same person got cold feet. It now appears that the item was not even on the agenda of the cabinet. It was 'raised' at a meeting on Gilgit-Baltistan, and Imran Khan promptly opposed it and called for a

review. This kind of policymaking falls squarely in the category of "cutting off your nose to spite your face."

Meanwhile, opposition to the idea was expected from the usual quarters. Sections of the Urdu media declared that Pakistan would rather die of starvation than give in on Kashmir. Television anchors debated the 'wisdom' of the move, but the overall reaction was speculative rather than negative. Post the turnaround on trade, the general tone has been critical of the government and Imran Khan, in particular, in terms of the recent events. In Kashmir, entirely expectedly, the All-Party Hurriyat Conference and the Jammu and Kashmir Democratic Political Movement issued separate statements welcoming Khan's refusal on trade.

Finally, there's one important input. According to veteran journalist Najam Sethi, the Chief of Army Staff, General Bajwa, recently summoned six Cabinet ministers to give them a talking-to on the abysmal performance of the government, particularly on the economic front. It appears that the sacking of Finance Minister Hafeez Shaikh occurred shortly thereafter. The COAS is also credited with the sudden invitation from Saudi Arabia to visit Riyadh, thus possibly ending a chill that led to the stoppage of the badly needed economic aid from that quarter.

The bottom line seems to be that the Pakistani army is prodding the government to forget about the Kashmir issue for the moment, to deal with a crisis which is making it difficult for the army to keep itself afloat in unremitting operations along the Line of Control, not to

mention the continuous counter-terrorism operations in the tribal areas.

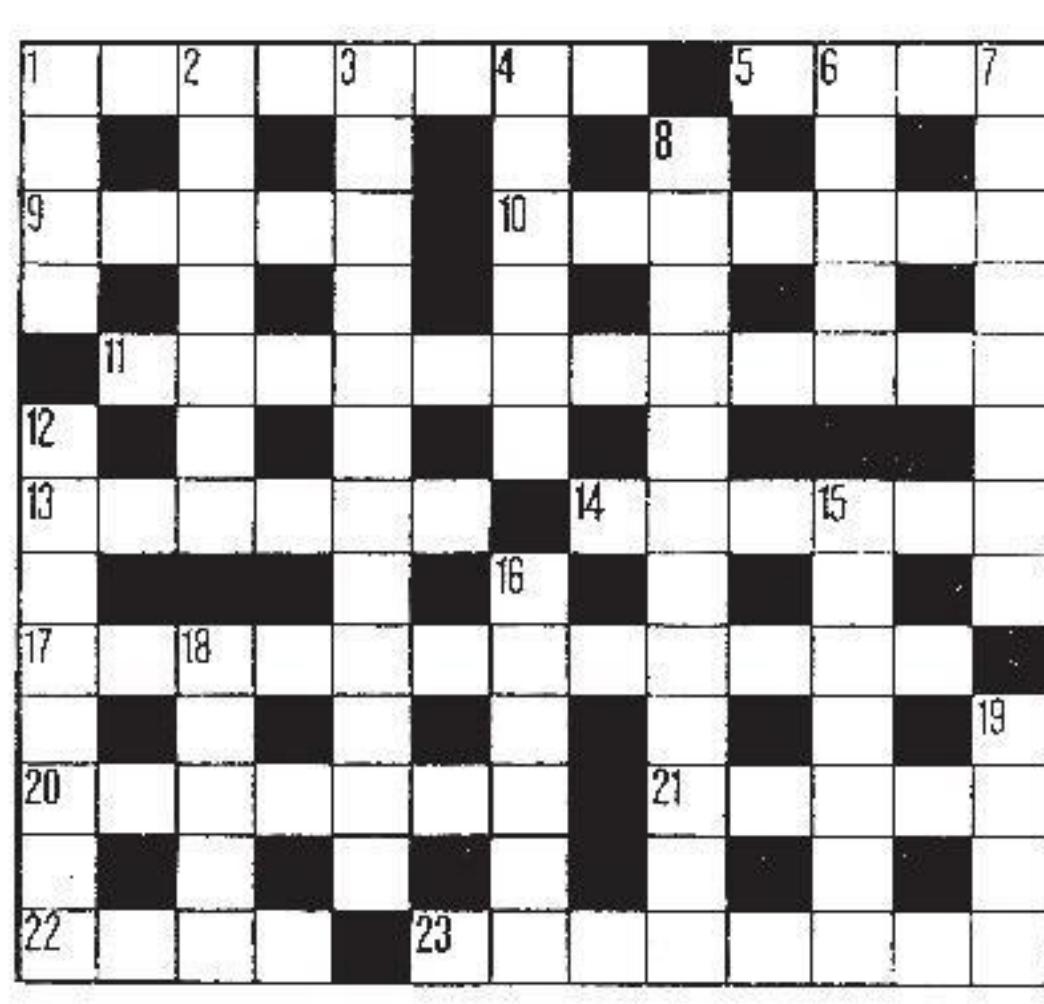
The World Bank report released recently paints a grim picture of the economy, predicting that growth would slow down further, and that the debt-to-GDP ratio, already at 87.2 per cent, would worsen to 94 per cent. The writing is on the wall. The Army Chief and the Chinese, not to mention the US and Pakistan's international lenders, see it. The Prime Minister and his warring ministers don't.

The U-turn, perhaps, may be explained by the party's recent political embarrassments, including the election of former Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani to the Islamabad Senate general seat, which, in turn, led to Khan seeking a vote of confidence from the House.

While it may be Dutch comfort to point out that the Opposition — the Pakistan Democratic Movement — is embarrassing itself to an almost equal extent, the truth is that Khan remains secure as long as he retains the backing of the military establishment. Now it seems that he's in danger of losing that as well. Experts talk of his 'voodoo vision' of the economy, which has contributed to the free fall of the economy, while the rapid changes in crucial posts have upset the market.

But this is Imran Khan, a Prime Minister, not quite even a first among equals, and who is not quite in his prime in terms of his ability to manage what is admittedly a very difficult situation. That inability is, however, giving everyone else a massive headache. The trouble is that, rather like India, there doesn't seem to be anyone who is even remotely a viable political alternative.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Pipe dream, 8 Abhor, 9 Waspish, 10 Ceylon, 11 Heroin, 12 Auspices, 15 Sinister, 18 Affirm, 20 Revert, 21 Undergo, 22 Nerve, 23 Small talk.

Down: 2 Image, 3 Employ, 4 Resonant, 5 Make up, 6 Shylock, 7 Grand slam, 11 Hamstring, 13 Shrapnel, 14 Knavery, 16 Series, 17 Affect, 19 Regal.

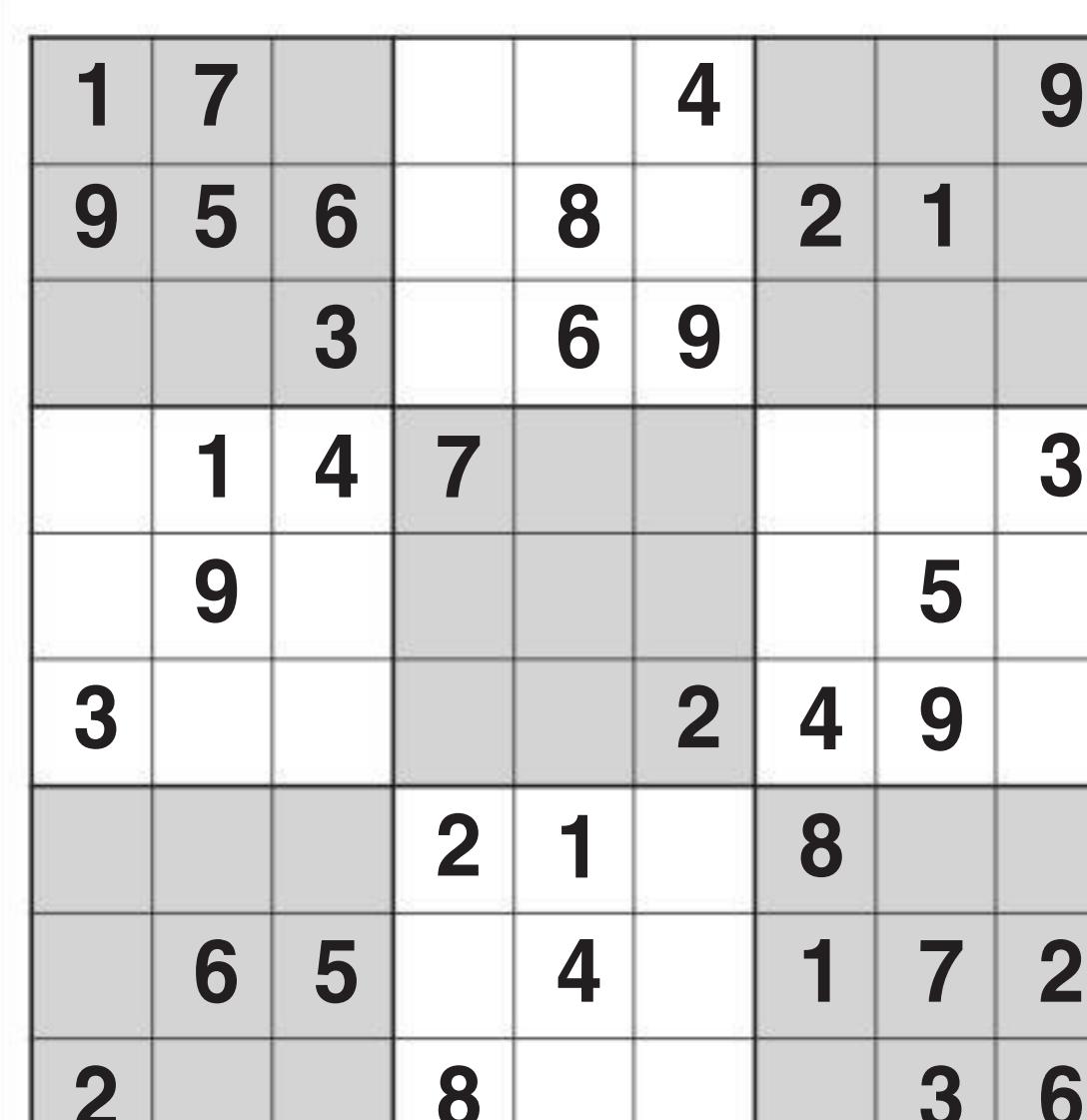
ACROSS

- 1 Deal out (8)
- 5 Throw carelessly (4)
- 9 Roman corn goddess (5)
- 10 Voter (7)
- 11 Unsurpassed (6,2,4)
- 13 Extensive landed property (6)
- 14 Isos Dzughashvili 1879-1953 (6)
- 17 Unemoted (6-2-4)
- 20 Vexed (7)
- 21 Tolerate (5)
- 22 Every one (4)
- 23 Recklessly wasteful (8)

DOWN

- 1 Deduct from pay (4)
- 2 Excess (7)
- 3 Pleasant to look at (4,2,3,3)
- 4 Persistent (6)
- 6 Surpass (5)
- 7 An NCO (8)
- 8 Become uncontrollable (3,3,2,4)
- 12 Spread through (8)
- 15 Absent (7)
- 16 Food for cattle (6)
- 18 Military jacket (5)
- 19 Settle irrevocably (4)

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CALENDAR

APRIL 8, 2021, THURSDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Chaitra Shaka	18
■ Chaitra Parvishtha	26
■ Hijri	1442
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■ Shubh Yoga up to 1.50 pm	
■ Shatbhisha Nakshatra up to 4.57 am	
■ Moon in Aquarius sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
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No. HFW-H(DRPGMC)Purchase/MS/RKS/2021-2284-85

Dated: 7.04.2021

SHORT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tenders are hereby invited in two bid system for supply, installation & commissioning of Medical Gas pipeline system for use in make shift COVID-19 Hospital at Dr. RP Gmc Tanda (Kangra). The detail of tender documents can be viewed and downloaded from website: <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> as per schedule given below:-

Description	Date of publication of tender	Tender cost (in Rupees)	EMD (in Rupees)	Performance security (in Rupees)	Last date of submission of tender	Date and Time of opening of technical bid
Supply, installation & commissioning of Medical Gas pipeline system	8.4.2021	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 10000/-	Rs. 2,50,000/-	22/4/2021 at 1.00 P.M.	22.4.2021 at 3.00 P.M.

The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly for any corrigendum, modification and clarifications in respect of this tender. The Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary RKS, Dr. RP Gmc Kangra at Tanda(HP) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Medical Superintendent-cum-
Member Secretary RKS,
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to increased in frequency of the following Festival Special Train as under:-

Train No. & Name	Existing Frequency	Revised Frequency	Revised Frequency w.e.f.
09717 Jaipur-Daulatpur Chowk Special	Tri-Weekly	Daily	10.04.2021
09718 Daulatpur Chowk-Jaipur Special	Tri-Weekly	Daily	11.04.2021

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PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
RE-TENDER NOTICE No. 13 of 2020-21 PWSSD Gurdaspur (3rd Time)

<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Division Gurdaspur. The E-tendering Notice No. 13 issued vide this office endst. No. 900-912 dt. 26.03.2021 are hereby recalled due to reason that no bidder participate received for below tender. Now these tender will be opened as per detail given below:-

Sr. No.	Description of Work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Document/Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work
1	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2A, (North Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh
2	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2B, (Daulatpur) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh
3	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2C, (North Sarna-Behulpur) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh
4	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2D, (Bedi Bajri Colony) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh
5	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2E, (South Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh
6	DNIT for Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System Package-2F, (South Mamoon) Drilling of 01 No. Tube Well with percussion rig machine at Pathankot Town. (District Pathankot).	@ 2% of DNIT Cost Rs. 80880/-	Rs. 1000/- + As applicable on website	6 Months	Rs. 40.44 Lakh

Important Dates are as under:-

1. Period of availability of tender online shall be : 08.04.2021 up to 5.00 p.m.
2. Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : 15.04.2021 up to 5.00 p.m.
3. Date and time of opening of Technical Bid : 16.04.2021 at 2.00 p.m.

Note:- Detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

DPR/Pb/3530 Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Division, Gurdaspur.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 9th March, 2021

S.O. 1085(E)-In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/ two lane with paved shoulder/ four laneing etc.) maintenance, management and operation of NH703A in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 18.2 (SDM office, Zirai) in the District of FIROZPUR in the state of PUNJAB, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in such land, may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the acquisition of such land for the purposes mentioned under subsection (1) of Section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Sub Divisional Magistrate in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of Section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH703A in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 18.2 (SDM office, Zirai) in the District of FIROZPUR in the state of PUNJAB.

State: PUNJAB District: FIROZPUR

Sr. No. Survey/Plot Number Type of Land Nature of Land Area (in Local Unit) Area (in Hectare)

Taluk: Zira Village: Jam Ke (32)

1 6/15/1 Private Agriculture 0.0025293 (Hectare) 0.0025293

2 6/2/20 Private Agriculture 0.0063232 (Hectare) 0.0063232

3 7/24/2 Private Agriculture 0.0126465 (Hectare) 0.0126465

4 7/25/1 Private Agriculture 0.0025293 (Hectare) 0.0025293

Village: Talwandi Nepalan (50)

1 95/16 Private Agriculture 0.0455272 (Hectare) 0.0455272

2 95/11 Private Agriculture 0.0859598 (Hectare) 0.0859598

3 95/12 Private Agriculture 0.0328808 (Hectare) 0.0328808

4 95/13/1 Private Agriculture 0.0008423 (Hectare) 0.0008423

5 95/13/2 Private Agriculture 0.0193895 (Hectare) 0.0193895

6 95/20 Private Agriculture 0.0202343 (Hectare) 0.0202343

7 95/9/1 Private Agriculture 0.0404668 (Hectare) 0.0404668

Total | 0.4591 | 0.4591

[F. No. PWD/FZR/CWDL/1206/3A5] RAJESH GUPTA, Director.

DPR/Pb/3530

Congress springs surprise in Solan

SOLAN, APRIL 7

The Congress has sprung a pleasant surprise in the Solan Municipal Corporation poll by winning nine of the 17 seats while seven seats were bagged by the BJP and an Independent faced opposition from within.

The BJP lost in the merged areas like Chambaghatal-Salgroha, Chauringhat and Patratoo as people were opposed to the merger with the MC.

Congress' Shammi Sahni lost by 799 votes. Her ticket was decided at the eleventh hour as the party had no strong face. Another candidate Sheetal Gupta lost by 767 votes.

As much as 62.25 per cent voting was registered in the 17 wards of newly upgraded Solan MC. — TNS

Setback for BJP in Kangra

ministers and even Chief Minister in polling.

In Dharamsala, the party won eight wards while the Congress won 5 wards. Four wards went to independents, who would now hold key to the post of Mayor. In Palampur the performance of BJP was dismal. The Congress won 11 in Palampur; BJP won two and two went to independents.

The government amended the MC Act in the Budget session to facilitate the elections to the corporations on party symbol.

Dharamsala registered 63.60 polling. The maximum polling of 75 was registered in Kashmir House and Sakoh wards whereas minimum polling of 53% was registered in Kotwali Bazaar. Polling remained



LALIT MOHAN

Tribune News Service

DHARAMSALA, APRIL 7

The ruling BJP suffered a setback in two major cities of Kangra, politically most significant district of the state having 15 Assembly constituencies. The results of the MC elections in Dharamsala and Palampur indicate towards anti-incumbency against the present government as the party failed to get a majority in Dharamsala or Palampur,

the two corporations that went to polls despite the party using its ministers, Union

peaceful all over the city and no incidence of violence or even altercation was reported from any of the polling centres.

Former Mayor of Congress Davinder Jaggi won from Ram Nagar (ward number 11).

The deputy mayor Onkar Nehria of BJP won from McLeodganj (ward number 3).

Polling in Forsthganj remained 63.34%, Bhagsunag 71%, McLeodganj 68.90%, Kashmire House 75%, Kajanchi Mohalla 60%, Kotwali Bazaar 53%, Secretariat 58%, Khel Parisar 57%, Sakoh 75%, Shayam Nagar 67%, Barol 66.5%, Dari 63%, Kand 60%, Khanaria 73.5%, Sidhpur 65.6%, Sidhpuri 56.5%. A total of 24,929 voters, including 12,499 women, cast their votes.

Punjab Mandi Board

email:- pmbxencjal@punjab.gov.in

Notice Inviting Online Bids

Tender Notice No. 13 (2021) Dt. 07.04.2021

Executive Engineer(C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for Cleaning of Starm Sewerage & Sludge Sewerage in NBM Jalandhar & Sludge in NGM Jalandhar MC Jalandhar. For detail Terms & Conditions of Notice inviting Bids, refer to Website: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

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

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No. 172/U-16/27/01/20 tender/drug/testing/ESICMH-CHD Dated: 07.04.2021

E-TENDER NOTICE

Medical Superintendent, ESIC Model Hospital, Chandigarh, invites E-Tender under two bid system through e-procurement (CPPP Portal) for "Rati Contract for testing of Ayurvedic Drugs". Tender documents are available online from 07.04.2021.

Please visit the websites www.esic.nic.in, <https://esic.tenders.eproc.in>, <https://eprocure.gov.in/> for details and all further information

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(Medical Superintendent)

PUNJAB MANDI BOARD

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Notice Inviting Online Bids

Tender Notice No. 12 (2021) Dt. 07.04.2021

Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for Construction of balance work of Sport Stadium Dhanowali and Bring Assembly Constituency Jalandhar Central. For detail Terms & Conditions of Notice Inviting Bids, refer to Website "<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>"

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Notice Inviting Online Bids

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

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1	06.04.2021 सद्वे 10.00 वैजे ते	29.04.2021 साप्त 05.00 वैजे तंक	30.04.2021 सद्वे 11.00 वैजे

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Dated: 07.04.2021

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders, for selection of implementation agencies for implementation of digital classrooms in 430 identified schools/DIET Centres of Himachal Pradesh.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 16.04.2021 at 12:30 PM through video conference. Last date for online e-bid submission is 29.04.2021 (up to 03:00 PM) and shall be opened on 30.04.2021 at 11:00 AM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HPSEDC website www.hpsedc.in and hptenders.gov.in.

Sd/- General Manager (Technical)

DPR/HB/6

(Medical Superintendent)

DPR/Pb/3502

(Medical Superintendent)

Nethra first Indian woman sailor to qualify for Olympics

NEW DELHI: Nethra Kumanan today became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics after she was assured of a top-place finish in the laser radial event of the Asian Qualifiers in Oman. The 23-year-old has a 21-point advantage over her nearest rival, India's Ramya Saravanan, with one race to go. Kumanan will be the 10th Indian to qualify for a sailing event in the Olympics, but all the earlier nine have been male athletes. PTI

Oly-bound archers fully vaccinated

NEW DELHI: The Olympics-bound Indian archers today took their second shots of the Covid-19 vaccine, becoming the first fully vaccinated lot of athletes from the country ahead of the Tokyo Games. In an initiative undertaken by the Army Sports Institute, where the national camp for the recurve archers is being held, all the eight senior archers, coaches and support staff were administered the second vaccine shot at the Military Hospital in Pune. "Second and final dose of the vaccine is done," Atanu Das wrote under his vaccination photo on Instagram. PTI

India off to winning start

Defeat Argentina 4-3 in first practice match of tour



The Indian players celebrate a goal against Argentina in the first practice match. HI

BUENOS AIRES, APRIL 7

The Indian men's hockey team made a positive start to its tour of Argentina, beating the reigning Olympics champions Argentina as it amplifies our confidence levels," India coach Graham Reid said.

Converting opportunities

"We were able to create opportunities in the circle and also convert them. This was one of the areas we really put our minds to in the national camp," he added.

"But we allowed Argentina to come back into the game particularly in the third

quarter where they scored twice. When you play a strong team like them, you need to be consistent in all the quarters," he added.

India will play their second practice match against Argentina on Wednesday.

"Each match we play is a learning experience and I feel we have scope to do better. We look forward to a good match on Wednesday too. These matches will surely help us when we take on the home team in the double header Pro League matches," Reid said. — PTI

"It was a very good practice match, intensely fought

2 Indian judokas positive, team pulls out of Bishkek event

Precautionary tests

The spike in Covid cases has forced SAI to issue a fresh circular to its training centres, including the National Centre of Excellence (NCOE), to follow the existing SOP "stringently with stress on conducting regular precautionary tests for athletes". The new measures include weekly testing of all athletes, support staff with stricter quarantine norms. As per the new norms, athletes will be allowed to join the camp only if they have a negative Covid report via an RT-PCR test within 72 hours before arrival. Further, Olympics probables will have to undergo a seven-day quarantine and will have to follow Covid-19 protocols with staggered timings. RT-PCR tests will be conducted on national campers every week.

Big spike

Interestingly, the Indian team was training at SAI's Bhopal centre that has seen a big spike in Covid-19 cases among campers training there. The centre reported

22 cases in the last week. In fresh tests, 14 more persons have been detected with the virus. Some of the athletes who tested positive had returned from wushu and judo competitions.

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CANCELLATION OF SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)
The e-tender invited by the undersigned on <https://htenders.gov.in> on 27th March, 2021 for the supply of about 3.00 lakh packaging boxes for Mufflers and Stoles and other related services, which was also published in Dainik Jagran (Chandigarh/Dharamshala), Divya Himachal (Shimla+D/sala) and The Tribune(Chandigarh) on 28th March, 2021 is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Sd/-
Managing Director

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 22.03.2021 को एक बच्ची उम्र लगभग 9 वर्ष, रो संवाला, कद लगभग 3'-6", बस स्टैंड, हिसार पर लातारिस छालत में मिली। बच्ची की DDR No. 18, Dated 22.03.2021, PP Bus Stand, हिसार में दर्ज है। बच्ची अपनी माता का नाम संसीक्षा व पिता का नाम गुलाब सिंह बता रही है। बच्ची अपना पता सहारनगर तथा माता को इलाहाबाद की हड्डेवाली बता रही है। वर्षमान समय में बच्ची बाल कल्याण समिति, हिसार के आदेशनुसार बन स्टॉप सेटर हिसार में रह रही है। बच्ची के माता-पिता या अधिकारीक घर सूना पढ़ें तो जिला बाल संरक्षण इकाई हिसार, कमरा नं. 16 से 18, प्रशासनिक भवन, रैडक्स, हिसार, हरियाणा में 30 दिन के अंदर मिलें, अन्यथा बच्ची को गोद देने संबंधी कार्यवाही कर दी जायेगी।

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PRDH-1128/11/36/2022/2498/31/4

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N.Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhi Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1 Name of work	Up gradation and Rehabilitation, complete body, floor & repair of U/F, CBC Assy & Painting work for BOXN Wagons into BOXNR Wagons as per RDSO STR No. WD-16-BONR-2010 (Rev-1) (With stainless Steel Body) and latest alteration if any. Excluding twin pipe conversion work at C & W Jagadhi Workshop, Northern railway.
2 Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhi Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3 Cost of Work/Tender Value	Rs. 18,47,21,449/-
4 Quantity	203 BOXNR wagons
5 Cost of Tender form	NIL as per GCC July-2020
6 Type of tender	Two packet system
7 Earnest money amount	Bid security declaration
8 Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
9 Date & Time for submission of tender form	10.05.2021 till 15.30 hrs.
10 Opening of tender	10.05.2021 till 15.35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
11 Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender No.: 6-S/25/Tender/2020-21 DT: 06.04.2021

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

TENDER NOTICE NO. PROC. INDG (HPD)/2021/232
(PHONE NO. 0172-2756468, 2756467)

This Institute has to make purchase of "Concentrated Deodorant & Cleaning Solution". The manufacturer and their authorized dealers/distributors can offer their minimum rates as per terms & conditions contained in the Tender Form. The Tender Form and specification of the products are available on the website www.pgimer.edu.in and www.eprocure.gov.in.

The Tender will be received manually on or before 12:30 PM on 29.04.2021 at Procurement Branch (Indigenous), 'C' Block, 2nd Floor, Central Store, Nehru Hospital, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

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OFFICER IN-CHARGE (HPD)

THE SERVICES OF A FIRM OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF HaRRIDA (PMGSY), ITS RECONCILIATION AND ALSO AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE F.Y. 2020-21 ARE REQUIRED. INTERESTED CAS FIRMS HAVING THEIR OFFICE (H.O. OR BRANCH OFFICE) AT CHANDIGARH/PANCHKULA/MOHALI ONLY MAY APPLY. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://haryanapwd.gov.in>. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS ALONG WITH REQUISITE DOCUMENTS IS 23rd APRIL, 2021 UP-TO 5.00 PM.

PRDH/1081/11/11/2022/2487/31/4

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.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD(B&R), Ludhiana	Heavy Patch work on various Link Road under Repair Program 2020-21 falling under MC Ludhiana (Length 21.29 km)	07.04.2021 / 21.04.2021	1.00 LACS	9878491700 eepd1@hpwdp@gmail.com
2.	Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Pb. PWD & B.R., Bathinda	Providing E.I in Godown of EVM's and VVPAT's (Cat-1) at Distt.Mansa (Goods cum Passengers Lift)	07.04.2021 / 05.05.2021	0.74 LACS	9878629229 er.jatinerde16@gmail.com
3.	Executive Engineer Provincial Division No-2,(PWD) B.R, Patiala,	Upgradation of 5 Nos. Roads under Nabard-XXIV Year 2021-21 With 4 Years Routine Maintenance after completion of Work including routine maintenance, Upgradation of 2 Nos. Roads Under PMGSY PB-15320 & PB-15321	09.04.2021 / 30.04.2021	44.56 LACS	9988600128 eepd2@hpwdp@gmail.com
4.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, B&R Branch, Sangrur	upgradation/improvement of various roads under NABARD XXVI scheme Quantity 3 Nos.	09.04.2021 / 30.04.2021	79.25 LACS	9778360786 xenprovincialsangr@yahoo.com
5.	Executive Engineer, Construction Division, PWD & B.R Branch, Pathankot	Providing Normal Patch work on composite basis including the cost of bitumen on various link road of market committee Narot Jaimal Singh Distt. Pathankot	09.04.2021 / 17.04.2021	0.97 LACS	9646036125 eecdp@hpwdp@gmail.com
6.	Punjab State Sports Council, SCO-116-117, Sector-34A, Chandigarh	Punjab State Sports Council, Chandigarh invites online E-Tenders from firms for preparation of bidding documents including estimates of Civil, Public Health, Electrical and Horticulture works.	09.04.2021 / 19.04.2021	2.00 LACS	9876140020 sportscouncil34@gmail.com
7.	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No.1, Bathinda	Providing Operational Improvement of Improved Water Service Levels for W/S scheme Nathpura = 0.43 lac, Guresar Sahnewala = 0.12 lac, Chughe Khurd = 0.13 lac	09.04.2021 / 22.04.2021	0.82 LACS	9803000038 xen1@bathinda@gmail.com
8.	Executive Engineer, Provincial Division-1, B and R, Patiala.	Construction of High Level Bridge Single Span 6.900 M Clear Span Over Jacob Drain X-ing Road From NIS Chowk to Samata Gate at RD 300, Patiala 9 (under development of Patiala City roads- Phase II Scheme)	07.04.2021 / 22.04.2021	1.44 LACS	987885115 eepd1@hpwdp@gmail.com
9.	Executive Engineer, Electrical Div; PWD B&R; Ludhiana	Providing & Installation of Ductable AC's in Auditorium including Balcony at Govt. College for girls, Civil Lines, Ludhiana	07.04.2021 / 15.04.2021	0.13 LACS	9417130230 seedidhpwdp@gmail.com
10.	Member Secretary, Wildlife Deptt. Purchase Committee-cum-Field Director, Chhatbir	Operating Canteen and Parking Place in Chhatbir Zoo(Lion Safari Canteen), Mini Zoo Patiala, Ludhiana Zoo, Operating E Rickshaw and Parking Mini Zoo Bathinda operating Canteen in Bathinda wetland	10.04.2021 / 27.04.2021	3.40 LACS	9781877797 mcpc@chhatbir@gmail.com

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1	HARYANA YISHWAKARMA SKILL UNIVERSITY	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ADVANCE ELECTRICAL LAB (PACKAGE -A TO E PACKAGE- E) (SEPARATE TENDER FOR EACH PACKAGE)	07.04.2021 / 18.05.2021	02% OF TENDER VALUE	www.svsu.ac.in	0124-27468000 register@svsu.ac.in
2	J.C. BOSE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,YMCA, FBD.	RENOVATION/ UPGRADATION OF MICROWAVE AND COMMUNICATION-2 WORKSHOP/LAB, AND CONSTRUCTION OF WALKING TRACK ALL-AROUND PLAY GROUND IN THE UNIVERSITY.	08.04.2021 / 28.04.2021	27.72 LACS	www.jboseust.ac.in	9416374943 eeymc1@gmail.com
3	HAFED	PUBLICATION OF SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF EXPERIENCED LABOUR CONTRACTOR FIRMS COMPANIES/COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES FOR LOADING/UNLOADING AND HANDLING OF FOOD GRAINS BELONGING TO FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA IN GODOWNS AND CAP STORAGE.	07.04.2021 / 12.04.2021	AS MENTIONED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS	www.hafed.gov.in	0122-2595026-25 hafed@hynic.in
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Didi asks women supporters to gherao CRPF personnel

Accuses paramilitary force of working at BJP's behest

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, APRIL 7 West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday urged women activists of her party to "gherao" CRPF personnel deployed in the state on election duty. She alleged they were acting as BJP workers and targeting women in particular to prevent them from voting.

Addressing a rally at Cooch Behar, she said some officers of the state police also had "switched sides" after the elections got under way in West Bengal. She cited the instance of Arambagh, where TMC candidate Sujata Mondal was chased by BJP supporters with lathis on Tuesday, and said, "I saw one in Arambagh yesterday... I saw the role of the officer-in-charge there."

On central forces, Mamata said if the CRPF prevented people from voting, some women must gherao (surround and block) them while other must use the opportunity to vote. "I respect the CRPF. They are real soldiers. But I do not respect the BJP's CRPF. They are beating women and harassing people. Mamata Banerjee, WB CM



Mamata Banerjee at a poll rally in Kolkata on Wednesday. PTI

I DON'T RESPECT BJP'S CRPF

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people," she alleged, casting aspersions on the paramilitary force that recently lost 22 men in an ambush by Naxals in Chhattisgarh. The CM accused the BJP of taking recourse to terror tactics in the third phase of voting. She

said it was difficult to describe the torture endured by the TMC on Tuesday.

"Trinamool candidate Sujata Mondal was beaten up with a bamboo stick. They killed our booth president in Goghat. Our candidate Nazmul was

'Treat remark as seditious'

Kolkata: The BJP took strong exception to Mamata's remarks and urged the Election Commission to bar her from campaigning. In a letter to the West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer, the BJP said given the present situation, Mamata's remark on the CRPF should be treated as "seditious and anti-national". "The TMC must be derecognised as a political party," demanded the BJP letter signed by Rajya Sabha MP Ashwini Vishwan, industrialist-turned-BJP leader Shishir Bajaria and BJP Mahila Morcha general secretary Amrita Banerjee. The BJP also alleged that taking cues from Mamata's speech, TMC supporters on Wednesday vandalised the vehicle of Dipak Kumar Roy, BJP candidate from the Sitai constituency. PTI

Centre allows vaccination at workplace from April 11

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, APRIL 7 To boost the ongoing inoculation drive that continues to battle hesitancy and wastage issues, the government is all set to launch workplace Covid vaccination from April 11.

The decision has been taken as the national daily cases touched a new and alarming peak of 1,15,736 — the highest since the first case was reported on January 30, 2020, — and active infections that require medical intervention rose to 8,43,473.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan communicated the decision to the additional chief secretaries and principal secretaries of health in all states today, saying: "To increase access of vaccine to people aged 45 years and above, Covid-19 vaccination sessions may be organised at workplaces (both government and private), which have 100 eligible and willing

beneficiaries by tagging these workplaces with an existing Covid vaccination centre."

The government's rationale behind the decision is that a substantial proportion of people aged 45-59 years and in some cases up to 65 years are in the organised sector and involved in formal occupations in government and private offices, manufacturing and service sector.

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Above 45 years started on April 1 but the pace of coverage remains low. Though 30 crore priority group people were identified for inoculation in the first two phases of the drive (January 16-March 31), only 8,70,77,474 (29 per cent) doses have been administered as of Wednesday morning.

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SC to hear Ansari wife's plea tomorrow

NEW DELHI, APRIL 7

The Supreme Court will take up on Friday a petition filed by the wife of BSP MLA Mukhtar Ansari seeking directions to the Uttar Pradesh Government to ensure that her husband's life is "protected" and he is given a fair trial.

Afsan Ansari's petition is shown as listed before a Bench of Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice R Subhash Reddy on April 9. The Uttar Pradesh Police on Tuesday got Ansari's custody from the Punjab Police and took him to Banda, where he is wanted in several criminal cases. He had been lodged in the Ropar Jail since January 2019 in connection with an extortion case.

Apprehending a fake encounter, Afsan Ansari had on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking security and protection to her husband while he was shifted from Punjab's Ropar jail to Banda jail in Uttar Pradesh. — TNS

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