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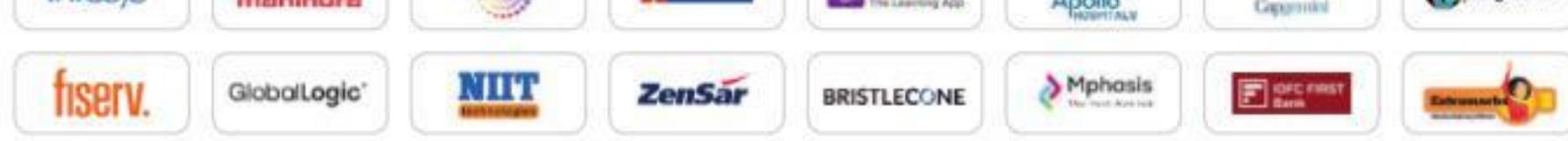
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AGAINST ADVT. NO. 06/2006, CAT. NO. 23.**

It is for the information of candidates who are appearing for the written examination for the post of PTI against advt no. 6/2006 cat no.23 to be held on 23.08.2020 (Sunday), to book their online tickets/e-tickets in advance for availing Haryana Roadways Bus facility.

For detailed information, kindly visit

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Dated, Panchkula Sd/- Under Secretary, Examination  
the 19th August 2020 for Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection  
Commission, Panchkula.

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## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI) DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUNJAB (MUNICIPAL BHAWAN SECTOR 68, S.A.S. NAGAR)

### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Tender Notice No: 1594 Dated: 18.08.2020

Municipal Corporation S.A.S. Nagar is inviting E-tenders on two bid system for total 8 works mentioned at website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from contractors enlisted with any Government department in the State of Punjab and Co-op L&C Societies. Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with latest instruction issued vide notification No. 5/82/2018-214/1892 dated 02.08.2018, Amended notification 5/82/2018-214/702 dated 01.04.2020 and notification No. 76/52/79-h.(15)/8856 dated 04.11.2019.

Date and time schedule:-

| Sr. No. | Last date of online submission of bidding document | Time and Date of Opening of tender |
|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1       | 27.08.2020 till 16:30                              | 28.08.2020 at 10:00                |

Detail of work, other terms and conditions can be seen at the website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,  
Municipal Corporation,  
S.A.S. Nagar.

DPR/Pb/65416

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, HAMIRPUR ZONE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, HAMIRPUR ON THE LETTERHEAD OF THE EMPLOYER

Date: 20th Aug 2020

Invitation for Bids No.: PWD/06R4/2020-21

Loan No. and Title: Loan No. 3573 IND/Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project.

Contract Package No. and Title: PWD/06-R4/ Construction of Model Career Centre (MCC) Building at Bilaspur, H.P. (Addition and Alteration). (SH:- Construction of building portion including W.S & S.I., site development, C/O rain water harvesting tank and Electrical installation etc.)

Deadline for Submission of Bids 19 Sep 2020 at 11:00 hrs (IST)

1. The India has received the financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of "Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project". Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contract package named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.

2. The "Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh, represented by Chief Engineer, Hamirpur Zone, Hamirpur" ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of Model Career Centre (MCC) building at Bilaspur, H.P. (Addition and Alteration). (SH:- Construction of building portion including W.S & S.I., site development, C/O rain water harvesting tank and Electrical installation etc.) in all respect ("the Works")

3. National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's single-stage Two-Envelopes procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:

a) Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR45 million (INR 4.5 Crore);

b) Minimum average annual construction turnover of INR 18 million (INR 1.8 Crore), calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years;

c) Has financial resources to meet its current contract commitments, plus INR 1.1million (INR 11 Lakh) requirements for the Subject Contract;

d) Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Document.

However for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid document should be referred.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:

Attention: Er. Vishwanath Prashar

Executive Engineer, Bilaspur -1

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department (HPPWD)

Hamirpur

Himachal Pradesh

India

Phone Number - 01978-222550

Fax -01978-222550.

email ID - ee1-hp@nic.in

A Pre-bid meeting shall take place on 31 Aug 2020 at 03:00 PM hrs (IST), at the address stated above.

6. To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should write or visit at the office of the Employer at address stated above and pay a non-refundable fee of INR 5,000 towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft.

In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/ courier and no liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.

The Bidders, who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of INR 3,000 for delivery within India, or USD 250 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through bank demand draft payable at Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, India.

The eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document in English language from the website [www.hppwd.gov.in](http://www.hppwd.gov.in), such bidders shall be required to submit INR 5,000 with their bid in the form of Bank demand draft towards cost of bidding document.

7. Deliver your bid

• to the address above  
on or before the deadline: 19th September 2020 at 11:00 hrs (IST)

• together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

8. Bids will be opened on 19th September 2020 at 11:30 hrs (IST) in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Executive Engineer, Bilaspur -1, HPPWD

For and on behalf of:

Chief Engineer, Hamirpur Zone

Public Works Department,

Government of Himachal Pradesh,

Hamirpur

Himachal Pradesh, India

DPR/HP/2339

## Himachal Pradesh Forest Department Government of Himachal Pradesh through

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

Ref. No. Tender/JICA/Vol-I

Dated: 18/08/2020

### Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

Sealed tenders for "Printing Work" under JICA assisted PIHPFEM&L are hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of Society of the Project from the eligible and approved firms/proprietor firm(s), company/Co-operatives Societies/Firms and other organizations. The detailed tender document can be viewed and downloaded from the website [https://hpforest.nic.in/](http://hpforest.nic.in/) from 20th August, 2020 (2 P.M.) to 31st August, 2020 up to 5 P.M. The last date for submission of the tender is 3rd September 2020 up to 2 P.M. The Society has the right to extend or cancel the tender/bids without declaring any reasons thereof.

Chief Project Director (JICA-PIHPFEM&L),  
Potters Hill, Summer Hill, Shimla - 5 (H.P.)  
DPR/HP/326

Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.  
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## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

CORRIGENDUM - E-TENDER NOTICE PO/Engg/Elect.2020-21/05

Due to some Administrative issues, the tender for "Re-opening of 2nd ACB of MT Panel at 11KV NH1 Substation, GCI, Chandigarh" Nos. in the newspapers, www.eproc.gov.in and PGI website vide No. PG/Engg/2020/HELEC1273 dated 08.08.2020 and due for opening of eligibility cum-technical bid on 18.08.2020 has now been re-scheduled as under-

| Last date and time of submission of Bid | Opening of Original EMD | Date & time for cum-technical Bid | Date & time for Financial Bid |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 21.08.2020 up to 03:00 p.m.             | to 03:15 p.m.           | 3:30 p.m.                         | to 03:00 p.m.                 |

Other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

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INDIA TO COMPLETE DHAKA  
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020

## 10,000 CAPF troops to move out of J&K

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19  
The government today issued an order to immediately withdraw about 10,000 Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel from Jammu & Kashmir. The decision came after a review of the UT's security situation by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

According to the MHA order, a decision has been taken "to withdraw 100 companies of the CAPFs with immediate effect from J&K and revert these to their respective locations". A CAPF company has an operational strength of around 100 personnel.

As per the order, 4,000 personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and 2,000 each of Border Security Force (BSF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) have been ordered to be withdrawn from the UT.

According to MHA officials, the move is indicative of the improving situation in the newly carved out UT. This is the biggest de-induction of these forces after additional troops were rushed to J&K just before the scrapping of special status to the erstwhile state.

CENTRAL RESERVED POLICE FORCE 4,000 BORDER SECURITY FORCE 2,000 SASHASTRA SEEMA BAL 2,000 CENTRAL INDL SECURITY FORCE 2,000



### THREE MILITANTS KILLED IN SHOPIAN, HANWARA

Srinagar: Three militants were killed in Kashmir on Wednesday, the police said. Earlier, an unidentified militant was killed in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir. Following a tip-off, a joint operation was launched by security forces at Mol Chitragam, Shopian, around 3.45 pm. Later, two more militants were killed at Ganawpora Kralgund in Handwara sub-district of north Kashmir. The operation is still on, the police said. TNS

The Home Ministry had last withdrawn 10 CAPF companies from the UT in May, while 72 such units were taken out in December last year. Officials said the CRPF authorities had been asked to make arrangements for airlifting these units to Delhi and other locations. During the security review, it was felt the counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist grid was intact in the UT. The troops withdrawn could be sent for the much required rest, recuperation and training.

It was also felt that with winters about to set in, it would have been an onerous task to keep these units in makeshift, temporary dwelling units, especially in the Valley.

## National recruitment agency for Group B,C posts

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19  
The Union Cabinet today approved a proposal to set up a National Recruitment Agency (NRA) for conducting the Common Eligibility Test (CET) to select candidates for all Group B and C posts in the Central Government and public sector banks.

Briefing media after the meeting of the Union Cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar

### SUGARCANE FRP HIRED TO ₹285 PER QUINTAL

The Central Government has increased the sugarcane fair and remunerative price (FRP) by ₹10 to ₹285 per quintal for the marketing year starting from October 2020.

said, "The government has decided to set up National Recruitment Agency to conduct Common Eligibility Test. This decision will benefit

### THREE MORE AIRPORTS TO BE LEASED OUT

The Cabinet has approved leasing out airports at Jaipur, Guwahati & Thiruvananthapuram via the PPP mode. Airports in Lucknow, Ahmedabad & Mangalore had got the nod in 2019.

young job-seekers."

The minister said 2.5 crore aspirants take multiple examinations conducted by agencies for selection to 1.25

lakh government jobs advertised each year. Now, candidates will appear for a single online test and its scores will remain valid for three years.

The NRA, which will initially supplement three recruiting agencies - Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) by conducting the first level of unified eligibility examination, Minister for Department of Personnel and

Training (DoPT) Jitendra Singh said, adding that the final exams would be conducted by the respective recruiting agencies.

The agency will initially supplement three recruiting agencies - Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) by conducting the first level of unified eligibility examination, Minister for Department of Personnel and

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## Defer hearing on sentencing, Bhushan implores apex court

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19  
Convicted of contempt of court for his tweets against CJI SA Bobde and four last CJIs, activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court urging it to defer arguments on sentence scheduled for August 20.

In an application, Bhushan said he intended to file a petition seeking review of the August 14 order convicting him of contempt of court for scandalising the judiciary.

He prayed that the hearing on sentence be deferred until the proposed review petition

### CONSTITUTION BENCH MUST HEAR MATTER

In view of the substantial questions of law on the interpretation of the Constitution of India and having serious repercussions on the fundamental rights, the matter requires to be heard by a Constitution Bench Justice Kurian Joseph, FORMER SUPREME COURT JUDGE

was filed and decided. "The applicant undertakes to file the review within 30 days from the date of judgment, as he is entitled under the law," he submitted.

He added, "If this honourable court proceeds with the hearing on sentence and imposes any sentence, the same may be

directed to be stayed till the remedy of review is exhausted by the applicant."

He submitted that "human judgement is not infallible. Despite all provisions ensuring a fair trial and a just decision, mistakes are possible and errors can not be ruled out".

## SC orders CBI probe into Sushant's death

Satyendra Prakash  
Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19  
The Supreme Court today ordered a CBI probe into the unnatural death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, saying, "a fair, competent and impartial investigation" was the need of the hour.

Rejecting Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty's plea, a Bench of Justice Hrishikesh Roy said: "For the petitioner (Rhea) too, it will be the desired justice as she herself called for a CBI investigation. The dissemination of the real facts through unbiased investigation would certainly result in justice for the innocent, who might be the target of a vilification campaign."

The top court held that registration of an FIR by Sushant's father KK Singh and its subsequent transfer to the CBI at the behest of the Bihar Government was right. "It must be held that the Patna police committed no illegality in registering the com-

plaint." Rhea left Sushant's place on June 8, barely six days before his body was found hanging at his Bandra house under mysterious circumstances. The Mumbai Police said it was suicide and that the actor was suffering from depression.

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## Over 20 lakh recoveries, death rate further declines to 1.91%

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

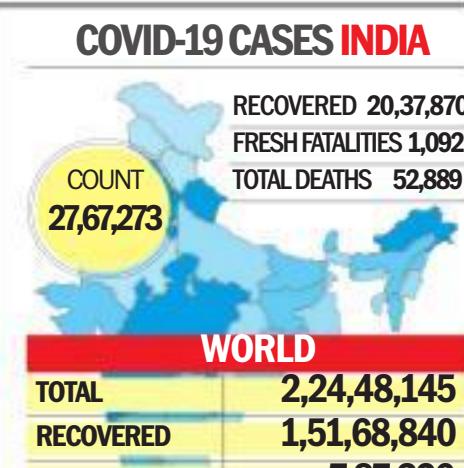
With over two million recoveries, India today crossed another milestone in the battle against the Covid pandemic.

The country saw the highest 60,091 recoveries over the past 24 hours, taking the count of those cured to 20,37,870. The total caseload rose to 27,67,273 with 64,531 fresh infections.

"The recovery rate has risen to 73.64 per cent while the fatality rate has declined to 1.91 per cent," said the Health Ministry.

The higher recoveries and the falling death rate had shown that India's graded strategy had worked, said Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan. India has posted

### COVID-19 CASES INDIA

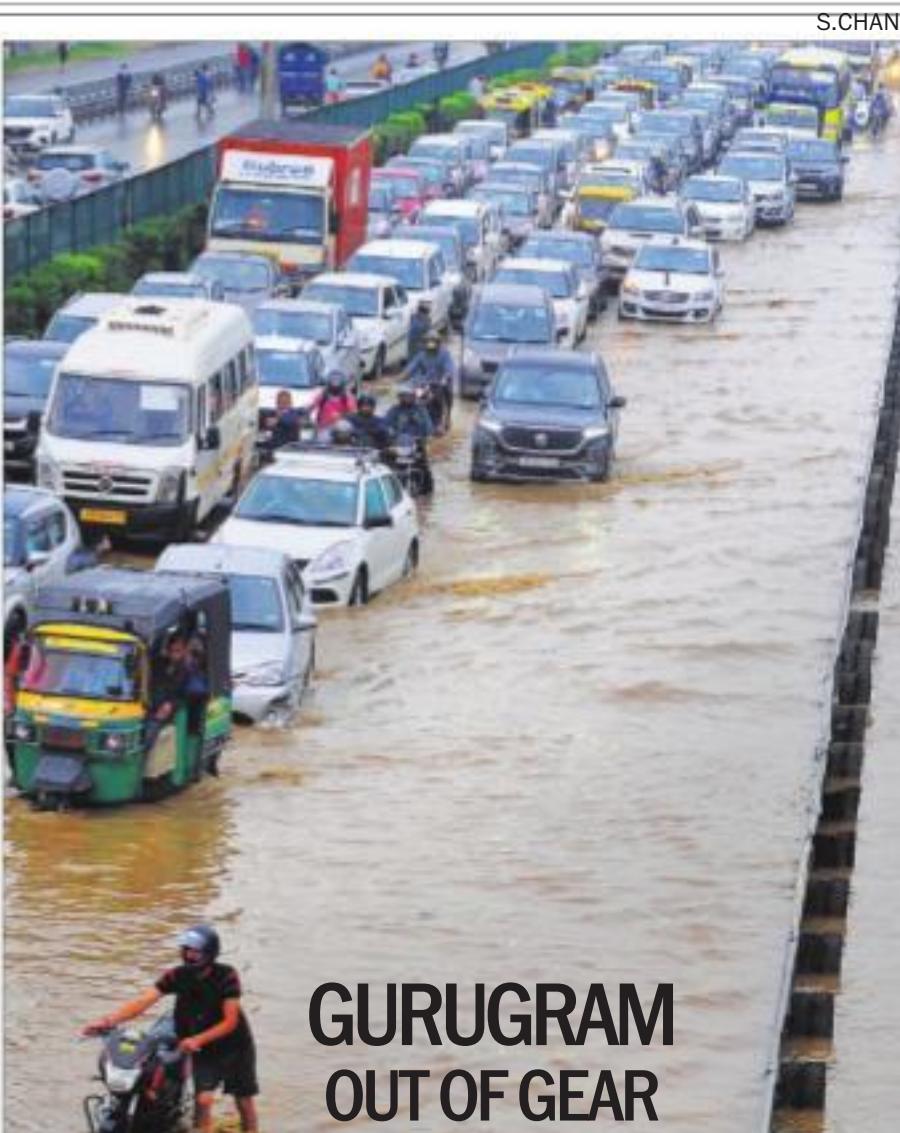


### AIR INDIA TO SUSPEND SERVICES TO HONG KONG

### US DONATES 100 VENTILATORS TO INDIA

13,61,356 more recoveries than active cases (6,76,514). This, the government said, was a result of graded, pre-emptive and proactive response and management strategy for Covid-19 in the country and

the push to test, track and treat strategy. Meanwhile, Covid deaths today climbed to 52,889 with 1,092 fresh fatalities in 24 hours, a major jump from single-day 876 deaths yesterday. — TNS



### GURUGRAM OUT OF GEAR

Over three-hour rain on Wednesday left many Gurugram areas submerged

Over 100 mm of rain disrupted vehicular movement, leading to massive jams

2,000 policemen deployed to streamline traffic and help stranded motorists

## HP sets norms for new panchayats

Tribune News Service

SHIMLA, AUGUST 19

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has approved the criteria for creating new gram panchayats. Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Virender Kanwar said in non-tribal areas panchayats would be carved out from panchayats with a minimum population of 2,000, having 500 or more households and with the farthest village from the gram sabha

headquarters 5 km or more away. This would be subject to the condition that the minimum population before and after bifurcation is 600.

In tribal areas, the new gram panchayats would be created from panchayats with a population of 750 or more, provided the minimum population of the existing and new panchayat is 300. The minister said about 220 gram panchayats in non-tribal areas and eight in tribal areas fulfilled the approved criteria.

## Covid-specific health cover in high demand as cases surge

Vijay Chauhan  
Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19  
Abysmally low health insurance penetration notwithstanding, the fear of contracting Covid-19 has seen a spurt in the demand for short-term Covid-specific covers, especially among first-time buyers.

According to insurers, even those who are already covered under regular health insurance are buying standard Covid-19 plans for a guaranteed coverage.

Currently, more than a dozen insurance companies are offering Covid plans.

'Corona Kavach' has seen a positive uptake from customers, especially those up to 45 years. We are witnessing maximum queries for a cover of Rs 2.5 lakh, considering Covid treatment cost. The higher demand is for 6.5 and

9.5-month policies," says Gurdeep Singh Batra, head of retail underwriting, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance. Covid-specific products have been designed keeping in mind those who cannot afford to pay Rs 800 to Rs 1,000 a month for health insurance. The average cost of the policy is as low as Rs 500.

While 'Corona Kavach' is an indemnity-based health plan and the most sought after, 'Corona Rakshak' is a fixed-benefit policy. Both these policies are much in demand across the country, particularly in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Delhi NCR where Covid incidence is high.

The response has been tremendous. We have been selling an average 1,000 'Corona kavach' policies a day," says Amit Chhabra, head of health insurance, Policybazaar.com.

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## Pb makes GPS must in trucks carrying ethanol

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

The Punjab Excise Department on Wednesday said it had made GPS-enabled tracking devices mandatory in vehicles carrying ethanol, spirits and other items to check their pilferage for making spurious liquor.

The move comes in the wake of the recent spurious liquor tragedy that claimed more than 120 lives in three Majha districts.

"From September 5, no vehicle will be allowed to transport such products without tamper-proof sealing and GPS-enabling," said Excise Commissioner Rajat Agarwal. The GPS coordinates will have to be preserved by the unit for at least 15 days from the date of completion of delivery of a consignment.

The measures are aimed at providing checks on the transportation of extra neu-

tral alcohol, ethanol, speciality denatured spirit, by the distilleries. — TNS

■ The transport vehicle will not be allowed to stop en route, except in case of breakdown

■ The manufacturing unit will then have to inform excise officer within 15 minutes

■ If breakdown necessitates transfer of material, it will be done before an excise officer

■ If vehicle stops en route for any other reason, it will be assumed it is for pilferage

■ Distillery, transporter both will face action as per law

■ Dhruman Nimbale, SSP, said a case had been filed against Joga Singh and Karanbir Singh, from whom the two had procured the liquor. Hira Singh's brother Dhira Singh and his friend Rampal are in hospital. The latter said he had bought a bottle of liquor for Rs 50 from Joga Singh. "It had a pungent odour."

The kin of the deceased claimed that illicit liquor was freely available in the village. Dilbagh Singh's mother, in her statement to the Sadar police, reiterated the same. — TNS



## Indian trio set to script history at Royal Troon

ROYAL TROON (UK), AUGUST 19

Left-handed Diksha Dagar is planning to keep things simple instead of trying too hard as she gets ready with Aditi Ashok and Tvesa Malik for the \$4.5 million AIG Women's Open, starting at the Royal Troon Golf Club on Thursday.

They are set to make history as their participation marks the first time three Indians will tee off at the same major. Debutant Tvesa will be the first to tee off with Camilla Lennarth and Jennifer Chang at 10.48 am local time, while Aditi, whose major best is T-22 at 2018 Women's Open, is

paired with Stephanie Meadow and Austin Ernst for a 11.21 am tee off.

Diksha, 19, goes out at 1.27 pm with Ally Macdonald, Gaby Lopez as the South Ayrshire course hosts its first AIG Women's Open. It will be a closed door event amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

"It's a great honour and opportunity to be playing at the highest level," said Diksha. Aditi, 22, is the most experienced with three LET wins. Now, she gets ready for a 15th major. "I'm excited to be competing on such a historic course," she said. — PTI



■ Higher demand is for policies ranging from 6.5 to 9.5 months

■ In July, ₹565-cr claims against 35,000 hospitalisations were settled

■ People are preferring ₹2.5 lakh cover—average monthly premium is ₹500

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# CM: Covid crisis grave, Oppn playing politics

Slams Akalis, AAP for criticising one-day session

Tribune News Service

## FOCUS ON SAFETY

**Both SAD and AAP seem bent on playing with the sentiments of the people whose only concern at present is to protect themselves from the pandemic, which is peaking in Punjab and can play havoc with the state before stabilising**

Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

Minister. From March 2017 to May 2019, when he was the MLA, Sukhbir attended the House for only 16 of the 40 days in session, he pointed out.

He said both the SAD and

AAP seemed bent on playing with the sentiments of the people whose only concern at present was to protect themselves from the pandemic, which was peaking in Punjab and could play havoc with the state before stabilising.

Pointing out that several ministers, MLAs and officials were currently either Covid-positive or in quarantine, the Chief Minister said either Sukhbir was ignorant of the ground situation or simply did not care. With 34,400 people in the state tested positive so far and 898 deaths, the situation was grim, he noted. His government, said Capt Amarinder, was more interested in dealing with this grave problem at the moment.

# Surge continues, Ludhiana worst hit

State reports 1,693 cases, total count crosses 36,000-mark

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

In the continuous surge in Covid cases, Punjab reported 1,693 cases, including 24 deaths, on Wednesday.

The districts which reported new cases included Ludhiana (462), Jalandhar (208), Patiala (117), Mohali (114), Ferozepur (111), Amritsar (86), Sangrur (68), Moga (64), Bathinda (62) and Fatehgarh Sahib (59) among others.

A total of 941 Covid patients were discharged after recovering from infection on Monday. So far 22,703 people have been cured of the infection.

There are 12,460 active Covid-19 cases in the state as of now, according to the Health Department. Thirty-six patients are critical and on ventilator support, while 362 are on oxygen support.

A total of 8,19,657 samples have been taken for testing so far in the state, it said.



Testing has been intensified at hospitals across the state.

## COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

| DISTRICT       | +VE    | DEATHS | DISTRICT        | +VE | DEATHS |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----|--------|
| Ludhiana       | 8,012  | 271    | Moga            | 943 | 10     |
| Jalandhar      | 4,596  | 109    | Fatehgarh Sahib | 764 | 14     |
| Amritsar       | 2,960  | 116    | Tarn Taran      | 586 | 27     |
| Patiala        | 4,249  | 93     | Kapurthala      | 657 | 25     |
| Sangrur        | 1,670  | 59     | Fazilka         | 561 | 5      |
| SAS Nagar      | 2,103  | 38     | SBS Nagar       | 503 | 12     |
| Gurdaspur      | 1,254  | 30     | Faridkot        | 700 | 4      |
| Bathinda       | 1,442  | 16     | Barnala         | 770 | 14     |
| Hoshiarpur     | 925    | 25     | Ropar           | 571 | 9      |
| Ferozepur      | 1,204  | 18     | Muktsar         | 506 | 4      |
| Pathankot      | 787    | 18     | Mansa           | 320 | 2      |
| Total positive | 36,083 |        | Deaths          | 920 |        |

As far as the deaths are concerned, eight persons succumbed to the virus in Ludhiana, followed by six deaths in Patiala. Jalandhar reported three and one death each was reported in Amritsar, Barnala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, Kapurthala, Mansa and Pathankot.

In Ropar, a total of 112 cases have been reported in the past four days, a majority from Ropar town where three areas have been declared micro containment zones.

The labour room of the local Civil Hospital has also been sealed after a nurse working there tested positive yesterday. The driving test centre has also been lying closed since Monday after a clerk was found infected. Ropar Civil Surgeon HN Sharma said of 29,295 tests, reports of 802 patients were yet to be received, while a total of 583 people had been tested positive. The district has so far reported 10 casualties.

## BRIEFLY

2 accused escape from Ferozepur hospital

Ferozepur: Two accused admitted to the Civil Hospital here after testing positive for Covid managed to escape on Wednesday. They have been identified as Tinku and Bachhitar Singh.

Amarinder Singh, SHO, Sadar police station, said the accused were arrested on August 11 in two separate cases. Before sending them to the jail, their swab samples were collected. After they tested positive, they were admitted to the Civil Hospital on August 17. Pardeep Mohindra, SMO, said despite the presence of security guards, the duo managed to flee. oc

## More health packages under insurance scheme

Chandigarh: To ensure the maximum benefits of Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojna (SSBY) to people of the state, the Punjab Government has decided to increase the health packages from 1,393 to 1,579 being offered to the eligible beneficiaries. Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu said "At least 767 hospitals have been empanelled by the state in the first year of this scheme. Secondary and tertiary care treatments are being provided free of cost to the beneficiaries in these hospitals." tns

## Distribute oximeters to curb spread: AAP

Chandigarh: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday said the state government should ramp up medical facilities at various government hospitals and Covid care centres and accelerate the pace of distribution of oximeters to take the Covid situation hands down. In a statement, Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema said the AAP government in Delhi had been actively engaged in distributing oximeters in Covid-prone areas. He said the party had decided to kick off a campaign to distribute oximeters to the needy in Punjab. tns

## Online programme on disaster response held

Chandigarh: To sensitise the administrative authorities and other stakeholders on disaster management, the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration in collaboration with the National Institute of Disaster Management organised a three-day online training programme on "Incident Response System: Basic & Intermediate". Launching the event, KBS Sidhu, Special Chief Secretary, stressed the need for coordination at individual, societal and institutional levels to undertake preparedness measures to minimise the effect of any kind of disaster and ensure a swift response to reduce losses. tns

# Govt warns pvt hospitals against overcharging

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

Taking a note of overcharging by some private hospitals and labs for the treatment and test of Covid-19, Health and Family Welfare Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu today instructed the civil surgeons to ensure all such services to be availed as per capped rates decided



Minister Balbir Singh says action will be taken against violators

by the Punjab Government. If anyone found violating the instructions, immediate action would be taken against them under the Epidemic Disease Act, he warned.

The minister said all government health centres were offering the test and treatment free of cost. To check profiteering by private hospitals, the govt

had fixed rates in July, he said.

The Health Minister said for getting tested in government hospitals no prescription from a doctor was required and those testing positive and were asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic need not be admitted to hospitals and could opt for home isolation, if they had the facilities.

# Health staff not paid July salary

Principal Secy writes to Finance Dept

VISHAV BHARTI  
Tribune News Services

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

While the state is seeing a surge in Covid cases, frontline health workers, including a large number of doctors, are not being paid salaries on time at many places.

Even the Principal Secretary, Health, Hussan Lal, has written a letter to the Principal Secretary, Finance, KAP Sinha, informing him that in several districts, the treasuries had not paid salaries to doctors and other health officials.

The similar problem is being faced by doctors working under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats.

In his letter, Hussan Lal said: "It has been brought to my notice that the salaries for the month of July of Group-A and Group-B officers/officials posted in the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, have not been released by the District Treasury Office, Punjab, Chandigarh. As you are aware that in view of the ongoing pandemic disease, the medical staff are work-

ing day and night and putting all their efforts in tackling the pandemic."

He requested for the immediate release of the salaries on priority.

Lal said he had spoken to the Principal Secretary, Finance, over the phone as well. "There was an issue of delay in submitting of utilisation certificate of Rs 7.5 crore spending on sewerage treatment plants. The issue will be settled soon," he said.

The situation is not much different for the doctors working under the Rural Development Department. Dr JP Narula, president, Rural Medical Services Association, said the July salary of the rural doctors in Ludhiana, Patiala, Amritsar, Ropar, Bathinda and Barnala districts had not been paid. "At several places, we had contacted finance officials in various districts, who claimed that the delay was not at their end," he said.

# Masks to be part of uniform

BALWANT GARG  
Tribune News Service

FARIDKOT, AUGUST 19

When government schools reopen in the coming days, face coverings will be part of the uniform for Class I to VIII students.

A budget of Rs 77.45 crore has been allocated for providing uniforms to 12,90,840 students. The School Education Department has directed the management committees of all government schools to supply two face masks to each pupil with the uniform.

"Face masks are likely to make our schools safer. There is a great risk of close contact among students within school premises," said a senior functionary in the department. Under the plan, the department has fixed Rs 600 per student for the purchase of uniform.

Among the 12,90,840 students set to get uniforms, 7,38,701 are girls, 4,92,748 SCs and 59,391 are from the BPL category.

The state project director of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan has asked all school heads to procure uniforms at their own level.



Devotees take part in a procession at the Golden Temple on Wednesday. PHOTO: VISHAL KUMAR

## MARCH OF THE FAITH(FUL)

On the occasion of 416th anniversary of the installation of Guru Granth Sahib, a 'nagar kirtan' was taken out from Gurdwara Ramsar Sahib to the Golden Temple.

A 'Jalau' (show of splendour) was displayed at the Sanctum Sanctorum, Akal Takht and Gurdwara Baba Atal Rai, while Gurmat Samagam was held.

A large number of devotees paid obeisance at the shrine, which was illuminated at night.

# HC raps child welfare panel over minor's custody

SAURABH MALIK  
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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that the intent, approach and an order passed by Patiala Child Welfare Committee, whereby a minor was removed from her father's custody before being given in foster care, lacked bona fides.

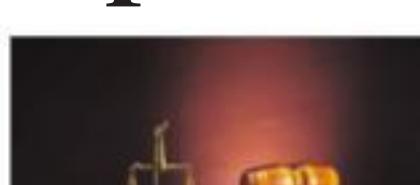
The Akali leader said building a canal without determining the quantum of water, if any, to flow through it was a "patently absurd idea". "Never in human history has a canal ever been built without first ascertaining the availability of the water," he said.

He reiterated that Punjabis and SAD would never accept the construction of the SYL nor allow it to be built.

ers" in the nine-year-old child's custody matter.

The Judge had observed that the committee's order dated June 5 relating to the child's foster care placement with a family was passed with an incomplete quorum and that also on a gazetted holiday.

The matter was initially brought to the HC's notice after the child's father, an Army officer, filed a habeas corpus petition. Among other things, the father alleged that an aunt and uncle, to whom the child's custody was handed over, were influential per-



## THE ADMONITION

The admonition came after a Single Judge rapped the panel for "colourable exercise of powers" in 9-yr-old child's custody matter

sons of the area. The uncle was, in fact, related to a sitting MLA from the ruling party.

After hearing arguments on an appeal filed against the Single Judge order by the uncle and aunt, the Bench asserted the Army officer, being the biological father of the minor, was her natural and legal guardian in terms of Section 6 of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.

On the contrary, the appellant uncle and aunt failed to show whether they had any authority or lawful right to detain the minor. "In the given circumstances, the only and the inevitable conclusion we could reach is: she was in illegal

detention of the appellants".

The Bench added habeas corpus filed by the father for release of minor daughter in unlawful detention was fully maintainable. In the present proceedings, the father never claimed custody, but its restoration. The Bench said the position would be viewed from a different perspective in case of competing claims between biological parents or where parties to the disputed claim had authority or lawful right to retain or claim the child's custody — something that required evidence and full-scale inquiry.

# Mann joins protesting varsity staff

PATIALA, AUGUST 19

Aam Aadmi Party state president Bhagwant Mann today said he would raise the matter of financial crunch being faced by Panjab University in Parliament. The Sangrur MP today visited the campus and joined

the teaching and non-teaching staff in their protest over delay in disbursal of salary, pension and other matters.

He said: "The university authorities should take this matter seriously. The party MLAs will raise the issue in

the Vidhan Sabha during the upcoming monsoon session."

Dr Gurnam Singh Virk, secretary, PPUTA, said the university authorities had failed to deposit the GPF amount of the employees in their respective accounts. — TNS

# Probe: Accused bought spirit on pretext of making sanitiser

Delhi-based firm's role in sale of chemical compound under lens

RUCHIKA M KHANNA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19  
The denatured spirit used to make spurious liquor that led to over 110 deaths in Majha was purchased by a Ludhiana-based paint shop owner from an industrial dealer in Delhi. The substance was bought for making paint, but it was instead sold to a Moga-based businessman.

This has been brought to light by the Punjab Excise Department in the course of its probe into the spurious liquor tragedy.

The denatured spirit was sold (three drums of 200 litres each) to a Moga-based businessman, who bought it on the pretext of using the substance for making hand sanitizers. He, however, further sold the substance to illicit



Post spurious liquor tragedy, excise officials raided numerous chemical units and illicit distilleries across the state. FILE PHOTO



## BOOZE SCAM

including methanol.

However, the spirit that claimed lives in Majha does not classify as pure methanol, as only part of the

spirit is methyl alcohol. "It is used for making thinners and hand sanitiser. It has a high concentration of alcohol and is unfit for human consumption. Law does not prohibit its sale," a senior official told *The Tribune*.

While the government has made distilleries responsible for the pilferage of Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA) during its transportation, which was smuggled and used by illegal distilleries unearthed in Rajpura and Khanna in June this year, restrictions on its transportation from distilleries have been issued.

"We are trying to make distilleries accountable and have made it mandatory for the transport vehicles not to stop anywhere," Rajat Aggarwal, excise commissioner, said.

# Rights panel seeks report on cow cess collection, its use

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

The Punjab State Human Rights Commission (PSHRC) has asked the state government to report how much cow cess has been collected and how it has been used.

Taking up a complaint filed by former MP and BJP national vice-president Avinash Rai Khanna, the PSHRC members, Ashutosh Mohunta and Avinash Kaur, have asked the Punjab Government, through the Local Bodies Department, to also inform the panel about the number of stray cattle in the state, accidents involving the cattle and how much loss they had caused to the farmers.

The Commission has directed the deputy commissioners to report the steps taken in their respective districts to protect life and livelihood from stray cattle and whether any official committee had been constituted regarding stray animals, including names of offi-



## 'EXPLAIN STEPS TAKEN'

- The panel has sought a report from the DCs on the steps taken in their respective districts to protect life and livelihood from stray cattle
- They have also been asked if cattle pounds have been constructed at government allocated places or not

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"Notification imposing cow cess was issued by the Punjab Government on May 4, 2015, to aid the 472 existing gaushalas of the state. But till today, not even a single penny has been disbursed/ spent on the purpose. The non-disbursement is resulting in violations as proper care, which is possible with the collection so made, has not been ensured till date," Khanna stated in his complaint.

The next hearing is scheduled for October 9. —TNS

# Drive against stray cattle a stunt: Oppn

SANGRUR, AUGUST 19  
The district administration has launched a campaign to catch stray cattle after directions from Cabinet Minister Vijay Inder Singh. During the last 10 days, 100 stray cattle have been shifted to government gaushala at Jhaneri. However, Opposition leaders claimed that the campaign was launched as Nagar Council (NC) elections were approaching.

Sources said the NC authorities had given a contract of Rs 2.10 lakh for three months to catch stray cattle from Sangrur city and send them to Jhaneri Gaushala.

"Special teams have been formed to catch stray cattle and the city will become cattle-free soon," Rajinder Batra, ADC, Development, said.

Singla said: "We keep launching such campaigns to make the city cattle-free," he said. —TNS

# Saini case hearing on Aug 26

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19  
Less than a week after state's former Director-General of Police Sumedh Singh Saini moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court for declaring the probe against him to be "non est" and in violation of the Supreme Court order in a 1991 abduction case, the Bench today fixed the matter for August 26.

No action has been taken against the two other cops whose names were also mentioned in the complaint. The SSP said SP (Headquarters) has been asked to conclude an inquiry into the matter within a month. —TNS

The objection came as Saini has filed a civil writ petition under Article 226. The High Court, under Section 482 of the CrPC, was appearing on behalf of the Special Investigating Team (SIT) probing the matter.

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# Man who ran car over dog arrested

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

A 26-year-old man, who allegedly ran his car over a dog, was arrested from Kapurthala district, the police said today.

The High Court asked counsel for the petitioner to satisfy the court on maintainability of the writ petition under Article 226.

Saini was also seeking directions for transferring the investigation to any other independent agency outside the state, or if permissible, to the CBI. The FIR in the matter was registered on May 6 for abduction and other offences under Sections 364, 201, 344, 330, 219 and 120-B of the IPC at Mataur police station in Mohali.

Maneka Gandhi had flayed incident by sharing its video

Cruelty to Animals Act and the IPC on the complaint of a representative of the People for Animals, the police said.

On Monday, Maneka had posted a video on Twitter, saying: "He is a breeder and seller of dogs for dog fights."

The police said 12 dogs had also been recovered from his house. The accused has been booked under relevant sections of the Prevention of

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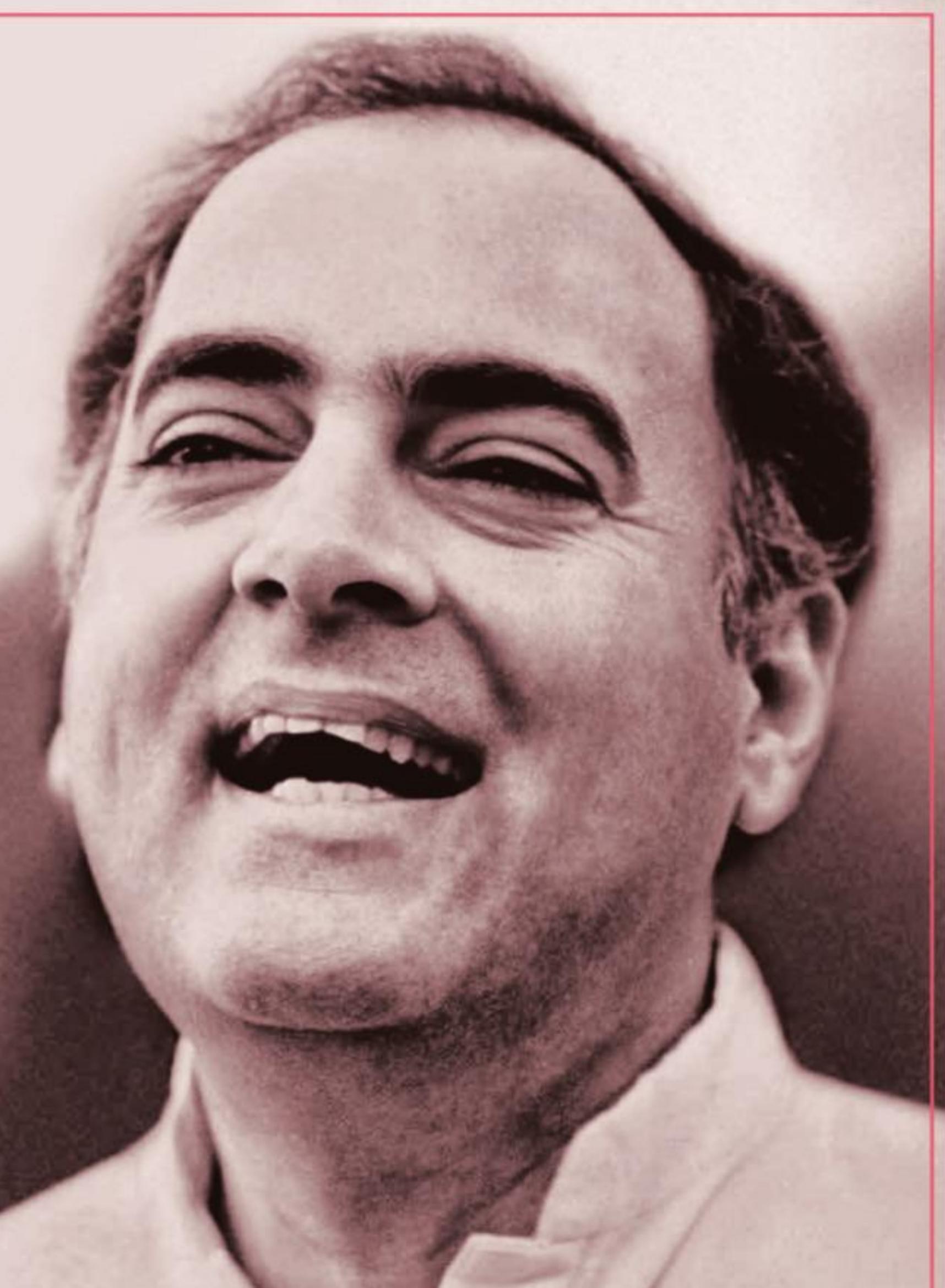
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## COURT NOTICE

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)  
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Sh. Balwinder Kumar II,  
Additional District and  
Sessions Judge,

Ludhiana.

Jinender Jain  
Vs.

General Public  
CNR No.:  
PBLD01-010331-2020  
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- Whereas MES-508240 Sh Mangat Ram, Maz S/o Sh Rikhi Ram, resident of Vill. Faratka PO Bathri, Teh Bhatiyal, Distt Chamba (HP) was absent from duty w.e.f. 09 Feb 2002. He has been issued a number of reminders/letters to resume his duty but did not report to this office.
- Whereas, he has been given a Memorandum vide GE(AF) Pathankot letter No. 1000/MR/04/EIC dated 31 May 2017 under Rule 14 of CCS(Classification Control & Appeal) Rules 1965.
- Sh Suresh Dagadu Jadhav AE(Civ), Adm Officer was appointed as Inquiry Officer vide GE(AF) Pathankot letter No. 1000/MR/13/EIC dated 18 Jan 2018 to inquire into the charges framed against the said MES-508240 Sh Mangat Ram, Maz. The Inquiry Officer fixed several hearings and directed the individual to report to this office with documentary evidences which can justify his absence but the individual failed to submit any evidence in his defence.

4 By giving sufficient time and opportunity to the said delinquent Inquiry Officer has compiled an Inquiry report and submitted the report to HQ CWE Pathankot vide letter No 1000/MR/20/EIC dated 16 Oct 2018.

5 After careful consideration of the Inquiry report submitted by Inquiry Officer on 16 Oct 2018, it is evident that MES-508240 Sh Mangat Ram, Maz has neither submitted documentary evidence justifying for his absence period more than 14 years nor showed any interest to serve the department in future anymore as the individual has submitted resignation application on 28 Oct 2016.

6 Now therefore, the Higher Authority vide HQ CWE Pathankot letter No 1610/RR/155/EIC dated 13 Nov 2018 gave directions to initiate commensurate penalty against MES-508240 Sh Mangat Ram, Maz.

7. As per HQ CE PZ letter No C-15516/Discp/RR/330/El(D&V) dated 20 Oct 2016 and E-in-C Branch IHQ of MOD(Army), New Delhi policy letter No. 78891/Policy/01/EID(i) dated 21 Apr 2015, GE is competent authority to impose penalty to Group 'C' employees with grade pay 1800/- as per GOI, MOD letter No 4(1)/2014/D(Lab) dated 10 Apr 2015.

8 Thus, as it is evident from the above paragraphs, MES-508240 Sh Mangat Ram, Maz is completely responsible for absence from service with effect from Feb 2002 till date and thus "Removed from service" with effect from 23 Jul 2020.

**Station Pathankot**  
Dated 23 Jul 2020  
DI-7767

Sd/- (RA Dattatraya)  
Lt Col  
Garrison Engineer  
Disciplinary Authority



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**Subject:** Admission under Lateral Entry system in 3rd semester in Govt/Private polytechnic of J&K

## ADMISSION NOTICE

1. Online applications are invited from concerned applicants who are eligible and desirous of seeking admission in 3rd semester of diploma polytechnic (Under Lateral Entry System) for academic session 2020.

**Online application forms:** The application forms have to be submitted online only through the lateral entry portal at <http://lateral.jksbotelive.com/>

1. The applicants can also contact the Helpdesk of IT Section of JKBOLE during office hours on 0194-2485697 or email at helpdesk on [helpmesbte@gmail.com](mailto:helpmesbte@gmail.com) for any assistance/guidance in this regard on any working days within the prescribed last date.

2. The applicants are advised to fill the online application forms on their own or through a responsible person.

3. Printout of application form along with the self-attested copies of the following certificates/documents must reach at the office of the Secretary J&K Board of Technical Education (JKBOLE) Old Secretariat Block C Srinagar by or before 15th of September, 2020.

## Certificates to be attached:

1. Marks sheet of Secondary Examination (Matriculation)

2. Provisional cum Marks certificate of 2 years ITI/Draftsman (if admission sought on the basis of 10 + 2 year ITI)

3. Marks certificate of 10th and 12th standard (if admission is sought on the basis of 10th+2)

4. Fee Receipt.

**Domicile certificate must be submitted at the time of admission.**

**Eligibility criteria for admission in 3rd semester diploma polytechnic under Lateral Entry System:**

Passed 12th standard examination with physics and chemistry as compulsory subjects along with one of the Mathematics/Biology (Botany Zoology) or 12th science with Technical or 10th + (2 year ITI) with appropriate Trade shall be eligible for admission to second year diploma course (s) of appropriate programme.

## Important Instructions are:-

1. Receipt of online application forms w.e.f **18.08.2020**

2. Last date for filling of online application form **10.09.2020**

3. Fee of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) to be paid online through Credit/Debit Card/Net Banking.

**Note:-** Admission will be made strictly on the basis of Academic merit of 10th and 12th standard/ Technical Qualification.

The date for written test, if required/counselling for admission will be issued separately.

**Secretary,  
Board of Technical Education, J&K.**

No:- SBOTE/LE-Adm/20/ Dated: /08/2020 DIPK-4234

## Will engage inmates in economic activity: Minister

AHOHAR, AUGUST 19

State Minister of Cooperation and Jails Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa today said the board would help in achieving the goal of reducing crimes in prisons, while generating revenue by keeping the prisoners busy in various activities undertaken by the board. — OC

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I, No. 4365937A Rank Sepoy name Kishor Kumar presently R/o Vill/PO/Tehsil Arnia, Distt. Jammu do hereby declare that my son name and date of birth has been wrongly written in my service documents as Gaurav Saini & 15.10.2003 instead of correct my son name & date of birth is Gaurav Saini & 11.12.2002. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days. DI-7807-2

I, 2998264X HAV Vijay Pal Singh Unit 3 Rajput C/o 56 APO, have changed my son Master Akash Singh date of birth from 20.07.2001 to 20.05.2002 due to civil documents. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities. DI-7807-4

I, Komal Amit Bholes, w/o No. 15707331H, Rank-L/NK, name-Amit Agarwal Bholes, R/o Village-Sardoli, Teh-Barsi, Distt-Solapur, State-Maharashtra, PIN - 413402, Post office-NCR, C/o 56 APO do hereby declared that I have changed my name from Nichal Komal Amit to Komal Amit Bholes in the service record of my husband. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities. DI-7807-1

**कार्यालय : सेनानी, प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल  
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## सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रथम वाहिनी में तैनात दल संख्या 140301028, सिपाही (जी.डी.) जसबीर सिंह, 'ब' समवाय, प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल को दिनांक 02.12.2019 से 31.12.2019 तक 30 दिन अंतिम अवकाश पर भेजा गया था। कर्मी द्वारा दिनांक 31.12.2019 को 04 सप्ताह अवकाश बढ़ातेरी हेतु अनुरोध किए जाने पर प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल के कार्यालय जापन संख्या 188 दिनांक 04.01.2020 के अनुसार दिनांक 01.01.2020 से 28.01.2020 तक 28 दिन अंतिम अवकाश बढ़ातेरी कर कर्मी को सूचित किया गया। कर्मी को अवकाश समाप्ति के उपरांत दिनांक 28.01.2020 (अप्राहन) अपनी आमद देनी थी, किंतु कर्मी दिनांक 29.01.2020 (पूर्वाहन) से बिना सक्षम अधिकारी की पूर्णानुमति के अवकाश से अनुपस्थित चल रहा है।

3. प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस द्वारा भी सूचित किया गया था कि कर्मी को गिरफतार कर सेनानी, प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल की सूचना नहीं दी गयी। फलस्वरूप कर्मी की अवकाश से लगातार अनुपस्थित होने के कारणों का पता लाने हेतु इस कार्यालय के आदेश संख्या 1758 दिनांक 13.03.2020 के तहत अनुरोध किया गया कि कर्मी को गिरफतार कर सेनानी, प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस द्वारा न तो प्रत्युत व्यरूप भी कर्मी को गिरफतार करने के उपरांत निर्णय लिया गया कि कर्मी-जसबीर सिंह दिनांक 29.01.2020 (पूर्वाहन) से बिना सक्षम अधिकारी की पूर्णानुमति के अवकाश से अनुपस्थित हो

# Devi Lal's grandson among new district BJP unit chiefs

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

A month after taking over as the state BJP chief, Om Prakash Dhankar on Wednesday took the first step towards building his own core team by announcing the names of new district chiefs. He has tried to balance the caste equation and local aspirations in the list, which has been released after taking party "heavyweights" into confidence.

Only two women—Archana Gupta (Panipat) and Gargi Kakkhar (Gurugram)—have made it to the list of 22 names.

The interesting appointment is of Rai legislator Mohan Lal Kaushik, who will be in charge of Sonepat district unit. His appointment assumes significance since the Baroda Assembly seat, which falls in Sonepat district, is due for bypoll. The seat fell

## Young dynamic team

"We've formed a young dynamic team with an average age of 45 years. They are experienced and raring to go. I've tried to give representation to all sections of society. My next agenda is to form the state body."

Om Prakash Dhankar, STATE BJP CHIEF

vacant following the demise of Congress MLA Shri Krishan Hooda. The BJP is going all out to add the seat to its kitty.

Only three of the outgoing district presidents have been retained in the new list. Ajay Bansal (Rohtak), Gopal Sharma (Faridabad) and Ashok Kumar Dhand (Kaithal) will serve as district presidents for the second term.

To strengthen the party base in the home district of the

Chautals and develop its own leadership despite the BJP's alliance with the Janayak Janta Party (JJP), the party has given the charge of Sirsa district to Aditya Devi Lal, grandson of late Deputy PM Devi Lal.

Among others to be appointed are party's Kisan Morcha state secretary Raj Kumar Saini (Kurukshetra), and state executive members Satyender Parmar (Dadri), Raju Mor (Jind) and Vikram Kadian (Jhajjar), son of former MLA Om Prakash Beri. Kadian had unsuccessfully contested the Assembly elections from Beri last year.

Hisar district president Capt Bhupinder is a former OSD to CMML Khattar, while the new Yamunanagar district chief Rajesh Sapra is the personal secretary to Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Rattan Lal Kataria, and has served the party in various capacities.

SUSHIL MANAV

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19

Haryana is preparing for its fight against Coronavirus with projections of 72,904 cases in the state by September 15.

As per the GAP analysis by the Health Department in various districts of Haryana, the state is likely to have 18,226 active cases on September 15.

As on Tuesday, the state had 48,936 positive cases and 7,081 active cases.

As per the state government's projections, Faridabad district, which had the maximum 11,236 positive cases and 776 active cases on Tuesday evening, could have 15,225 positive and 3,806 active cases by the middle of September, again the maximum for any dis-

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# Cases projected to rise to 72K by Sept 15, state gets ready

8 attached with CM test positive

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19  
Eight security personnel attached with the Haryana CM, who were to join duty, were among the 994 fresh cases, highest so far, in the state today. Civil Surgeon Panchkula Dr Jasjeet Kaur said that before joining duty, the security personnel were tested and found positive.

BJP outgoing district president Jagmohan Anand tested positive in Karnal. Ten deaths were reported today with two each in Faridabad, Rewari and Ambala and one each in Gurugram, Hisar, Kurukshetra and Sirsa. —TNS

## Covid-19 Cases District-wise Count

| DISTRICT      | +VE    | DEATHS |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Faridabad     | 11,315 | 157    |
| Gurugram      | 10,539 | 131    |
| Sonepat       | 3,572  | 40     |
| Ambala        | 2,771  | 24     |
| Rewari        | 2,692  | 16     |
| Panipat       | 2,388  | 34     |
| Rohtak        | 2,300  | 26     |
| Karnal        | 1,815  | 18     |
| Hisar         | 1,408  | 12     |
| Palwal        | 1,322  | 10     |
| Panchkula     | 1,313  | 8      |
| Mahendragarh  | 1,271  | 1      |
| Kurukshetra   | 1,071  | 18     |
| Bhiwani       | 1,038  | 8      |
| Jhajjar       | 1,021  | 14     |
| Yamunanagar   | 830    | 14     |
| Sirsa         | 805    | 9      |
| Nuh           | 651    | 13     |
| Fatehabad     | 593    | 4      |
| Kaithal       | 548    | 3      |
| Jind          | 418    | 6      |
| Charkhi Dadri | 249    | 1      |
| Total         | 49,930 | 567    |

# Gender test racket busted, tout held

JHAJJAR, AUGUST 19

A team of the district health authorities on Wednesday unearthed an inter-state sex determination racket with the arrest of a tout. Two staff nurses among eight persons have been booked.

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tomer was sent to a local polyclinic. There, a nurse cracked a deal for Rs 70,000. As per the plan, a tout identified as Sum-

it of Wazirpur village met the decoy customer in Jhajjar on Tuesday and received Rs 70,000 from her," said Dr Achal Tripathi, nodal officer, PNNDT.

"After the ultrasound test, the decoy customer and Sumit returned to Beri and told her about the gender of

her unborn child. As soon as they returned, Sumit was caught and Rs 15,500 was recovered from him," the nodal officer said. Dr Tripathi further said Sumit worked as an ambulance operator at the Civil Hospital here three years ago. —TNS



A waterlogged stretch of the Delhi-Jaipur expressway in Gurugram on Wednesday. S CHANDAN

# Rain sinks Gurugram

Tribune Reporters

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 19

A three-hour rain spell today left many areas of the city submerged and threw life out of gear. Over 100 mm of rain led to flash floods, leaving streets, vehicles and furniture inside homes under water.

Electricity supply was snapped in many areas and had not been restored till the filing of this report. The photograph of a car submerged in water on the Gold Course Road became the face of this monsoon.

Waterlogging took a toll on vehicular movement, with waiting time in traffic jams

on the Delhi-Jaipur expressway ranging from 20 minutes to an hour.

Massive flooding and breakdown of vehicles were reported. At least 2,000 police personnel rose to the occasion by diverting traffic, aiding in vehicle repairs and helping people cross flooded roads.

"The main reason behind waterlogging is structural lapses like encroachment on drains and laying of speed breakers. We have decented water from many places and it is under way in the DLF underpass," said Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri.

**FARIDABAD:** Several residential areas and roads were waterlogged for several hours after a downpour. Traffic movement remained disrupted and snarls were witnessed at several places.

**KARNAL:** A short spell of heavy rain left the city waterlogged at many places. Commuters had to face problems in many parts of the city.

**YAMUNANAGAR:** Life was hit in parts of Yamunanagar district after seasonal rivulets Somb and Nakti swelled due to heavy rain.

The overflowing rivulets submerged standing crops in several areas and damaged an embankment, roads and part of a bridge.

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Foreign Exchange Department, Sector 17, Chandigarh  
www.rbi.org.in  
**Cancellation of Full Fledged Money Changers licenses**  
By exercising the powers conferred under Section 10 (3) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act 1999, the Reserve Bank of India has revoked the Full Fledged Money Changers (FFMC) licenses issued to the following companies for undertaking money changing activities due to under mentioned reason:  

| S. Name & Regd. Office Address No.   | Licence No. & Date                   | Date of Cancellation | Reason for Cancellation |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 M/s. Mohit Forex Pvt. Ltd., Radaur Road, Ladwa, Kurukshetra- 136118                            | FE-CG-FFMC 215/2018 dated 16.02.2018 | 26.06.2020           | #                       |
| 2 M/s. Sunny Forex Pvt. Ltd., Court Road, Near Old DTO Office, Mahilpur Adda, Hoshiarpur- 146001 | FE-CG-FFMC 144/2012 dated 28.06.2012 | 10.08.2020           | #                       |

# The Company has contravened the provisions of Section 10(4) of FEMA 1999 by not following the directions issued to it from time to time. Consequent to revocation of FFMC license, the FFMCs are prohibited to undertake the money changing activities. Money changing activities of FFMCs are defined in Master Direction No. 3/2015-16 dated 01.01.2016 which is available on www.rbi.org.in  
Regional Director

**Opportunity for Civil Engineers**  
HSIIDC, a nodal agency of Government of Haryana for Industrial & Infrastructure Development invites applications for the post of Manager (Industrial Area) against direct recruitment vacancies for appointment on contract basis for a period of one year.  
**Name of the post / no. of vacancies :**  
Manager (IA) / (10 no.)  
**Monthly Salary (in Rs.) :**  
50,000/- (all inclusive)  
• Candidates must have qualified/cleared Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) of Year 2020. GATE score of year 2020 only shall be considered. • Age Limit: Between 21 to 42 years. • Relaxation in upper age limit will be given to candidates of Haryana only in accordance with the instructions of the State Government. • For details on educational qualification, experience, application form and other term and conditions etc., interested candidates may visit the website [www.hsiidc.org.in](http://www.hsiidc.org.in)  
**LAST DATE OF APPLICATION IS 22.09.2020 UPTO 5:00 P.M.**  
Managing Director

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## Grand old issue

Priyanka's views rake up Cong leadership vacuum

**T**HE leadership crisis that has bedeviled the Congress for over a year now, mostly simmering at the surface, has again spouted, causing a stir in the party that has been struggling to remain in the reckoning ever since its boat was rocked by the ascendancy of the Modi-led BJP in 2014. This follows Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's comment on her brother Rahul Gandhi's views on the Congress leadership in an interview to the authors of a new book on the country's future leaders. Priyanka too has said that the party should have a non-Gandhi at the helm and that she would have no reservations in accepting his or her leadership.

Ever since Rahul Gandhi quit as the grand old party's president after the second successive poll debacle in the General Election last May, he has firmly stood his ground, bucking repeated demands by senior Congress leaders to retract his resignation. However, since that did not lead to the election or selection of a non-Gandhi leader acceptable to the faction-ridden AICC, Sonia Gandhi was chosen as the interim party chief last August. The matter has remained in limbo, necessitating her continuation even a year later. The vacuum at the top has rendered the second-most important party in the country a rudderless one.

Any further delay in the smooth transition of power and the passing on of the baton will push the directionless organisation further adrift in the choppy political waters. A clear hierarchy must be established if it has to stay relevant. The Congressmen must arrive at a decision on a leader — whether it is a Gandhi, a non-Gandhi, a young Turk or a veteran. A strong Opposition is an essential element for a healthy democracy. The grand old party that has won the confidence of the electorate for a major chunk of the post-Independence period owes it to the people to get its act together. It would be a pity if the Congress were to squander away its rich legacy. With various names popping up regularly for a possible president, it is apparent that there is no dearth of experienced persons of political acumen and administrative qualities ready to take on the leadership mantle.

## Govt jobs for locals in MP

Discern immediate and long-term concerns

**T**HAT identity-based politics is gaining traction is reflected in the announcement by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan that all government jobs in the state will be given to the locals. Though Chouhan's statement is being seen as a political compulsion in the light of the Assembly bypolls in the Chambal-Gwalior region, where the pressure is on Jyotiraditya Scindia to perform, it has created a controversy, as students from various parts of the country study in educational institutes of that state. The CM had earlier been in the news for sparring with his Punjab counterpart over the geographical indication (GI) tag for basmati and drew flak after a member of a religious minority group was allegedly assaulted in Barwani district.

States like Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have also pitched for giving jobs to locals post-lockdown. This is mostly because of the reverse exodus of migrants that has created a job shortage. But what Chouhan has to make sure is that, first, there are enough jobs. Even in the government sector, there are no jobs. Along with the public sector, the organised private sector has seen job losses, pay cuts and manpower rationalisation. Now, as economic activities start to pick up, the concern is about finding people to do the work. Offering jobs will also mean ensuring the required qualification. Promising government jobs to the locals is no solution for unemployment, for which the state also needs to attract investment and encourage private enterprise.

A final roadmap of the MP plan is awaited but a distinction will be needed between 'domicile' and 'place of birth'. In Jharkhand, for example, Babulal Marandi resigned as the chief minister after proposing a domicile policy for the state that had seen an influx of outsiders in the wake of industrialisation, creating a 'locals versus outsiders' situation. It led to huge protests. Indicating place of birth was to be a requirement if a nationwide NRC were to be implemented and it had caused confusion. Political though Chouhan's concerns may be, he will be required to tread with caution.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Regardless of who wins, an election should be a time for optimism and fresh approaches. — Gary Johnson

### ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1920

### The Special Congress and Non-co-operation.

In his Madras speech, Mr. Gandhi once more tried to answer those critics who have been telling him that he ought to have waited for the declaration of the Congress, which is the mouthpiece of the nation, before starting the non-co-operation movement. "If it was for me, individual Gandhi, to wait," he said, "I would have waited for eternity. I had in my hands a sacred trust. I was advising my Musselman countrymen and for the time being, I held their honour in my hands. I dare not ask them to wait for any verdict but the verdict of their own conscience." As regards the first part of this observation, Mr. Gandhi's declaration that if the question were individual he would wait for eternity seems to be in conflict with his previous declaration, reiterated in the present speech, that "it is no Congressman's duty to consult the Congress before taking an action in the matter in which he has no doubts," that "when one has an unshakable faith in a particular policy or action, it would be folly to wait for the Congress pronouncement." But the discrepancy is only apparent, for it is scarcely possible to think of a case where an argument such as that by which Mr. Gandhi defends his action could not be brought forward. As regards the second part, we would repeat the question we asked a few days ago. If it were not inconsistent with the verdict of our Musselman brethren's conscience to wait till the 1st of August, with what reason can it be said it would have been inconsistent with this verdict to have waited for just a month more? "Do you suppose?" Mr. Gandhi goes on to say, "that Mussalmans can eat their own words, can withdraw from honourable positions they have taken up? If perchance the Special Congress decides against them, I would still advise my countrymen, the Mussalmans, to fight rather than yield to the attempted dishonour to their religion." It is not dishonourable to withdraw from a position.

# Rajapaksas do it again

As their party sweeps the Sri Lankan polls, India needs to take stock of relations



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**W**HILE the focus of media attention in India was predictably on who would win the recent parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka, few people noted some of the unique achievements of Sri Lankan democracy during the elections. Its unique facets were lauded by India's former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi. The challenges Sri Lanka's election commission and government faced for ensuring smooth and peaceful elections in 196 parliamentary constituencies, amidst the pandemic, were daunting. There was meticulous rehearsing, involving strict limitations on the attendance in meetings, wearing of masks and gloves, use of sanitizers, and distancing. Liberal provisions were also made for postal ballots. There was a remarkable turnout of 71% and it was substantial in the Tamil-dominated Northern Province. What has also been lauded is the meticulous and disciplined manner in which Sri Lanka has handled the challenges of the pandemic, with just 11 deaths from among about 2,900 confirmed cases.

Not surprisingly, the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Party, led by the Rajapaksa brothers, PM Mahinda Rajapaksa and his younger brother, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, swept the polls, winning 145 of the 225 seats. The opposition United National Party (UNP), which has ruled for a number of years after independence in 1948, was virtually wiped out, winning just one seat. This debacle has been attributed to the 'lacklustre' leadership of former PM Ranil Wickremesinghe. Sajith Premadasa, son of former President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who quit the UNP and formed his own party, led an



JOB WELL DONE: Sri Lanka has successfully conducted the polls amid Covid.

New Delhi would be well advised to consult with the US and its allies to open their doors for assistance to Sri Lanka.

imaginative and aggressive campaign, winning 54 seats and emerging as the leader of the opposition.

India has, in recent years, kept away from internal developments in Sri Lanka. PM Modi has maintained a cordial relationship with the Rajapaksa brothers and the SLFP. Avoiding the mistakes of the past, when India was often seen as being politically partisan, Indian High Commissioners have reached out to a wide cross-section of leaders and parties in Sri Lanka. The bloodletting in the ethnic conflict took the lives of around a lakh civilians (Tamil and Sinhala) and 27,000 LTTE cadres. As many as 1,500 Indian soldiers of the IPKF also laid down their lives earlier in the conflict, when they were compelled to act against the LTTE. Former PM Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in 1991 by the LTTE; and LTTE leader Prabhakaran was killed by the Sri Lankan army in 2009. New Delhi has since poured in huge assistance for relief, rehabilitation and development of Lankan Tamils.

While India chose to develop a friendly relationship with the Sri Lankan government after the conflict ended, western governments led by the US and UK imposed economic sanctions

and sought to get President Rajapaksa and others tried for alleged war crimes. The normally pro-western Sri Lankans turned against the West and moved to an ambitious and expansionist China. Appearing ready to open its purse strings and pour out so-called 'assistance', China led Sri Lanka into a debt trap. This is a situation which many countries in Asia and Africa, ranging from Pakistan and Sri Lanka to Ethiopia, Tanzania and Kenya, now face. The choices these countries confront are difficult, especially as western bilateral and multilateral aid from organisations like the World Bank is determined increasingly by geopolitical considerations. Sri Lanka also faces a similar dilemma, arising largely from ill-advised American and European actions, of imposing sanctions.

China has benefited by rushing in with its 'debt trap' diplomacy, through generous offers of assistance for infrastructure projects. Beijing has provided \$7 billion assistance for projects, including construction of the Hambantota Port. Such assistance has also been forthcoming from China for projects like the development of the Colombo Port, whose earnings are derived primarily from shipments of goods to

India. What has been surprising are Sri Lankan reservations in agreeing to Indian and Japanese assistance for expansion of the Colombo harbour facilities. This unfortunately leads to impressions in India that the resistance to partnering with India and Japan arises from Chinese pressures. This raises eyebrows in India about the impact of Chinese pressures on Sri Lanka. There have periodically been occasions when Chinese naval vessels and submarines have berthed in Colombo.

The elections saw a substantial turnout in the Tamil-dominated northern and eastern provinces. It is best for Sri Lanka to work out its own solutions to its peoples' concerns in these provinces. India is now focused to providing assistance to the Indian Tamils, whose ancestors reached Sri Lanka during colonial rule to work on plantations. Modi has reached out personally to both Mahinda and Gotabaya Rajapaksa. New Delhi would be well advised to consult closely with the US and its allies to open their doors for assistance to Sri Lanka bilaterally, and through institutions like the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Relations with Sri Lanka should be a part of the overall Indian Ocean strategy of the 'Quad'.

The most abiding factor influencing the sentiments of the majority Sinhala population in Sri Lanka that links them to India is the Buddhist faith. The intelligence inputs that India provided to Sri Lanka about an impending terrorist attack by the ISIS on Sri Lanka's Buddhist shrines and population last year were a manifestation of India's commitment to the welfare of the people of Sri Lanka. India has settled its maritime boundary disputes with all its neighbours, except Pakistan. China has boundary disputes with virtually all its neighbours. It has not hesitated to use force to enforce its claims. Chinese assertiveness has an interesting history. In voyages across the Indian Ocean between 1405 and 1433, China's marauding Admiral Zheng He abducted Sri Lankan king Vira Alakeswara and took the holy tooth relic of Lord Buddha. The relic was returned by China after over five centuries.

## Kaptaan Saheb's bus arrives at Kuteena

SATISH K SHARMA

**W**HEN Capt Jivan Lal returned to his village in Rajasthan in the early 1970s after completing a short tenure in the Army as an Emergency Commissioned officer, he was dismayed at having to travel the last leg of the journey using the same 'vehicle' as when he had left to join the Army — a camel. 'Poori duniya aagey badh gayi pan Kuteena ut ka ut saiy' (the whole world has progressed but Kuteena has remained as it is), he said ruefully, noticing that the adjoining villages of the new state of Haryana had progressed fast, but Kuteena, the last village of Rajasthan on this side, was in a time warp. The

realisation fired up the young retiree to do something to improve the state of affairs in his native place.

He was the first Army officer from the village, so a stream of visitors came to greet him. Among them were the sarpanch and other leaders to whom the Captain expressed his willingness to devote his time to village uplift.

But the wily and well-entrenched caste-based leaders were loath to let him disturb the existing power structure of the village. So, they distanced themselves from him. They had, however, underestimated the young man's resolve. When he saw that no one was taking him seriously, he announced his arrival with a bang. 'I will start a bus service in Kuteena!' he declared.

The leaders scoffed at the audacious

avowal because they knew he had no money. But the common folks greeted it with excitement. A glib tongue even remarked that if the bus service was launched and things moved in the right direction, the village could even overtake, ahem, Delhi in a few years.

Well, the Captain proved to be a man of his word. He managed to buy a condemned Army truck in an auction and on its chassis got a bus body mounted.

And, one day, the brightly shining bus arrived at the village square, signalling the arrival of the backwater village itself. The bus, known as Kaptaan Saheb's bus, made two daily trips to the nearby town of Rewari. It took two hours to travel 25 km, owing to dozens of stops en route, but what did it matter as long as the bus was

available from the village itself!

The bus ran for nearly two years, and throughout that period, its arrival and departure were the main events in an otherwise staid daily routine of the village.

Alas, the bus ran into trouble, perhaps because private buses were not issued permits then. The penalties kept mounting till the authorities impounded the bus. For all his enterprise, the poor Captain had no money to pay the several thousand rupees of accumulated fine. He gave up on his maiden venture. Last heard, the bus lay rotting in the compound of a police station.

The village finally got a bus service a decade later. But the old-timers still recall Kaptaan Saheb's bus as a fond memory.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Career before life?

Refer to the August 19 editorial 'Life must go on', the Supreme Court has observed in its ruling that 'careers of students cannot be put under jeopardy for long', but can the lives of students be put at risk in the name of a career? One of the points being mentioned is that exams would be conducted under a controlled environment. Is it possible? Students will have to personally appear at exam centres. Will they not be exposed to the risk of contracting Covid? The irony is that the SC itself is hearing cases virtually, but expects students to come out and take a chance with their lives! The court should have waited until the flattening of the Covid curve in the country before passing this order. Life once gone cannot come back.

ISHAN HASTIR, GURDASPUR

#### No transparency

Apropos of the news report 'No action yet in fake beneficiaries case' (Aug 18), there are several other welfare schemes, too, which are being implemented in Punjab. Is there transparency in running all those schemes? The government should find out the cause for wrong identification of beneficiaries. The delinquents should first

be brought to book and deterrent punishment may be given. Identification must have been done under political pressure. The yardsticks taken to declare the beneficiaries ineligible may be made clear to the public. In fact, this issue is being highlighted just to divert the attention of the public from problems like unemployment, poor education system and medical services, sky-rocketing prices of essential commodities and the inefficiency of the government.

Neither government agencies nor banks dare knock the door of big sharks who are the defaulters.

RAJ KUMAR KAPOOR, ROPAR

#### Free power politics

Recently, the Punjab CM reiterated his oft-repeated stand on free power. The groundwater is now in mining mode, where extraction is more than double the annual replenishment. The government is constitutionally bound to ensure the balanced use of all natural resources, including groundwater. Excessive use of groundwater is a criminal act and an ecological disaster. More than 70% of agriculture in the state is dependent upon groundwater. It is crucial to save the economy of the state from a government-created situation for

political considerations.

SK MITTAL, PANCHKULA

#### Why no award for Gurtej?

In reference to the news report '1 Kirti, 9 Shaurya Chakra; none for Galwan heroes' (Aug 15); it is strange that the Galwan valley bravehearts were ignored. Gurtej Singh sacrificed his life, killing 12 Chinese soldiers in Galwan. The 12th Chinese soldier, who attacked him with a sword, was also killed by Gurtej Singh after he snatched the sword from him, before attaining a heroic death. Gurtej Singh should have been awarded the Param Vir Chakra.

VIDWAN SINGH SONI, PATIALA

#### Widening tax base

Reference to 'Direct tax reforms', given the behemoth population of India, its minuscule taxpayer base is paradoxical. The deep-seated trust deficit, harassment of honest taxpayers, tax evasion by bigwigs with impunity, the long-drawn-out tax disputes are some reasons for non-compliance. The government's announcement of a faceless tax assessment is a step in the right direction. The 14-point taxpayers' charter envisages to provide a free, fair and transparent tax

environment. It is hoped that the implementation corresponds to the intended goal so that India embarks on a trajectory of buoyant economic growth to ensure that the benefits expected of a welfare state reach its citizens.

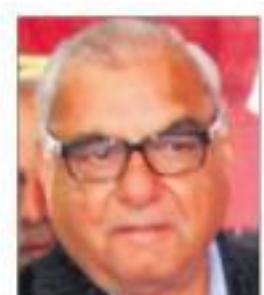
SUKHMAN KAUR LOCHI, CHANDIGARH

#### Drying system for fruits

Fruits are a vital source of essential nutrients, but due to the high moisture content, they are highly perishable. As per the latest estimates by the Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana, the wastage of fresh horticultural produce is up to 18 per cent due to poor post-harvest management practices. Drying is therefore an appropriate alternative for perishable products. An optimum drying system for the preparation of quality dehydrated products is cost-effective, as it shortens the drying time and causes minimum damage to the product. Modern techniques like vacuum drying, osmotic dehydration, freeze drying, heat pump drying and superheated steam drying have a great scope for the production of good quality dried products and powders. The government should promote it.

GURINDER SINGH, PATIALA

# Need ordinance to ensure farmers get MSP



BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA

FORMER HARYANA CM

**T**HE three ordinances promulgated by the Union government in June and touted as structural reforms for transforming the agricultural sector have triggered a maelstrom of protests by the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and other parts of the country. Myriad farmers' organisations and unions have strongly opposed these ordinances, even though the purported aim of these reforms is to help the farmer get a more remunerative price for crops by unshackling the agricultural markets through barrier-free inter-state and intra-state agri-trade; by giving the farmers and the traders the freedom of choice in the sale and purchase of agricultural produce outside the market premises or mandis; and, by a more informed decision through the digital platform of e-markets and global markets.

The attractive package and media hype around these ordinances have failed to hide the insidious anti-farmer bias. The grim reality is that through these ordinances, the Union government has sought to facilitate the corporate sector — exporters, aggregators, processors, wholesalers, large retailers and suppliers in the value addition chain — all persons with deep pockets. A centralised 'one nation, one market'

is sought to be created in the country, which will divest the farmer of a level playing field by eroding the safety net of MSP (minimum support price) and other checks and balances.

The common thread running through the Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, and the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance is that these two seek to deregulate the agricultural markets in the country by diluting the provisions of the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees Act (APMCA), removing inter-state barriers on the sale of crops as also the intra-state stipulation of sale of crops within the marketing yards or mandis designated under the APMCA. Both ordinances exempt agricultural transactions in the trade area outside the purview of the APMCA from market fee, cess or any charge levied under this Act or any other state law.

The dispute redressal mechanism under the two ordinances provides for a conciliation process, the local SDM being the first port of call to resolve the dispute and revisional/appellate jurisdiction vesting with the senior officers of the government. It has been envisioned to do away with the system of intermediaries called *arhtiyas* or commission agents. This will pave the way for withering away of marketing yards or mandis set up under APMCA, as in traditional mandis; market fee and cess would continue to be charged whereas all transactions in the trade area under these ordinances would be exempt from market fee or cess, thus creating a huge asymmetry between the two. The traditional mandi system has stood the test of time, and its



FAIR PLAY: Any person found purchasing agricultural produce at below the MSP should be made liable for criminal prosecution.

**The way these ordinances have been pushed through in haste, bypassing full deliberations in Parliament, when we are battling the pandemic and the economic slowdown, is disquieting. Instead of nudging the states through a model draft or consultations, the Centre has taken the ordinance route on the subject of agriculture, thus eroding the federal system of the country.**

crumbling is likely to hurt states like Punjab and Haryana more, as these have a sound mandi/procurement network. In 2006, Bihar did away with the APMCA. Once the traditional marketing yards or mandis were out of the picture, unscrupulous traders started fleecing farmers by procuring crops at rates much below the MSP, wrongly charging the market fee from farmers and pocketing the same. This is also manifest in the rice millers' scam in Haryana, where according to media reports, wrong stocks of paddy were shown, fake invoices were generated by rice millers, keeping the leeway for making good the short stocks by sourcing an equivalent produce from Bihar and other states at rates much below the MSP.

The *arhtiya-kisan* relationship is symbiotic, the former financing the latter for farm operations, family

functions and other emergent needs. The commission agent makes logistics arrangements to act as a bridge between the farmer and the procuring agencies. Dismantling this institution without a better alternative is problematic. The dispute redressal mechanism provided for under the ordinances does not inspire confidence as it is silent on recourse to the courts of law. The latter of the two ordinances is an enabling legislation for facilitating contract farming. Surprisingly, benchmarking for price discovery under this ordinance has been linked to the APMCA prices, whereas the contract farmers supply seed to seed companies at rates higher than the MSP. The case of Pepsico suing contract farmers of Gujarat for compensation for hefty sums should be kept in mind in this context.

The Essential Commodities (Amend-

ment) Ordinance amends Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act in order to do away with the stock limits on cereals, pulses, potato, onions, edible oilseeds and oils except in situations of war, natural calamity or extraordinary price rise. In India, we have been witnessing a regularly recurring phenomenon of prices of agricultural produce dipping at the time of arrival of crops in the marketing yard and then shooting up in the off-season. As cereals, pulses, potato and onions will be stocked by exporters, processors and suppliers in the value addition chain without proper regulation, their rates are likely to fluctuate, hurting the poor consumer the most as these are part of staple diet.

The way these ordinances have been pushed through in haste, bypassing full deliberations in Parliament, when we are battling the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic slowdown, is disquieting. Instead of nudging the states through a model draft or consultations, the Centre has taken the ordinance route on the subject of agriculture, thus eroding the federal system of the country. These ordinances will weaken the state finances already challenged due to GST. The government should remove anomalies in these ordinances and bring in a fourth ordinance guaranteeing the farmer that the crop would be procured not below the MSP, calculated on the C-2 formula (covering labour, operational, capital, storage, transport and other incidental charges) in the Swaminathan Commission recommendations. Any person found purchasing the agricultural produce at below the MSP should be made liable for criminal prosecution in the proposed fourth ordinance.

## Preferring show of force to discreet security



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FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL, MILITARY OPERATIONS

Our Constitution makes the State responsible for the security of every citizen. Administrators are vested with the duty to protect the citizenry. When a large number of administrators remain behind an iron wall, how can they know about the vulnerability of the public and ensure their security? Most of their time is taken in making arrangements for their own protection. Are they the protectors or only the protected?

**I**F one goes by the premise that all human life is precious, then how is one dearer than another? One could argue that the nature of the job makes some people more vulnerable than others. Then again, what is the risk and how should they be protected? Intelligence agencies carry out a threat assessment and the Home Ministry categorises security as Z+, Z, X and Y, based on the threat perception. Various types of forces are deployed to perform this task, including the Special Protection Group (SPG), the National Security Guard (NSG), paramilitary forces and the police. These have to be trained in the art of close protection and equipped accordingly. State governments have to play their role. There is also the need to look after the logistics and administration, particularly when the security personnel have to live and operate from private houses.

Let us for a minute leave aside the application of protection to high-risk individuals, such as politicians, bureaucrats and police personnel, and view the entire spectrum from the prism of senior military commanders. They, too, are at equal risk by virtue of their job profile.

Senior military commanders, while conducting counter-insurgency operations or handling complex internal security situations, have to take decisions which can result in the loss of life and at times cause excessive inconvenience to the public. This can invite a backlash. GOC-in-Cs and their equivalent ranks in the Indian Air Force and the Navy, who are vested with judicial powers like judges, may in this process of dispensation award harsh punishments which could result in their



ON THE JOB: Protection parties must be well-trained and vigilant at all times.

becoming targets both during service and after retirement. Their personal protection during service is ensured through soldiers under their command. Retired chiefs have been provided security for a limited period after retirement, but this probably happened after we lost Gen AS Vaidya to a terrorist attack in 1986. The threat to the life of others does not vanish after relinquishing command. Since no such facilities are extended to them, they manage their lives accordingly.

The raising of the Rashtriya Rifles division in the Kashmir valley brought in a large number of troops. Despite the high level of threat to commanders, it was not possible to spare a large contingent of troops for their personal security. It was well-known that the moment a commander left his base, the terrorist network became active and would start

broadcasting his location. Some commanders decided to give up flying flags and displaying star plates to prevent them from being identified and targeted. Others felt that it would adversely impact the morale of the troops and continued with the practice.

Once while I was passing through CPM leader MY Tarigami's village, a number of shopkeepers, seeing the flag and stars, requested us to halt to listen to their grievances. Generally, my ADC and the protection party of six soldiers would not allow me to have any close contact with a gathering of civilians in built-up areas, but I made an exception and halted. We found out that many shopkeepers had suffered a loss when jawans had bought goods at prices advantageous to them. After apologising and compensating them, we distributed sweets among the children who were gathered there. On the way back on the same route, a boy stopped our vehicles. We were shocked when he handed over a live grenade to the ADC which was meant to have been thrown at our convoy from a side street. This was our reward for our sympathy and interaction with the shopkeepers; we realised that good relations with the public are in themselves a form of protection.

Some years later, when I was the Director General, Military Operations (DGMO), newspapers reported that the Prime Minister had decided to send me to Pakistan for a military-to-military dialogue with my counterpart.

The next day, a handwritten message on a rough piece of paper was dropped off at my private residence, stating that if I undertook this journey, my family and my life were at risk. When this was shown to the authorities, their first reaction was to enhance my security. It was tempting to move around in Lutyens' Delhi with gun-toting soldiers. It did not take me long to visualise its impact on my family life, entertainment and golf being the first casualties. I abandoned the idea as fast as it had formed. But the organisation insisted that some measures had to be undertaken. It was decided to increase my guard at the residence and install security lights around the bungalow. All went well till a huge electricity bill was received. This led to an upheaval in the household. The very next day, finding a solution to this problem by the staff took priority over the operational briefing! A few days later, when two unidentified motorcyclists were observed lurking outside the Chief of Army Staff's house, he

called me to say that they were actually looking for me! The whole episode then died a natural death.

There is no doubt that high-risk persons must be guarded with all the resources at our disposal. Protection parties must be well-trained and vigilant at all times. Unfortunately, there are only a limited number of highly trained personnel who can fulfil this task with efficiency and integrity. Since the number of individuals who demand security far exceeds the availability, they have to be supplemented with persons whose primary role is policing. Statistics reveal that not many security personnel guarding an individual have lost lives defending him or her.

It is amusing to see VIPs leaving their security personnel in the car parking while they spend four to five hours playing a round of golf. So, what is the deterrence? Unless they have made arrangements like this British friend who was commanding a brigade in Northern Ireland at the time of the Troubles. I was curious to find out as to how he was able to ensure his security while playing golf. He said that they laid greater emphasis on discreet security rather than a show of force. His caddy, who was a sniper, carried his weapon concealed in an umbrella. We have so much to learn.

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### QUICK CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- 1 Give support to (6)
- 4 Wide range (8)
- 9 Made liquid by heat (6)
- 10 Completely exposed (4,4)
- 12 Domesticated (4)
- 13 Strange (5)
- 14 Annul (4)
- 17 Unemotional (6-2-4)
- 20 Troublesome (12)
- 23 Objective (4)
- 24 For this reason (5)
- 25 Cunning (4)
- 28 Fearless (8)
- 29 Emperor of Japan (6)
- 30 Noticeably (8)
- 31 Follow advice (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Former (8)
- 2 Great misfortune (8)
- 3 Require (4)
- 5 First position (5,2,5)
- 6 Chief cook (4)
- 7 Feel regret (6)
- 8 Trusted adviser (6)
- 11 Ordinary (3-2-3-4)
- 15 Break off (5)
- 16 Barely sufficient (5)
- 18 Combative (8)
- 19 Minimise importance of (4,4)
- 21 Self-centredness (6)
- 22 Trade by exchange (6)
- 26 Give up one's right to (4)
- 27 Flightless nocturnal bird (4)

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Grind, 4 Forearm, 8 End, 9 Insofar as, 10 Finance, 11 Ebony, 13 Lessen, 15 Ethnic, 18 Flair, 19 Quarrel, 21 Ill at ease, 23 Ham, 24 Typical, 25 Tipsy.  
**Down:** 1 Gleeful, 2 Indonesia, 3 Design, 4 Foster, 5 Reflect, 6 Air, 7 Musty, 12 Ownership, 14 Erratic, 16 Calumny, 17 Squall, 18 Alert, 20 Alert, 22 Lip.

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### CALENDAR

AUGUST 20, 2020, THURSDAY

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| ■ Shaka Samvat                           | 1942 |
| ■ Shravan Shaka                          | 29   |
| ■ Bhadrapad Parivisht                    | 5    |
| ■ Hijari                                 | 1441 |
| ■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 2, up to 2:14 am   |      |
| ■ Shiva Yoga up to 5:41 pm               |      |
| ■ Purvaphalguni Nakshatra up to 11:51 pm |      |
| ■ Moon enters Virgo sign 5:15 am         |      |

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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## 2 kidnapped girls saved

## Tracing of Doon MLA's contacts arduous task

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, AUGUST 19

A Nalagarh police team today brought back two minor girls, aged 12 and 15 years, from Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh.

Two youths from Nalagarh had kidnapped the girls and taken them there on August 14.

Baddi Superintendent of Police (SP) Rohit Malpani said that the police had

concrete information that the minor girls were kidnapped by their neighbours Ram Pal (18) and Mahil Kumar (20), both natives of Lakhimpur Kheri district.

The police team comprising Rattan Lal, Diwan Chand, Harbir and Harwinder Kaur with the help of the local police traced the girls and the accused.

The girls were identified by their parents through video-conferencing and brought back.

AMBika SHARMA  
TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, AUGUST 19

Tracing the contacts of Doon MLA Paramjeet Singh, who tested Covid-positive last evening, is an uphill task for the Baddi administration that identified only 15 persons today.

The identified contacts include a 22-year-old girl from Baddi, who cleared the UPSC exam recently, and her four family members who

had met the Chief Minister at his residence in Shimla on August 11. Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Rajiv Saizal and Town and Country Planning and Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj were also present in the 45-minute meeting. The samples of all five would also be tested.

The Doon MLA's family members, personal security officer and driver had been isolated, said health officials,



## 15 identified so far

- Doon MLA Paramjeet Singh's family members, security officer and driver have been isolated. The Baddi administration identified 15 contacts
- The MLA paid obeisance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar on August 16 and later returned home where he complained of fever

<< Policemen keep a vigil at a border post on Wednesday.

who are taking into account his 14-day contact history. The MLA had attended several public functions and tracing all those who were present there is an arduous task. In the absence of any other information, the officials are following his Facebook account. The MLA had inaugurated a tubewell at Narangpur village in his constituency on August 14 and hoisted the National Flag at Lehi village on August 15

## Landslips block 134 roads

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, AUGUST 19

Moderate to heavy rain lashed several parts of Himachal, triggering landslides and blocking 134 roads as the monsoon remained normal in the state.

The Met office has issued yellow warning of heavy rain in the mid and lower hills tomorrow and predicted rain and thundershowers at many places and rain and snow in higher hills for next six days up to August 25.

Blocked roads include 87 in the Mandi zone, 28 in the Kangra zone, 11 in the Shimla zone and eight in the Hamirpur. Workforce and machinery are engaged in road clearing work. About 99 roads are expected to be opened till tonight, sources in the PWD said. The loss to the PWD has been estimated at Rs 237.03 crore.—TNS

was then shifted to Dharamsala zonal hospital where she died this morning.

Dr Gulati said that the second casualty was a resident of Rajnagar area, about 25 km from Chamba. He was a government employee and was admitted to Chamba medical college on August 13. He was suffering from pneumonia and diabetes.

A 48-year-old woman from Dalhousie in Chamba and a 48-year-old man, also from Chamba, with co-morbid conditions, died due to coronavirus. The woman succumbed at Dharamsala Zonal Hospital Covid care centre.

Chamba CMO Dr Rajesh Gulati, said that the woman had some respiratory disorder. On August 15 and 16 she got treatment at the NHPC hospital in Chamba and a private hospital in Banikhet. She was referred to Tanda medical college on August 17 where she tested positive on Tuesday. She

## VIRUS TRACKER

| Samples tested | 1,85,707 |
|----------------|----------|
| Recovered      | 2,992    |
| Active cases   | 1,358    |
| Positive cases | 4,411    |
| Deaths         | 19       |

| DISTRICT       | +VE   | DEATHS |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| Una            | 343   | -      |
| Solan          | 1,033 | 1      |
| Kangra         | 636   | 3      |
| Chamba         | 309   | -      |
| Hamirpur       | 420   | 4      |
| Sirmaur        | 537   | 1      |
| Mandi          | 352   | 6      |
| Bilaspur       | 210   | -      |
| Shimla         | 253   | 2      |
| Kullu          | 243   | -      |
| Kinnar         | 69    | -      |
| Lahaul & Spiti | 6     | -      |
| Total          | 4,411 | 19     |

naur, five each in Kullu and Shimla and four in Hamirpur.

## Cases in Solan cross 1000 mark

Solan became the first district in the state to surpass the 1,000 mark with 51 persons, including 12 policemen, testing positive for Covid today. There are 1,033 cases in the district now.

Medical officer health, Solan, Dr NK Gupta, said 16 of the 51 persons, who tested positive till this evening, were quarantined. They comprise 39 cases from the BBN belt, eight from Parwanoo including a doctor and a health care worker from ESI hospital and three from Kandaghat's government polytechnic.

## 25 test positive in Sirmaur

Twenty-five persons, including seven women, tested positive in Sirmaur on Wednesday.

## 2 Chamba residents succumb to Covid

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, AUGUST 19

Two more deaths of persons infected with coronavirus were reported in the state today, taking the total number of fatalities from the pandemic to 19.

A 48-year-old woman from Dalhousie in Chamba and a 48-year-old man, also from Chamba, with co-morbid conditions, died due to coronavirus. The woman succumbed at Dharamsala Zonal Hospital Covid care centre.

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. 07/2020-21

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work up to 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:-

| S. N. | Open Tender No.                      | Name of work   | Date of Closing/ Opening | Approx. Cost     | Earnest Money | Completion period | Validity Period | Cost of tender form |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1     | 30-Elect/ T-12/2020-21 (open Tender) | Electrical work in connection with modification of S&T buildings, Relay Hubs in connection of DFCCIL track construction from DOA-SRE                                     | 14.09.2020               | Rs. 46,61,293.74 | Rs. 93,200/-  | 06 Months         | 45 Days         | NIL                 |
| 2     | 30-Elect/ T-13/2020-21 (open Tender) | Electrical work in connection with improvement in the reliability of power supply by developing the ring main feeder at Chandigarh Railway station over Ambala Division. | 14.09.2020               | Rs. 30,28,887.58 | Rs. 60,600/-  | 03 Months         | 45 Days         | NIL                 |

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN as per conditions. The required Earnest Money & Tender Document Cost will be acceptable On-Line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender.

2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.

3. For details, please log on IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

No.: 30-Elect/T/Notice/07/2020-21 Dated: 19.08.2020

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## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

NEW DELUXE BUILDING, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH

## Auction Notice of 04 number Shops at Terraced Garden, Sector 33, Chandigarh

04 Shops at Terraced Garden, Sector 33, Chandigarh will be auctioned on monthly rent basis for five years through open auction to be held on **27.08.2020 at 11.00 AM** on "as is where it is basis" in the Conference Room of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, (6th Floor), New Deluxe Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Terms and Conditions :-

- Minimum reserve rent of each Shop at Terraced Garden, Sector 33, Chandigarh is Rs. 3500/- per month + GST and any other tax levied by the Central Government / Chandigarh Administration / Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. Prospective bidders are required to deposit earnest money of Rs. 10500/- (Rupees ten thousand five hundred only) in the shape of demand draft in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh payable at any scheduled bank at Chandigarh before the start of auction to become eligible for participation in the bid / auction proceedings. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the spot.
- Copy of the detailed terms & conditions can be seen on the Notice Board at Ground Floor, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. or on the official website [www.mcchandigarh.gov.in](http://www.mcchandigarh.gov.in) of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. Further amendment of condition if any with regard to auction may be seen from time to time.

Additional Commissioner-II  
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

NEW DELUXE BUILDING, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH

## Auction Notice of Eating Joint, Shanti Kunj, Sector 16, Chandigarh

Eating Joint at Shanti Kunj, Sector 16, Chandigarh measuring plot area 976.96 Sq. Ft. or 90.78 Sqm. approximately will be auctioned on monthly rent basis for three years through open auction to be held on **27.08.2020 at 11.00 AM** on "as is where it is basis" in the Conference Room of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, (6th Floor), New Deluxe Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh.

Terms and Conditions :-

- Minimum reserve rent of Eating Joint is Rs. 30,000/- per month + GST and any other tax levied by the Central Government / Chandigarh Administration / Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. Prospective bidders are required to deposit earnest money of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) in the shape of demand draft in favour of Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh payable at any scheduled bank at Chandigarh before the start of auction to become eligible for participation in the bid / auction proceedings. The EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the spot.
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Additional Commissioner-II  
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

## GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

| SR. NO. | NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH                     | NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER  | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH  | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL          |
|---------|--|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 1       | HARYANA SEED DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED | E-TENDER AUCTION FOR DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED/ SWEEPING OF VARIOUS CROPS   | 18.08.2020 25.08.2020            | 1 LAKH                         | <a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>                 | 9416315354 mohsdc@gmail.com                  |
| 2       | H.S.A.M. BOARD, HISAR                        | CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE BADHAWAR SARHERA TO SARHERA-KHARAK PUNIA ROAD (ID-7960). HON'BLE C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE-25019 + 3 OTHER WORKS                            | 17.08.2020 10.09.2020            | EMD 9.38 LACS                  | <a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>                 | 01662-275612 xenhsamb.hisar@gmail.com        |
| 3       | UHBVN  | HIRING OF VEHICLES FOR SIDIVN MATANHAIL BACK SIDE OPEN BODY   | OPENING DATE 25.08.2020          | 500/-                          | <a href="http://uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/home">http://uhbvn.org.in/web/portal/home</a> | xenoperi@uhbvn.org.in                        |
| 4       | UHBVN PANCHKULA                              | HIRING OF VEHICLE I.E. JEEP (MAHINDRA BOLERO) FOR SDO CIVIL CONST. S/DIVISION UHBVN, AMBALA   | CLOSING DATE 26.08.2020          | EMD for Contr. Rs. 6000/-      | <a href="http://uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>                                    | 9356063248 xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com  |
| 5       | UHBVN  | SUPPLY OF UN-SKILLED & SKILLED LABOUR FOR AUG. OF 33 KV S/STNS. & ERECTION/AUG. OF 33/11 KV LINES ETC. FAILING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF UHBVN                                  | OPENING DATE 07.09.2020          | 10000/-                        | <a href="http://uhbvn.org.in">www.uhbvn.org.in</a>                                    | 0172-2578539 seconstuhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com |
| 6       | UHBVN  | 36 KV ISOLATOR & 36 KV ISOLATOR-CUM-EARTH SWITCHES PER NIAGAM'S TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION NO CSC-XXI/R-1/DH/UH/P&D/2009-2010 & CONFORMING TO RELEVANT ISS WITH LATEST AMENDMENTS. | CLOSING DATE 08.09.2020          | 74.42 LACS                     | <a href="http://uhbvn.org.in">uhbvn.org.in</a> , etenders.hry.nic.in                  | 8053428343 cemm@uhbvn.org.in                 |
| 7       | UHBVN, KARNAL                                | HIRING OF 1 NO. VEHICLE (HALF BODY JOEY/MAHINDRA CAMPHER) OPEN FROM BACK SIDE FOR THE USE OF S.D.O. (OP) SUB-DIVISION, UHBVN, NILOKHERI.  | CLOSING DATE 27.08.2020          |                                |   |  |

# 708 new cases; count crosses 30,000 mark

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC



### UT TRACKER

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Total persons under surveillance | 4,21,057      |
| Persons completing surveillance  | 3,26,780      |
| Samples tested                   | 8,22,574      |
| Negative results                 | 7,92,540      |
| <b>Positive cases</b>            | <b>30,034</b> |
| <b>Patients cured</b>            | <b>22,497</b> |
| <b>Total deaths</b>              | <b>572</b>    |

Out of the total 664 positive patients in Udhampur district, 602 have recovered so far.

According to the official bulletin issued on Wednesday evening, out of the 30,034 positive cases, 6,965 are active, 22,497 have recovered and 572 have died; 41 in the Jammu division and 531 in the Kashmir valley.

The bulletin further said out of 8,22,574 test results

### COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

| DISTRICT     | +VE           | DEATHS     |
|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Bandipora    | 1,583         | 22         |
| Srinagar     | 7,253         | 182        |
| Anantnag     | 1,905         | 43         |
| Baramulla    | 2,510         | 89         |
| Shopian      | 1,589         | 26         |
| Kupwara      | 1,680         | 39         |
| Budgam       | 1,922         | 45         |
| Jammu        | 2,074         | 29         |
| Udhampur     | 664           | 02         |
| Ganderbal    | 1,051         | 14         |
| Kulgam       | 1,747         | 31         |
| Pulwama      | 2,146         | 40         |
| Samba        | 599           | 01         |
| Rajouri      | 794           | 03         |
| Kishtwar     | 186           | 00         |
| Kathua       | 681           | 01         |
| Ramban       | 631           | 01         |
| Reasi        | 336           | 00         |
| Poonch       | 333           | 02         |
| Doda         | 347           | 02         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>30,034</b> | <b>572</b> |

available, 7,92,540 samples have been tested negative.

Meanwhile the J&K Government has evacuated about 3,29,220 residents, stranded in other parts of the country due to the Covid lockdown, via Lakhnupur and through special trains and buses till date amid strict observance of all necessary guidelines and standard operating procedures.

In a solemn ceremony at Badami Bagh Cantonment, Lt Gen BS Raju, Chinair Corps Commander, along with Dilbag Singh, DGP, J&K and all ranks paid

# Shrines open to lukewarm response in Srinagar

M AAMIR KHAN

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 19

Even as mosques and shrines reopened after five months of the Covid lockdown on Sunday, the response from the devotees has so far been lukewarm.

Shrines, especially the ones at Hazratbal on the Dal Lake banks and Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom Sahib on the Hari Parbat hillock among others, would normally have heavy footfall throughout the day. However, there is no rush.

"I thought I will see a huge rush when I go to Hazrat Syed Yaqoob



Devotees offer prayers while maintaining social distancing at Jamia Masjid in Srinagar. PTI

Sahib's shrine at Sonwar, as the shrines were shut for five months. However, I was surprised to see only a handful of people present there. The caretakers there

were allowing people inside one by one due to the Covid safety protocols. In local mosques too, not many people are coming to pray," said Yasir, a local devotee.

While there is no let up in sprouting of Covid cases, the caretakers feel that the rush will increase during 'Urs' days.

"I think the rush will

increase when Urs days are observed at the shrines. However, we are not expecting the routine sea of devotees to visit the shrines as many people do not want to go out unnecessarily amid the pandemic. At the same time, some are behaving as if nothing has happened. They are moving around without masks. Prolonged heat wave too is keeping people inside their homes," said a caretaker at the Sheikh Hamza Makhdoom Sahib.

A day after the opening of the shrines, the markets, too, reopened on Monday. However, Jamia Masjid in the old city reopened on Tuesday.

# Army pays tributes to 3 soldiers

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 19

The Army on Wednesday paid tributes to Grenadier Ravi Kumar Singh and Grenadier Prashant Singh, who were killed in a fierce gunfight at Kreeri, and also to Havildar Rajendra Singh, whose body was found seven months after he went missing in an avalanche while patrolling along the Line of Control.

In a solemn ceremony at Badami Bagh Cantonment, Lt Gen BS Raju, Chinair Corps Commander, along with Dilbag Singh, DGP, J&K and all ranks paid

homage to the soldiers.

The Army said Ravi and Prashant were leading the search team after militants attacked a joint checkpoint of the CRPF and the police at Kreeri, Baramulla.

"The bravehearts were the first to come into contact with the terrorists during the pursuit. In the ensuing gunfight, three terrorists were eliminated. However, Grenadier Ravi and Grenadier Prashant

sustained gunshot wounds. Despite being grievously injured, they continued to fight," the statement said.

A resident of Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh, Ravi, 26, had joined the Army in 2001.

joined the Army in June 2013. Prashant, 25, a resident of Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh, had joined the Army in 2014.

Havildar Rajendra, 39, while on a patrol duty along the LoC was caught in a severe snow blizzard on January 8 in the Rampur (Gulmarg) sector of Baramulla. He lost his footing and fell down a deep gorge.

"The mortal remains of Havildar Rajendra Singh were finally recovered on August 15, while still buried under two feet of snow," the statement said.

Rajendra hailed from Dehradun, Uttarakhand, and had joined the Army in 2001.

## GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PWD B&R BRANCH NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

Tender Notice No. 01

Dated: 18.08.2020

On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, Patiala invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab PWD (B&R) for the work of Slope Protection and Arrangement for drainage of rain water along Patiala-Rajpura Road near Raj Mata Mohinder Kaur Ji Community Complex. For detailed terms & conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app> w.e.f. 20.08.2020 at 10.00 A.M. to 02.09.2020 up to 11.00 A.M. and opening of Technical Bids on 03.09.2020 at 11.30 A.M.

Note:- Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/nicgep/app> only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Central Works Division, Pb. PWD B&R Branch, Patiala,

DPR/Pb/65449

## POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh intends to fill up the vacant seats of Non-Academic Junior Resident in the departments of Internal Medicine, General Surgery & Anaesthesia run emergency services at PGIMER, Chandigarh through walk-in interview. The tenure of these posts will be up to 31.12.2020.

Priority will be given to the candidates who appeared and scored minimum percentile in their respective category i.e. General-55 and for all other reserved categories-50 in MD/MS entrance examination of PGIMER held on 14.06.2020 and fulfilling the eligibility for admission to MD/MS courses. Others candidates will be considered only in case of non-availability of above candidates. The candidates willing to appear in the above said walk-in interview should visit the website of the Institute i.e. [www.pgimer.edu.in](http://www.pgimer.edu.in) for further details like number of seats, pay scale and eligibility criteria.

The willing candidates must reach for interview in the Olo Dean (Academic), PGIMER, Chandigarh of the Institute on 24.08.2020 strictly by 01.00 P.M. along with application form, self attested photocopies and original certificates of age, qualification, experience and caste etc.

DI-7775

REGISTRAR

## Dept. of Soil & Water Conservation, Punjab Notice Inviting E-Tender

1 E-Tender No. DSWC/DCSO/HSP/15/07-2020 for Rain Water Recharging Structures at Village Sansarpur, Renovation of Perennial Flow Project VIII Agra, Block Dasuya under Sub Division, Dasuya and Rain Water Harvesting-cum-Lift Irrigation Project VIII Mahkupsur, Block Mahilpur, under Sub Division Mahilpur, District Hoshiarpur.

Estimated Cost of All Projects (Rs.)

13.47 Lac

Last Date of Submission 01.09.2020 up to 11:30 A.M.

For details and participation please visit <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Note: 1. Corrigendum, if any, shall be published on tendering portal only.

Sd/- Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Hoshiarpur.

Tel. 01882-240192, Email: [dscohsp1@gmail.com](mailto:dscohsp1@gmail.com)

DPR/Pb/65297

## PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (REGD. OFFICE: PSEB HEAD OFFICE, THE MALL, PATIALA) NOTICE FOR WALK-IN INTERVIEW

O/o SETL Circle, PSPCL, Patiala, Flat No. 11, Officer's Flats, Shakti Vihar, Patiala — 147001 Tel. No. 96461-11060, Email ID: [tl.circle.pspcl.pta@gmail.com](mailto:tl.circle.pspcl.pta@gmail.com)

(OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE)

E-Tender Shifting/Raising/Modification of 66 KV Banur Mubarkpur Line from the premises of M/s Chandigarh Royale City Promoters Pvt. Ltd. Banur.

E-Tender Enquiry No. 188/TLC/PTA/2020-21

Completion Period 3 Months from the issue of work order

Tender Cost 1180/- and EMD 14,500/-

Last Date &amp; Time for downloading of e-tender 16.09.2020 up to 05.00 p.m.

Last Date &amp; Time for uploading of e-tender 17.09.2020 up to 11:00 a.m.

Date and Time for opening of tenders 18.09.2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Note:

Details of NIT may be download from website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The tender shall be accepted only through online mode.In case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>/

C261/2020 DPR/Pb/65455 Superintending Engineer/TL Circle, PSPCL, Patiala.

## MUNICIPAL CORPORATION S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI) DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUNJAB (MUNICIPAL BHAWAN SECTOR 68, S.A.S. NAGAR)

### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Tender Notice No. 1601 Dated: 19.08.2020

Municipal Corporation S.A.S. Nagar is inviting E-tenders on two bid system for total 6 works mentioned at website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in) from contractors enlisted with any Government department in the state of Punjab and Co-op L&C Societies. Time to time instructions issued by Govt./CVO will be followed for bidding as well as execution of works. All the bidders should comply with latest issued notice vidya notification No. 5/82/2018-21G/1892 dated 02.08.2018, Amended notification 5/82/2018-21G/702 dated 01.04.2020 and notification No. 76/52/79-J:1/5/8856 dated 04.11.2019.

Date and time schedule:-

| Sr. No. | Last date of online submission of bidding document | Time and Date of Opening of tender |
|---------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1       | 03.09.2020 till 16:30                              | 04.09.2020 at 10:00                |

Detail of work, other terms and conditions can be seen at the website [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Municipal Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar.

DPR/Pb/65415

## NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

Name of work: Maintenance Contract for fire extinguisher DCP type capacity 5 KG in MEMU Motor Coaches for two years at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur.

Tender Notice No.:07/2020-21

UMB division of northern railway invites Open tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill specification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Maintenance Contract for fire extinguisher DCP type capacity 5 KG in MEMU Motor Coaches for two years at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur".

The key details are as follows:

Open Tender No. 30-EL-MEMU-T-07-2021

Name of works Maintenance Contract for fire extinguisher DCP type capacity 5 KG in MEMU Motor Coaches for two years at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur

Approximate Cost ₹ 2,696/-

Earnest Money ₹ 1,500/-

## Mali's military promises poll



A crowd cheers Malian soldiers at the Independence Square after a mutiny in Mali. REUTERS

Soldiers, who ousted Mali's President and government in a coup, promised on Wednesday to oversee elections within a "reasonable" time.

Earlier, President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita resigned. He came to power in 2013 following a subsequent coup in Bamako, promising to bring peace and stability. REUTERS

## Indian-origin driver slapped with more charges over crash

MELBOURNE, AUGUST 19

A 47-year-old Indian-origin truck driver, who was allegedly involved in a crash that killed four police officers in Australia, has been charged with 33 additional offences including drug trafficking.

Mohinder Singh has been accused of killing four police officers — Lynette Taylor, Kevin King, Glen Humphris and Josh Prestney — on a Melbourne highway on April 22 this year. He was earlier charged with four counts of culpable driving causing death.

The four officers were standing in the emergency lane of the Eastern Freeway at Kew suburb while they were impounding a Porsche which was being driven by a Melbourne's Mortgage broker Richard Pusey. He was allegedly driving at 149 km per hour. — PTI

## BUSINESS

|        |        |         |       |        |        |        |        |        |
|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| USD \$ | EURO € | POUND £ | JPY ¥ | YUAN ₠ | CAD \$ | AUD \$ | SGD \$ | HKD \$ |
| ₹74.82 | ₹89.31 | ₹98.90  | ₹0.71 | ₹10.83 | ₹56.90 | ₹54.38 | ₹54.86 | ₹9.66  |

## NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

## High numbers defy guidelines, logic

5 sportspersons nominated for Khel Ratna and 29 for Arjuna Award

Tribune News Service

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 19  
The rumblings over the national sports award have started.

Triple jumper Arpinder Singh, winner of gold at the 2018 Asian Games (and bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games) doesn't even have an Arjuna Award to show for his achievements.

"I am a bit surprised at being ignored for the Arjuna Award," Arpinder said today. "I won the Asian Games gold medal. Then I also became the first Indian to win a medal at the Continental Cup in 2018. I don't know what else I need to do to prove myself." Arpinder Singh, TRIPLE JUMPER



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Boxer Manoj Kumar, a two-time Commonwealth Games medallist, has started efforts for the Dronacharya Award for his brother and personal coach, Rajesh Kumar Rajound.

sports awards.

be relaxed only in exceptional circumstances".

The awards selection committee recommended five names for the Khel Ratna.

The guidelines for the Dronacharya Award state that "ordinarily not more than five awards could be given in any calendar year", and out of these, two are to be "earmarked for lifetime contribution". But the awards selection committee nominated 13 coaches for the Dronacharya Award.

## Good year?

These numbers would suggest that Indian sport had a fantastic year of glory. But that clearly is not the case, and there were no Olympic, Asian or Commonwealth Games in the period under consideration.

Incidentally, the previous highest for Khel Ratna nominations for a single year was four, but that was after the Rio Olympics, when PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Dipa Karmakar were honoured for their Olympics performance; the fourth Khel Ratna winner, Jitu Rai, had an exceptional run 2014 onward.

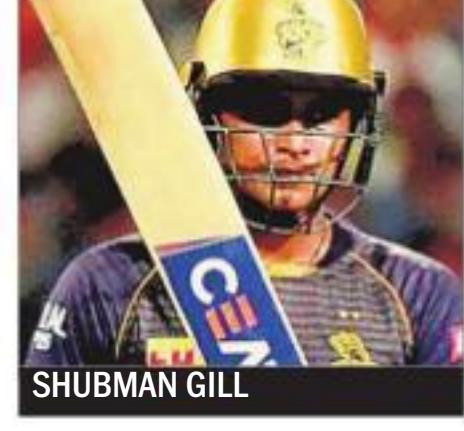
It's no secret that athletes, associations and other interested parties lobby hard for the awards. Did the awards selection committee get influenced by the lobbying yet again? Can it justify — as the guidelines demand — the high number of recommendations for the three major awards for a year in which there were no multi-sport events like the CWG or Asian?

Do these awards mean anything at all?

The awards selection committee nominated 13 names for the Dronacharya Award, but it did not approve the application of Manoj's brother. "When there can be more than one award in hockey then why can't it be in boxing also? Hoping for a quick and positive response from your side," Manoj wrote to Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Welcome to the annual Grumbling Games over

## Gill will be in leadership group, says KKR coach



Gill said, "It's about you exhibiting the behaviours of a leader. It's always good to have a cross-section of leadership within your group. To us, Shubman is one of those guys we would look to lean on for some leadership throughout this season," said the former New Zealand captain. — PTI

## BRIEFLY

## PRAGUE

## Nagal through to quarters, to meet Wawrinka next

## India's top singles player Sumit Nagal advanced to the singles quarterfinals of the Prague Open after beating lower-ranked Kiri Lehecka, World No. 127 Nagal, seeded sixth, prevailed 5-7 6-4 6-3 in two hours and 21 minutes in the second round. Nagal will meet three-time Grand Slam winner Stan Wawrinka in the next round.

## NEW DELHI

## BCCI rejects Dream11's 2021 and 2022 bid

The BCCI today announced fantasy gaming platform Dream11 as this year's IPL title sponsor but the company will not stay on board for the next two seasons after its conditional three-year proposal was rejected due to "low" bid amounts for 2021 and 2022.

## NEWPORT (WALES)

## Kapur, Shubhankar to play at Wales Open

Indian golfer Shiv Kapur will return to action for the first time since early March when he tees up at the Wales Open, starting tomorrow. Also playing is Shubhankar Sharma.

## NEW YORK

## NBA roundup: Top seeds fall in playoff openers

Eighth-seeded Portland Trail Blazers defeated top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers 100-93 in Game 1 of their Western Conference opening-round matchup in the NBA bubble near Orlando. Eighth-seeded Orlando Magic beat top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks 122-110 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round series. AGENCIES

## TODAY ON TV

GOLF WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN  
EUROSPORT 3PM

Veteran cricketer Gopalaswamy Kasturirangan (in pic) died due to heart attack at his residence here today. Kasturirangan, 89, was also a former administrator and the BCCI curator. He had mostly played his matches for Mysore in Ranji Trophy as the right-arm medium pace bowler from 1948 to 1963.

## MUMBAI

## Ex-India goalkeeper Bhaskar Maity no more

## Former India football goalkeeper Bhaskar Maity died at a Navi Mumbai hospital due to brain hemorrhage today. Maity was 67 and is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. Maity represented India against Iraq

epaper.tribuneindia.com

Paris SG reach first Champions League final with win over Leipzig

## OVER THE MOON



PSG players celebrate after their win over RB Leipzig. AP/PTI

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

Paris 3-0 Leipzig  
Marquinhos 13'  
Di Maria 42'  
Bernat 58'

Atletico Madrid en route.

"We showed quality and determination. A good mix. We deserved to win,"

said Tuchel, who had faced a heavy expectation to deliver in Europe this season. — Reuters

## Barcelona appoint Koeman as new coach

BARCELONA, AUGUST 19

Barcelona have appointed Ronald Koeman as their next coach, the club said in a statement today. Koeman, who has left his role as manager of the Netherlands, has signed a two-year deal with Barcelona, who sacked Quique Setien after he presided over the club's worst defeat ever in

European competition and a first trophy-less season for the club since the 2007-08 campaign.

## High-profile exits?

Koeman is expected to oversee a massive overhaul of the squad as he leads them into a new era, president Josep Maria Bartomeu has said.

Lenglet and Nelson Semedo, plus recent signings Antoine Griezmann, Frenkie de Jong and winger Ousmane Dembele. Gerard Pique and Sergio Busquets, who have been at the club since 2008, were omitted from Bartomeu's list. Jordi Alba, Ivan Rakitic and Luis Suarez were also absent. — Reuters

## NOTICE FOR OFFLINE TENDERS ANNEXURE-B

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Thunag invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractor for the following works(s) through offline process:-

**Work No. 1** Aug. of various water supply scheme under 19 No. Gram Panchayat of Seraj & Balichowki Block in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (SH: Providing consultancy of FCA case) (E/cost 476331/- E/Money 9530/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 2** C/O Residential Colony at Baggachanogi in GP Baggachanogi Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (SH: C/O Retaining wall from RD 0/0 to 16 Rmt) (E/cost 352780/- E/Money 7060/- Time two months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 3** Augmentation of Various WSS of Janjhali Area in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) JJJ (SH: Laying Jointing and Testing of G.I. Pipe in Distribution from various Node No. (S4-S15, S15-S16, S6-S17, S17-S18, S6-S19, S19-S20, S8-S21, S21-S22) Dismantled of Existing G.I. Pipe from various Node No. (S4-S15, S15-S16, S6-S17, S6-S19, S19-S20, S8-S21, S21-S22) (E/Cost 224627/- E/Money 4500/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 4** Remodeling and extension of WSS Somgad in GP Saomgad Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GI pipe in distribution system Line BB-B2-3-4-5-6 RD 08/0 to 440, B4-B7 RD 250/0 to 70, B7-B7: RD 70/0 to 220 and B3-B8 RD 200/0 to 190) Phase 1st (SCSP) (E/Cost 172812/- E/Money 3460/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 5** Aug. of various water supply schemes under Gram Panchayat Chhatri, Baryog, Kakradhar and Bung Rail Chowk of Seraj Block Distt. Mandi (SH: Providing House service connections=254 Nos.) at Baryogi Panchayats) (E/Cost 291846/- E/Money 5840/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 6** Aug. of various water supply schemes under Gram Panchayat Bagarathach Jharter Gattu and Chhatri of Seraj Block Distt. Mandi (SH: Providing House service connection=144 Nos.) at Jharter Panchayat (E/Cost 165456/- E/Money 3310/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 7** Augmentation of Various WSS of Janjhali Area in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) JJJ (SH: Laying Jointing and Testing of G.I. Pipe in Distribution from Various Node No. (R23-R29, R24-R30, R30-R31, R25-R32, R26-R33, R33-R34, R34-R35, R35-R36, R33-R37, R35-R38, R27-R39) dismantled of Existing G.I. Pipe from various Node No. (R23-R29, R24-R30, R25-R32, R26-R33, R33-R34, R34-R35, R35-R36, R33-R37, R35-R38, R27-R39) (E/Cost 125124/- E/Money 2510/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 8** Improvement of WSS Bai Sach Bah Gunas in GP Sharan, Murhag and Shikawari in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of gravity main 125 mm dia from RD 5000 to 6250 at point A-B) (E/cost 446331/- E/Money 8930/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 9** Providing LWSS to Tirath Gad Cheli in GP Bung Jehal Gad & Thatta in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: Supply and erection of pumping machinery with allied accessories) UNDER BASP (E/cost 450000/- E/Money 9000/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 10** Remodeling and extension of WSS Seri Bhawans Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH: C/O RCC storage tank of 17000 liters capacity and Laying, jointing and testing of GI pipe line A-B RD 1300 to 2500 mtr) SCSP (E/cost 497291/- E/Money 9950/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 11** Augmentation of Various WSS of Janjhali Area in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) JJJ (SH: Laying Jointing and Testing of G.I. Pipe in Distribution from various Node No. (S-S1, S1-S2, S2-S3, S3-S4, S4-S5, S6-S7) dismantled of Existing G.I. Pipe from various Node No. (S-S1, S1-S2, S2-S3, S3-S4, S4-S5, S6-S7) (E/Cost 247268/- E/Money 4950/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 12** Remodeling and extension of WSS Somgad in GP Saomgad Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: Laying, jointing and testing of GI pipe in distribution system Line b25-B26-27-28-29 RD 250 to 570, B29- B30 RD 570/0 to 135, B27-B31 RD 08/0 to 100, B25-B32-33-34 RD 0/0 to 210 and B34-B34" RD 210/0 to 190) Phase 1st (SCSP) (E/Cost 188696/- E/Money 3780/- Time three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 13** Providing LWSS to NC/PC habitation Bung, Lot Tikki in GP Thatta Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH: C/O Foundation blocks to Pump and Motor in pump house at 1st stage) (E/cost 96821/- E/Money 140/- Time One-month cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 14** Aug. of WSS Balichowki by interlining with bore well in GP Balichowki Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH: Supply & erection of submersible pumping machinery with its allied accessories in bore well) (E/cost 1,12,500/- E/Money 2250/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 15** Augmentation of Various WSS of Janjhali Area in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) JJJ (SH: Laying Jointing and Testing of G.I. Pipe in Distribution from various Node No. (X-I, I-I1, I-I2, I-I3, I-I4, I-I5) dismantled of Existing G.I. Pipe from various Node No. (I-I2, I-I3, I-I4, I-I5, I-I6, I-I7, I-I8, I-I9, I-I10, I-I11, I-I12, I-I13, I-I14, I-I15) (E/Cost 252656/- E/Money 5060/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 16** Remodeling of WSS in GP Kau Devdar Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH C/O RCC Channel for sanitary protection of source at Panala Nallah) (E/cost 498147/- E/Money 9970/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 17** Stock storage at sub Division Thunag Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (SH C/O Retaining wall to protect the store building and approach road) (E/cost 491312/- E/Money 9830/- Time one-month cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 18** Providing lift irrigation scheme Latogli Tehsil Chachiot Distt. Mandi (C/O B/wall ro protect the pump house and sump well and P/F fencing panel around the pump house) (E/cost 459264/- E/Money 9190/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

**Work No. 19** Augmentation of various WSS of Janjhali Area in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) JJJ (SH: Laying Jointing and Testing of G.I. Pipe in Distribution from various Node No. (R16-R17, R17-R18, R16-R19, R19-R20, R17-R21, R22-R23, R23-R24, R24-R25, R25-R26, R26-R27, R27-R28) Dismantled of Existing G.I. Pipe from various Node No. (R16-R17, R17-R18, R17-R21, R22-R23, R23-R24, R24-R25, R25-R26, R26-R27, R27-R28) (E/Cost 2244582/- E/Money 4900/- Time Three months cost of form 250/-).

1) Last date of Submission of tender 25.08.2020 up to 12.30 p.m.  
2) Last date of sale of tender from Divisional office 25.08.2020 up to 11.00 a.m.

3) The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hipiph.org. or from office of above Executive Engineer upto date specified above.

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division,  
Thunag Distt. Mandi.

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## Bus 'hijacked' in Agra by officials of finance firm

AGRA/LUCKNOW, AUGUST 19

A private bus with 34 passengers on board was allegedly hijacked by some people from a finance company in Agra, officials said on Wednesday.

The bus was recovered from a dhaba in Etawah district on Wednesday afternoon, more than 12 hours after it was hijacked, they said, adding that all passengers were safe and en route to their destinations in other vehicles. The incident took place on Tuesday night when the bus was en route to Panna in Madhya Pradesh from Haryana's Gurugram.

Agra SSP Babloo Kumar said the finance company people had taken over the bus due to a money-related trouble between one of the suspects and the bus owner.—PTI

# Will finish pending projects by next year, India assures B'desh

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla wound up his two-day dash to Dhaka during which he discussed stepping up exchange of intelligence, sharing of Covid vaccine, possibility of several projects being completed next year and a roadmap for Indian developmental assistance with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and his counterpart Masud Bin Momen.

The importance of the visit can be gauged from the fact that this was Shringla's first visit since the pandemic broke out. Similarly, Shringla was Hasina's first overseas

### JOINT PLANS FOR SHEIKH MUJIB'S CENTENARY



During his visit to Dhaka, Foreign Secretary HV Shringla discussed with PM Sheikh Hasina joint plans to observe Sheikh Mujib Rahman's birth centenary and the 50th anniversary of Indo-Bangladesh ties. India is likely to release a postage stamp of Sheikh Mujib.

visitor since March.

"I had a very satisfactory visit, a very short visit," Shringla told the media in Dhaka. "When vaccine is developed, friends, partners, and neighbours will get it without any saying... for us Bangladesh is always a priority," he said.

The Indian side opted to play up the intelligence-sharing angle in view of the dire strait of Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh amidst reports that their poverty was a breeding ground for criminal activity as well as radicali-

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sation. Given India's sensitivity on Pakistan once again trying to revive its network, this time through the Rohingyas, it was decided to hold a meeting between the two foreign ministers in the near future.

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Tharoor's breach of privilege notice against BJP MP

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, who heads the parliamentary panel on information technology, has given a notice for breach of privilege against BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, alleging that he made "disparaging remarks" on social media over his decision to summon a panel meeting to discuss alleged "misconduct" of Facebook.

In his letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the former Union Minister took strong objection to Dubey's remarks on Twitter that "the Chairman of Standing Committee does not have the authority to do anything without discussion of the agenda with its members".—PTI

# Rahul suited best for top post: Cong

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

Settling the debate on a non-Gandhi president, the Congress today publicly said Rahul Gandhi should assume the leadership and that he was the suited best for the role having singularly taken on PM Narendra Modi all these years since 2014.

"All party workers want Rahul to lead us," the Congress said after AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's one-year old interview made news for her remarks that she supported Rahul's assertions for a non-family chief.

"The Nehru-Gandhi family has held together and served the Congress unmindful of the trappings of power. In 2004, Sonia Gandhi set an example by sacrificing power to serve the party. In 2019, Rahul showed the courage of conviction and stepped down as the Congress president. We at Congress appreciate the sudden media interest (egged on by the BJP) in the year-old remark. The context today is to take on the vicious attack on India's polity by Modi-Shah dispensation and fight it fearlessly on front foot," said AICC media chief Randeep Surjewala, hinting at where the party stood on the issue. —TNS



Party distances itself from Priyanka's old remark on non-Gandhi chief

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## Depsang control hinges on two roads & airfield

AJAY BANERJEE

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

India's control over the vital Sub-Sector North (SSN) in Ladakh hinges upon a newly built 255-km DSDBO road, a mud-paved airfield at an altitude of 16,700 feet at Daulat Baig Oldie (DBO) and an upcoming track from Sasoma to Saser La to Murgo.

The Indian Army has, in the past, war-gamed a scenario about the People's Liberation Army (PLA) China, making a westward thrust into 16,000 feet high 900 sq km area, the Depsang plains in the SSN.

On the Indian side, the PLA's military objectives in SSN could be to threaten a section of the DSDBO (Darbuk-Shyok-DBO) road. It can attempt to cut off the DBO, which could, in turn, restrict access to Karakoram pass. The PLA could also make a bid to access the Saser La, a 17,800 feet high pass in the Karakoram mountains. This would further open a route to Sasoma and crucially the road to base



camp of Siachen glacier.

For now, all such attempts by the PLA can be thwarted, explained an official. But India should not stop seeing these as long-term threats, he added. Also, it should include a scenario that PLA's westward thrust could be timed with Pakistan army's eastward push from across Gilgit-Baltistan in what could be a two-front war scenario for India.

The Indian defensive positions on SSN have been "built" to hold back the PLA

with tanks, artillery guns and the latest systems, besides additional troops. Since May, some 8,000 troops are stationed by India in SSN to mirror the deployment of what the PLA has done.

Within the establishment, it's known that holding onto SSN and particularly the Depsang plains is vital. For this, the DSDBO road is the crucial link. The new alignment Sasoma-Saser La-Murgo, as reported in The Tribune in its edition dated August 19, will take a while to be fully ready. For now, it's a summer route. The 27-km walking track between Saser La and Saser Brangsa is the challenge.

In the past, consultations have been done with Swiss experts for tunnelling under Saser La. So far, the route can be used by troops. The supplies will have to come through DSDBO or get air-supplied at DBO or if needed, air-dropped at Chungtash, which is the dropping zone near Murgo, using the fleet of Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters.

## Rain pain



Vehicles damaged after a school wall collapsed due to heavy rain in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

## Covid-specific covers...

FROM PAGE 1

With cases mounting by the day, there has been a steady rise in insurance claims too. "In July, claims worth Rs 565 crore were settled against 35,000 hospitalisations. An average Rs 1.6 lakh was given to each claimant," says Indrajeet Chatterjee, co-founder and principal officer, Renewbuy.com.

### SC orders CBI probe

FROM PAGE 1

Giving approval to the ongoing CBI probe, the top court said, "If any other case is registered on the death of the actor Sushant Singh Rajput and the surrounding circumstances of his unnatural death, the CBI is directed to investigate the new case as well." As a single judge, Justice Roy chose to exercise extraordinary powers under Article 142 of the Constitution.

## National recruitment agency

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For now, the scores of the CET will be used by three major recruitment agencies, but other agencies would be included over a period of time, Singh said, adding that in the long run its score could be shared with other recruiting agencies in the Central government, state governments/Union Territories, public sector undertakings and the private sector.

The NRA will conduct a separate CET each for the three levels of graduate,

### 1,000 EXAM CENTRES ACROSS COUNTRY

- The agency will conduct CET to screen/shortlist candidates for the Group B and Group C (non-technical) posts
- Based on CET score, final selection shall be made through specialised exams conducted by SSC and Railway Recruitment Board
- Initially, 1,000 exam centres will be set up to conduct the CET. All districts will have at least one centre. Nearly 2.5 crore take exams for selection to 1.25 lakh government jobs each year

higher secondary (12th pass) and the matriculate (10th pass) candidates for non-technical posts to which recruitment is currently car-

## ED conducts raids in Tablighi case

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 19

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today said it conducted searches at multiple locations in several cities in connection with a PMLA case against Tablighi Jamaat leader Maulana Saad Kandhalvi, the trusts linked to the Jamaat and a few others.

Agency officials said ED personnel raided various premises in Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and a few other

locations to collect evidence under the PMLA.

The ED had filed a money laundering case in April against Maulana Saad and others after it took cognisance of a Delhi Police complaint against them and the entities

connected with them. The Delhi Police crime branch on March 31 lodged an FIR against seven persons, including the cleric, on a complaint by the Nizamuddin police station SHO for holding a congregation of Tablighi Jamaat followers. The ED later took over the case and is looking at the charges of alleged money laundering against Maulana Saad and other office-bearers of the Tablighi Jamaat.—TNS

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### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCHEME IN THE 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| ● 46 lakh E-cards issued                    | ● Heart Surgeries: More than 6600    |
| ● 3.80 lakh Patients treated                | ● Joint Replacements: More than 3900 |
| ● ₹453 Crore expenditure spent on treatment | ● Cancer Treatments: More than 9000  |
| ● 767 Hospitals empanelled                  | ● Dialysis: More than 96000          |

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