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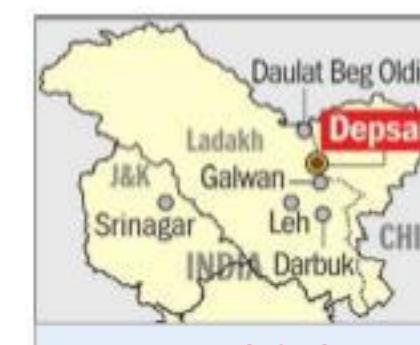
15 DIE, 50 MISSING IN KERALA LANDSLIDE

■ Fifteen persons were killed and over 50 feared trapped after heavy rains triggered a landslide in Idukki district of Kerala on Friday

■ Two children and five women were among the deceased, most of whom were plantation workers

■ PM Narendra Modi has announced an ex gratia payment of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of deceased

■ Flood-like situation and landslides wreaked havoc in several parts of Karnataka also



PLA CONCENTRATING NEAR DBO AIRFIELD

■ Depsang plains at 16,000 ft have seen two major standoffs in 2013 and 2014, besides dozens of faceoffs annually when troops come close while patrolling.

■ India controls major portion of 900-sq km plains. This does not give it an advantage, but provides it vantage points to watch over gaps in mountains which PLA can use for tank-based thrust.

■ Each side has deployed 12,000 troops in the area.

■ Chinese troops are concentrating on "Bottleneck", 25 km from strategic airfield at DBO.

meetings, five of which have been conducted since June 6. The meeting will seek to work out a system of pulling back troops and de-escalating from the 900-square km plains at an altitude of 16,000 feet. The Indian Army holds a majority of the Depsang plains while the People's Liberation Army holds the eastern edge of the plains.

The area saw two major standoffs in 2013 and 2014. Later in the day, Jaishankar

Addressing an Education Ministry conclave on NEP's higher education goals, the

PM said the aim was to make India powerful, empower students and provide them opportunities to grow.

Welcoming as "healthy" the ongoing ideological debate on the policy, he said something good would emerge from discussions and that none had termed the policy biased. He said it was natural for some to ask how such major reforms would translate into action.

"All eyes are now on NEP implementation and your role

is crucial. A new era of dialogue between stakeholders is all set to begin. All of you should prepare a roadmap for the policy's rollout, convert it into action and set timelines. I assure you of political will to do this," the PM told heads of higher educational institutions who joined the event digitally. Modi said it had become imperative for the education system to transform itself in view of the changing world order.

Manoj Sinha takes oath as Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dialogue with people top priority: J&K L-G

Tribune News Service

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 7
Former Union minister Manoj Sinha (61) was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir today. Soon after taking the oath, he said his aim would be to usher in peace, end militancy, stay connected with people and ensure development.

He was administered the oath by Jammu and Kashmir Chief Justice Gita Mittal at a simple function at the Raj Bhawan here. Sinha, the first politician to take charge of J&K, succeeded former IAS officer Girish Chandra Murmu, who resigned on Wednesday evening.

"We will get in touch with people directly in coming days. Their genuine grievance will be heard and addressed," he said, adding "we will accelerate development".

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In an affidavit filed in response to Chakraborty's plea for transfer of an FIR lodged against her in Patna to Mumbai in connection with Rajput's unnatural death, the Bihar Government sought dismissal of her plea terming it premature, misconceived and not maintainable.

Chakraborty, said to be the deceased actor's girlfriend, is now being probed as

accused in the case by the CBI after an FIR lodged against her in Patna got transferred to the Central agency.

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SPURIOUS LIQUOR TRAGEDY

Capt visits kin of victims, hikes aid to ₹5 lakh each

Terms deaths 'mass murders', promises strict punishment to culprits

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TARN TARAN, AUGUST 7
Terming the spurious liquor tragedy nothing short of "mass murders", Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today promised the victim families that severest punishment would be given to the perpetrators of the heinous crime, who "knowingly took so many lives to make a quick buck".

During his visit to Guru Arjan Dev Stadium in Tarn Taran where he met the bereaved families, the Chief Minister announced hiked compensation from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh each. He handed over a cheque amounting to Rs 2.92 crore to the Deputy Commissioner.

He said those who survived but lost their eyesight would also be given the financial aid of Rs 5 lakh each.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar, Chief Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar and DGP Dinkar Gupta, besides Khardo Sahib MP JS Dimpa and MLA Ramanjit Singh Sikki.

When questioned about the complaint against a Congress MLA and his PA for their alleged involvement in the illicit liquor trade, the CM said: "How can we come to a conclusion even before the investigation?



CM Capt Amarinder Singh interacts with the family member of a victim in Tarn Taran. TRIBUNE PHOTO

'WILL ENSURE FAST-TRACK HEARING'

“The perpetrators of this heinous crime deserve no leniency. We will depute special prosecutors to ensure fast-track hearing and exemplary punishment to the accused.” Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

'NEED TO GO AFTER BIG FISH'

“Those who shelter the big fish in the illegal trade must be taken to task and those who are negligent in performing their duties must also be dealt with sternly.” Sunil Jakhar, PPCC CHIEF

The perpetrators of the heinous crime deserve no leniency. We will depute special prosecutors to ensure fast-track hearing and exemplary punishment to the accused, whoever they may be.”

Besides the two SITs, a magisterial probe had been ordered to bring out the truth, he added.

He, however, said such a

ghastly incident was unheard of in Punjab, which happened due to “the incompetency and lapses” in monitoring by police and excise officials, who were directly related with the issue.

Jakhar claimed that those nabbed so far were just small-time criminals whereas the big fish was still enjoying immunity. “Those who shelter them

must be taken to task and those who are negligent in performing their duties must also be dealt with sternly,” he said.

The CM also promised jobs for the next of kin as per their age and qualification, pucca houses for those living in temporary ones, besides enrolling them under the government’s health and pension schemes.

2 more held, Section 302 added to FIRs

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7
The Punjab Police today arrested two key accused in the spurious liquor tragedy case, besides adding murder charges to the FIRs against all kingpins in the case.

On the directives of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

Singh, Section 302 of the IPC has been added to the FIRs against the kingpins directly responsible for the death of 113 persons across three districts, DGP Dinkar Gupta said.

With the arrest of father-son duo Harjit Singh and Shamsher Singh, alias Sheria, of Pandori Gola, the total number of arrests in

the case had gone up to 54 — 37 in Tarn Taran, nine in Amritsar (Rural) and eight in Batala. Harjit Singh and Shamsher had also been booked on murder charges, apart from Kashmir Singh and Satnam Singh, alias Satta, the DGP added.

Besides, two FIRs have been registered under Section 216 of the IPC for har-

bouring the criminals involved in the case and 21 more persons had been arrested in this connection. More than 887 raids have been conducted since July 31, when the first few deaths in the case were reported in the three affected districts — Tarn Taran, Amritsar (Rural) and Batala.

Majithia among 37 Akalis booked

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7
As many as 37 persons, including senior SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia, were booked by the UT police under Section 188 of the IPC for staging a protest near Punjab Raj Bhawan on Friday.

The protesters were detained from Sector 7/26 dividing road while they were marching towards Raj Bhawan, demanding dismissal of the Punjab Government over the spurious liquor tragedy.

They were taken to the Sector 3 police station from where they were released. The case was registered at the Sector 26 police station.

SAD workers stopped by cops



■ Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) workers, led by senior leaders Virsa Singh Valtoba and Harminder Singh Sandhu, faced police action as they tried to march towards the stadium in Tarn Taran where the Chief Minister met the families of victims.

■ Valtoba said they wanted to meet the CM to seek action against a Congress MLA and his PA who were named by the affected families in their complaints. “We were caneharged by the police, which left four of our workers injured,” Valtoba alleged. TNS

Women drug peddlers on rise in Muktsar

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Tribune News Service

MUKTSAR, AUGUST 7

The involvement of women in the supply of illicit liquor and psychotropic drugs seems to be increasing in Muktsar district. Eight women were booked for such activities in the district last month. Some of them have been booked on similar charges in the past as well.

According to records, the Malout City police on August 4 booked a woman of Chhapiawali village for allegedly possessing nine bottles of illicit liquor. Earlier, the Malout City police on August 2 booked a woman of Jhalar village for allegedly possessing 30 bottles of illicit liquor.

jar Road here for allegedly possessing 20 bottles of illicit liquor. The Malout Sadar police on July 31 booked a woman of Kattianwali village for allegedly possessing 200-litre illicit liquor. The Kabarwala police on July 8 booked a woman of Kattianwali village for allegedly possessing 40-litre hooch. The Muktsar City

police on July 2 booked a woman of Bura Gujjar Road for allegedly possessing 43-kg marijuana. On this trend, Ranjit Singh, a member of the anti-drug committee, said, “Women are considered safe conduits, thus their activity has increased in the recent past. They are very much active in the illegal liquor trade. Besides, they keep the stock available in their homes. We had informed the police about the involvement of some women in the illegal act, but hardly any action was taken.” He claimed some minor boys were also being pushed into the illegal trade by their families.

Capt stalling GI tag for basmati: MP CM to Sonia

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has written to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, complaining about Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh’s “attempts to stall geographical indication (GI) tag for MP’s basmati rice”.

“It is with immense sadness that I wish to inform you that the Chief Minister of the Congress-ruled state has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asking him to ensure that the basmati rice of MP is not given a GI tag in the interests of Punjab and other states,” Chouhan said in his two-page letter to Sonia. He also accused the previous Kamal Nath-led Congress government in Madhya Pradesh of “playing with the sentiments of farmers of the state and not fulfilling the poll promise of a loan waiver by senior leader Rahul Gandhi”.

“Why is your party so hostile towards Madhya Pradesh farmers?” Chouhan questioned a day after he “condemned” Capt Amarinder for writing to the Prime Minister regarding his efforts to get the GI tag for basmati rice from Madhya Pradesh. — TNS



SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal with party leaders in Patiala.

SAD protests inaction in missing 'sarop' case

'NO MORAL RIGHT TO HOLD DHARNA'

Chandigarh: Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar on Friday slammed SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal for holding a protest in Patiala. “These are the same people who, while in government, had withdrawn the blasphemy case filed against the dera chief. They have no moral right to protest,” he alleged. TNS

SSP office till August 18 to demand recovery of the ‘sarop’ and arrest the culprits. If the police fail to solve the case by then, the SAD will announce its next course of action,” he said. — TNS

Cong battle of one-upmanship flares up

Jakhar calls for expulsion of ‘dissident’ MPs, Bajwa demands Capt’s resignation

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7
The Congress has been hit by another crisis, this time in Punjab, where rival groups are demanding each other's removal with the state unit petitioning party chief Sonia Gandhi for the expulsion of two Rajya Sabha MPs.

Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar said he had written to Sonia Gandhi, seeking the expulsion of Rajya Sabha MPs Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Singh Dullo for “anti-party activities”. The two MPs have been attacking Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his government

'THEY BETRAYED CONGRESS'

■ The Congress should introspect how people with such low self-esteem could rise to high positions and get rewarded with Rajya Sabha seats even as they betrayed their own party for some gunmen. Sunil Jakhar, PPCC CHIEF

'STATE SUFFERED HUGE LOSSES'

■ There have been huge losses due to thriving illegal distilleries in the state. We demand that Capt Amarinder and Jakhar be removed or else the party will lose its relevance in Punjab. Partap Singh Bajwa, RAJYA SABHA MP

over the liquor tragedy.

On the other hand, Bajwa demanded the removal of both Capt Amarinder Singh and Jakhar, saying it was against Congress’ interests to continue with the two leaders. “We only asked for an investigation against the liquor mafia in Punjab, not against the CM. There have been huge losses due

to thriving illegal distilleries in the state. We demand that Capt Amarinder and Jakhar be removed or else the party will lose its relevance in Punjab.” Bajwa said, adding that he would keep raising issues in the interest of the state.

AICC incharge for Punjab Asha Kumari said the central disciplinary com-

mittee, led by AK Antony, was the competent authority to consider the matter and the state unit could not directly expel MPs. She said: “Leaders should refrain from sparring in public and must talk on party fora.”

Jakhar said: “The Congress should introspect how people with such low self-esteem could rise to high

positions in the party and get rewarded with Rajya Sabha berths even as they betrayed their own party for some gunmen.” He wondered how Bajwa’s security was upgraded recently when the security of all other Opposition leaders, including Sonia Gandhi, former PM Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi, was withdrawn.

Held in smuggling case, BSF constable sacked

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

A Border Security Force (BSF) constable, who was arrested by the Punjab Police in a cross-border drug and weapon smuggling case, has been dismissed from service, an official statement of the BSF said on Thursday.

BSF constable Rajendra Prasad was held along with two others on July 28 from his native place at Sriganganagar in Rajasthan. “As per the investigation report, Constable Rajendra Prasad of 71 BN, BSF, was found guilty on the charge of col-

Found guilty of colluding with drug peddlers

Iuding with smugglers.

“Subsequently, on August 4, under the zero-tolerance policy, constable Rajendra Prasad was dismissed from the service under provisions of the BSF Act with effect from August 4,” an official release issued by the BSF (Punjab Frontier) stated. — PTI

For slum kids, Ludhiana lawyer dons teacher's mantle

Adopts innovative methods to teach children basic concepts of maths, science amid restrictions

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LUDHIANA, AUGUST 7
At a time when schools are closed and studies disrupted, slum children in Ludhiana are learning in the open. Tweaking their usual routine keeping in view the Covid precautions, the concepts of self-study and weekly evaluation have been introduced to the children staying in slums at Hamran Road here.

Around 25 children aged between four and 16 are being taught general science, political science and even mathe-

matics, says Hariom Jindal, who conducts free classes for children of ragpickers staying in the colony. “These kids cannot be left on their own at this juncture. It will derail all our earlier efforts and they may lose their direction,” says Jindal, an advocate by profession. “Weaning the children away from ragpicking has been an enormous task. Their families will not be happy to see them back to ragpicking. So, keeping them engaged during the pandemic is essential,” he says.

To keep the children’s inter-



est intact in education, Jindal has distributed new books among them. These books

deprived sections. The children were told to ‘prepare’ chapters from the books. The brief was clear: Try reading and grasping the meaning, and then share with your friends what you learn.

Teachers associated with Jindal visit the slum daily. But instead of teaching the pupils the usual subjects, they teach them the method of studying. They guide them by resolving their queries and clearing their doubts.

Jindal, during his weekly visits to the slum, helps the children contextualise their less-

sons and motivates them to build curiosity. “There is no point in rote learning chapters, like the one on taxes. Such chapters have to be understood in the context of our rights. I encourage the children to think for themselves. My effort is to not merely educate the children, but to empower them by encouraging them to ask questions, look for interconnection and relate what they learn in their life,” he says. For slum residents, it has become a kind of ‘habit’ to get their children trained under Jindal.

Fresh curbs in three cities as cases spike

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Night curfew extended in Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Patiala

CANT BE COMPLACENT

Given the recent increase in cases in districts like Bathinda, Barnala and Ferozepur, we can't afford to be complacent
Capt Amarinder Singh, CM

Amarinder appealed to the people to get themselves tested early and start treatment preferably in a government hospital, urging them not to rush to private tertiary care facility directly as "good treatment is available in government hospitals".

In Amritsar, the health

Ludhiana MLA +ve, count nears 22K

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7 Concerned over the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the state, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today ordered extended night curfew from 9 pm to 5 am in Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Patiala from Saturday.

He also directed big cities/towns to prepare integrated management plan for the treatment of patients at both government and private facilities.

The CM announced a weeklong trial of enforcement of the mask wearing rule by making the offenders stand at the spot for an hour with a mask on. He said making the offenders sweat it out might help check the violations.

Answering questions in his weekly #AskCaptain live session on Facebook, Capt



Health workers shift a positive patient to an isolation ward in Abohar.

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	4,720	152	Moga	529	5
Jalandhar	2,907	74	Fatehgarh Sahib	451	5
Amritsar	2,185	90	Tarn Taran	443	13
Patiala	2,380	45	Kapurthala	382	13
Sangrur	1,227	34	Fazilka	359	2
SAS Nagar	1,157	17	SBS Nagar	335	6
Gurdaspur	794	23	Faridkot	373	1
Bathinda	737	8	Barnala	421	7
Hoshiarpur	607	15	Ropar	318	5
Ferozepur	624	8	Muktsar	279	2
Pathankot	522	13	Mansa	180	1
Total positive	21,930		Deaths	539	

authorities reported two deaths and 59 new cases on Friday. The death toll in the district has reached 90, second only to Ludhiana. A 25-

year-old resident of Judge Nagar became the youngest victim in the district. Admitted to Guru Nanak Dev Hospital (GNDH), he

was suffering from acute respiratory infection.

Another deceased was Charan Kaur, 80, of Kallu Wala Khuh in the Verka area. Dinesh Bassi, chairman of the Amritsar Improvement Trust, was among those who tested positive.

Patiala once again reported an alarmingly high number of cases, taking the total positive cases to 2,435. Of the cases reported today, 32 are contacts of already tested positive patients and 83 had flu-like symptoms. Civil Surgeon Dr Harish Malhotra said they had declared three containment zones in Rajpura and Patiala city, two in Samana and one each in Nabha and Patran. A resident of Sunam, admitted to Rajindra Hospital here, died late in the evening.

A DSP an Inspector of the CIA staff and Congress leader Jasleen Sethi are among the 104 new patients in Jalandhar. The district tally has risen to 2,907. With two more deaths, the toll has reached 75. A steno of Civil Surgeon also tested positive. As many as 21 tested positive in Kapurthala.

Ropar ADC infected

ROPAR, AUGUST 7

A day after 31 Covid-19 cases were detected in the district, Additional Deputy Commissioner and two SDMs of Ropar and Chamkaur Sahib had contracted the virus. All of them have recovered. — TNS



*MRP (Excl. of all taxes). Conditions apply.

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- (i) Master's Degree with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) from a recognized University.
- (ii) A Ph.D. Degree in concerned/allied/relevant discipline(s) in the University/Department with evidence of published work and research guidance.
- (iii) Associate Professor/Professor with a total experience of 15 years of teaching/research/administration in Universities, Colleges and other institutions of higher education.
- (iv) The period of time taken by candidates to acquire M.Phil. and/or Ph.D. Degree shall not be considered as teaching/research experience to be claimed for appointment to the post of Principal.

Giani Harpreet Singh said the pilgrimage to Kartarpur could be allowed while observing precautionary measures. "The foundation of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is a welcome step. For Sikhs, the Centre must take steps to open the corridor. The suspension of the pilgrimage was a temporary measure. Pilgrims in batches of 50 could be allowed amid strict adherence to the guidelines," he said.

He urged the Centre to intervene in the matter of Gurdwara Gian Godri at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar and Gurdwara Dangmaar Sahib. — TNS

Note: ➤ A relaxation of 5% may be provided at the graduate or master's level for the SC/ST/Differently-abled (Physically & Visually differently-abled) categories for the post.
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No coercive action till findings are received: Bench

steps were suggested. It was further submitted that an error of 10 to 12 per cent was seen world over regarding such diagnostic tests.

The state counsel, on the other hand, submitted that a committee has been constituted to look into the matter in pursuance to a complaint received by Amritsar Civil Surgeon.

An FIR also stood registered and the investigation had been handed over

to the local police. "A special investigation team has also been constituted in the matter," he added.

Justice Chauhan asserted it emerged from the facts that the FIR was registered on the basis of the complaint, whereupon the inquiry was initiated. The committee of experts appointed by Amritsar Civil Surgeon was seized of the matter. But the complaint which formed the basis of the FIR was not on record.

"The respondents are directed to ensure that the committee concludes its inquiry expeditiously and the report be placed on record before the next date of hearing. A copy of the complaint which formed the basis of the FIR be also made available to the court.... Meanwhile, till the findings of the inquiry are received, no coercive steps be taken against the petitioners," Justice Chauhan concluded.

"The body of a Covid patient remained unattended at a Patiala hospital for 11 hours. Another patient from Ludhiana died while waiting

Issue white paper on aid spend: AAP

SANGRUR, AUGUST 7

Leader of Opposition (LoP) and AAP Dirba MLA Harpal Singh Cheema today expressed dissatisfaction over arrangements of the state government to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic.

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NO PROPER TREATMENT

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Harpal Singh Cheema, LoP

ing for a bed at the hospital. The poor condition of Covid care centres in Bathinda, Barnala and in other parts of the state is enough to prove failure of the state government," he said.

The LoP said, "The Punjab Government should follow the Delhi model to effectively tackle the pandemic." — TNS

Takht seeks reopening of corridor

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 7

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh urged the Centre to initiate steps to open Kartarpur corridor.

The Union Government had suspended the pilgrimage and registration for the Kartarpur Sahib gurdwara in Pakistan on March 16 as a temporary measure in view of the Covid outbreak. Though Pakistan opened the shrine on July 29, the Indian Government is yet to respond.

Giani Harpreet Singh said the pilgrimage to Kartarpur could be allowed while observing precautionary measures. "The foundation of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is a welcome step. For Sikhs, the Centre must take steps to open the corridor. The suspension of the pilgrimage was a temporary measure. Pilgrims in batches of 50 could be allowed amid strict adherence to the guidelines," he said.

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PURVI (EXISTING NAME) IS LEGALLY WEDDED WIFE/SPOUSE OF ARMY NO: 1547592K RANK DFR NAME RAJ KUMAR CHHUTTA, DOB 01.06.1981, PO BOX 56 APO & R/O VILL & P.O. CHITTOSSA, TEHSIL BUHANA, DISTT. JHUNJHUNU, STATE RAJ. PIN - 333516 DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM PURVI (NAME AS PER RECORDS) TO PURVITA (NAME AS PER RECORDS). DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME IN MY NAME IN SERVICE RECORDS AS PURVITA (NAME AS PER RECORDS). DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME OF MY HUSBAND & HER DOB IS 01.06.1981, IT NEEDS CORRECTION. OBJECTION, IF ANY, MAY BE CONVEYED TO CONCERNED AUTHORITIES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. DI-7028-1

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Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the lumpsum contact bids on "Turnkey" basis from the eligible contractors/firms of Indian entity through online bidding system on or before 17.08.2020 up to 5.00 p.m. on the site <https://htenders.gov.in>. Bidders should be registered with Central Govt. or State Govt. or Central/State Govt. Undertakings.

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated Cost	Bid Security	Time	Cost of Bid
1	Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run of various components of Source Level Augmentation of various LWSS under Ghumarwin Constituency to Provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to leftout households Under Jal Jeevan Mission - Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (ParganaAjmerpur) on "turn-key job basis" including operation and maintenance period for 5 years after successful trial & test run period of three months after physical completion of all component of the scheme.	Rs. 337376387/-	Rupees 3373764/-	Two years excluding 3 months trial run period and Five year O&M Period	2500/-

BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK:-

Rechecking of Survey for various components, carrying out Hydraulic design/structural design as per norms and guidelines, approval of designs and drawings, Construction of intake structure, Desilting tank, WTP, pump house, main/sub storage tanks, retaining/breast walls. Providing laying, jointing of pipelines including providing/fixing of required valves, bends etc. for rising main/gravity main, barbed wire fencing, installation of pumping machinery including accessories and electromechanical equipment's. The head & length of rising main required shall be rechecked by the bidder at the proposed site.

Lumpsum bid shall be inclusive of all items of work as per technically approved project. The estimate can be seen in the office the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin in the working hours.

Before submitting the bid the bidder/firm shall visit the site physically.

1. Bid documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://htenders.gov.in> by the bidders registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run of various components of Source Level Augmentation of various LWSS schemes under Ghumarwin Constituency to provide Functional Household Tap Connection (FHTC) to leftout households Under Jal Jeevan Mission - Har Ghar Nal Se Jal (ParganaAjmerpur) on "turnkey job basis" including operation and maintenance period for 5 years after successful trial & test run period of three months after physical completion of all component of the scheme. The Completion period is excluding 3 months trial run period, defect liability period shall be one year after trial run period and Five years O&M period (SH: Construction of intake structure, desilting tank, water treatment plant, pump house, main/sub storage tanks, retaining walls/breast walls, providing laying jointing of pipelines including providing and fixing of required valves, bends etc. for rising mains/gravity mains, barbed wire fencing, electrical wiring providing and installation of pumping machinery including accessories for operating pumping machinery 440 V LT power supply complete in all respect).
3. Accordingly, the bidder/firm must make all necessary provisions for required qualified resource personnel, their time and other costs and appropriate engineering/technical considerations in design, construction, erection, execution, commissioning process for the project; including necessary documentation and inspections.
4. Competitive bidding for bidders shall be conducted in accordance with "Two Stage Three Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Eligibility information, Technical Bid and Financial bid should be uploaded online as per procurement method. The bids shall be submitted online electronically only.
5. **Bid evaluation criteria-** Eligible Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) shall be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal shall rest with the EMPLOYER who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
6. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

7. KEY DATES SHALL BE AS UNDER:-

1 Date of Online publication	04/08/2020 at 5:00 p.m.
2 Downloading of e-bid documents	From 04/08/2020, 5:00 p.m. to 17/08/2020 up to 05:00 p.m.
3 Date of submission of e-bid	From 04/08/2020, 5:00 p.m. to 17/08/2020 up to 05:00 p.m.
4 Physical Submission of Original Bid Security and Cost of bid (in case of offline deposit of bid security)	18/08/2020 up to 11.00 a.m.
5 Date of opening of bids:	
1) Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria	On 18/08/2020 at 11.30 a.m.
2) Cover-2 Technical bid	Shall be intimated separately
3) Cover-3 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
6 Site Visit	From 05/08/2020 to 15/08/2020 between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. except on holiday along with the Assistant Engineer/concerned Junior Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division Bharari/Ghumarwin.
7 Pre-Bid Meeting	On 11/08/2020 at 03.00 p.m. in the office of Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Tutikandi, Shimla – 05, (HP) OR through video conference at link to be shared on dated 10.08.2020. The queries of bidders to be discussed during Pre-bid meeting should be submitted before 10.08.2020 at 11:00 a.m. No queries shall be entertained afterwards.

1. The e-bid documents shall be uploaded online in 3 (three) covers:- Stage-I (a) Cover -1 shall contain "eligibility information & Criteria". Stage-II (b) Cover -2 shall contain "Technical Bid". Stage-III (c) Cover-3 shall contain "Financial bid" on the prescribed form
2. Cover-1 shall contain scanned legible copies of following "Eligibility Information & Criteria" (Scanned legible copies to be uploaded in pdf file).
 - (i) The bid security in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin shall be submitted either through online mode (e-payment) or offline mode in the form of NSC/Tim Deposit receipt, FDR of any Nationalized Bank duly pledged in favour of "Executive Engineer" Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin. Exemption of Bid security shall not be allowed.
 - (ii) The cost of bid form as shown above shall be submitted online mode (e-payment) or offline mode in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "Executive Engineer" Jal Shakti Division, Ghumarwin.
 - (iii) Copy of Certificate of registration with Jal Shakti Vibhag or any other State/Central Govt. Department or Govt. Undertakings in appropriate class if not registered then the successful bidder should get himself registered in appropriate class with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag before award of work.

SAD-BJP workers protest over choked sewerage

Muktsar: Activists of the SAD-BJP under the leadership of local MLA Kanwar-

jit Singh Rozy Barkandi on Friday protested over choked sewerage. The pro-

testers said manholes were overflowing in most parts of the city. TNS

I. SMT. GAYATRI KUMARI IS LEGALLY WEDDED WIFE OF JI C/0 275506 RANK SUBJ NAME DHARM VIJAY R/O VILLAGE PITWANS, PO PITWANS, TEHSIL DANAPUR DISTT. JHUNJHUNU, STATE RAJ. PIN - 333502 DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM SMT. GAYATRI KUMARI (NAME AS PER RECORDS) TO SMT. GAYATRI DEVI (PROPOSED NAME) DUE TO MISMATCH IN MY NAME & SERVICE RECORDS OF MY HUSBAND & HIS SON. IT NEEDS CORRECTION. OBJECTION, IF ANY, MAY BE CONVEYED TO CONCERNED AUTHORITIES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. DI-7028-3

I. No. 0408505X rank Hav Sanjay Lal of Unit 359 ASC C/o 56 APO S/o Sh. Rikhi Kesh R/o Channi, Tehsil Akhnoor, District Jammu do hereby declare that my wife name has been wrongly written in my service documents records as Nisha Sharma instead of correct my wife name is Nisha Devi. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities within seven days. DI-7028-6

I. Manjot Kumar S/o Mool Raj R/o India, Post Office Nodi Nala, Teh. Thathri, Distt. Doda (J&K) is serving in Indian Army as L/Unk. No. 1372759-N and presently posted at 3-RB-Anantnag (J&K) and intends to correct the name of my son in my service records from AYUSH to AYUSH KUMAR. The correct/true name of my son is AYUSH KUMAR and needs to be corrected. Objections, if any, may be filed to the concerned authorities. DI-7028-9

I. Army NO. 1163446 RANK HAV NAME ANIL KUMAR AT PRESENT SERVING WITH ARMY UNIT 89 ARMD REGT C/o 56 APO & R/O VILL/PO MAINANA, TEHSIL KHETRI (BUHANA), DISTT. JHUNJHUNU, STATE RAJ. PIN - 333502 DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT MY SON HAS BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN IN MY SERVICE RECORDS AS PUNEESH KUMAR INSTEAD OF CORRECT MY SON NAME IS PIYUSH KUMAR. IT NEEDS CORRECTION. OBJECTION, IF ANY, MAY BE CONVEYED TO CONCERNED AUTHORITIES WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. DI-7028-4

I. No. 2485028-P Ex Hav. Govinder Singh of Unit 16 Punjab (last served) C/o 56 APO R/o New Dewangarh, P.O. Chakrohi, Tehsil R.S. Pura, Distt. Jammu do hereby declare that name & D.O.B. of my son is wrongly recorded in my Army record Part II Order as Abhijot Singh & D.O.B. as 14.11.1999 instead of correct name Abhijot Singh & correct D.O.B. 14.11.2000. Now, I am applying for corrections. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authorities. DI-7028-7

I. Gajendra Singh S/o Lt. Shri Sardar Singh resident of A/P 758 FD WKSF Coy (13) WKSP EME Sig. GP) C/o 56 APO want to correct my daughter's name in her school record which have wrongly recorded as KALPANA instead of KALPNA. Now, I want to correct the same. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the concerned authorities within seven days of this publication. DI-7028-11

I. Manu Saroch S/o Lt. Sh. Ved Parkash Samoh R/o H. No. 3062/A, Sec-29-C, Chandigarh A/P 16, Lane No. 23, Green Ashok, Sector-15 First Floor. I declare that I have sold my Vehicle No. CH04/5360 bearing Chassis Number ME4J3C66H8144248 Engine No. IC36E9245837 Make/Honda Shine Model 2008 to Suresh Pal S/o Sh. Kamal Kumar R/o 42 Etka Vilas Gangali, Jammu (Second Party). That the second party will be responsible for any civil or criminal liabilities, Token Tax, Chalan, Insurance, Accident etc, after date of sale i.e. 31.07.2020. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the concerned authorities.

DI-7028-11

- (iv) Copy of Certificate of EPF registration.
- (v) Annual Turnover of last three years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-2020.
- (vi) Pre-qualification criteria proof:- (a) A bidder/firm shall be considered pre-qualified for the work if he has:-

Financial Qualification/Eligibility criteria

- A) An average annual Financial turnover of at least 30% of the estimated cost during last three financial years up to month ending 31st March of the previous Financial year.
- B) Experience of having successfully completed/commissioned similar works during last seven years ending last day of month previous to the one in which applications are invited should be either of the following:-

- (a) Three similar completed/commissioned works costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of the estimated cost.
Or

- (b) Two similar completed/commissioned works each costing not less than the amount equal to 50% of the estimated cost.
Or

- (c) One similar completed/commissioned work costing not less than the amount equal to 80% of estimated cost.

3. Definition of "Similar Work" shall be as under:

- (a) Similar work means "Water Related Project" which include at least two of the following components:

- i. Headwork/Percolation well/Tubewell.

- ii. Pumping system including all electric and mechanical components.

- iii. Water Treatment Plant.

- iv. Piping work or Water conveyance system/drainage system, RCC pipes/RCC Box culvert.

- v. Water storage/retaining structures.

- vi. Flood management/Flood protection works involving embankment construction with impervious core wall with wire crate apron and pitching including cross drainage.

- vii. For irrigation schemes, the water treatment plant (a) iii above shall be substituted by pre setting tank/desilting tank.

- Note:i) To demonstrate experience of the similar work as per Eligibility Criteria, the Bidder/Contractor shall submit the certificate of completion or commissioning of project/work (Completed work should not be less than 90%) as the case may be, issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer. Copy of Award letters to corroborate the experience certificate should also be attached.

- ii) Joint venture is not allowed. However the firm shall be free to engage any number of specialist firms for execution of specialized components of Project.

- (viii) PAN (Permanent Account No.), GST registration.

- (ix) The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the registered bidder to upload the bid, be uploaded along with the other documents online.

- (x) A scanned copy of undertaking (as per Chapter IV of Form-12) that I have carefully studied all the terms and conditions stipulated in the contract document before quoting the rates.

- (xi) The bidding capacity of the contractor shall be equal to or more than the estimated cost of the work put to tender the bidding capacity shall be worked out by the following formula:-

$$\text{Bidding capacity} = (\text{AxNz})\text{-B}$$

where:
A = Maximum value of construction works executed in any one year during the last 5 years taking into account the completed as well as works in progress.

N = Number of years prescribed for completion of the works for which bids are invited.

B = Value of existing commitments and on-going works to be completed during the period of completion of the works for which bids are invited.

Note:1. The statements showing the value of existing commitments and on-going works as well as the stipulated period of completion remaining for each of the works listed should be countersigned by the Engineer-in-Charge, not below the rank of an Executive Engineer or equivalent or shall be submitted in the shape of Affidavit.

2. The bidder shall calculate and online submit his bid capacity as given in above Pre-qualification documents. The financial bids shall be announced in the descending order according to PAC of the bids due for opening on the scheduled date. The financial offer of the bidder shall not be opened, whose bid capacity is exhausted or is lower than the probable amount of contract given in the NIT.

Fearing 'encounter', gangster moves Sirsa court, plea dismissed

DEEPENDER DESWAL
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICELawrence Bishnoi
wanted to be
handcuffed in transit

HISAR, AUGUST 7
Apprehending that he could be killed in an encounter during transit from Bharatpur jail to Sirsa on production warrant, gangster Lawrence Bishnoi moved an advance application at a local court in Dabwali town of Sirsa.

He wanted the court to issue directions to the police to move him after cuffing his hands and legs and under high security whenever the police obtain his production warrant.

The Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate in Dabwali however dismissed his application stating that permission to handcuff is to be sought by the police or the authority concerned and it is to be allowed by the magistrate only in special circumstances.

"If the police or prosecution finds reasonable ground for likelihood of accused escaping from police custody, such an application may be moved by police/prosecution," the

magistrate stated in the order while dismissing the application by the accused.

The court order also dismissed the application to seek high security during transit of the accused stating that it too was premature as the police had not moved such an application to seek production warrant of the accused so far.

Bishnoi is among the 14 accused who were named in the double murder of liquor contractors. They were shot dead near Chautala village under Dabwali police station on July 20.

During testing, Coldbest-

'DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES TAKEN'

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7
Teams of the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) and Haryana's Drug Control Department conducted investigations at Ambala and Kala Amb in Himachal Pradesh today following a complaint that a two-year-old girl had suffered renal failure after consuming a cough syrup containing diethylene glycol (DEG), a toxic chemical.

The syrup Cofset-AT had been manufactured by the pharmaceutical unit Digital Vision, based in Kala Amb, and was being marketed by Orison Pharmaceuticals of Ambala.

In February, at least 12 children had lost their lives at Ramnagar in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir after consuming Coldbest-PC syrup, manufactured by the same company.

He said the drug was found to have been sold to various dealers in Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, as per sale record.

The DGCI swung into action after receiving a complaint from the paediatrics department of the PGI, Chandigarh, that a two-year-old from Baddi was admitted on July 22 with renal failure.

"She had taken several drugs, which were analysed in the paediatrics biochemistry laboratory for the presence of DEG, qualitatively using gas chromatographic-mass spectrometry and confirmed by searching on the National Institute of Standards and Technology library," read the PGI complaint.

A 67-year-old man of Shyam Nagar, Yamunanagar, who reportedly tested positive for Covid on August 5 died at a private hospital on Friday, but his death is yet to be counted in the state health bulletin.

Meanwhile, 804 persons were discharged in the past 24 hours, taking the tally of recovered patients to 33,444. The recovery rate is 83.5 per cent.

The Kala Amb unit and Ambala firm were facing criminal proceedings with regard to the adulterated Coldbest-PC, which had led to the Udhampur deaths.

Covid tally crosses 40K

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

With 751 new Covid cases reported on Friday, the state's tally has crossed the 40,000 mark; it now stands at 40,054. Besides, nine deaths took the toll to 467. Three deaths were reported from Rewari, two from Panipat and one each from Ambala, Karnal, Kurukshetra and Fatehabad.

A 45-year-old woman of Sharifgarh village in Kurukshetra district succumbed to the virus, while a 66-year-old man from Ambala City, who was suffering from cirrhosis, died at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh.

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**COVID-19 CASES****DISTRICT-WISE COUNT**

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	9,830	139
Gurugram	9,549	125
Sonepat	3,156	33
Rewari	2,046	11
Ambala	1,967	19
Rohet	1,843	24
Panipat	1,436	21
Karnal	1,209	13
Hisar	1,089	10
Palwal	1,057	9
Mahendragarh	895	1
Hajjar	887	12
Panchkula	846	3
Bhiwani	831	6
Kurukshetra	614	9
Nuh	581	12
Sirsia	505	7
Fatehabad	459	4
Yamunanagar	416	3
Jind	335	5
Kaithal	321	
Charkhi Dadri	182	1
Italiens	14	
Foreign returnees	21	
Total	40,054	467

PUBLIC NOTICE

Singh Sahib Jathedar Sri Akal Takhat Sahib has appointed Dr. Esher Singh, Advocate as the Chief Investigating Officer to look into the matter regarding saropas of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji.

If any person / organization has any information regarding the above stated matter and wants to share the information, he / she may send the information at the contact details given below:

Dr. Esher Singh, Incharge Inquiry Commission, Office Secretariat, Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, Sri Amritsar-143006 (M) 96524-43960, Email: ecramsar26@gmail.com

The information must reach within one week from date of publication of this notice.

Chief Secretary, Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Sri Amritsar.

ਦਫਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਬਰੋਟਾ ਨਗਰ ਕੌਸਲ, ਬਰੋਟਾ ਵੱਡੇ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਆਉਟਪੁਟ ਪ੍ਰੋਡਕਟ ਵਰਗ ਵਿਖੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਰਿਅਟੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ।

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Civilian killed, 6 hurt in Pakistan shelling

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MISSING SOLDIER'S CLOTHES FOUND

A civilian was killed and six were injured in Pakistani shelling along the Line of Control (LoC) in north Kashmir on Friday, officials said.

The shelling took place in multiple sectors in Kupwara and Baramulla districts on the day when former Union minister Manoj Sinha was sworn in as the Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar-based defence spokesman Col Rajesh Kalia said six civilians were injured in the ceasefire violation in Kupwara.

He said Pakistan initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation this morning along the LoC in the Tangdhar sector by firing mortars and other weapons.

"Pakistan targeted civilian areas and six civilians were injured in the CFV," the spokesman said, adding that befitting reply was given to the Pakistani firing.

A police official said one of the injured later succumbed

The clothes of the Kashmiri soldier, who was kidnapped by militants on August 2 in south Kashmir, were recovered in Shopian district, triggering anxiety among the soldier's family about his fate. The soldier continues to remain untraced.

to his injuries. The killed civilian was identified as Mohammad Arif, a resident of Shamaora Karnah.

In Kupwara district, the ceasefire violation was also reported in the Nowgam and Machil sectors. The cross-border shelling also took place in the Boniyar sector of Uri in Baramulla. However, there was no report of any injury in the shelling in Nowgam, Machil and Boniyar.

This year, the Kashmir LoC has witnessed a spurt in ceasefire violations. The Army says most of the ceasefire violations are aimed at helping infiltration of militants.

SOLDIER SLIPS TO DEATH ALONG LOC

■ Srinagar: A 27-year-old Army jawan died on Thursday after he slipped and fell into a stream while patrolling along the Line of Control in the Machil sector of Kupwara district, the Army said on Friday.

■ Rifleman Amir Hussain Wani was part of a patrol party along the LoC when he slipped and fell into the stream.

■ "He was rescued by his team, provided first-aid and evacuated to the nearest Army medical facility. However, he succumbed to his injuries," the Army said. TNS

Militant hideout busted in Poonch

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Arms and ammunition recovered from the militant hideout in Poonch on Friday.

Security forces today launched a search operation in the Kalssa forest in the Mangar top area of Poonch district.

The search operation, carried out by the Army and Special Operation Group (SOG) of the J&K Police, was launched following specific intelligence inputs.

"During the operation, a terrorist hideout was busted in the Kalssa forest area and two AK-47 and four magazines were recovered from the spot," RK Angral, SSP, Poonch, said.

An Army spokesperson said Pakistan again violated ceasefire by targeting forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Balakote sector of Poonch district. It was for the fifth consecutive day when Pakistan targeted Indian forward villages and posts.

Jammu-based defence spokesman Colonel Devender Anand said, "At about 6.30 am on Friday, Pakistan again initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small

arms and shelling with mortars along the LoC in the Balakote sector of Poonch district. The Army is retaliating befittingly."

On Thursday, Pakistan had violated ceasefire in the Mendhar and Balakote sectors. So far, Pakistan has violated ceasefire on the LoC over 2,720 times this year during which 21 civilians have been killed and 94 injured.

On August 1, an Army soldier Sepoy Rohin Kumar from Himachal Pradesh was killed in Pakistani firing on the LoC in Rajouri district.

13 deaths in UT; 473 new cases

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 7

Jammu and Kashmir recorded 473 new cases, 128 from the Jammu division and 345 from the Kashmir province, during the past 24 hours, taking the coronavirus count to 23,927.

Thirteen deaths, all from the Kashmir division, were reported during the same period. A total of 510 more Covid-19 patients recovered and were discharged from various hospitals, 142 from the Jammu division and 368 from the Kashmir valley.

According to the official bulletin issued on Friday evening, out of the 23,927 positive cases, 7,260 were active positive, 16,218 recovered and 449 have

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance 3,84,044

Persons completing surveillance 2,89,831

Samples tested 6,95,620

Negative results 6,71,693

Positive cases 23,927

Patients cured 16,218

Total deaths 449

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	962	17
Srinagar	5,822	147
Anantnag	1,498	30
Baramulla	2,073	77
Shopian	1,508	24
Kupwara	1,209	23
Budgam	1,462	34
Jammu	1,473	23
Udhampur	618	02
Ganderbal	630	07
Kulgam	1,593	29
Pulwama	1,769	27
Samba	478	01
Rajouri	754	03
Kishtwar	159	00
Kathua	599	01
Ramban	576	01
Reasi	214	00
Poonch	253	01
Doda	302	02
Total	23,927	449

died — 34 in the Jammu division and 415 in the Kashmir province.

According to the bulletin, of the total 23,927 positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir, 4,830 were reported as travellers, while 19,097 were others.

Meanwhile, the authorities reiterated that the best way to protect oneself from the deadly virus was by maintaining physical distance of at least 2 metres from others, frequently cleaning hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser or washing them with soap and water and following good respiratory etiquette and hygiene.

People were also advised to refrain from spreading rumours and pay no heed to these at the same time.

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NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS XCV

TENDER NOTICE 09(2020) DATE 05.08.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer (C) Punjab Mandi Board, Ludhiana invites bids from eligible bidders registered with Punjab Mandi Board.

(1) Tender for Widening of various Link Roads (Earth Work up to Premix work including construction of culverts, side Drains and Road Furniture etc.) under Market Committee Jagraon, Mullanpur, Sidhuwadi, Ludhiana (2) Tender for Construction of Retail Market at SALEM TABRI LUDHIANA M.C. & DISTT. LUDHIANA (including Construction of Pharies, Parking area and Boundary wall). (LDH2019-127)

For detail, terms and conditions of Notice Inviting Bids, refer to website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in/

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),

Punjab Mandi Board, LUDHIANA.

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

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

1	Name of Work	Work of cutting of BOXN, BCN, BCNA, BOST & BRN type wagons in wr shop at c & w workshop, jagadri, northern railway.
2	Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3	Cost of Work/Tender Value	Rs. 48,55,320/-
4	Quantity	As per scope of work & schedule of rates
5	Cost of Tender form	Rs. 3000/-
6	Earnest Money amount	Rs. 97,100/-
7	Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8	Date & Time for submission of tender form	31.08.2020 till 15:30 hrs.
9	Opening of tender	31.08.2020 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10	Website particulars	www.reps.gov.in
	Tender No :	6-S/18/Tender/2019-20PLII DT: 05.08.2020
		1721/2020

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निदेशालय पशुपालन विभाग

पशुधन भवन, बालूगंज, शिमला-5

प्रैस विज्ञप्ति

COVID-19 महामारी के दबाव से खाली पशुपालन विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश द्वारा दिनांक 10.07.2020 व 28.07.2020 को प्रत्यासित प्रैस विज्ञप्ति के द्वारा जारी खाली हुए, पशुपालन विभाग समाज सेवा समिति का काउन्सिलिंग वेच व मैटर सूची में प्राप्त अनुराग निम्न विवरणों के पुनर्नियांत्रित किए गये हैं।

क्रमांक	विवरण	तिथि व समय	काउन्सिलिंग स्थल
1	1. वेच 2016-18 से पैटर सूची में दबाव से खाली पशुपालन विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश द्वारा जारी की गई अधिकारी अंतिम काउन्सिलिंग वेच व मैटर सूची में 309 से 120 वर्ष के बीच पैटर करने वाले प्राचीन।	10.08.2020 प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर विभाग, पशुधन भवन, बालूगंज, शिमला-5	निदेशालय, पशुपालन विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश
2	2. वेच 2016-18 के मैटर सूची में 309 से 120 वर्ष के बीच अंतिम काउन्सिलिंग वेच व मैटर सूची में 292 वर्ष के बीच अंतिम काउन्सिलिंग वेच व मैटर सूची में 309 से 120 वर्ष के बीच पैटर करने वाले प्राचीन।	11.08.2020 प्रातः 10:00 बजे से दोपहर विभाग, पशुधन भवन, बालूगंज, शिमला-5	उपरोक्त
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RBI's loan plan

Restructuring not enough to revitalise economy

INDIAN economy has been battered by the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown that continues in several states nearly five months after it was first imposed nationwide. Some rating agencies have forecast that the country's GDP will shrink by as high as 10 per cent in the ongoing financial year, revising their earlier estimate of a contraction of 5 per cent. Amid the uncertainty over reviving growth, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted banks to go for one-time restructuring of loans of corporate and retail borrowers who are facing stress due to the coronavirus crisis. Though there were expectations of another cut in the repo rate — the rate at which the central bank lends money to commercial banks in case of a shortfall of funds — the Monetary Policy Committee has cautiously left it unchanged at 4 per cent.

The debt restructuring scheme has been extended till March 2021 for businesses in the MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector, which contributes around 30 per cent of the GDP and provides employment to about 11 crore people. Such enterprises have been crippled more by a slump in demand than by a financial crunch. Unless demand is revved up, these units will continue to gasp for survival despite the repayment breather. The RBI has proposed a separate resolution mechanism for personal loans. With the moratorium on EMIs set to end on August 31, this plan holds out hope for the salaried class, which has been hit hard by pay cuts and job losses.

In a populist move aimed at providing much-needed liquidity to small borrowers, the RBI has hiked the loan-to-value ratio of gold loans from 75 per cent to 90 per cent. As the prices of the yellow metal are currently on the upswing, many people would be tempted to take loans now. However, this is a risky proposition in the event of a sharp drop in gold rates. Pushing loanees deeper into the debt trap is a recipe for disaster, not a silver bullet to rebuild the economy.

Lid off liquor scam

Strict action needed to deter illegal trade

THE seamier side of alcohol's political economy is on display, with Haryana recommending action against excise and police officials after they were indicted by the Special Enquiry Team for their role in an alleged liquor scam. A vigilance probe has now been ordered to identify and punish the culprits. The racket involved the theft of liquor from excise godowns during the pandemic lockdown, but details have surfaced about their being located on premises that belonged to someone who was into the illegal trade of the brew and had been provided protection and arms licence by the police. While it will be too early to go into the veracity of charges, what is undeniable is the need for a thorough probe to ascertain the political patronage that facilitated such activity.

In Punjab also, the police and the excise staff are being blamed for the Majha tragedy that has claimed over a hundred lives. While the state government has ordered the formation of two special investigation teams, a parallel magisterial probe has also been ordered. Police officials have been asked to furnish a detailed report on the investigations, recoveries, arrest of bootleggers, FIRs lodged and the statements of victims and witnesses. A list of the excise officials deputed in these areas and a record of the production and ownership of the distilleries have also been sought.

The liquor business had gone underground during the lockdown. Shutting down of shops and vends affected not only sales, but also the revenue of states. With hotels and bars out of bounds, sales seem to have got diverted to black alleys, that too of spurious stuff. The tragedy in Punjab is being blamed on the leakage of de-natured alcohol from distilleries. There is no reason why Punjab, like Haryana, should not bring erring officials and racketeering distillery operators to book. It may require political will, but the loss of lives should be reason enough to ensure that the governments act resolutely.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Remember, upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all. — Alexander the Great

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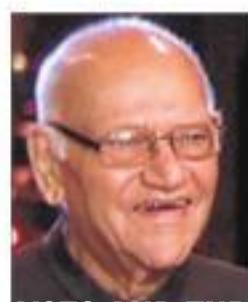
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Two Confusions On Non-Co-Operation.

WE are confronted with two serious confusions. One is the confusion between the preparation of public opinion and action, and the other is the confusion between what are called self-regarding acts and acts which directly and immediately affect others and sometimes society as a whole. The fact of one's having no doubts as to the necessity or desirability of a policy or a course of action or having unshakable faith in a particular policy or action justifies one, irrespective of all consequences, and respective of the strength or character of majority at present against the policy and the course of action in expressing freely in favour of it boldly and fearlessly, you can bring others over to one's own way of thinking. But there is clearly a limit to the action that can be taken on the basis of this unshakable faith or conviction. Where the action only or principally concerns oneself, this limit is set by prudence, by caution, by the knowledge that other men have before now held convictions and opinions which turned out to be erroneous. Where the action concerns others besides oneself, the limit is set, among other things, by a just regard for other people's rights, interests and opinions. Mr. Gandhi thinks that his action in the present case belongs to the first category; in other words, that each individual is free to decide for himself whether non-co-operation is his duty, and whether he is prepared to face the consequence of this duty. We venture to think, on the other hand, that if ever there was action which concerned others at least as much as it concerned oneself, it is the present action. For what is this action? It is not merely the preaching of non-co-operation, as to which we consider that there is or should be no limit to one's freedom. It is the actual starting of a general non-co-operation movement across the country with the objective of influencing and paralysing the Government.

Divided, we stand no chance

'India Against Hatred' campaign will hopefully bring people together



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



NEFARIOUS: It is a fact that communal propaganda has succeeded in a big way to divide votes on the basis of religion.

Cut up and torn, India will lack the strength to withstand a Chinese assault from land and sea, with around 15 per cent of the populace in a disgruntled frame of mind.

WHEN I was fighting the terrorists in Punjab, my friend of 55 years, Sanjay Nahar travelled from Pune to Chandigarh to meet me. He was a great nationalist. I had met him in 1965, when he was a student. I had seen great potential in him as a leader.

Sanjay was disturbed by the separatist movements in Punjab and J&K. In the latter state, he felt compassion for the orphans whose numbers were mounting because of the cross-border terrorism then prevalent. He formed an NGO called Sarhad and took many orphans of both genders to his native city of Pune. He accommodated, fed and educated them with funds collected from his relatives, friends and well-wishers, who were many.

To Punjab, he came to find out why a prosperous people (compared to most states) wanted to go their own way. In the train compartment in which he travelled from Delhi to Chandigarh, he could count 20 men sporting beards and turbans. He guessed that they were Sikhs. He sidled up to each of them in turn and befriended them.

He told me that he asked each of them if they wanted a separate state of Khalistan. Only one man said 'yes'. One said Khalistan was not necessary but the grievances of the Sikhs must be redressed. The other 18 said 'no'; they wanted India to be a united entity.

Sanjay phoned me 10 days ago. He has been in touch with me ever since I left Pune in 1968. He said the Hindu-Muslim divide had never

attained the height which it has in all the years he has been alive, that is 70 or so! He is afraid, like me, that it is going to be disastrous for our country. He had approached Anna Hazare, that old warhorse, to lead a campaign against hatred. He wanted me to join and I assured him of my unconditional support.

In my career spanning 36 years in the police, I have encountered communal hate that led to riots on many an occasion. Religion rules many aspects of a person's life, including birth, marriage and death ceremonies, eating habits, culture and even thinking. Very early in life, a person born into one particular religion is made to think that his or her religion is the only true one and all other religions are false.

But besides the purely religious content inherent in such beliefs, there is also the fact that religion has been used from the beginning of time for purely political confrontations, and even war between groups of people in a country and

between nations. Marx had dubbed religion the 'opiate' of the people. He was referring to the suppression of peasants through the instrumentalism of religion. Rulers and politicians seeking to protect their vested interests have always appealed to religious beliefs to maintain their stranglehold over the masses.

So also in our beloved country! Our present rulers have shown their penchant for using the Muslim minority as a convenient whipping boy to retain power. Communal propaganda has succeeded in a big way to divide votes on the basis of religion. This had not succeeded in earlier elections. Caste had mattered more than religious beliefs. But in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the religious divide gained traction among the poorer sections in populous states like UP and Bihar. The unfortunate fallout of this strategy to capture or retain power is that it also divides the country on communal lines. Simultaneously, it strengthens

the hands of the Muslim clergy, who like the clergy of other religious persuasions also strive to retain their hold over their flocks, creating a beleaguered and alienated community, now counted at around 15 per cent of the total population. This is a very dangerous trend that will eventually boomerang on our rulers and leave the country weaker to a critical extent.

When I returned home from Romania in 1993, I found just such a disgruntled and alienated community in my city of Mumbai. They had been beaten and bruised by Shiv Sainiks and the police, causing them to lose hope, which is a vital ingredient in the mental well-being of any common man. The Mohalla Committee Movement was the concerned citizens' response to this severe alienation. It brought the communities together for three decades, but has felt the first tremors of hatred of late.

Divisions based on caste or creed are the last thing this country needs at this juncture of our history. To meet the threat of the looming danger from the East, it is imperative that we unite and stand together shoulder to shoulder. A statesman like Modiji must surely appreciate the danger of using communal hatred for electoral gains. He surely knows that permitting such hatred will lead to a deeply divided country. A deeply divided country will lack the strength to withstand a Chinese assault from land and sea, with around 15 per cent of the populace in a disgruntled frame of mind.

I am glad that my Pune-based friend has joined forces with Niles Nayakha to start the campaign 'India Against Hatred' from August 9. The choice of Mumbai's August Kranti Maidan to inaugurate this movement is apt. This is the place where our founding fathers started the Quit India Movement. All true patriots should join the movement to restore unity and sanity in our motherland.

A different kind of reunion

COL HP SINGH (RETD)

A FEW days back, our batch of the Indian Military Academy completed 27 years of glorious service to the nation. Given the current restrictions on social gatherings, there was nothing much that we could have done to commemorate the occasion. But two of our batchmates came up with a novel idea that was shared with others for a consensus. The proposal got a resounding approval and planning for its implementation commenced with fervour.

The plan was to motivate everyone in our batch to carry out some physical activity on our passing-out anniversary and post a photograph of the same on the WhatsApp group.

In consonance with soldierly ethics, we dedicated this event to martyrs of our batch. As a grand finale, a commemorative online certificate would be distributed to all participants along with a collage of 'selfies'.

What would have otherwise passed off quietly as a non-event, with at best a few of us wishing one another, the occasion turned out to be an amazing experience. It infused enthusiasm in everybody, motivating even the laziest of our tribe to join the quest for fitness. The group was flooded with photographs posted from across the country, showing people engaged in serious running, walking, cycling, gym workouts, spot running and yoga, abiding by the protocol of social distance.

More than the physical exercise, it

was the sight of old buddies that made the day special. Many of them had been off the radar for years. Metamorphosed by time and age, some of these faces were not easily recognisable, but the glint of excitement in their eyes indicated a strong defiance of age and reaffirming our unique relationship built during the tough days of training. The icing on the cake was participation of our course mates from the Air Force and the Navy, making it a tri-services event. Though their commissioning dates did not coincide with ours, almost a dozen of them volunteered to 'come ashore' and get 'grounded' in camaraderie of their brothers in olive greens.

Almost a third of our batch

number of wives and children, with the youngest member being just seven years old. Not to be left behind, there were even those who had not been fortunate enough to get commissioned for various reasons, or had taken premature retirement. These enthusiasts actually stole the show, exercising from their places of work spread across different time zones of the world.

This seemingly innocuous activity did break the monotony of the lockdown routine and ushered in a sense of joy and social connect in these times of uncertainty and despondency. The collage of 'Buddies for Life', a treasured possession, will be a constant reminder of the bonhomie that has always existed among us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get tough with China

Refer to the editorial 'Taking China head-on' (Aug 7); China seems to be hoping that with its immediate neighbours Pakistan and Nepal breathing down its neck, India will buckle under pressure and make a move to buy peace with China. India's stand on not retracing from its territory is a sign of resolute and firm stand. China's attempts to raise the Kashmir issue at the UN are not new, but India should not remain a passive defender all the time. It's high time India ups the ante on Tibet, its claim on PoK and fortify its position in Bhutan. Let the app ban be followed with a trade ban as well. If China does not relent on Ladakh 'transgressions', India must close down the diplomatic mission of China to send a strong signal that such acts are not tolerable anymore.

ASHOK GOSWAMI, BY MAIL

Aggressive China

Despite several rounds of talks between India and China regarding de-escalation of tension along the LAC, no immediate solution appears in sight. In view of the Galwan incident, China cannot be relied upon as it had attacked Indian soldiers without any provocation. The attack was premeditated. Moreover, China's expansionistic tendencies and greed

for grabbing weaker landlocked territory through unfair means is a never-ending phenomenon. As regards India's relationship with Russia, though India has had good relations with its long-standing military ally, at the same time, Russia's rapport with China cannot be overlooked. It is doubtful if Russia will openly extend help to India in case of a conflict. At this stage, it is imperative that India must forge a military pact with the US to effectively check China's assertiveness, aggressiveness and other nefarious activities.

SANTOKH SINGH, JALANDHAR

Do we follow Ram's ideals?

As expected, PM Modi conducted bhoomi pujan and laid the foundation stone for the construction of the Ram temple with great fanfare. But as the head of the government, he should have avoided performing these mythical rituals belonging to a particular community. There were hundreds of sadhus and sants who would have happily stood in for him in this task. Holy men like Lord Ram belong to the whole humanity, and we should not try to monopolise them for our ulterior motives. The ultimate truth is that had we internalised Lord Ram's human values and way of life, India would not

have been a society riven by strife.

TARSEEM SINGH, MAHILPUR

Child bride saga

Apropos of the editorial 'Sirmaur's child brides' (Aug 7); it was disturbing to read that girls still continue to be married at an early age in the 21st century. It is said a woman has to pass through three stages of birth in her lifetime — when she is born; when she marries, and when she herself becomes a mother. Not only is it legally banned but also morally wrong to marry a girl at an age when she is too immature to understand the meaning of marriage. As a result, she finds herself unable to cooperate with her husband and becomes unnaturally quiet as she accepts everything unquestioningly, considering it to be her fate. It is an ugly blot on our society which we collectively need to remove. A girl has an equal share in the story of human growth. She has always been in solidarity with her male counterparts to shoulder every responsibility. She should be given complete freedom to steer her own life.

KAPIL SHARMA, KAITHAL

Long queues at Chitra

The middle 'Ram Rajya' at Chitra Talkies' took me down memory lane. Chitra Talkies ranked first in

Punjab for maximum seating capacity of any cinema hall in the state. It had two balconies, the second on a great height, hence, ticket for this was equivalent to the lower stall. The queue for tickets was rather long, but children used to get tickets without getting into the queue, a special privilege not available anywhere else!

NARESH MOHAN JOHAR, AMRITSAR

Long way to go

Refer to the editorial 'J&K, a year later' (Aug 5); a year is too less to expect ground-breaking results for a problem as complex as the Kashmir imbroglio. From the security point of view, the Centre has done well in maintaining relative peace in the aftermath of the abrogation of Article 370, but a militaristic approach alone is not enough to eradicate terrorism. The government must find ways to resume Internet facility followed by starting of economic activities to generate employment and avenues of livelihood. Special focus must be given to youngsters who have just entered school age. Efforts must be made to prevent radicalisation and develop a bond of trust with India. The journey to normalcy has just started. It is a long way before complete peace is achieved in the Valley.

SK SHARMA, PANIPAT

No economic reason to privatise banks



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BANK privatisation is a hot topic again. It kicked off when Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman hinted that the government would like to have at least one company in each strategic sector and sell off everything else. That meant, except for a couple of big government banks, the others could be put on the block. In the past week, the privatisation chorus has become louder. The NITI Aayog was reported to have suggested that three government banks — the Punjab & Sind Bank, UCO Bank and the Bank of Maharashtra be sold off. An RBI director proposed that the government reduce its shareholding in public sector banks (PSBs) to 26 per cent. And, former RBI Deputy Governor Viral Acharya recommended that 'healthy' government banks should be privatised.

There are three key arguments for privatising PSBs. The first is that the private sector is more efficient, and a private owner will cut the slab in government banks and make them more profitable. The second is that the gov-

ernment needs money and selling its shares in the banks it owns will help it raise funds. Finally, there's the issue of NPAs or bad loans. Government banks are saddled with loans which are unlikely to be paid back. It means that at some point, the government might have to 'recapitalise' them. Pundits say taxpayers will end up paying for mismanagement by government banks. So, privatise them and everything will be fine.

It is ironical that this pro-privatisation campaign is coming at a time when three of India's top private banks have shown serious signs of mismanagement. ICICI Bank had to sack its MD after allegations of nepotism in giving big loans. Yes Bank was almost going under and had to be saved by the government's own SBI. Now, HDFC Bank is under a cloud over conflict-of-interest allegations in its auto-loan department. Reports also suggest that Experian Plc, one of India's largest credit bureaus has told the RBI that HDFC Bank hasn't given details about its retail loans in time. So much for private sector efficiency!

The larger question is: who is responsible for the current state of government banks? The government itself. And, it is not because PSBs were forced to fulfill welfare functions, for which banks were supposedly nationalised 51 years ago. As the Modi government's own Economic Survey of 2016 pointed out, the private sector-driven economic boom from 2004 to 2008 was overwhelm-



SAVINGS SAFE: Depositors in public sector banks know that even if their banks are in trouble, the government will come to their rescue.

ingly funded by PSBs. The boom years focused on building infrastructure and expanding capacities in steel, mining, power, telecom, textiles and aviation. As TT Rammohan Rao of IIM-A showed, at the end of 2014, these stressed sectors accounted for 29 per cent of all advances given by PSBs, but only 14 per cent of advances at private banks.

Was this because government banks took foolhardy decisions to lend, or was it because they had to back government policy to help private companies finance their infrastructure and manufacturing projects? It is common knowledge that many industrialists — some of whom are on defaulter lists today — used political contacts to get

easy loans. Private corruption is now being passed off as a systemic problem with government ownership. Instead of reforming the management of these government banks and taking it away from the oversight of *netas* and *babus*, the proposal is to sell it to the same corporates who gained the most from the loose lending norms of PSBs.

Is there still a case to be made for privatisation to help the government raise funds and reduce its fiscal burden and avoid having to recapitalise them every now and then? This idea is based on an entirely faulty understanding of why the government needs to own banks. Banks are instruments through which capital flows through the economy. They collect

banks, therefore, have a social role which is larger than their quarterly profit & loss statements. Selling them amounts to diminishing this social role and public control of the flow of capital.

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public savings and use that as a notional base to create money, which is then lent out for consumption and investment. Who the banks lend to determines who gets access to a nation's savings and capital. Privatisation backers say the market is the most efficient allocator of capital. The history of India's banks shows the exact opposite.

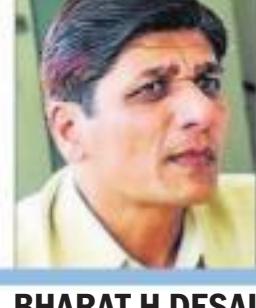
Before bank nationalisation, a few corporate houses controlled all funds, credit flowed into speculation and the agriculture sector had virtually no access to credit. Nationalisation ensured that a large chunk of India's population could access banking facilities, farmers got loans and the state could direct the flow of credit to priority sectors. Public sector

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As economist Prabhat Patnaik has argued, even if the government needs to recapitalise PSBs at any point, it will simply have to make a 'paper' borrowing from the RBI. Since banks would never really have to dip into their capital base, the government's borrowings would simply remain with the central bank. Thus, even though it would affect the government's fiscal deficit accounting, in real terms it would not make an iota of a difference to the economy. There is no economic reason to privatisate government banks. It is only a means to hand over public assets to the richest few, so that they can control all capital flows in the economy.

Winds of change on the education front



THE National Education Policy (NEP) announced last week has opened a small window for the long-awaited reforms in the university sector. The change in nomenclature from the outdated notion of 'human resource' to a robust Ministry of Education heralds the small new beginning. It could have also been clubbed with 'culture' to impart a holistic touch to promote our vast traditional knowledge systems. I had advocated the name change in an article in *The Tribune* (December 30, 2017).

The NEP is based on 22 fundamental principles and it envisions "an education system rooted in Indian ethos that contributes directly to transforming India, that is Bharat, sustainably into an equitable and vibrant knowledge society, by providing high-quality education to all, and thereby making India a global knowledge superpower." This is indeed a lofty, dizzying and tall order.

However, that will necessarily require (i) restructuring of the entire educational architecture (ii) reaching out to outstanding scholars to seek their services to lead our beleaguered universities from the front and (iii) prioritising education as a bedrock on which the proclaimed goal of being a 'global knowledge superpower' will firmly rest.

It has been rightly said by the sages and wise people that missing the target is forgivable but aiming for a low target is unforgivable. It does not permit any procrastination, lip service or insincerity. It is especially so in view of the widespread scepticism that prevails in the entire university sector. To begin with, we need to bring about a vital attitudinal change towards 'education' as a mainstay of India. Gandhi always goaded us to learn the best from the West. The history of the rise of the West has coincided with the quest for knowledge and building up of the best uni-



HIGH TIME: Bring credibility to the university sector by reaching out to the best talent.

versities as centres of learning.

Hence, in order to even remotely realise the proposed cherished quest of becoming a global knowledge superpower, we need to sacrifice our old habits, the proverbial neglect and fossilised attitudes within the society itself. If we wish to walk the talk, the society will need to place knowledge upfront rather than money, position or power. To usher into a knowledge-based society, we need genuine scholars to take the centre-stage. As a corollary, every genuine teacher/scholar needs to be valued, respected and entrusted with responsibilities to lead the way. Once we reposition our value-laden compass, the rush to anyhow grab positions will diminish. This will entail drastic changes both from the top and the bottom.

Any policy such as the NEP is as good as its implementation. It also cannot be cast in stone. There has to be an inbuilt mechanism for a periodic review. Many of the policies in the past have remained on paper, duly encased in glossy volumes. I was privy to the making of another NEP —

National Environment Policy 2006 — that provides a case in point. Crafted after procrastination and high drama during the UPA-II era, an effective realisation of the NEP-2006 has remained elusive. After the third of the three yearly reviews, the NEP-2006 was expected to be newly done. Ignoring the inbuilt provision, no such reviews were carried out. Therefore, we need to derive lessons for implementation and a periodic review mechanism for the NEP-2020. Will it be taken seriously to walk the talk?

It is refreshing that the NEP document admits that the entire regulatory system has been "too heavy-handed for decades" as well as "too much has been attempted to be regulated with too little effect." It underscores the ad hoc approach at work with disastrous consequences for the entire university system. It was knowledge that was to liberate us. However, the mediocre people who were placed at the helm of affairs ground the whole system.

Now, the proposed 'light but tight' regulatory mechanism still needs to be fine-tuned. It cannot be an old

drug in a new bottle. We need to genuinely ponder over the similar experiment with the NITI Aayog. The new regulator may come through the proposed Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Act. If it inherits the same old ways, it will soon be derailed and cannot usher us into the promised new era.

The proposed four-layered structure of regulation, accreditation, funding, and academic standard setting will need to have a clear demarcation of responsibilities and yet organically inter se not to work at cross-purposes. It remains to be seen how far the HEC reflects the "transparent public disclosure, and use technology extensively to reduce human interface to ensure efficiency and transparency".

As proposed by me, instead of using the abstract term of 'higher education', it needs to be graced with the futuristic nomenclature of University Excellence Commission (UEC) of India. The NEP has finally come to use the laudable phrase 'culture of excellence', repeatedly hampered by me in all confabulations.

It brings us to the most crucial component of the change without which the objectives of the NEP will remain on paper. Who will comprise not only the proposed four-layered structure but also lead the universities? It has been hitherto paid lip service due to myopic views, bureaucratic and political interference and other extraneous factors. It is akin to the tragedy wherein the cart is ready but the galloping horse is missing.

Our challenge remains: Can we provide the best and competent leaders through the "rigorous, impartial, merit-based, and competency-based process" to our beleaguered universities?

In many of the selection committee for heads of institution that we painfully witness today, the outcome is

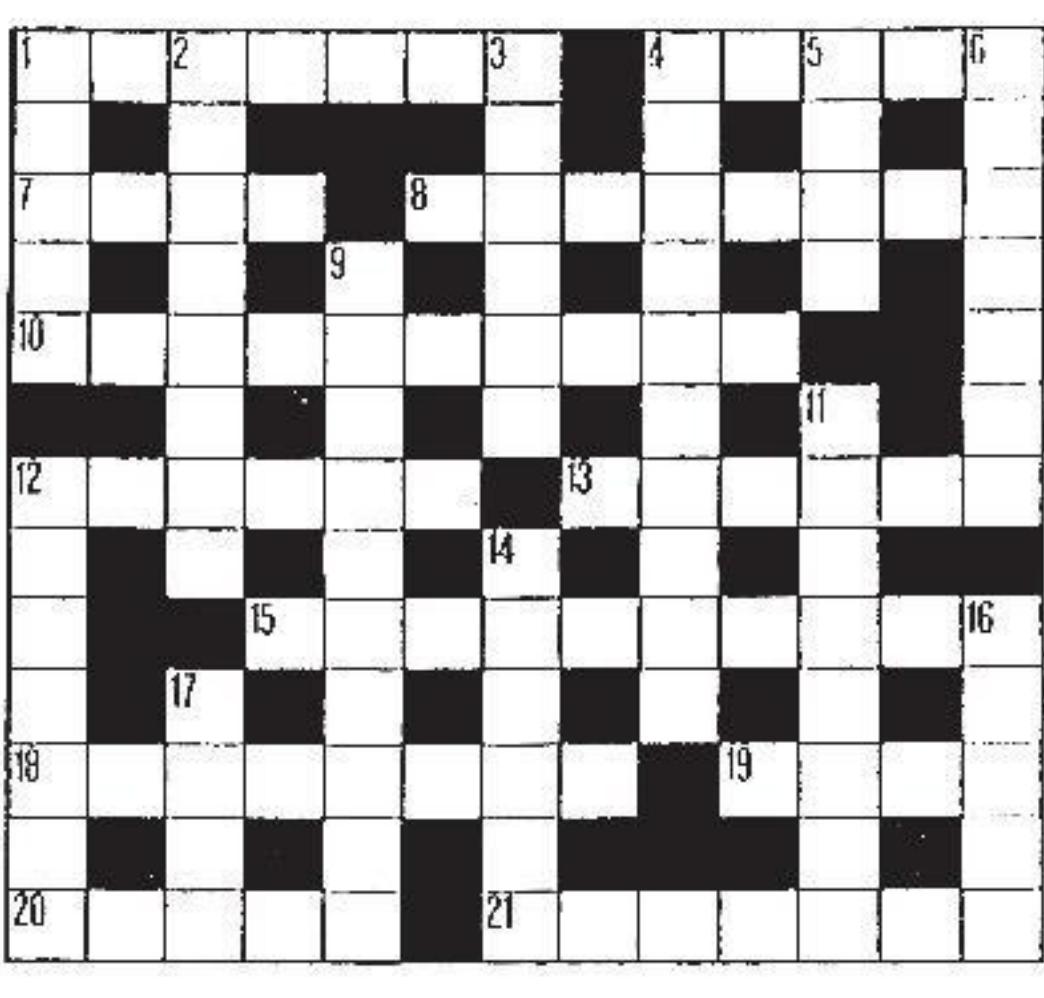
predetermined. The choice ends up with the mediocre and not the outstanding person. Sometimes, the committee members with a guilty conscience would applaud the outstanding presentation of a trailblazer and even suggest as to how and why he remained in this country. It is this pernicious trend that has become a curse as many universities remain saddled with incompetent vice-chancellors who only vandalise it.

The system remains a silent spectator. We need to have a provision to promptly jettison incompetent persons and prosecute them, if proved guilty. In a chance conversation with Sam Pitroda on board a flight in 2009, he candidly admitted that if you asked about competent leaders in the Indian universities, he would not be able to name more than two or three! Since then, we have reached the nadir.

Thus, it is high time we bring about respect and credibility to the university sector and reach out to the best talent that lies scattered in India. Such stalwarts would literally carry a plough on their shoulders and ensure salvation for our children by providing world-class education on the doorstep in a most conducive environment. We do not need the crutches of foreign universities, like the misplaced GIAN (Global Initiative of Academic Networks) programme.

If we aspire to be self-reliant (*atmanirbhar*), we need to reverse the trend where candidates chase and lobby for vice-chancellorships. We must reach out to the outstanding scholars and urge them to lead our universities. In order to ensure this noble task, the Prime Minister needs to give education his top priority by taking things in his own hands and handle the education portfolio himself or entrust it to an outstanding scholar as time is running out.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

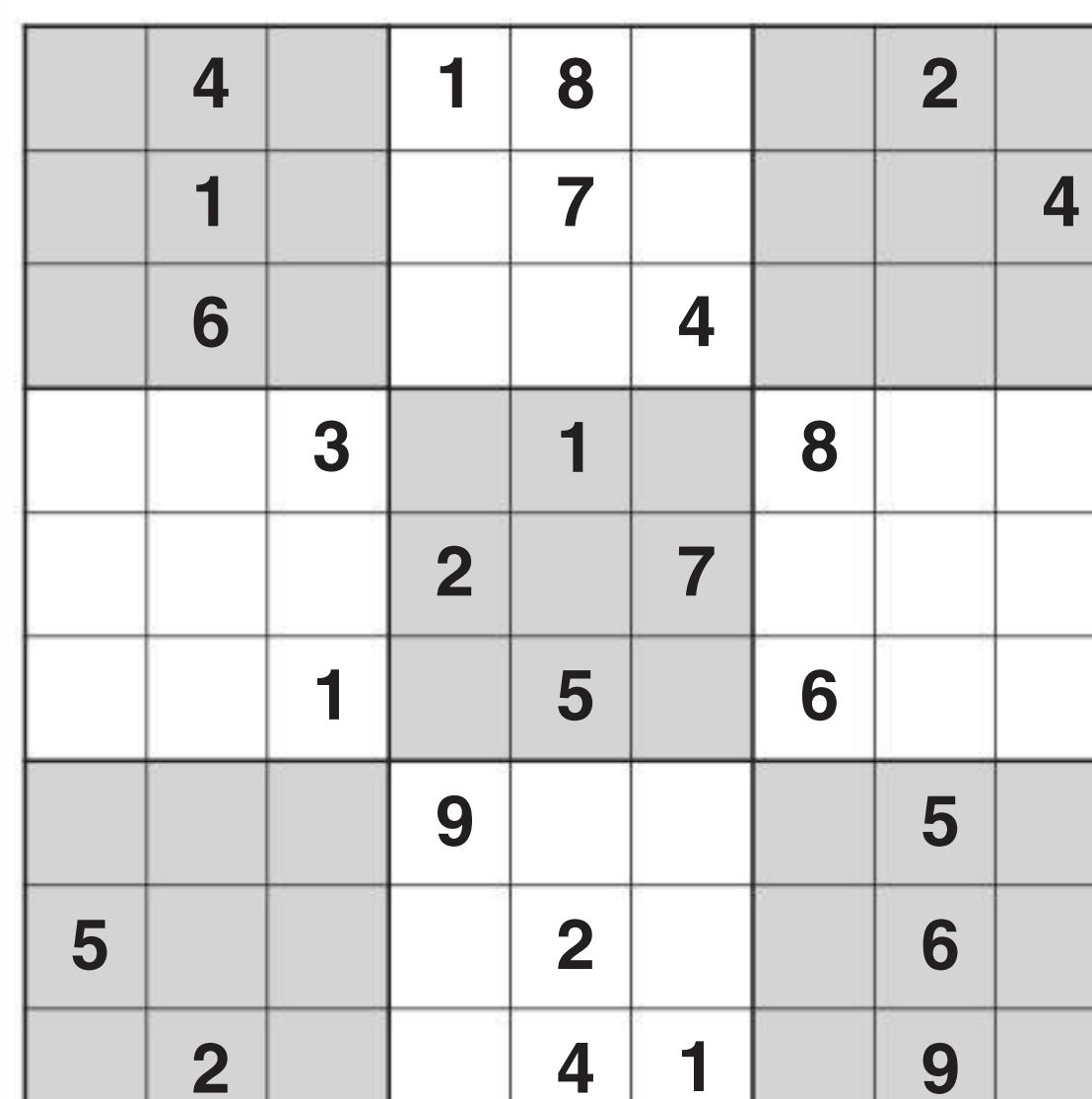
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ACROSS

- 1 Sovereign ruler (7)
 - 4 Discard as useless (5)
 - 7 Calamitous (4)
 - 8 Food of ancient gods (8)
 - 10 Refrain from disturbing (5,5)
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- 1 Exemplary person (5)
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 - 3 Moral discourse (6)
 - 4 Forte (6,4)
 - 5 Chance of loss (4)
 - 6 Pacify (7)
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CALENDAR

AUGUST 8, 2020, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2077
■ Shaka Samvat	1942
■ Shravan Shaka	17
Shravan Parvishtha	24
■ Hijri	1441
■ Krishna Paksha Tithi 5, up to 4:19 am	
■ Sukarma Yoga up to 5:55 am	
■ Uttarabhadrapad Nakshatra up to 4:12 pm	
■ Moon in Pisces sign	
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 19:11 HRS
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:45 HRS

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New Delhi	35	26
Amritsar	33	28
Bathinda	35	28
Jalandhar	33	28
Ludhiana	34	28
Bhiwani	35	28
Hisar	35	28
Sirsia	35	28
Dharamsala	29	19
Manali	25	15
Shimla	24	19
Srinagar	32	20
Jammu	35	28
Kargil	26	15
Leh	30	19
Dehradun	32	

MATRIMONIALS**BRIDES WANTED****SAINI**

Gursikh handsome 27/ 5'-10", M.Tech employed MNC Noida, Salary 9 LPA. 62807-72324. (CL20026305)

Suitable match for Saini Sikh boy 37/ 5'-9", M.Sc., B.Ed., MBA, employed Department of Education Punjab Government, income 12 lakh annual. 95929-89610, apbgovt@gmail.com (CL20026789)

Saini Sikh cleanshaven 1990/ 5'-9", fair Masters Accounting, living in Australia seeks match from Australia/ India. Nursing preferred. Boy presently in India. Upper caste welcome. Patiala 70870-39563. (CL20025160)

Qualified match for Canadian Saini well settled 1991/ 5'-9" boy. 99142-21152. (CL20026017)

Saini Sikh boy 1993, 5'-9", CA, B.Com, doing own practice. Preferred Govt. job or CA, CS, CMA girl. 62831-87059. (CL20026215)

Hindu Saini handsome boy (vegetarian) 1984, 5'-9". Convent educated, BBA, job Mohali, package 6 lakh. No caste bar. 99141-22115. (CL20026386)

Suitable match for Saini handsome boy 1992/ 5'-10", B.Tech., Govt. employee. Upper caste no bar. 94653-70704. (CL20026540)

Hindu Saini boy 5'-11", 25.6.91, 4 am Kukurshera, CA, own business. 99157-75526. (CL20026715)

Suitable preferably working match for Saini Sikh handsome boy Nov. 1991, 5'-9", B.Com, PGDCA, working Content Developer and Educator, Panchkula. Other caste suitable match also welcome. Parents Govt. employees in Senior positions. 94170-72193, 97795-8215. (CL20026736)

Punjabi Hindu Saini boy (Badwali), Aug. 1990, Hoshiarpur, 5'-8", MBA, M.Tech., PR Canada. 62397-56828. (CL20026838)

Suitable match for fair Sikh Saini boy 1990, 6'-1", B.Tech. Businessman family, residing in Jaipur, belongs to Machiara Ludhiana, 90011-39671 (CL20027067)

Suitable match for Saini Sikh boy 1993/ 5'-6", Veterinary Doctor working as Deputy Manager in Verka. Father mother retired from Govt. job. Ph. +91 94635-24007, +91 98159-70486. (CL20027343)

Hindu Saini, 30, 5'-11", B.Tech. MBA CFA VP MNC Gurgaon, Deputation Netherlands 85 lakh. Upper caste no bar. B.Tech., seeks well-settled urban family. Upper caste no bar. 98880-33688, 97800-35515. (CL20027620)

PQM for Saini Sikh boy 16,12.90, 5'-9", B.Tech., Cluster Manager NBFC, Sixty thousand pm, educated, well-settled urban family. Upper caste no bar. 98880-33688, 97800-35515. (CL20027554)

Suitable match for Saini boy 30/ 5'-7", Govt. employee preferred girl Government job Tricity. Contact: 78891-45557. (CL20027696)

Suitable match for handsome Saini Sikh Sep. 1991, 6'-1", B.Tech. Postgraduate, PR Canada, working in Private Company, IT professional preferred. 95010-70026. (CL20027817)

SOOD

Match for tall, handsome Sood Khatri boy 30 yr old Govt. Officer, package / Lac PA, preferred Govt. job. 98154-7753. (CL20026672)

Suitable match for Hindu boy working as Assistant Registrar in Indian Institute of Information and Technology Una, 1989, 24 February, 12 am Panchkula, height 6 foot. Upper caste welcome. Mob: 94181-61428. (CL20027064)

Kashyap Rajput boy 30/ 5'-7" Govt. Teacher Pb. Education dept. Regular. Preferred Govt. job only. 96530-71073. (CL20027046)

Suitable match for Hindu boy working as Assistant Registrar in Indian Institute of Information and Technology Una, 1989, 24 February, 12 am Panchkula, height 6 foot. Upper caste welcome. Mob: 94181-61428. (CL20027064)

Christian, 29/ 5'-10", doing Govt. job as JE PWD, seeking for bride doing Govt. job. Contact: 98888-07762. (CL20026026)

Christian fair boy, Regular Govt. job in Chandigarh. 5'-6", 1986, seeks Christian girl. Contact WhatsApp App 99884-13414, 97812-17217. Early marriage. (CL20026088)

Match for Graduate Christian handsome boy 31, 5'-8", Govt. service. Own house at Chandigarh. 84377-85418. (CL20027267)

MUSLIM

Canada/US match for handsome Muslim boy 30, 5'-7", private service, Ludhiana. 20000/-, caste no bar. 82645-67704. (CL20026469)

YADAV

Wanted decent beautiful girl, atleast graduate, well-settled smart boy, B.Tech. IT Engineer, 17.08.1992, 5'-10", Yadav boy. Contact: 92161-97974. (CL20027366)

AHLUWALIA

Well settled Army Officer respectable family 5'-10", Aug. 91, looking for educated Gursikh Ahluwalia girl. 70426-96869. (CL20025745)

Jatt Sikh Ahluwalia Manglik, 29, 5'-10", MBA, LL.B., business, 1 lakh income, Ludhiana. 99143-63183. (CL20026395)

Well established handsome Manglik Hindu Ahluwalia boy at Dehradun, 25.09.1988, Time: 6:30 a.m., 5'-5", B.Tech, having agriculture land, service station. Well educated family wants homely, beautiful girl. Contact 73516-03326, 09680-07788. (CL20026962)

Suitable match for Hindu boy working as Assistant Registrar in Indian Institute of Information and Technology Una, 1989, 24 February, 12 am Panchkula, height 6 foot. Upper caste welcome. Mob: 94181-61428. (CL20027064)

Qualified Himachali match for Faridabad based Himachali Rajput boy 80, born, working in IT Co. Pgk 8 LPA. Marriage bureau please excuse. Only WhatsApp 70421-75800. (CL20027701)

Suitable match for Kashyap Rajput boy 1984/ 5'-7", B.Tech., Cluster Manager, Noida, 95929-89689. (CL20027054)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput boy 5'-6", 08.12.1987, 9:45 pm, Chandigarh, teetotaller, Govt. job (Chd). 98889-88295. (CL20027502)

Preferably tricity working girl for Rana Rajput boy June 92, 04:35 am, Birth Place: Kanpur, 5'-11", MBA from PU, Chandigarh, Deputy Manager MNC Chandigarh package 9 lacs pa, own house, small family Panchkula. Upper caste welcome. Contact/ WhatsApp 98154-64612, 99158-60671. (CL20027526)

Mehra Sikh Govt. Teacher boy 28 May 1989, 5'-9". Preference Govt. job. Mobile: 99151-80916, 95925-57221. (CL20027098)

Wanted beautiful PhD Science for Cadwal Rajput, Nov. 81, 5'-10", Project Scientist at CSIR Palampur. Mobile: 98165-96897. (CL20027174)

Suitable match for Himachali Rajput boy 5'-6", 08.12.1987, 9:45 pm, Chandigarh, teetotaller, Govt. job (Chd). 98889-88295. (CL20027502)

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Suitable match for Ahluwalia Sikh boy (cleanshaven), MBA, 27.3.1988/ 5'-10", self employed. Father retired Punjabi Government Department. Mother expired. Early marriage. Caste no bar. 99144-57777. (CL20027891)

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JAT

We are looking for an alliance for our son Garry Bajwa, aged (25), USA citizen, Software Engineer, Sikh Jatt. The bride should hail from a decent, educated family and should be around 24 years old. Contact with email rbajwa69@yahoo.com (CL20024014)

Jat, fatherless, 28, 5'-4", Civil Engg. Diploma, compartment, own house, 3.75 acres land, managing LPG delivery. Status family divorcee acceptable. Education caste no bar. Bureau excuse. 94164-75957. (CL20026007)

Educated working match for handsome Jat boy 30, 6'-2", M.Tech. IIT Kanpur, working in MNC at Noida, 15 lakhs PA. Highly educated family. Contact No/ WhatsApp 94166-74592. (CL20021767)

TONK-KASHATRIYA

We well qualified match for Sikh Tonk-Kashatriya, fair Australian Temporary resident boy, 5'-6½' 15.11.1991, MBA, MCA, currently working with Cameron Logistics Melbourne Australia. 94630-86699, 94633-28800. (CL20026518)

American citizen Tonk Kshatriya boy 1993/ 5'-8"/ MA, Architecture, non drinker sees, B.Sc., nursing/B.Pharma/ BDS girl. Upper caste no bar. 001215700884, 94637-97263. (CL20026327)

Qualified match required for Amritsar based Garhwali Rajput boy (Pundir caste) 5'-6", fair colour age 32 Commerce Graduate having Central Govt. job. Mob: 98722-67703, 97793-74258 all Garhwali Rajput family may contact. (CL20018151)

Mair Rajput handsome boy, Software Engineer, 1991 born, 6'-2" height. Contact: 98141-95121. (CL20025996)

Match for Himachali Rajput boy, December 1990, M.Sc., LL.B., LLM, Govt. job, Chandigarh, Family settled Mohali. 0172-4068854. (CL20026083)

Match for Himachali Rajput boy, 5'-11", December 1990, M.Sc., LL.B., LLM, Govt. job, Chandigarh, Family settled Mohali. 0172-4068854. (CL20026187)

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CLASSIFIEDS

Suitable match for Brahmin boy 6', 25.06.1986, 12.05 p.m., Graduate, PGDCA, Govt. employee, Chandigarh based family. Himachali Govt. only. 94172-18530. (CL20026912)

Fair/handsome boy 5'-10", 9:45 am, 10.02.1994, Delhi. Pursuing Graduation final. Own business willing to settle in Canada. Girl with IELTS preferred. 98714-64610. (CL20026948)

SM for Sarupyan Brahmin boy 38'/ 5'-11", working in MNC Gurgaon. Earning 10 Lac+ PA. Residing at Chandigarh. Email: munishwardhan@gmail.com (CL20026951)

Match for Brahmin boy 9.1.1990, (11:28 a.m., Chandigarh) 5'-8", well educated, working in Chandigarh. Decent salary, own house. Only Tricity preferred. 97807-19483, 98760-12899, nitikashas224@gmail.com (CL20026959)

Manglik Bhardwaj Brahmin boy 01.02.1990, 22:29 pm, Kurukshetra, educated vegetarian well established family seeks all for homely, non working brides. Send pic, biodata. WhatsApp 091387-01313. (CL20026964)

Suitable match for Brahmin boy 17.11.1991, 5'-8", B.Tech, Inspector of Income Tax. Father AGM in Bank. Mother housewife. One brother settled abroad. Upper caste no bar. 98768-34433. (CL20026968)

Beautiful, well educated match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-7", 26.02.1983, 3:40 am, Bathinda, M.Tech, Govt. job in Education Deptt. Now selected as JEngg / PSPCL. 94781-67040, 81468-27040. (CL20026974)

Sarswat Brahmin 6' (20.07.90) 7.05 pm, (Sunam) Tech job Chandigarh 12 lac (year) good agriculture and urban property. 94165-07409, 89011-49401. (CL20027006)

Match for Gaur Brahmin handsome religious, teetotaller, 1983/ 5'-11", Haryana Govt. employee, Chandigarh based M.Phil. NET qualified. Govt. job of Haryana Chandigarh preferred. 98557-92356. (CL20027060)

Suitable match for Kaushal Brahman Graduate boy, 5'-6", 13.8.1988, 09:55 pm. Chandigarh. Own property business. Contact: 62840-43584, 78889-10700. (CL20027070)

Bride for Manglik Brahmin good looking, 5'-10", slim boy 28 years, established steel business and own posh house in Jalandhar. Caste no bar. 98765-48221. (CL20027073)

Software Engineer boy, 16.05.1994, 22:15, working MNC Chandigarh, family settled Amritsar. Teacher preferred. 94640-24988. (CL20027080)

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 4.4.1992, 11.45 p.m., height 5'-5", MBA, non-Manglik working in MNC, preferably employed/professionally qualified from Brahmin, Arora, Aggarwal. 98550-61538. (CL20027109)

Match for handsome Saraswat Brahmin boy 30.06.1994, 5'-9", MBA, preferred Brahmin, Arora & Aggarwal families, reputed & well settled businessman of Malout. Nearest area preferred. 98141-62988. (CL20027115)

Himachali Brahmin boy 04.03.1991, 5'-8", M.Tech, Govt. job in Research Center, Germany in Artificial intelligence, seeks qualified match preferably from B.Tech, M.Tech or MBA streams. Contact: 98161-19307. (CL20027139)

Match for Tricity based Brahmin family, 13 Sep. 1988, 11:20 am, Nangal Dam, 5'-4", working since 4 yrs as Manager in leading telecom. 78004-00036. (CL20027225)

Suitable match for Canadian PR Anshik Manglik Brahmin boy 06 July 1991, 8:17 pm, Jalandhar. Girl should be below 26 yrs. Contact: 88475-28084. (CL20027229)

Match for Moudgil Sharda boy 35/ 5'-8", +2, Agriculture land near Patran, own business and residence in Kharar. 70095-19370. (CL20027298)

Match for very handsome divorced Brahmin boy 88 born, 5'-10, well educated businessman family from Jalandhar. Contact: 79732-84913, 99881-93900. (CL20027306)

Suitable match for handsome vegetarian Saraswat Brahmin 1989/6, B.Tech, CSE and Master from USA. Canadian PR almost complete. Working as Analyst in USA. Preference given to Doctors/ Engineers. 98726-94646. Email: anil196011@yahoo.co.in (CL20027307)

Smart Manglik Saraswat Brahmin boy, 24/ 5'-11" 10+2, well settled business. Required homey beautiful girl. Contact: 98960-59853. (CL20027312)

Suitable employed match for Saraswat Brahmin boy 5"-7" (Anshik Manglik), 22.06.1990, 1:25 am, Panchkula, MBA from IBS Hyderabad, working Gurugram, 9 Lac. 94179-26800. (CL20027331)

Saraswat Brahmin Australian PR, 5'-8", 1984 born, teetotaller boy. Graduation from India. Master in IT and Diplomas from Australia. Only one brother who is married. Own industry in Tricity, house in Panchkula, agricultural/ commercial property. 98968-58780. (CL20027337)

SM4 Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy, 01.08.1988, 1 pm, Moga, own restaurant in New Zealand. Please match kundli before contact if required. 62392-91108, 84376-72930, 98554-36698. (CL20027338)

Match for handsome Punjabi Brahmin boy working as Chef at Portugal, 21.05.1990, 7:10 am, Talwara, Father Govt. retired, 99153-28087, 88722-70566. (CL20027339)

B.Tech. + MBA, 5'-10" height, handsome salwar. Tricity preferred. Mb.: 88473-69986. (CL20027303)

Saraswat Brahmin Manglik boy, 29/ 5'-6", B.Tech, Civil, job NHAJ Ldh. Required employed girl. Mb: 70096-56578. (CL20027345)

Brahmin handsome boy 29.8.1993, 2.55 pm, Amritsar, 5'-8", M.Lib, Govt. job required well educated girl. 98777-24470. (CL20027450)

Professionally qualified match for handsome BDSBrahmin boy, 6', 1991. Looking for NRI girl from reputed family. 82646-07828. (CL20027350)

Match for fair Brahmin boy 22.7.1990, 9:05 am, Kurukshetra (Gota - Father: Vashi, Mother: Sonak), 5'-7", B.Tech (IT), M.Tech, (CSE), Assistant Professor (Contract), Kurukshetra University since 2014, missing right hand thumb by birth. Father Doctor, Mother Housewife, Sister one (married). 94664-71233. (CL20027369)

MCA/MBA/B.Tech. match required for MCA Brahmin boy, 18 Sept. 1985, time 16:15 pm, working as Project Manager at Delhi. WhatsApp biodata on 99144-66092, Hoshiarpur. (CL20027477)

Match Sharma boy, B.Com, Height 4'-10", born 15 October 1993, working Pvt. Bank Mohali. 97813-06231. (CL20027484)

Suitable match for 26.02.1988, 5'-7", 10:43 pm, own business, Pimpri, Castle no bar. 99888-54269, 9646-59139. (CL20027529)

Brahmin Manglik boy 02.11.1989, (7:50 am, Amritsar), 5'-11", Class-II Merchant Navy (Officer). Qualification - Masters in Engineering. Well educated business family. 98557-94209. (CL20027660)

Brahmin boy, 26 years, job SBI, 5'-6". Preferred girl working in SBI Chandigarh. 98723-66165. (CL20027664)

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Wanted beautiful slim tall well educated manglik/ non manglik girl for Australia PR very handsome Punjabi Mittal B.Tech(Civil), 6'30.09.1991, 10.56 pm. Chandigarh, Govt. Job in Sydney, 98140-08599, 79867-73399. (CL20026848)

Professionally qualified/ working etc. good business family for Singla boy 21.01.1992, 11:40 am. Rampura Phul, 5'-7", JE (Civil) Haryana, 94656-68781, 94632-12692. (CL20027517)

Garg boy 5'-10", 24.10.19, 4 a.m. Patran (Dist. Patiala) Gazetted Officer (SDO) at Chandigarh, residence Chandigarh. Mobile: 98141-45557. (CL20027540)

Match for Garg handsome boy 18.03.1991, 5'-8", 10:35 am. Rampuraphul, MBA, own business annual business income 25 lakh. Well settled family Zirakpur, 78886-65236, 8720-92388. (CL20027545)

Punjabi Aggarwal boy 32 y, male Manglik MBA Finance, well settled in Gurgaon high income businessman. Contact: 93112-07344. (CL20026921)

Well established Ambala based handsome Singla boy B.Tech., 5'-8", 4.10.1992, 05:55 pm. Samana Punjab MBA, MDI Gurgaon B.Tech., 20-25 lacs, 5'-7", working Mumbai. Working girl ready to go to Mumbai settled Panchkula. 99882-71277. (CL20026932)

Tectotaller Singla boy 18 April 92, 5'-6", B.Tech. Punjab govt. Gazetteed Officer. Contact: 94640-62162. (CL20026935)

Medico match for fair, handsome Mittal MBBS, pursuing MD boy 5'-9", 12:12 pm, 09.12.1988, Hissar. WhatsApp 98134-74400, 94162-80466. (CL20026945)

Manglik Goyal boy 17.4.1990, 4:05 am- 5'-8", Mansa, Punjab Govt. Officer. Preferred Govt. job girl. 98765-99566. (CL20026959)

Singla manglik boy 03.11.1992, 5'-8", (11:55 am), B.Tech. JE Punjab Biju Board employed/ residence Jagraon (Ludhiana), 81465-98151. (CL20026972)

Aggarwal divorcee, 39, fair, 5'-8", well settled business in own shop Chandigarh. No demand. 86994-21110. (CL20026979)

CA Garg boy, 5'-6", 13.11.1988, 07:31 a.m. Chandigarh. Email ID: matrigr30@gmail.com WhatsApp: 98889-72264, 86991 - 20845. (CL20026984)

Manglik Aggarwal Mangla 18.7.89, 7:30 am (Malerkotta), 5'-7", BA, own good business, 9592-29740, 94170-5143. (CL20027039)

Match for Aggarwal fair, handsome 28/ 5'-8", B.Tech (PEC), MBA, Senior Consultant Infosys Chandigarh. Girls employed in Tricity only need call 98142-12173. (CL20027062)

Match for IT professional Jindal boy 4 Jan, 92, 5'-6", B.Tech PEC Chd., MBA, working in Deloitte Gurgaon, 15 lac p.a. WhatsApp: # 83606-22698. (CL20027097)

Exceptionally beautiful & professionally qualified match preferably at Hyderabad for handsome well settled son, Nov. 1991 born, 5'-9". B.Tech. S.software Engineer in MNC, Hyderabad, 34 LPA, belongs to status business family at Chandigarh. WhatsApp biodata/ photograph @ 98762-027009. (CL20027099)

Match for Ahmedabad based Gupta B.Tech fair boy, 6', 14.07.1993, Business Development Manager, package 5 lacs. Contact: 94298-94704. (CL20027820)

Established Aggarwal LLM healthy boy 30.8.83, 10:45 pm, Patiala, 5'-8", working Additional Counsel, Govt.- of India Advocate Patiala, excellent income. 98884-89461. (CL20027735)

Wanted beautiful homely girl for fair, smart, handsome Garg Manglik boy, October 17, 1995/ 5'-8", MBA, from well settled reputed business family of Baghupurana (Moga). 98141-93786. (CL20027707)

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Centre engages NSCN-IM leaders for Naga peace talks

TREND NEWS SERVICE

The stumbling block

According to an MHA official, the presence of three northeastern states' representatives is significant as the NSCNM has been claiming parts of their territories for Greater Nagaland.

Assam, Manipur and Arunachal were also present.

Meanwhile, they also confirmed that the Prime Minister's special envoy for the Naga peace talks RN Ravi, who is also the Governor of Nagaland, would reach the national capital early next week to join the talks.

The NSCN-IM has all along

been demanding territorial integration of all Naga-inhabited areas of the north-eastern region of the country.

Sources said Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who has been admitted to a hospital after being tested Covid positive, has constantly been monitoring the progress made at the meeting.

It is to be noted here that the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG), a conglomerate of seven other organisations, which is also a part of the dialogue process, is reported to have already said that it had successfully closed its negotiations with the Centre.

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FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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OCI cardholders from select nations can enter India

Privilege only for those arriving from countries that have 'air bubble' pact with Centre

MUKESH RANJAN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

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HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sector 2, Panchkula — 134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

Notice to the all candidates regarding extension of the date for filling department preference online for the post Clerk against Advt. No. 5/2019, Category No. 01 of various Departments/Boards/Corporations, Haryana.

In continuation of earlier notices dated 18.12.2019, 31.12.2019, 20.1.2020, 22.1.2020, 23.1.2020, 6.2.2020, 7.2.2020, 21.5.2020, 2.6.2020, 17.7.2020, 29.7.2020 and 4.8.2020 for scrutiny of documents for the post of Clerk against Advt. No. 5/2019, Category No. 01, it is notified for information of candidates who were called for scrutiny of documents to fill their preference of departments online from 7.8.2020 to 9.8.2020 after which link shall be disabled. It is mandatory for the candidates to fill the preferences through online mode failing which Commission will allocate departments at its own level.

Note:- Other terms and conditions are same as mentioned in the earlier notice for the above said post.

Place: Panchkula Sd/- Secretary,
Dated: 07.08.2020 Haryana Staff Selection Commission,
PRDH/82161 Panchkula.

ED conducts raids in Pilatus jet scam

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The ED today said it had conducted searches at 14 locations in Delhi, Gurugram and Surat to collect evidence in connection with a money laundering case linked to alleged corruption in the purchase of 75 Pilatus basic trainer aircraft for the IAF in 2009.

The case involves absconding arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari, facing separate ED and CBI probes for corruption and "possession of undeclared assets" in the country and abroad. — TNS

OFFICE OF THE ROGI KALYAN SAMITI DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD GOVT. MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL KANGRA AT TANDA

No. HFW-H(DRPGMC)SHOPS-2019/4848-50 Dated: 06/08/2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expression of Interest in sealed envelope is hereby invited by the Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary Rogi Kalyan Samiti Dr. RP-GMC, Kangra at Tanda from the interested vendors on monthly rent basis for running the Pre-fabricated modular structure as mentioned in the table below (11.85sq. meter each) near parking place Tanda. The EOI document can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working day from 10.08.2020 to 02.09.2020 up to 5.00 PM as per schedule in the table given below or by downloading the same from college website (www.rpgmc.ac.in) after the publication of EOI. Those who wish to download the EOI document should enclose EOI as prescribed in the table below through bank draft along with bidding document and EMD drawn in favour of Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary Rogi Kalyan Samiti Dr. RP-GMC, Kangra at Tanda, payable at Tanda.

Sr. No.	No. of Shop & Purpose for allotment on rent basis	Cost of EOI document	EMD	Date of start of Sale of EOI document	Last date of purchase of EOI documents	Last date of submission of EOI	Date & time of opening of EOI
1.	One shop for Barber/ Saloon	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	10.08.2020	02.09.2020 up to 5.00 PM	03.09.2020 up to 1.00 PM	03.09.2020 at 3:00 PM
2.	One shop for selling vegetables & fruits	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	10.08.2020	02.09.2020 up to 5.00 PM	03.09.2020 up to 1.00 PM	03.09.2020 at 3:15 PM
3.	One shop for selling daily needs & provision store	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 10,000/-	10.08.2020	02.09.2020 up to 5.00 PM	03.09.2020 up to 1.00 PM	03.09.2020 at 3:30 PM

Medical Superintendent-cum-Member Secretary RKS Dr. R.P. Govt. Medical College Kangra at Tanda

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid submission schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4			
1.	Providing of electric components for blower panels at 30 MGD MBBR STP (re-invite). Est. Cost: Rs. 7,60,850/-, EMD: Rs.15,220/-, Time Limit : 01 Month	07.08.2020 To 13.08.2020 at 11:00 A.M	13.08.2020 at 12:00 PM
2.	Rejuvenation / revamping and desilting of 24' i/d sewer line at Sector 35-D, Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 11,79,700/-, EMD:Rs.23,600/-, Time Limit: 03 Months	07.08.2020 To 13.08.2020 at 2:00 P.M	13.08.2020 at 3:00 P.M
3.	Providing additional SWD lines and sewer lines alongwith other allied works thereof at back side of SCO-01 to 44 Sector 7-C Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 15.77 lacs, EMD:Rs.31,550/-, Time Limit: 03 Months	07.08.2020 To 13.08.2020 at 2:00 P.M	13.08.2020 at 3:00 P.M
4.	Repair of broken/damaged CBD SWD/Sewer lines of various sizes at various locations of Chandigarh. Est. Cost: Rs. 27.79 lacs, EMD: Rs.55,582/-, Time Limit: 03 Months	07.08.2020 To 13.08.2020 at 2:00 P.M	13.08.2020 at 3:00 P.M

Note : Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available on website at www.chandigarh.gov.in or etenders.chd.nic.in

NODAL OFFICER-CUM-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

M.C.P.H. Divn.No.3, Room No.1, Water Works, Sector-37, Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-12/UMB-2020-21 DATED 07.08.2020

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1.	Hydraulic Type Track based Rail Lubricator over Ambala Division.	12870911	214400	36 Months	01.09.2020
2.	Laying of 800mmØ DI, K-9 Water pipe through 1200mm & 1500mmØ double M.S. casing pipe passing under railway track/land near Km. 42/17-18 between Kup & Malekotia stations on LDH-DUJ section for Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Division, Ranbir Club road, Sangrur, Punjab.	3368864	67400	06 Months	01.09.2020
3.	Provision of Medium Level Platform to High Level Platform along with extension of Platform up to longest stopping train at Malout under SSE/W/ABS in the section of ADEN/BTI.	5433070	108700	12 Months	01.09.2020
4.	REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT STEEL WATER STORAGE TANK NO. 4 WITH 2 NOS. RCC WATER STORAGE OVER HEAD TANK OF 225000 LTR. CAPACITY & ONE NO. DEEP TUBE WELL IN KALKA CITY, JAGADHRI WORKSHOP IN THE SECTION OF SSE/W/JUDW UNDER ADEN/JUDW.	9480754	189600	08 Months	01.09.2020
5.	1. Track works in connection with TTR of 99 SET (56 NOS 1 IN 12 & 43 NOS 1 IN 8.5) and 5 sets in connection with TTR of 52 SET on SRE-UMB section under SSE/P-Way/SRE, YJUD & UMB. 2. Through fitting renewal of 9.082 km in connection with TFR work of 35.816 km and 130.857 km on SRE-UMB section under SSE/P-Way/SRE & YJUD.	7833361	156700	10 Months	01.09.2020
6.	Supply of 40000 cum 65 mm gauge nominal size machine crushed stone ballast duly stacked & loaded in to rail borne Trucks/BOB's for B G Track in the Ballast depot at Yamunagar Jagadhar on Ambala-Saharanpur Section in the section of DEN/Track / Ambala.	31158400	305800	08 Months	01.09.2020
7.	Supply of 100000 cum 65 mm gauge machine crushed stone ballast for B.G track duly stacked and loaded into rail borne trucks/BOB's in the ballast depot at Barwala on Jakhal - Hisar section under DEN/Track/Ambala.	89805000	599000	10 Months	01.09.2020
8.	Cess repair by earth filling in the section of SSE/W/L/SRE in the beat of SSE/P-Way/SRE under ADEN/SRE.	5205113	104100	06 Months	01.09.2020

NOTE
1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST 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. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of works tenders.
3. For detail, please log on IREPSS website www.ireps.gov.in
4. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH (Horticulture Wing)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Appointment of Licensing Officer to accord the permission to erect or re-erect Hedges and Fences on Municipal Land as per the Bye-Laws Chandigarh (Control and Regulation of Hedges and Fences) Bye-Law, 1971

It is to intimate that the Secretary Estate, Chandigarh Administration has appointed to the Superintending Engineer, Horticulture and Electrical, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI

India-Eng series postponed
India's white-ball series against England, scheduled at home in September-October, was today postponed to early 2021.

NEW YORK

US Open: Svitolina withdraws
Women's world No. 5 Elina Svitolina and No. 7 Kiki Bertens today joined a growing list of players withdrawing from this month's US Open.

WARSAW

Cyclist awake from coma
Dutch cyclist Fabio Jakobsen, who was put in a medically-induced coma after crashing at the finish line in the Tour of Poland's first stage, is awake and in good condition.

DUISBURG (GERMANY)

Sevilla reach quarters
Sevilla beat Roma 2-0 as Wolverhampton, Leverkusen and Basel also qualified for the Europa League quarterfinals. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV

FIRST TEST
ENGLAND VS PAKISTAN
SONY SIX 3:30PM
UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
BARCELONA VS NAPOLI
BAYERN VS CHELSEA
SONY TEN 00:30AM (SUNDAY)

Manpreet, 4 others test positive

Tribune News Service

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Five hockey players, including skipper Manpreet Singh, who recently returned to join the national camp in Bengaluru, have tested positive for Covid-19. Apart from Manpreet, Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Varun Kumar and Krishan Pathak tested positive for the virus.

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) had started the hockey camp for both men's and women's teams from August 4. As per the protocol, all the players and support staff were subjected to rapid Covid tests when they joined the camp and the results had come out negative.

But when Manpreet and Surender began to display



Indian hockey team captain Manpreet Singh, who recently returned to join the national camp, has tested positive for Covid-19. FILE

some symptoms of Covid, they and 10 other players who had travelled together were told to undergo the Quantitative RT-PCR test. Five of the 10 who underwent this test were found to

to share all details.

"Since all the athletes who tested positive had travelled together, there is a high likelihood that they contracted the virus while travelling from their hometowns to Bengaluru," SAI said in a statement.

"All athletes, including Manpreet, who reported to camp were undergoing quarantine... The quarantined athletes did not interact with other athletes who were already present at the camp," the statement added.

Manpreet said he hoped to recover soon. "I am very happy that they made the testing of athletes mandatory. That proactive step helped in identifying the problem right in time. I am doing fine and hope to recover very soon," he said.

Shubhankar misses cut

WARE (ENGLAND): Shubhankar Sharma, making a return to tournament golf after the Covid-19 hiatus, missed the cut in the English Championship. Sharma carded an 1-under 70 in the second round, to go with a 71 in the first round, to bow out of the tournament with a 36-hole score of 141. When he finished, the projected cut line was 5-under. The six bogeys and one double-bogey he made in the two rounds cost him dear.

Sindhu resumes training

NEW DELHI: World champion PV Sindhu, along with B Sai Praneeth and N Sikki Reddy, hit the courts for training today under strict safety protocols at the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy in Hyderabad, ending a four-month-long coronavirus-forced hiatus. This was after the SAI decided to resume the national camp for the eight Olympics hopefuls, including Saina Nehwal and Srikanth Kidambi, following Telangana Government's approval on August 1.

Day, Todd share lead

SAN FRANCISCO: Jason Day and Brendon Todd shared the lead after the first round of the PGA Championship while Brooks Koepka got his bid for a three-peat off to a solid start and Tiger Woods found success with a new putter in the first Major of the Covid-19 era. Former champion Day carded a bogey-free 5-under 65. Koepka was among a group of nine one shot off the pace. Woods was three shots back after a 68. AGENCIES

India keeps 2021 edition, Australia to host in 2022

T20 WORLD CUP

DUBAI, AUGUST 7

India will host the 2021 T20 World Cup, as planned, while this year's edition of the tournament, which was

scheduled to be held in Australia in October-November, will now be held in that country in 2022.

The ICC announced these decisions after its board meeting today. The schedule had gone awry due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year's edition had to be postponed because of the Covid pandemic, which has severely impacted all sports calendars globally.

"ICC today confirmed that the T20 World Cup 2020 that

was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the T20 World Cup 2021 as planned," the ICC stated in a press statement.

ICC also confirmed that the next year's women's ODI World Cup in New Zealand has been postponed until February-March 2022 because of the impact the pandemic has had on cricket globally.

The format of the 2021 T20 World Cup will remain as it was for 2020 and all teams that qualified for that event will now participate in India in 2021. A new qualification process will be started for the 2022 edition in Australia. — TNS, agencies

IPL ready for move to UAE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

An "in principle" government approval has come for the Indian cricket board (BCCI) to take the IPL to the UAE this year. The eight IPL franchises have started their preparations by initiating quarantine and Covid-19 testing protocols for their players and support staff. A BCCI official said the permission in writing is due to come any time in the next few days.

Most of the franchisees will be leaving their base after August 20, as mandated by the BCCI. While the number of players in each squad is restricted to 24, the BCCI has not put a cap on support staff. A couple of franchisees will be taking up to 60 people, including full-fledged medical teams. — PTI

ENG VS PAK 1ST TEST



Yasir takes 4 as Pak surge ahead

MANCHESTER: Leg-spinner Yasir Shah took four wickets as Pakistan bowled England out for 219 in their first innings to seize control of the first Test at tea on Day 3 at Old Trafford here today. Pakistan went into the interval on 20/1 in their second innings, a lead of 127. Yasir (4/66) was the stand-out performer with the ball during the England innings as he produced prodigious turn on a wearing wicket that will have him licking his lips for more when England bat last. REUTERS

Yasir Shah celebrates the dismissal of Jos Buttler on Day 3. REUTERS >>

Tender Notice for Green, Dead Dry Standing & Cut Material Lots

Government of Punjab

Tender Notice Reference No. 1/2020-21

The Department of Punjab State Forest Development Corporation Ltd. (PSFDC), near Rose Garden, B.B. Canal Bridge, Bathinda invites Open Tender for sale bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Green Standing	As per List (Green Standing Lots)
2.	Dead Dry Standing	As per List (Green Dry Standing Lots)
3.	Cut Material Lots	As per List (Cut Material Lots)

Closing Date & Time: 11th August 2020 & 02:15 p.m.

For details logon to: As per list (Green, Dead Dry Standing & Cut Material Lots). Note:- List of Cut Material Lots & any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website www.pbforsedevcorp.gov.in and list of Green, Dead Dry Standing & Cut Material Lots can be seen in the Regional Manager Office, near Rose Garden, B.B. Canal Bridge, Bathinda.

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Extension of Last Date for Call for application from Industry Clusters to implement the Industry Apprenticeship Initiative (IAI)

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE), Govt. of India through Directorate General of Training (DGT) has announced the selection of Industry Clusters for Industry Apprenticeship Initiative (IAI) under the second phase of Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) a project jointly funded by Govt. of India and World Bank. It is an initiative to empower and capacitate MSMEs to participate in formal apprenticeship system through a cluster approach.

Applications are hereby invited from all the eligible and interested Industry Cluster (IC)/Industry Association (IA) registered as Society/Trust/Section 8 company (having legal capacity to sign contracts on behalf of its members) for execution of the project during the project period with a maximum funding of Rs. One Crore per IC from Govt. of India. The applications are to be submitted on the prescribed format which can be downloaded from the website www.dgt.gov.in and www.itiharyana.gov.in. Application forms with all prescribed attachments is required to be mailed by applicant industry clusters to email id:- striveclusters@gmail.com on or before last date. Applications must be submitted through this email only with subject clearly mentioning as "IC application Haryana". Once application is emailed, no further changes will be permitted. Applicants failing in submitting applications with subject line and all prescribed attachments will not be considered for evaluation by the State Cluster Evaluation Committee. Queries related to application submission will be addressed by Sh. Vishal Sodhi, Assistant Director (Projects), through email:- spicell.haryana@gmail.com and on Contact No. 98163-47741.

The eligibility criteria and application formats can be downloaded from <https://dgt.gov.in/downloadguidelines-strive> and Video Tutorial for how to prepare application form with fil specimen application is also available at website i.e. <https://dgt.gov.in/Strive>. Last date of sending applications through email has been extended up to 31st August, 2020.

Director General

OFFICE OF THE HARYANA STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD (HSAMB), C-6, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FROM

APPLE BUYERS/TRADERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF PLOTS AT APPLE, FRUIT & VEGETABLE MARKET AT PINJORE, DISTRICT - PANCHKULA, HARYANA (INDIA)

The HSAM Board a wholly owned Haryana State Government Organization extends the last date of submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) to 17.08.2020 up to 11 AM for allotment of plots in the Ultra Modern Apple, Fruit and Vegetable Market at Pinjore (in an area of 78.33 Acres on National Highway No.- 5) from Apple Buyers/traders of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

The Eligibility Criteria, Processing Fee, Earnest Money and other details of EOI will remain the same, details in this regard can be downloaded from (www.hsamb.gov.in) .

Submission of Expression of Interest:- The interested agencies as specified in eligibility criteria may submit their Expression of Interest addressed to The Chief Administrator, Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board along with the details of their profile, audited financial report and expertise, in the office of Chief Marketing Enforcement Officer, C-6, Sector-6, Panchkula (Haryana) by 17.08.2020 up to 11 AM. Please, also send the soft scanned copy of the EOI with all documents at offcecmeo@gmail.com. The Haryana State Agriculture Marketing Board reserves the right to reject or cancel any Expression of Interest without assigning any reason.

Note:- Those who have applied earlier need not to apply again for the same category/segment of the plots.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR
Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board
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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 31st July, 2020

S.O. 2568(E)- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under section (1) of Section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for construction of Toll Plaza Maintenance, management and operation of NH703A on the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km 18.2 (SDM office, Zira) in the District of FIROZPUR in the State of PUNJAB.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Tribune India" and "Jagban" both dated 20.05.2020 and 20.06.2020; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

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

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

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH703A in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 18.2 (SDM office, Zira) in the District of FIROZPUR in the State of PUNJAB.

State: PUNJAB District: FIROZPUR

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person	Part Survey No.

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15 killed in Kerala landslide

50 feared trapped | PM announces ₹2L ex gratia for kin of deceased

IDUKKI (KERALA), AUGUST 7 Fifteen persons were killed and over 50 feared trapped under the debris after a landslide triggered by heavy rains flattened a row of dwelling units of tea estate workers at Pettimudi in Kerala on Friday.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said 15 people, who got trapped in the debris, were rescued and a special officer had been appointed to coordinate the relief operations.

The incident is said to have occurred in the wee hours when a huge mound of earth fell on houses. Two children and five women were among the deceased, most of whom were plantation workers from neighbouring Tamil Nadu.

Efforts were underway amid continuing rains to locate the missing people in the first major rain-related mishap since the onset of southwest monsoon last month that brought back memories of devastation caused by floods and landslides in the previous two years in the state.

Condoling the death of workers in the tragedy, the CM announced initial solatium of



The landslide debris at Pettimudi in Kerala on Friday.

Rs 5 lakh each for the kin of the dead. Treatment expenses for the injured would be borne by the government, he said.

The PM's Office said in a tweet that an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each from the Prime Min-

ister's National Relief Fund would be given to the next of kin of those killed in the landslide. A sum of Rs 50,000 each would be given to the injured.

The state government said teams of the National Disaster

₹50K FOR INJURED

- Two children, five women among deceased
- Fifteen persons rescued
- Injured to get ₹50,000 each

'PAINED BY LOSS'

“Pained by the loss of lives due to a landslide in Rajamalai, Idukki. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with the bereaved families.” — Narendra Modi, PM

NDRF TO ASSIST STATE OFFICIALS, SAYS SHAH

New Delhi: A National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team has reached Kerala's Idukki to assist local administration in rescue and relief operations for the landslide-hit people there, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday. PTI

Response Force had been deployed for the rescue operations. An IAF helicopter has also been sought. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department sounded a red alert for Idukki. — PTI

“The Republic of India has taken a decision to accept and abide by the award passed by

Will hear kin of victims before closing Italian marines' case: SC

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Supreme Court on Friday said it would like to hear the relatives two Indians killed by Italian marines off the coast in Kerala in 2012 before closing the case.

“First, let Italy pay them compensation. Only then we will allow withdrawal of prosecution. Bring the cheques and the victims' kin here,” a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

After an international tribunal ruled that India didn't have the jurisdiction to try two Italian marines accused of killing two Indian fishermen in Kerala, the Centre had on July 3 moved the Supreme Court seeking disposal of the case pending before it.

In an application filed in the top court, the Centre had said it had accepted the award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

“The Republic of India has taken a decision to accept and abide by the award passed by



Italian marines Salvatore Girone (L) and Massimiliano Latorre. FILE

the said tribunal which would have the bearing on the continuance of present proceedings before this court,” the Centre had submitted.

On Friday, Mehta said Italy had assured India that it would prosecute the marines.

As the Bench asked about adequacy of compensation to be paid to the families of the victims, Mehta said the Centre would ensure that maximum compensation was paid to them. But the Bench made it clear that it won't pass orders for closure of the case against the two Italian marines without hearing the victims' families.

It asked the Centre to file an application within a week to make the victims'

families parties to its plea seeking closure of the case against Italian marines.

“We cannot think of any relief

for marines till their prosecution

is not withdrawn in the Kerala

court,” the Bench said. “We are willing to file a petition for withdrawing prosecution of the two marines,” Mehta said even as the CJI said the victims' famili

ties will have to be heard.

In its application, the Centre said it would abide by the award in killings of two fishermen by Italian Marines Massimiliano Latorre and Salvatore Girone who were on board Italian-flagged oil tanker MV Enrica Lexie when they allegedly fired at two Indian fishermen on February 15, 2012.

Activist Rehana's bail plea rejected

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail plea of activist Rehana Fathima, who is facing charges of child pornography under the POCSO Act for allegedly making her children paint her half nude body and uploading a video of it on YouTube. “What impression will growing up children get of the entire culture of the country? It is obscenity and you are spreading it,” a Bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra said. TNS

Govts don't act until directed by court: SC

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday observed that governments in the country don't act until they are directed by the court, adding that this has been the experience of the apex court. The top court made the observation while saying it will pass directions on the pleas alleging that a section of media spread communal hatred over Tablighi Jamaat congregation in Delhi, after perusing the findings of Press Council of India (PCI) on around 50 such complaints. TPI

SET visit to NV Distillery...

FROM PAGE 1

The SET sought information from Punjab's Principal Secretary, Excise and Taxation, on June 25, who replied on July 27, stating 22,936 cases of liquor of NV Distillery, Rajpura,

remained unaccounted for. While looking into FIRs (from April 1, 2019, to May 10, 2020), the SET found clear indications that the seized liquor was sourced from NV Distillery units in Naraingarh and Rajpura.

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Delhi airport launches portal, flyers can opt for online quarantine exemption

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Delhi International Airport has launched a portal to facilitate inbound passengers to file their mandatory self-declaration form and eligible passengers to apply for exemption from compulsory institutional quarantine for Covid.

“The portal will help make passengers' journey contactless as they won't have to fill



physical copies of the self-declaration form and quarantine exemption form at the time of arrival in India,” airport authorities said.

According to the government guidelines from August

8 onwards, five categories of passengers can get exemption from the mandatory seven-day institutional quarantine—pregnant women; those who have suffered death in the family; those suffering from a serious illness; parents accompanying children below 10 years of age; those who have Covid-negative certificate from a test done 96 hours prior to the journey. — TNS

Court refuses to hear PIL on INC-CPC pact

BJP HITS OUT AT CONG OVER CHINA LINKS

New Delhi: BJP president JP Nadda on Friday launched a scathing attack on Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul Gandhi, citing some observations of the SC on a PIL that sought a probe into the alleged 2008 agreement between the Congress and the Communist Party of China. “Even the SC is surprised at the MoU signed by the Congress with the Chinese Government. Mrs Gandhi and her son, who led the signing, must explain. Does this explain donations to RGF and opening Indian market for the Chinese in return, which affected Indian businesses?” Nadda tweeted. TNS

withdraw the PIL and approach the high court.

“Every relief which you are seeking can be granted by the high court. Secondly, the High Court is the proper court. Thirdly, we will have the advantage of the High Court order also,” the CJI said. — TNS

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