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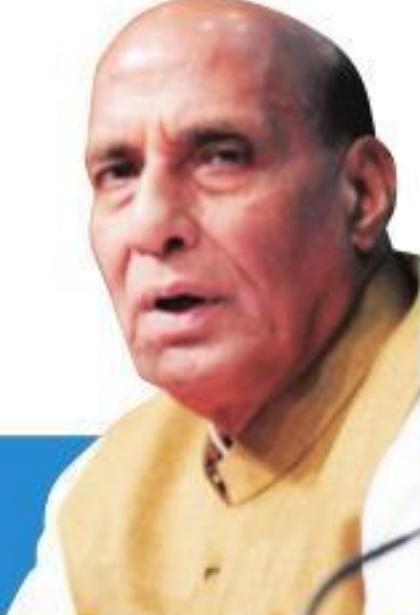
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3-T Mantras  
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COVID-19 tests  
Daily

Till now more than  
12 lakh vaccine doses  
have been given in Haryana

Strict action  
for not wearing  
mask

Mega  
vaccination on  
every Monday  
and  
Tuesday



Sh. Manohar Lal

Chief Minister, Haryana

Adopt 3-T Mantras to Break the Chain - Together We Fight Corona Strain

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## Second wave may peak late April

SBI report says lockdown ineffective, mass vaccination drive must tame surge

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25 With India witnessing the second wave of Covid-19 exactly a year after the lockdown and cases breaching 53,476 mark, the highest 24-day rise in 153 days, a report by the State Bank of India has estimated the infections in the ongoing wave will peak in the second half of April.

Prepared with an eye on economic recovery prospects, the report notes that lockdowns and restrictions had not succeeded in taming the infections and advocates expanded vaccination to achieve population-based herd immunity.

"Lockdown ineffective, mass vaccination is the only hope," notes the document which speaks of India witnessing the second surge of the cases starting February 2021.

"Pan-India total cases in the second wave are expected in

### PUNJAB REPORTS

2,700 CASES

43 DEATHS

### ECONOMIC REVIVAL TO CONTINUE: RBI GUV

The renewed Covid surge in many parts of the country is a matter of concern. However, I feel the revival of economic activity will continue unabated.

Shaktikanta Das,  
RBI GOVERNOR



A health worker collects a swab sample in New Delhi. MANAS RANJAN BHU

the order of 25 lakh. Considering the number of days from the current level of daily infections to the peak level during the first wave of the pandemic, India might reach the peak in the second half of April," the SBI document notes.

The report also places India at a better position compared to the world to address the second wave with vaccinations already gathering pace.

The document says hastening the pace of inoculation is the only way to fight the pandemic.

The report comes at a time when several states, especially Maharashtra, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh, are returning to localised restrictions.

The Prime Minister in his recent engagement with the CMs had also advocated

### Brakes on Vaccine

### Maitri as cases rise

The surge in infections and expanding the vaccine drive at home led South Block to put the brakes on its major diplomatic initiative Vaccine Maitri. However, India has so far maintained its commitment of supplying the vaccines to vulnerable sections with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announcing the dispatch of two lakh doses for UN peacekeepers. The vaccines will be shipped on Saturday to Copenhagen for consolidation with the UN programme. —TNS

imposition of micro containment strategy to break the chain of transmission of infections. Citing a study in respect of the Spanish flu of 1918, the SBI report says even the Great Pandemic Flu study

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## Budget session curtailed due to state polls; LS output 114%

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

Parliament was today adjourned sine die with the Budget session cut short by 14 days in view of the Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.

The second leg of the session, which began on March 8, was scheduled to end on the April 8. Members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha had urged the government to curtail the session keeping in view of state elections.

The demand had become stronger after Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla tested positive for Covid-19.

After Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, Congress MP Ravneet Singh said, "The Budget session is going on... the entire country is watching. Should we meet the PM

### CONGRESS TO CHALLENGE NCT, MINES BILLS IN SC

The Congress on Thursday said every Bill passed in the second half of the Budget session would be challenged legally, especially the Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill and NCT Amendment Bill. BACK PAGE

### PARLIAMENT TO OVERSEE INFRA FUNDING BANK: FM

The Rajya Sabha on Thursday passed the Bill for setting up the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID). Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said despite remaining out of purview of the "3Cs" (CBI, CVC and CAG), it would not be beyond oversight. It would submit its audited reports to both Houses of



Parliament besides being duty-bound to submit these as and when sought by the government, she said. TNS

in a West Bengal rally?"

Even as Minister of State of Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal was telling Ravneet Singh that this was "not correct as the PM had been attending" the proceedings, PM Modi walked into

the House. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and several Cabinet ministers were also present on the occasion. In his valedictory speech, presiding officer Bhartuhi Mahtab said 18 Bills were

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## Systemic bias in criteria for women's permanent commission, says SC

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### PATRIARCHAL SYSTEM

The structures of our society have been created by males and for males. As a result, certain structures that may appear to be harmless, are a reflection of the insidious patriarchal system. SC Bench



Farm leader Rakesh Tikait, Gurnam Charuni and others during a Kisan Mahapanchayat in Karnal on Thursday. SAYEED AHMED

### BLOCKADES AT 13 SITES IN KARNAL DISTRICT

- National Highway-44 will not be blocked: BKU (Charan)
- Meerut road in Nagla, Karnal-Indri road, Karnal-Jind NH-709A, Nilokheri-Dhanda road, Karnal-Munak road, Karnal-Kaithal road in Nissing, four roads outside Assandh will be blocked

## Farmers to block traffic today

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### 12-HOUR 'BHARAT BANDH' FROM 6 AM

- Emergency services to remain unimpeded
- Taxis, other vehicles won't be allowed: Unions
- Truck unions also declare support for the farmers
- Traders to observe strike too
- Will also block rail traffic, say SKM leaders

Kisan Mazdoor Sangarsh Committee Sarwan Singh Pandher said they intended to "show the government the 'real' potential of the farmers' agitation". Farmer lead-

ers today addressed virtual meetings and sent teams to rural areas to urge the people to join the bandh. Special teams also visited mandis. Rajinder Singh Deep Singh Wala of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha claimed: "The public response will make it clear to the government that our voice is only getting louder".

Gurnam Singh Charuni, president of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Charuni), Haryana, said: "The 12-hour bandh will start at 6 am." A bandh would also be observed in the national capital. The farmers' leaders claimed trade unions had support to the bandh.

HC grants bail to Deepak Kochhar

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Thursday granted bail to Deepak Kochhar, husband of former ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar, in a money laundering case by the ED. Kochhar had approached the HC after a special court rejected his bail plea in December. —PTI

### Petrol, diesel prices cut for second day

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices were on Thursday cut for the second straight day as international oil prices fell. Petrol price was cut by 21 paise per litre and diesel by 20 paise, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. —PTI

The evaluation criteria set by the Army for granting permanent commission (PC) to women SSC officers constituted "systemic discrimination", the Supreme Court said on Thursday.

All Short Service Commission women officers (SSCWOS) who fulfilled the cut-off criterion of 60 per cent in the Special No 5 Selection Board held in September 2020 shall be entitled to the grant of permanent commission, the apex court said.

A Bench headed by Justice DY Chandrachud, however, said it would be subject to SSCWOS meeting the medical criteria prescribed by the General Instructions dated August 1, 2020, and receiving disciplinary and vigilance clearance.

"All consequential benefits, including the grant of time-scale promotions shall necessarily follow as a result of the directions contained in the judgment in Babita Puniya (2020) and the present judgment and steps to do so shall be completed within three months from the date of the judgment," it said. Noting that the structures of Indian society have been created by males for males, the SC directed the Centre and the Army to remove the requirement of benchmarking the SSCWOS with the last male officer who had received permanent commission in their corresponding batches.

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Athawale met the President Ram Nath Kovind and sought President's rule in Maharashtra in the wake of former Mumbai Police chief Param Bir Singh's allegation of corruption against the state Home Minister, and the Sachin Waze episode.

Athawale met the Presi-

'PROBE WELCOME IF CM ORDERS IT'

I had demanded the Chief Minister to order a probe into Param Bir Singh's allegation against me to clear the air. I will welcome if the CM orders probe.

Anil Deshmukh, MAHARASHTRA HOME MINISTER

dent in New Delhi. Talking to reporters after the meeting, the minister said, "I submitted a memorandum of demands to Kovind and

urged him to impose President's rule in Maharashtra. He told me that he will think about my demand."

"One police officer Sachin

Waze plants explosives near the residence of businessman (Mukesh Ambani), while Home Minister Anil Deshmukh allegedly gives the target of collecting Rs 100 crore per month to senior police officers. This is a serious situation in the state," he said. There should be a probe against Deshmukh as he was under suspicion at this moment, Athawale said. —PTI

## 2 CRPF men killed, 2 hurt in Srinagar militant attack

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

Former Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram's direction to former INX Media promoters for "helping" business interests of his son is "one of the important steps of the scheme of money laundering" devised by the senior Congress leader, the ED has alleged in its charge sheet.

Taking cognizance of the charge sheet against Chidambaram, his son Karti and others, a special court has issued summons to all accused for April 7. —TNS

One of slain security men hails from HP

cle at Lawaypora on the national highway, in which four CRPF personnel received bullet injuries.

The injured security personnel were rushed to a nearby private hospital, where a sub-inspector was declared dead on arrival.

The statement said later the remaining injured personnel were taken to a mil-

itary hospital here, where a constable succumbed to his injuries.

The deceased have been identified as Sub-Inspector Manga Ram Dev Barman of Tripura and Constable Ashok Kumar of Himachal Pradesh. The injured are Constables Nazim Ali and Jagannath Ray.

The area, which has witnessed several attacks on security forces and encounters with militants in recent years, had been cordoned off, police officials said.



Security personnel conduct a search operation after the militant attack in Srinagar. PTI

Mufti quizzed in laundering case

SRINAGAR, MARCH 25

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti was today questioned by the ED for more than five hours in connection with a money laundering case.

### COPS OPPOSE PASSPORT PLEA

"Dissent has been criminalised in this country," Mehbooba said after emerging from the ED office here. Meanwhile, the police have opposed giving passport to the ex-CM citing "adverse report" against her, officials said on Thursday. INSIDE

# Farmers gherao, show black flags to BJP leaders

BKU activists oppose Jyani's Bathinda visit | Ropar protesters seek support for repeal of laws

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA/ROPAR, MARCH 25

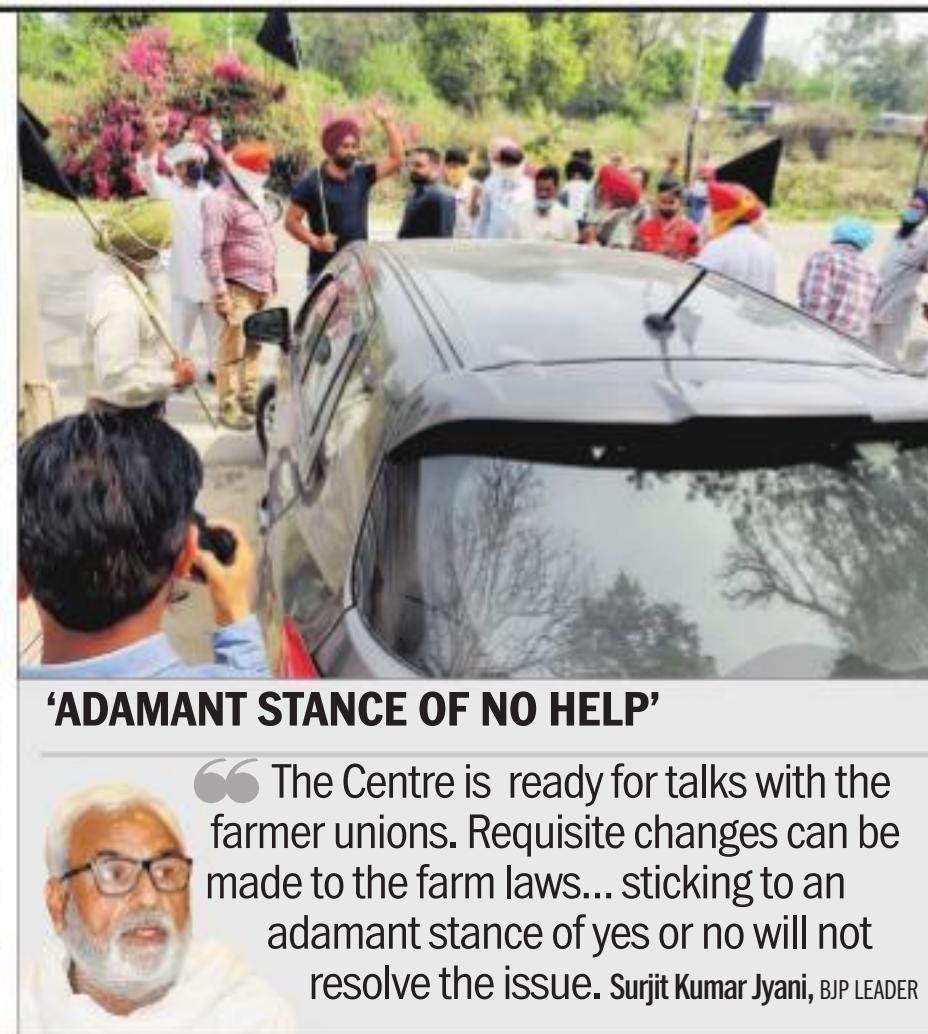
Scores of farmers owing allegiance to the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan), women and children staged a protest in front of a hotel in Bathinda where former state minister and senior BJP leader Surjit Kumar Jyani had come to address a press conference on Thursday. The farmers raised slogans against the minister and the Union Government, demanding the repeal of the three farm laws.

Hoshiar Singh, a BKU (Ugrahan) leader, said: "We will oppose all BJP leaders in the state and won't let them enter, address or interact with anyone here. These laws are not only against farmers, but also all sections of society." Singh added: "We have gheraoed both entrance and exit points of the hotel and won't let Jyani leave."

During a press conference, Jyani said: "As far as the farmer unions' demand for the repeal of the three laws is concerned, the government has already ruled it out. Sticking to an adamant stance of yes or no will not resolve the issue."



BKU (Ugrahan) members hold a sit-in outside a hotel on the Bathinda-Mansa road on Thursday; and (right) protesters show black flags to BJP leaders in Ropar. TRIBUNE PHOTOS



'ADAMANT STANCE OF NO HELP'

The Centre is ready for talks with the farmer unions. Requisite changes can be made to the farm laws... sticking to an adamant stance of yes or no will not resolve the issue. Surjit Kumar Jyani, BJP LEADER

On farmers' death at Delhi borders, Jyani said: "The government has done everything possible to end the stir. It's ready to remove from the farm laws anything that farmers deem against their interests. Despite what transpired at the Red Fort on Republic Day, the government has avoided use of force."

A heavy police force was present at the venue to prevent any untoward incident.

Surprisingly, the venue for holding the press conference was changed at the last moment by the organisers to prevent any faceoff. However, farmers in large numbers had already reached there to lodge the protest.

In Ropar, BJP leaders, including Punjab unit vice-president Rajesh Bagha and Ropar district president Jatinder Singh Athwal, were shown black flags by farmers

and CPM leaders when they came here to hold a press conference against the state government. On learning about the BJP leaders' event, farmers led by CPM leaders Maha Singh Rodi and Gurdev Singh Baghi reached the spot holding black flags and started raising slogans against the saffron party demanding repeal of the three farm laws. A police team led by Ropar SHO Rajeev

Kumar reached the spot to control the situation. Rodi said they needed an assurance from BJP leaders that they were also in favour of repealing the farm laws. Bagha and Athwal assured the protesters of conveying their demands to senior party leaders. Following this, the protesters allowed them to leave.

Talking to mediapersons,

Bagha alleged the Congress

government had failed on all fronts in the past four years. He said Capt Amarinder Singh had made numerous promises to the people, including loan waiver for farmers, clearing pending amount against crop purchases, Rs 20,000 per acre compensation in case of losses due to natural calamity, 25 lakh jobs and smartphones. Nothing, however, was done to fulfil these, he said.

# FCI begins accepting custom-milled rice

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

In a relief for Punjab, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has resumed the acceptance of custom-milled rice from the state's millers.

The rice shelling industry had come to a grinding halt from March 1 following a Government of India order saying it would accept only fortified rice from the state. Rice millers in Punjab neither had the know-how of making fortified rice nor had motorised blenders required for the purpose.

State Food and Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said: "We have started sending small quantities of fortified rice to the FCI with almost 1,000 metric tonne



Had decided to take only fortified grain

the state, to be distributed under the Integrated Child Development Services and Mid-Day Meal schemes. The orders for accepting only fortified rice (which is rice mixed with nutrients and minerals) were issued in January-end, and the time for purchasing new blenders was too less.

Prem Goel, general secretary, Rashtriya Sheller Sangh, said it was after they involved Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash that the Centre started a dialogue with the millers and finally relented. Som Prakash said he held meetings with rice shellers, and once convinced that it would be difficult to start fortified rice delivery this year, he took up their case with Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

with protestants against the farm laws. The March 26 bandh will force the government to restart the meetings with us," said Balwant Singh Uppli, a BKU (Dakaunda) leader from Barnala.

In Fazilka, the traders also unanimously opposed the state government's decision to levy Rs 200 per month development tax on taxpayers, including shopkeepers, in the state.

At a meeting of the Beopar Mandal, president Ashok Gulbadhan said the traders were already reeling under recession on account of the Covid pandemic, and the government decision to levy tax at this juncture was uncalled for.

# Farm unions pull out all stops to make 'Bharat bandh' a success

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, MARCH 25

Farmers organisations have made all preparations for 'Bharat bandh' on Friday. Along with trade unions, they have exhorted people from all walks of life to extend their full support to make the bandh call given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha successful.

Farmer unions will be blocking Bathinda-Batal road near Ghudda, Bathinda-Amritsar road near Jeeda, Bathinda-Chandigarh road near Lehrha Bega and Rampura Phul, Bazakhana-Barnala road near Bhagta from 11 am

**WORKING ON GROUND**  
Our union leaders are working on the ground to make the bandh a success... such programmes will continue until the Centre relents and repeals the farm laws.  
Shingara Singh Mann, BKU LEADER

to 4 pm to mark the protest. The Bathinda-Jind railway line near Maur Mandi will also be blocked.

BKU (Ugrahan) Bathinda president Shingara Singh

Mann said, "Our union leaders are working on the ground and have left no stone unturned to make the bandh a success. Four months have elapsed since farmers' agitation shifted to Delhi borders, but our genuine demand for the repeal of three controversial agricultural laws seem to have fallen on deaf ears."

"A number of farmers have lost their lives in due course, but the government has not yet taken any steps to resolve the matter. We will continue to lodge the protest against these laws through such programmes until the government relents and repeals the laws," he said.

Meanwhile, the SGPC president once again wrote a letter to PM Narendra Modi seeking reopening of the Kartarpur Corridor. She said when all institutions and places of wor-

# In solidarity, Fazilka traders to observe strike

TREBUNE REPORTERS

FAZILKA/SANGRUR, MARCH 25  
Traders today resolved to observe a strike in Fazilka on Friday to show solidarity with the protesting farmers in the wake of a call given against the three agriculture laws.

While chemists would keep their shops closed till noon, other establishments would remain shut the entire day.

In Sangrur, efforts are being made to keep markets closed during the Bharat bandh call against the farm laws on March 26. District and state-level virtual meetings are being held while teams of farmers are making announcements through public address systems in cities and villages.

"Teams of farmers have been visiting almost all markets across Punjab to convince shopkeepers and businessmen to close their places on March 26 to express solidarity with farmers. We are getting good support across the state," said Sukhdev Singh Kokri Kalan, BKU (Ugrahan) state general secretary. In Sangrur and Barnala, groups of farmers along with the leaders of various grain and vegetable markets are meeting arthiyas, labour union leaders and residents to seek their support.

The central government has stopped interacting



Barnala residents meet local shopkeepers to seek support for 'Bharat bandh', on Thursday.

# NCT Bill violates Constitution: SAD

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

The SAD today termed the passage of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, a violation of the fundamentals of federalism as enshrined in the Constitution and committed itself to work alongside all likeminded parties to restore the original Act.

SAD MP Balwinder Singh Bhunder said the passage did

# SGPC offices closed today

AMRITSAR, MARCH 25  
Showing solidarity with farmers, the SGPC has announced closing its offices on Friday.

SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur said all offices of the SGPC would be kept closed and the nagar kirtan being carried out from Amritsar to Delhi to mark the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur would also be suspended for the day. Bibi Jagir Kaur said the Centre should stop being stubborn and repeal the laws.

Meanwhile, the SGPC pres-

ident once again wrote a letter to PM Narendra Modi seeking reopening of the Kartarpur Corridor. She said when all institutions and places of wor-

ship were allowed to operate, why the corridor was not being made operational.

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National Highways Authority of India to demolish a wall and part of the college building of the SGPC at Budhlada. — TNS

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## Hunt on for con woman running fake note racket

JUPINDERJIT SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

The Punjab Police have busted an inter-state fake currency racket and sounded an alert for a Haryana con woman, the kingpin, suspected of having duped hundreds of persons of crores of rupees in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

The woman, identified as Anju, 50, escaped during a raid on a Zirakpur hotel last evening while four of her gang members were arrested. A sum of Rs 21,600 in fake currency, some chemical used in making counterfeit notes and a car were recovered from their possession.

The gang's network was spread across West Bengal, Nepal and North India, especially Punjab. Anju used to source chemicals meant for manufacturing fake currency from West Bengal and paper with Mahatma Gandhi's watermark from Nepal.

Hundreds 'duped' in Pb, Hry, HP; 4 nabbed in Zirakpur raid

### LURED THROUGH PONZI SCHEME

- Anju sourced chemicals meant for manufacturing fake currency from West Bengal and paper with Mahatma Gandhi's watermark from Nepal
- She targeted potential victims through ponzi scheme, promising to double their money in a short time. Later, she gave fake currency to the victims

pocketed the money. This way, she duped some persons at Tanda, Himachal Pradesh, recently."

The fake currency was prepared in denominations of Rs 100 and Rs 500, though the gang circulated Rs 2,000 fake currency as well. "As per the statement of those arrested, the fake currency was so close to real that they had deposited Rs 10,000 at a Hoshiarpur bank recently."

The OCCU team, led by IG Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh and AIG Gurmeet Chauhan, planned the raid after receiving information about the gang's activities.

Those arrested included Rajinder, an AC technician; Surjit Singh, a priest; Kulwant Rai, an immigration consultant; and Rakesh Kumar. Police officials said the gang members knew Anju traded in fake currency and they used to lure people to invest in the scheme.

To be a master con artist, the suspect targeted potential victims through a ponzi scheme, promising to double their money in a short time. Later, she gave fake currency to the victims.

DSP Vibhor Kumar of the Punjab Police's Organised Crime Control Unit (OCCU) said Anju even tricked some of her gang members.

She would call victims to a designated place to collect money. Her accomplices would "raid" the place posing as cops. "The woman would raise the alarm, asking all to flee. She would later claim the police had

## Active cases double in 10 days

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

In less than 10 days, the number of active Covid cases has doubled in the state.

Till March 16, the number of active Covid cases in the state was 11,942. However, now, the number has increased to around 23,000. Nationally, after Maharashtra, Punjab figures on the second position when it comes to active ratio. Maharashtra tops the list with 9.6 per cent, followed by Punjab with 9.3 per cent active case ratio. Chandigarh figures at third position (8.7 per cent). Even when it comes to absolute number of active cases, Punjab is among the top three states. At present, the country has total 3.95 lakh active Covid cases. Maharashtra tops with the 2.47 lakh active cases followed by Kerala with 24,265 active cases. Punjab figures on the third position with 22,937 active cases.

Till the first week of February, the number of active cases in Punjab had come down



2,700 FRESH INFECTIONS, 43 DEATHS

The state reported 2,700 cases and 43 deaths in the past 24 hours. With this, the number of cases has reached 2.2 lakh and the number of deaths has gone up to 6,517. Jalandhar topped the list with 11 deaths, followed by SBS Nagar with eight casualties.

Number of active cases much lower in Haryana, J&K and Himachal Pradesh

Date	Active Cases
March 25	22,937
March 9	8,522
February 24	3,598
February 10	2,112

to just 2,000. The neighbouring states have a caseload much lower than Punjab. In Haryana, the number of active cases is 6,745, Jammu and Kashmir (1,593), Himachal Pradesh (1,654) and Chandigarh (2,286).

The closed areas of museums and monuments visited by a large number of people could pose a threat to the health visitors, so it was decided to shut them, he said.

## Monuments, museums shut till April 10

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

ROPAR, MARCH 25

Keeping in view the spike in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Punjab Government has decided to shut all protected monuments and museums till April 10.

Sanjay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism and Cultural Affairs, said the infection was spreading at a fast pace and strict measures were required to check it. Places visited by a large number of people every day, including educational institutes, were the hotspots, he said.

Teachers in some schools organised protests and expressed anguish on social media. The schools are closed till March 31 but the managements apprehend the date could be extended. Sham Lal Arora, senior vice-president of the Recognised and Affiliated Schools' Association (RASA), Punjab, alleged the move had a hidden agenda to benefit government schools which were allowed to launch fresh enrolment drives. A deputation of senior officials of RASA would soon meet Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president Sunil Jakhar in this connection, he said. Director of a private school Sunit Kalra said when fresh admission schedule was on the cards, the Education Department ordered closure of schools.



Teachers of private schools protest in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Cinemas, bars open, why schools shut: Assn

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## Subordinate services board to fill 2,280 posts

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

In a recruitment drive under the Ghar Ghar Rozgar Yojana, the Punjab Government has initiated the process to fill 2,280 posts in various departments.

Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board chairman Raman Behl said advertisement regarding these posts would be issued soon.

Behl said under the drive, 847 posts would be of warden and matron in the Jails

Department, 199 posts of legal clerk in various departments, 807 posts of librarian in the Education Department, 56 posts of senior industrial development officer in the Department of Industries and Commerce and 61 posts of block-level extension officer, 51 posts of excise and taxation examiner, 120 posts of technical assistant in the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, etc. — TNS

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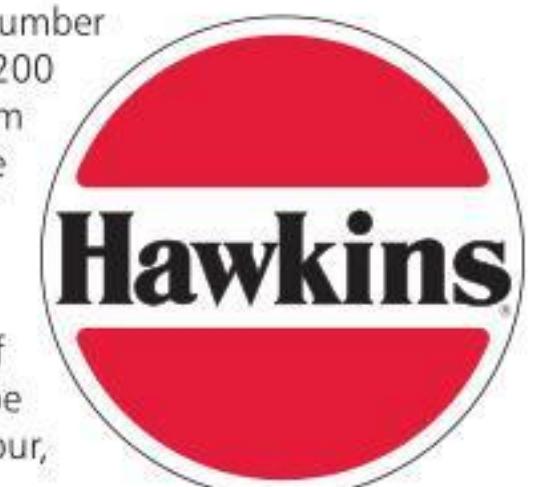
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## 5 cops suspended for links' with smugglers

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MARCH 25

The Punjab Home Department has suspended five cops, including an Inspector General of Police, on the charge that they were hand in glove with some drug smugglers.

The Home Department issued orders of suspension on a report by the Special Task Force (STF) of the Punjab Police on a police-smuggler nexus.

Those suspended included IG Paramraj Singh Umranangal (already under suspension in a police firing case related to sacrilege incidents), AIG Varinderjeet Singh Thind, SP Sewa Singh Malli, DSP Parminder Singh Bath and DSP Karan Sher Singh. The STF had, in a pre-

IG Paramraj Singh Umranangal among accused

liminary report based on disclosures made by drug smuggler Gurdeep Singh, sought disciplinary and criminal proceedings against these cops. The Home Department also asked the STF to file a final inquiry report into the matter.

The drug-police nexus has returned to haunt the state police in an election year. Earlier, in 2017-18, the STF had named some senior police officers running this nexus. The controversy had boiled over involving the Chief Minister's Office and top-ranking police officials.

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SR. DIVISIONAL MANAGER

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,  
SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)**  
**AUCTION PUBLIC NOTICE**

Applications are invited from the general public on or before 31.03.2021 at 4:00 PM alongwith refundable bid participation money in the shape of demand draft in favour of Civil Judge (Senior Division), SAS Nagar (Mohali) for providing Canteen alongwith kitchen, in the premises of New Judicial Court Complex, Sector 76, SAS Nagar (Mohali) alongwith undertaking in the shape of affidavit that they will accept all the terms and conditions as specified by this office. The auction shall be conducted on 14.04.2021 at 2:00 PM at Conference Room, ADR Centre, C-Block, Ground Floor, New Judicial Courts Complex, Sector 76, SAS Nagar (Mohali) for the period 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022 (financial year 2021-2022). The complete details/terms & conditions can be viewed from the website <https://districts.ecourts.gov.in/india/punjab/sasnagar/tender>.

Note:- The lease period can be extended with prior approval of Sd/- DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE OF Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court for one year on existing conditions in case of satisfactory service.

DPR/Pb/3093

**कार्यालय उपायुक्त, ज़िला सिरमौर  
स्थित नाहन (हि.प्र.)  
निविदा सूचना**

इस वर्ष ग्रीष्म ऋतु में ज़िला सिरमौर के विभिन्न सेक्टों में पेयजल की संबंधित गंभीर समस्या को देखते हुए अधिकारित प्रयत्न सांग से जिला के विभिन्न ग्रामण एवं गांवों जैसे कुछ क्षेत्रों में खालीदार पेयजल की दुलाई के लिए इस ज़िला के सभी उपमंडलों - नाहन, घावा साहिं, शिलाई, संगढ़ाई, राजाड़ तथा पालांड़ के लिए उपमंडलवार मोहरबद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जिसकी पार्श्व निम्न प्रकार से है :-

1. निविदा इस कार्यालय में दिनांक 05 अप्रैल, 2021 शोपहर 12:00 बजे तक प्राप्त हो जानी चाहिए। प्राप्त निविदाएं उसी दिन दोपहर 3:00 बजे निविदावाताओं उनके प्रधानकृत एवं उपस्थिति में खाली निविदा देनी चाहिए।
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**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Sealed item rates tenders on form No. 6&8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Jawali for the following works from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HP IPD Department, so as to reach in this office on or before 05.04.2021 up to 03:00 P.M. The tenders shall be opened on the same day at 03:30 P.M. in the presence of the intending contractors/firms or their authorized representatives. The tender form and other conditions can be had from this office against cash payment noted against each (non-refundable) on 03.04.2021 up to 04:00 P. M.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender Form
1	CAD for Lift irrigation from T/well Samlota-Ist in Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra, HP (SH: Prov. and laying HDPE pipe 160mm dia in distribution system and 8 Nos. outlets).	377297/-	7550/-	One Month	250/-
2	CAD for Lift irrigation from T/well Samlota-IInd in Tehsil Jawali, Distt. Kangra, HP (SH: Prov. and laying HDPE pipe 160mm dia in distribution system and 8 Nos. outlets).	496137/-	7550/-	One Month	250/-
3	A'V & M/W various LWSS under Jal Sakti Sub-Division, Kotla in Tehsil Jawali (SH:- Running and operation of pumping machinery including deployment of required staff for one year).	492080/-	9842/-	One Year	250/-

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**HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION  
Bays No. 67-70, Sec-2, Panchkula – 134151  
(Website: [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in))**
**CANCELLATION NOTICE**

**CANCELLATION NOTICE TO THE CANDIDATES FOR ONLINE WRITTEN EXAMINATION (COMPUTER BASED TEST) FOR THE POST OF UPPER DIVISIONAL CLERK, AGAINST ADVT. NO. 11/2019, CAT. NO. 27 FOR UHBVNL DEPARTMENT, HARYANA.**

Reference Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Online Written Examination Notice Dated: 12.02.2020 & 01.03.2020 & cancellation notice dated 15.03.2020 which was published in various Leading Newspaper of Hindi & English and also uploaded on the Commission's website for holding the Online written Examination for the post of Upper Divisional Clerk against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No. 27 on 01.03.2020 for UHBVNL Department, Haryana.

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the aforesaid examination held on 01.03.2020 (3rd Shift) is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons. New dates of examination shall be notified. All candidates are advised to go through website [www.hssc.gov.in](http://www.hssc.gov.in) regularly for further notices.

Inconvenience is regretted.

Place: Panchkula  
Sd/- Secretary  
Haryana Staff Selection  
Commission, Panchkula.  
Dated:- 19th March, 2021  
PRDH-1159/13/67/2021/2337/31/4

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA  
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT SONEPAT FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 IN THE STATE OF HARYANA.**

It is hereby notified for the information of general public that E-TENDERS for **ALLOTMENT** of Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends of district Sonepat are invited for the year 2020-2021. Schedule for invitation and evaluation for E-Tenders for Zone No. ZSNP-14 of retail liquor vends is as under:-

1 Starting Date and Time for placing e-tenders.	30th March, 2021 (from 09:00 A.M. onwards)
2 Closing Date and Time for placing e-tenders.	30th March, 2021 (Till 05:00 P.M.)
3 Evaluation of e-tenders.	30th March, 2021 (06:00 P.M.)

1. These e-Tenders will be submitted online as per public notice issued by the Department (**published on 07th/8th March, 2020**) in the leading newspapers inviting e-Tenders for allotment of retail liquor licenses of Zone of vend for the year 2020-21. The public notice is available on the departmental website i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).
2. The detail of remaining Zone of vends in the District and venue for evaluation of e-Tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) & DETC (ST) concerned. The detail of remaining Zone of vends shall also be available on the departmental website i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).
3. The process of inviting tenders shall be continued by reducing the original reserve price as per **Excise Policy 2020-21** and as decided by ETC, Haryana.
4. The e-Tenders shall be received and the Zone of vends shall be allotted in the manner prescribed in the Excise Policy for the year 2020-21 and the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to the State of Haryana), the rules framed there under.
5. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be within 10 days of the date of allotment.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner,  
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Justice (Retd.) Ranjit Singh Commission of Enquiry probed into cases of sacrilege

# The Tribune

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## New nadir of bigotry

The shocking vigilante action against nuns in UP

THE outrageous incident on March 19 at the Jhansi railway station where four legitimate travellers were forced out of the train by vigilantes is the new nadir in India's slide into the abyss of lawlessness and bigotry. This is not just a case of four women getting heckled by rowdy men, which is a miserable, everyday reflection of our patriarchy. This is about a few Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad activists, who have no business to examine travel documents or personal identification of fellow travellers, arrogating to themselves the powers of the State with the railway employees and the police obsequiously obeying them.

Two nuns of the Delhi-based Congregation of the Sacred Heart were accompanying two 19-year-old students or postulants en route home to Rourkela in Odisha after they had completed their course. The two teenagers were hoping to don the habit soon. But the ABVP workers travelling from Rishikesh to Jhansi insisted that the nuns were 'taking' the two youngsters to get them converted. According to news reports, the vigilantes called in the police and forced the women to get down at Jhansi, their own destination, where the women were kept at the Government Railway Police station till 11 pm. Had it not been for the local St Jude Church, the travellers would have had to spend the night at the railway police station because of the assumption made by some Hindutva hotheads. They were let off after the parents confirmed that the youngsters were born Christians, and resumed their journey the next morning. Is this the new Indian normal? Have our constitutional rights of freedom of life, movement, speech and religion been withdrawn? Will the State machinery act according to the assumptions and prejudices of political activists?

It is heartening to note that Home Minister Amit Shah, while campaigning for former Union minister KJ Alphons at a Christian-dominated constituency in Kerala, assured that the government of Uttar Pradesh will bring the culprits to justice. BJP's attempt to grow beyond the cow belt should make it more representative, and accountable towards minorities and their rights as citizens of this country.

## Justice for Nikita

Fast-track conviction offers a ray of hope

A FASTTRACK court's conviction of the accused in the Nikita Tomar murder case is a welcome development. The 21-year-old was shot near her college in Ballabgarh, Haryana, in October last year for refusing the advances of one of the accused, said to have political links and who was putting pressure on her to marry him. Haryana may have seen a push for education and the state's development has been facilitated by its proximity to the national capital, but such incidents near educational institutions can only serve to deter its cause. That said, for a state that witnesses crime against women with regularity, raising question marks over its claim of empowering them, quick and decisive justice to the family of the deceased may well offer some hope to countless other victims.

Delayed justice has become the norm across the country mainly because of our broken down judicial system on account of various factors like pendency of cases, low conviction rate and frequent adjournments. While the system offers the right to appeal all the way up to the highest court of the land, it is important for the lower rungs of the judicial system to set the ball rolling by functioning efficiently and effectively. The intention to fast-track cases of heinous crime is a welcome show of intent. The ruling came within five months of the horrific incident, and despite the hurdles created by the pandemic in the normal judicial processes.

Efforts have been made to give special courts a clear mandate to deal with specific categories of crimes within a stipulated period to reduce the backlog with provisions for funding. The courts also have their constraints because of inadequate infrastructure, increased workload and lack of adequate staff strength. But attention needs to be paid to prompt redress of grievances. Public faith in the judicial system ultimately depends on its ability to deliver justice.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. — CS Lewis

## ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

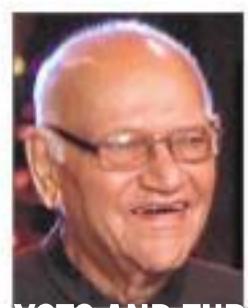
LAHORE, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1921

## GOVERNMENT AND NON-CO-OPERATION.

WHAT has hitherto been only a suspicion is to-day a certainty. We now know that the recent simultaneous recrudescence of repressive measures in most Provinces is no mere coincidence, but is the outcome of a deliberate policy laid down by a common superior. It is true that this superior does not accept the description of the measures as repressive. But what is there in a name? The rose of repression smells just as sweet under a different designation as under its own proper name. Nor is it really for the Government to say what is or is not repression. Few Governments have ever admitted their measures to be repressive at the time of inaugurating them. They have always asserted, what many of them have doubtless honestly believed, that the measures were directed solely against wrong-doers and were calculated to produce no other effect except the prevention and punishment of wrong doing, and have indignantly repudiated the suggestion that they were either designed or calculated to suppress the spirit of freedom or activities that were legitimate and constitutional. It is only after a time, and in the light of actual experience, that some of them have admitted that the measures were repressive, if not their intention, at any rate, in their effect. In India, high officials have gone further in this respect than in many other countries. For a time, they did not allow even the Press and public men to apply the term "repressive" to their measures, and readers of newspapers know that another term, which has not generally been used in this connection, had to be brought into vogue just to suit the official palate. The repressive measures had for a time been called "restrictive."

# Choosing wrong men to lead

There is no dearth of honest police officers, only of political will



TRYSTS AND TURNS

JULIO RIBEIRO



TIME OUT: Param Bir Singh waited to tattle till he was shifted out from a perch he had his sights on for many years. PTI

If those in charge of the Home Dept insist on milking crime to sustain political activities, the end result will be runaway corruption and out of control criminality.

**O** f all the questions I was forced to answer after Sharad Pawar proposed my name as the person to investigate the truth of the allegations made by the disgraced Police Commissioner of Mumbai, Param Bir Singh, against Anil Deshmukh, the state Home Minister, the easiest was whether I would accept the offer. The answer was 'No'. Serious accusations were made by Param Bir involving corruption on a scale not envisaged before.

According to Param Bir, the minister summoned the Inspector of the Social Service Branch of the Crime Division and also called Assistant Police Inspector Sachin Vaze, head of the Crime Intelligence Branch, to his residence and told them that he required Rs 100 crore a month, obviously to run the NCP, headed by its founder, Sharad Pawar.

I put myself in Param Bir's shoes. When I am told by Patil, the Social Service Branch Chief, and Vaze, my blue-eyed special assistant, that the minister had made such a preposterous demand, my first thought would be to drive to the minister's bungalow and confront him! I had to protect my subordinate staff, and, more than that, protect the good name and integrity of the Mumbai City Police. If it came to a denouement, I would offer to step down if the minister was bent on his Croesus mission.

Param Bir waited to tattle till he was shifted out from a perch he had his sights on for many years. In 2015, he was appointed Commissioner of Police of Thane, considered to rival Pune and Nagpur in importance due to its proximity to Mumbai. Param Bir was relatively junior for Thane, but the then CM, Devendra Fadnavis, appointed him in preference to senior

and more respected officers, known for their integrity and competence! In Thane, too, Param Bir utilised the services of an 'encounter specialist', Pradip Sharma, who was dismissed in 2008 by the discerning DGP, Anami Roy. In 2017, Sharma was reinstated and allotted to the Thane Commissionate, Param Bir's charge!

After his stint in Thane, Param Bir's eyes turned to the big prize of Mumbai. His Herculean efforts might have succeeded had someone senior in the Central government not stepped in and ensured that tested, top-class men like Datta Padsalgikar, followed by Subodh Jaiswal, were repatriated to the state to ensure smooth administration of the police machinery. Fadnavis gave him the charge of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, where he absolved Ajit Pawar of guilt in the irrigation scam, clearing the way for Ajit to join Fadnavis in his six-hour-long government sworn in by the Governor at the crack of dawn.

Much, in fact all, depends on leadership of the force, like it does in other spheres of endeavour. An honest, responsible leader who is a real 'ser-

vant' of the people, who takes the 'service' component of the 'IPS' seriously, and who is determined to ensure justice in all his dealings with his own men and with the people he serves, can truly succeed in the job. If, on the other extreme, his focus is on flamboyance, he would be exposed sooner or later.

It is the bounden duty of the political leadership to make the right choice. In my state of Maharashtra, there is no dearth of officers who are both, honest and capable, available for selection. Their identity is known to the police rank and file. The political leadership needs to keep the public in mind when making choices. The tragedy is that it only looks to its own needs and not to the people's need for safety and security.

It now appears to a perceptive observer that the MVA government's need for funding the activities of one of its constituent parties and the interest of another of the constituents to reinstate a suspended API coincided to instal the wrong people in office, leading to the present debacle.

The Mumbai City Police will need a tremendous shove to regain its lost

confidence and élan. Sharad Pawar is a smooth and shrewd operator. He knows when to bring in the right person and he knows who the right person is. At present, the force needs an honest and straightforward officer of proven worth. We have had a succession of Commissioners of that calibre in the past and many more are in line, from KK Venkatesham, Vivek Phansalkar to Sadanand Date. Those junior to Sadanand will also bloom as long as they concentrate on 'service' and dispensing justice.

Political parties require to be funded. They have to pay salaries to their regular staff, field workers and casual cheerleaders. They require funding for myriad other political activities. The BJP has no such problem because NRIs and the corporate world have attended to its needs, mainly through the clever introduction of electoral bonds. Those parties not in power find it more difficult, but if municipal bodies are under their control, contracts are a big source of income. The newly disclosed plan of targeting the police and dance bars and other social offenders will only lead to more criminality than what now exists. This is extremely dangerous. It must be opposed by the police leadership, if necessary with the help of public opinion.

If those in charge of the Home Department insist on milking crime and criminals in order to sustain political activities, the end result will be runaway corruption and out of control criminality of the worst type. NN Vohra, the former Union Home Secretary, can validate my conclusions. His report, compiled nearly three decades ago, makes compelling reading.

Let me make it clear that the Mumbai police had never before been asked to collect funds for political parties. Illicit requests by politicians are made very, very often, most usually for transfers of subordinates. Corrupt officers have been known to pay for postings even at senior levels. Corrupt juniors have entertained politicians in five-star hotels. But I have not heard of demands for crores, which can only mean funding for political parties to function! That is something new!

## A toast to British marksmanship

GEORGE N NETTO

**M**ANY of Munnar's former British tea planters were known to be quite handy with a gun. Some prided themselves on their marksmanship—whether out 'on the hill' stalking a stag, at the shooting range, or even oddly enough, in the bar of the High Range Club, their favourite local watering hole.

The 'shikar' trophies that line the walls of local clubs are a testimony. At the time of retirement, most of them chose to gift their trophies—reflecting the consummate skills of Van Ingen & Van Ingen, Bangalore's famed taxidermists — to clubs rather than cart them to the UK. Many of these glassy-eyed showpieces are now on display in Munnar's unique tea museum.

Till the mid-1970s, every year, the British planters used to gather at a local golf course for the annual Thorpe Cup shooting competition — a keenly contested event that saw men and women vie separately for honours in the rifle, revolver and shotgun categories, including trap shooting. Incidentally, the concrete block on which the trap was mounted is still very much there — preserved for posterity as a reminder of those laidback times. However, the spring-operated trap itself is said to have been sold as scrap by an uncaring caretaker, unaware of its value as a historical artifact!

I witnessed some of these 'shootouts' in the 1960s. A festive air, tempered by discipline and orderliness, prevailed—so typical of the Brits who took their recreation as seriously as they did their work.

Safety precautions were strictly enforced. All participants submitted their guns for inspection and these were laid out on the ground with their breeches open. Only one person was authorised to handle and distribute ammunition. And all the rules laid down were scrupulously followed, the penalty for non-compliance being summary disqualification, regardless of status.

The hills would repeatedly reverberate to gunfire, sometimes sending a panicky wild pig or jackal scuttling across the links, much to the amusement of locals eagerly lapping up the proceedings. When the shooting ended, children would excitedly swarm on to the ground to snap up the spent cartridge casings as 'souvenirs'. And the contestants would drift to the bar for

the prize distribution and celebrations.

The gradual departure of the British planters and the steeply rising cost of ammunition saw this popular event fizzle out altogether in 1975. However, some Brits who stayed on chose to display their 'marksmanship' unconventionally in the local club. To keep its bar open beyond 11 pm (the normal closing time), inebriated tipplers used to perversely shy their glasses at the clock above the bar in a bid to deactivate it, forcing the barman to take cover, quite literally!

The tolerant club committee had the disabled time-keeper repaired repeatedly but finally gave up. And thus the battered old clock still hangs desolately in the bar — its hands stilled forever by alcohol-fuelled British 'marksmanship'!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Devotees being careless

Apropos of 'Screening, social distancing given go-by at Amritsar shrines', it's surprising that despite the recent upsurge in Covid-19 cases in Punjab, very few devotees are taking the necessary precautions while visiting the Golden Temple. Even staff members, including sewadars, can be seen without masks and not adhering to the social distancing norms. Understandably, people visit 'Guru Da Ghar' with unshakeable faith that inside the holy precincts they will be immune to any disease. The government and local authorities can do very little in such sensitive matters. However, it's the sole responsibility of the SGPC to coax the devotees to adhere to all necessary protocols to avoid the spread of infection.

BALBIR SINGH KAKKAR, JALANDHAR

### Illusion of strength

Anchorage in Alaska is hardly ever in international news. Therefore, the Blinken-Yang Jiechi meeting there took the world by storm. America's assumed 'position of strength' was diplomatically exploded by China, which conveyed the idea that the US had lost that hegemony three decades ago. The former superpower will have to relearn how to deal with China under Xi Jinping. For an America just out of the bear hug of the Trumpian rightism, it is only after a time, and in the light of actual experience, that some of them have admitted that the measures were repressive, if not their intention, at any rate, in their effect. In India, high officials have gone further in this respect than in many other countries. For a time, they did not allow even the Press and public men to apply the term "repressive" to their measures, and readers of newspapers know that another term, which has not generally been used in this connection, had to be brought into vogue just to suit the official palate. The repressive measures had for a time been called "restrictive."

the government has not made them accountable for it. If the government makes an employee time bound to perform his duty and charge penalty, along with compensation payable to the victim for failure to do so, administrative reforms may be possible.

MOHAN SINGH, AMRITSAR

### Countering China

One can draw substantive conclusions from the article 'Political drama at Anchorage'. The US needs to treat China as its number one priority, instead of engaging in one-upmanship with Russia. Engaging with Quad will be more fruitful. China's line of action is clear. It does not believe in a rules-based international order, instead it intends to follow its own arrogant and expansionist policy blatantly. Its cheap electronics goods have flooded the markets of US, Europe, India and other countries. This is the bitter truth. The topmost item on the agenda should be to beat China in this sector. India's 'atmanirbhar' and 'Make in India' programmes are right steps, but these should not end up simply as political rhetoric.

KIRAN SHARMA, SUNDERNAGAR

### All but public servant

In a democratic setup, every government employee is a public servant, but the word 'officer' has made them 'master' of the public. They do not bother about public work as

the government has not made them accountable for it. If the government makes an employee time bound to perform his duty and charge penalty, along with compensation payable to the victim for failure to do so, administrative reforms may be possible. To achieve this goal, the shield of Section 197, CRPC, is required to be removed. Along with this, their nameplate should be designed in three lines, with 'Public servant' at the top, followed by name and post, to suppress their arrogance.

RK GARG, FATEHABAD

### No stopping crime

Reference to 'Deep rot of lawlessness'; every day, there is news of rape and murder, and UP is a hotspot for crime against Dalits. Crime is a crime; it doesn't have any caste. This is not just in UP, it is also the problem of entire India. The government seems unable to take strict action against criminals. If the criminal is 16-17 years of age, he is underage, but what about the gravity of the crime he has committed?

DOLLY PAL, CHANDIGARH

### Accelerate vaccination

Refer to 'Covid resurgence'; in addition to adherence to Covid protocol, we need rapid mass-scale vaccination

to rein in the second wave of the pandemic. Vaccination is available now. Having undertaken large-scale immunisation campaigns before, we have the requisite experience. Still, less than 4 per cent of population has been vaccinated over the past two months. The nation is yet to recover from the economic fallout caused by the nationwide lockdown of last March. We can't afford another lockdown. India must accelerate the pace of vaccination to defeat the virus.

K KUMAR, PANCHKULA

### No reason to rejoice

The prices of petrol and diesel have been cut by 18 paise and 17 paise, respectively, per litre after a hiatus of 24 days during which the global price of Brent Crude touched \$70 per barrel. While the latest cut may possibly be attributed to the same getting reversed to around \$60 per barrel, one should not feel elated. More such marginal cuts may happen in the days to come, considering the forthcoming elections in four states and the UT of Puducherry. The end-users thereof may have to pay enhanced prices, once the election results are announced, as has been the experience earlier, like the one after the Karnataka Assembly elections.

KUMAR GUPTA, PANCHKULA

# Xi trying to blend race, party and nation



JAYADEVA RANADE

PRESIDENT, CENTRE FOR CHINA ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY

**W**ARY of efforts by the US and the West to bring about the collapse of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), especially following the rapid deterioration in Sino-US ties, China's President Xi Jinping has increasingly focussed on promoting nationalism and fortifying the CCP to ensure its monopoly on power. Disconcerting memories of the disintegration of the erstwhile Soviet Union and collapse of its communist party still remain sharply etched in the CCP's collective memory.

Aware of the potential of hostile powers to fan discontent among the ethnic minorities residing in China's border provinces — a pointer is the attention that Beijing pays to Nepal — Xi is trying to blend race, the party and the nation. A new "Red Gene" campaign has been launched in the army among cadres and students. Nationalism now goes hand in hand with the emphasis on the Chinese communist ideology.

Ignoring international criticism about the violations of human rights of China's ethnic minorities, Xi told del-

egates from Inner Mongolia at the plenary sessions of the National People's Congress (NPC) and Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), which ended on March 11, that "cultural identity is the deepest form of identity. It is also the root and soul of ethnic unity and harmony."

He directed them to use "solid and meticulous efforts" to achieve ethnic unity and ensure that standard Chinese and State-compiled textbooks are adopted in schools and colleges. All young people in Inner Mongolia should, he said, understand the CCP's policies and revolutionary heritage.

Within days, Politburo Standing Committee member and CPPCC chairman Wang Yang travelled to the restive Xinjiang-Uyghur Autonomous Region. Visiting six major cities in six days, he exhorted cadres to implement the party's policies on 'governing Xinjiang for the new era', ensure that Islam in Xinjiang adapts to the socialist society, and cement the sense of community for the Chinese nation. He urged greater efforts to research Xinjiang's history and promote Mandarin.

Recognising language as the key to a people retaining their culture, traditions and history, the CCP's United Front Work Department (UFWD), which formulates and implements rules concerning non-CCP entities and China's ethnic minorities, has been focussing on replacing ethnic languages in schools in ethnic minority areas with Mandarin.

Efforts at assimilating ethnic minorities into the Han mainstream include sending young students to the Chinese



NEW 'RED' ERA: Ignoring the human rights of ethnic minorities, China is on a mission to assimilate them into the Han mainstream. REUTERS

mainland for education. Thousands of Tibetans and Uyghurs have been sent since 2015. Many stay for decades at these educational institutions with the more recent arrivals imbibing "Xi Jinping's thoughts on socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era!"

While the effort has been pushed in varying degrees in the Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions, the study of Mandarin is being enforced since last year in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region too.

In August 2020, the Inner Mongolian government mandated that primary and secondary schools must use Mandarin, not Mongolian, as the language of instruction. Hou Yuan, then Director of the Education Department, claimed

the "textbooks reflect the will of the Communist Party and the State."

The policy triggered widespread resistance with more than 300,000 students staging protests in the Inner Mongolian capital of Hohhot. Police and government employees also joined. People were worried that the Mongolian language and culture will be extinguished as a consequence of these policies. On January 20 this year, Director of the NPC Legal Affairs Committee Shen Chungyao announced that schools in "minority areas" were no longer allowed to teach their own languages and that such education is "unconstitutional".

The UFWD has simultaneously steadily sought to undermine the reli-

gious beliefs of ethnic minorities and superimpose the Chinese Han culture. Indicating that tough policies for accelerating their assimilation would be implemented, 66-year-old Han cadre Chen Xiaoqiang was appointed to head the National Ethnic Affairs Commission in December 2020.

His appointment broke a tradition followed since 1954 of appointing a member of an ethnic minority group to head the body. The change comes in the wake of the National Ethnic Affairs Commission being transferred from under government to direct party control in 2018. It is now under the UFWD.

In January 2021, the UFWD published new rules asserting that the Han and ethnic minorities are a part

of a "common community with a common destiny."

At a national meeting of UFWD directors in Beijing on January 18, CPPCC Chairman Wang Yang focused on ethnic minorities and religious affairs and the need to hasten the process of assimilation. He emphasised: "We need to mobilise all active factors that we can mobilise."

The Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region's Education Department pushed ahead to suppress Mongol culture and announced a ban on textbooks like 'Inner Mongolia History and Culture' and 'Mongolian History' from spring this year.

The effects of China's effort to amend history and deny the Mongolian people their culture have also been felt abroad. The Musée d'histoire de Nantes was compelled to postpone its exhibition on the history of Genghis Khan and the Mongolian empire titled 'Son of the sky and steppes: Genghis Khan and the birth of an empire', which was scheduled to open in October 2020, because of the Chinese government's objections to terms like "Genghis Khan", "empire" and "Mongolian".

While the CCP persists with efforts to persuade Tibetans, Buddhists and the Dalai Lama to recognise its role in selecting the Dalai Lama's reincarnation, there has been a visible intensification in efforts at 'sinicisation' of religion and 'education' of religious personages in Tibet and Xinjiang. It is apparent that the CCP's efforts to assimilate ethnic minorities into the Han national mainstream have accelerated from this year.

## Undermining mathematics in the land of zero



DINESH C SHARMA

SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

The broad idea of encouraging a multi-disciplinary approach to engineering is welcome, but it can't be done by underplaying the importance of core subjects like mathematics which promote logic and the approach necessary for engineering disciplines. Making mathematics and physics optional for an engineering degree runs counter to the spirit of the multi-disciplinary approach and reduces the talk of India's past achievements, like the discovery of zero, to empty rhetoric.

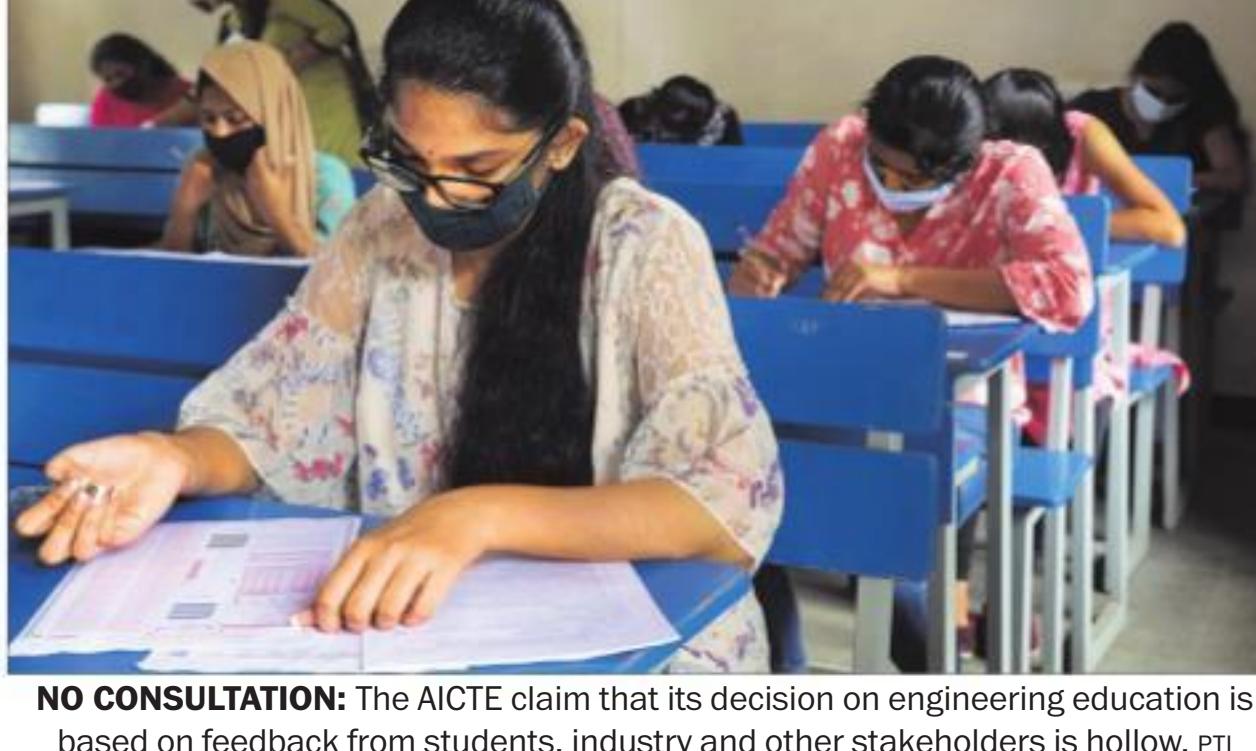
INDIA'S regulatory body for engineering and technical education, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), has decided to open the doors of engineering education to students with no knowledge of high school-grade mathematics, physics and chemistry. Students can now select any three from the expanded list of 14 subjects for entry into the BE and B Tech courses. For instance, one can opt for agriculture, business studies, entrepreneurship or graphics, and still qualify for an engineering seat.

Till now, mathematics and physics were compulsory for pursuing degrees in most branches of engineering. Over the years, additional qualifying subjects like biotechnology and computer science have been added, but this is the first time mathematics, physics and chemistry will be optional and not essential subjects for aspiring engineers.

The decision has serious implications and is being pushed in a hurry. It comes close to another recent move in higher education — permitting the training of ayurvedic graduates in surgery and allowing them to perform a set of surgical procedures.

Both come in the backdrop of the New Education Policy 2020 (NEP) which seeks to propagate the so-called flexible, inter-disciplinary approach to education. Citing NEP, the AICTE says that the decision will help 'students who have an aptitude as well as background knowledge in certain branches of engineering and technology but are constrained to pursue higher studies due to 'stringent compulsions of subjects'.'

The council is also working on another NEP suggestion — offering engineering courses in Indian lan-



NO CONSULTATION: The AICTE claim that its decision on engineering education is based on feedback from students, industry and other stakeholders is hollow. PTI

guages — by getting textbooks translated into Indian languages. On medical education, the NEP talks of 'pluralistic choices in healthcare' and suggests that 'all students of allopathic medical education must have a basic understanding of Ayush and vice versa.'

The Ayush proposal on surgeries, however, has come under the judicial scanner in the Supreme Court.

The broad idea of encouraging a multi-disciplinary approach to engineering is welcome, but it can't be done by underplaying the importance of core subjects like mathematics which promote logic and the approach necessary for engineering disciplines. Manjul Bhargava, US-based mathematician and Fields Medal winner, was part of the panel that drafted the NEP. He has been engaging with the Indian policymakers and political leadership and is known to champion multi-disciplinary education. Making mathematics and physics optional for an engineering degree runs counter to the

spirit of the multi-disciplinary approach and reduces the talk of India's past achievements like the discovery of zero to empty rhetoric.

The claim of the AICTE that its decision is based on feedback from students, industry and other stakeholders sounds hollow. If the public statements of Niti Aayog member (Science) and the principal scientific adviser to the government are any indication, it appears there was no consultation within the government itself. Two top policymakers choosing to call the AICTE decision as retrograde and 'a step in the wrong direction' raises serious doubts about the process of decision-making.

The move comes at a time when the country is in the midst of developing a new science technology and innovation policy aimed at achieving 'technological self-reliance' and positioning India 'among the top three scientific superpowers in the decade to come'.

The first step towards this should be to ensure greater cohesion among policy-makers as well as public consultation on critical issues — both of which are found wanting in the present case.

India's strength in STEM — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — is a result of the policy thrust and necessary investments made after independence. The setting up of institutions for engineering, medicine and management education in the post-1947 period paved the way for producing the manpower needed in key sectors. At the same time, research in national laboratories and programmes in strategic areas of atomic energy, defence research and space technology paid rich dividends over the decades.

PC Mahalanobis established the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) in Kolkata, while Homi Jehangir Bhabha set up the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai. Both the centres were accorded the status of national institutes after independence. The ISI directly contributed to the process of national planning, while TIFR spawned national programmes in atomic energy, space and electronics. Later, it spearheaded India's participation in big science projects like Large Hadron Collider (LHC), International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) and more recently, LIGO or Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory.

For all their criticism and the tag of being elitist, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have not only produced tech and management leaders for India but are also counted among the best in the world. Some of the world's best contemporary expert-

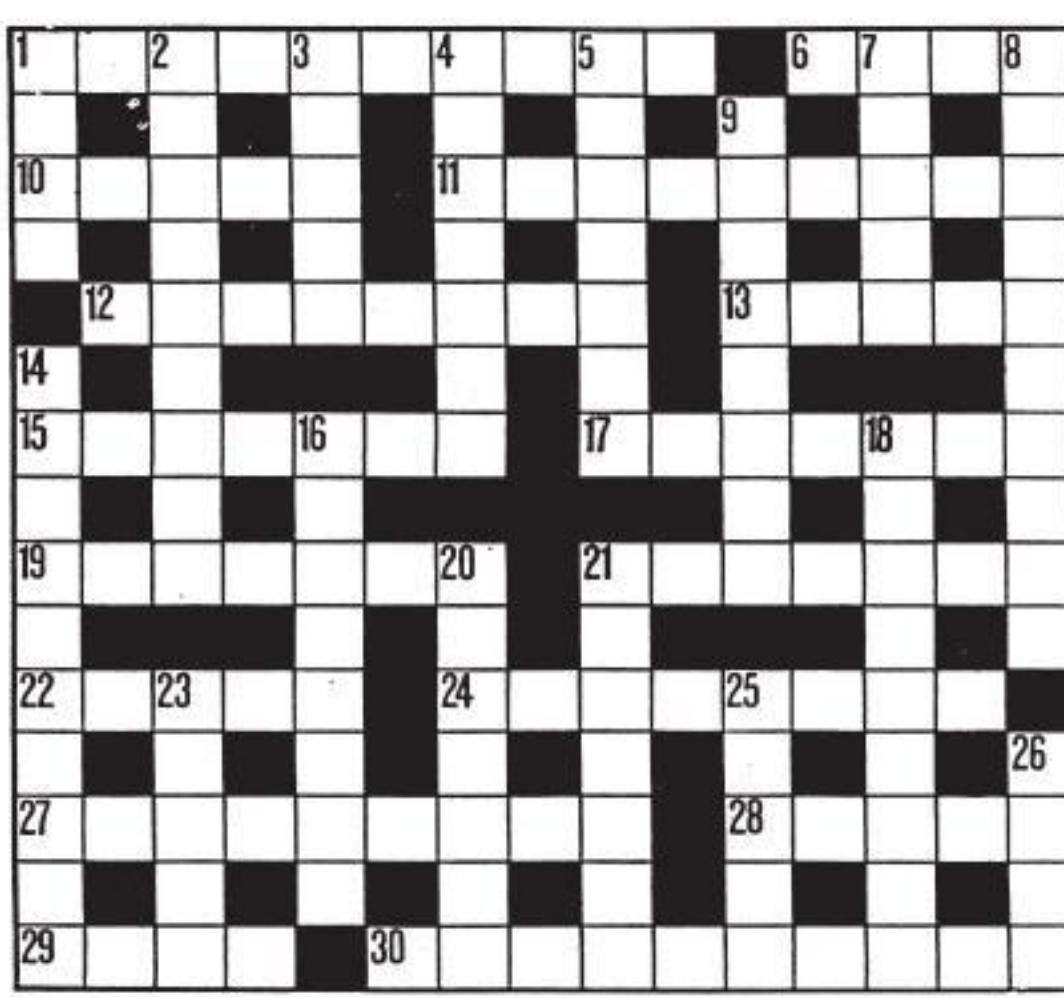
ise in higher education went into their making. The software services and outsourcing industries — which fetch hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue and employ millions of Indians — are byproducts of the engineering education nurtured over the decades. The experience of developing a robust STEM ecosystem helped immensely in the second wave of institution-building in the post-2000 era that witnessed new IITs, IIMs, National Institutes of Technology, International Institutes of Information Technology and the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research.

All this does not mean that everything is fine with the engineering education in India. Very few Indian institutions figure in the rankings of top engineering schools globally. Several surveys have found that the quality of engineering graduate colleges produce is poor, and a bulk of them is unemployed in industry. The software services and outsourcing industry has to retrain engineering graduates for industry skills, and some of them offer on-job engineering degrees in collaboration with academic institutions.

The language and communication skills of average engineering graduates are very poor. Even in topnotch institutes, hundreds of faculty positions are lying vacant. The uptake in engineering and management research is less than desired. The geographical spread of private engineering colleges is skewed, and many of them are just money-making machines.

All these issues need the urgent attention of policymakers and regulators. The AICTE should address them upfront, instead of pushing ideas that can further dilute the quality of education.

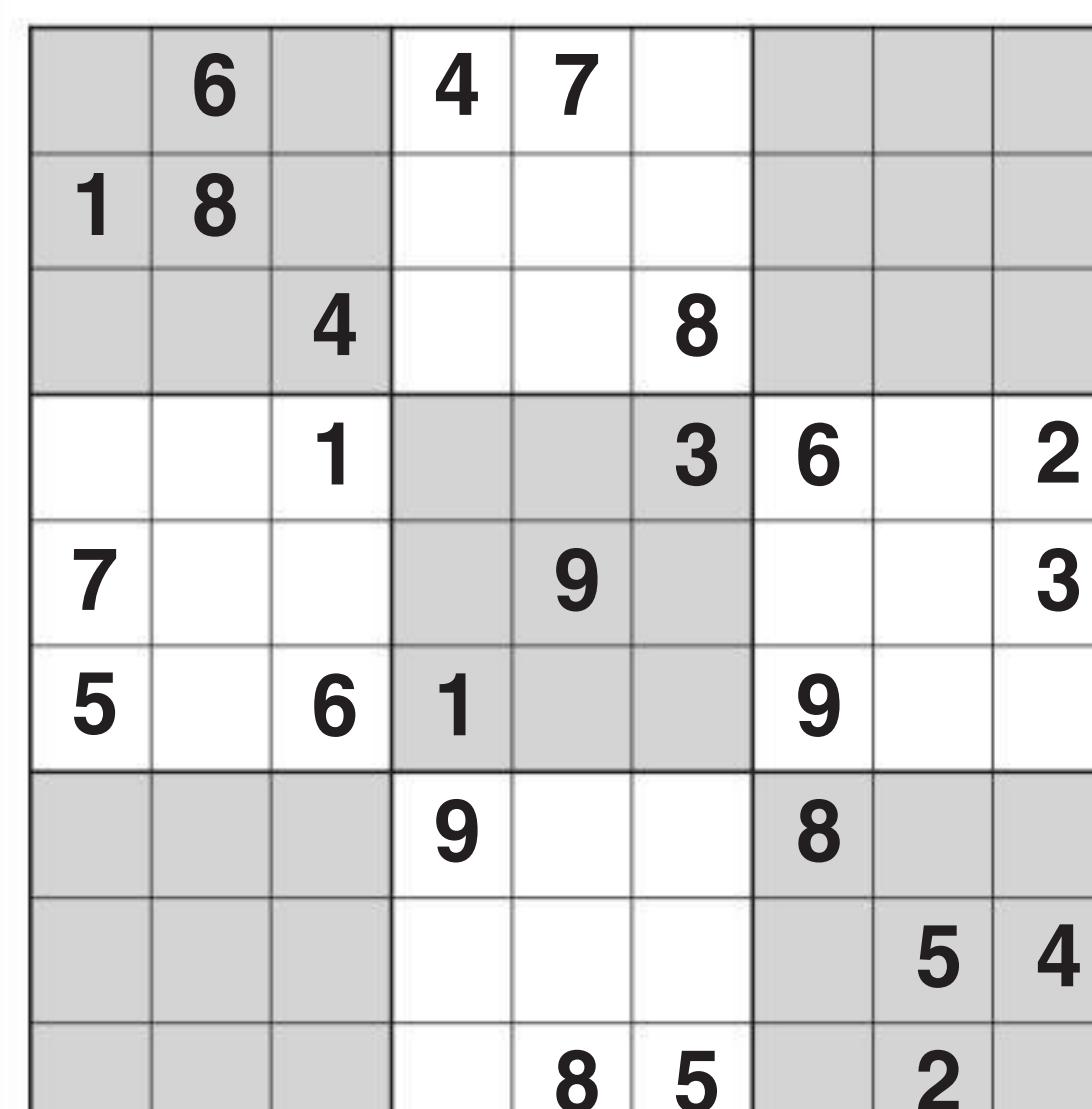
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■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 13, up to 6.12 am

■ Dhriti Yoga up to 7.45 am

■ Shoola Yoga up to 4:53 am

■ Magha Nakshatra up to 9.39 pm

■ Moon in Leo sign

■ Gandmoola up to 9:39 pm

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I, Amrit Kaur Cheema w/o Kaminder Singh Sekhon r/o 57, Rose Avenue, Patiala- 147001, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Amrit Kaur Sekhon. (CL20112511)

I, Kaminder Singh s/o Ranjit Singh r/o 57, Rose Avenue, Patiala- 147001, Punjab, have changed my name to Kaminder Singh Sekhon. (CL20112517)

I, 15131789N Rank RHM (TA) Satnam Singh r/o Kurail, (Yamuna Nagar), declare in my service record my father's name wrongly written Rajinder Singh but his actual name is Rajender Singh. (CL20112547)

I, Pratibha Mittal (New Name) w/o Umang Mittal r/o ID- 703, Akne Harmony, Outer Ring Road, Beliandur, Bengaluru, Karnataka, have changed my name from Pratibha Lohia to Pratibha Mittal after marriage. All concerned please note. (CL20112627)

We Sanjeev Kumar s/o Nanak Chana & Kamlesh Rani r/o House No. 122-G Block, Nangal, Tehsil Nangal Distt. Rupnagar (Punjab) declare that our daughter Shiva is out of our control. So we disown her from our moveable/immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with her at their own risk. (CL20112666)

I, Harbhajan Singh s/o Ajit Singh r/o Village Pwala, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab declare that my son Boota Singh is out of my control. I disown him from all my/our moveable/immoveable property. I shall not be responsible for any of his acts and anybody dealing with him shall do so at their own risk. (CL20112812)

I, Jagdeep Singh s/o Darshan Singh Sekhon R/o Phullanwal, PO Basant Avenue, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, changed my name Jagdeep Singh Sekhon. (CL20112852)

I, Tajinder Singh Waracha s/o Kaur Raj Dular Singh Waracha r/o # 598, Azad Nagar, Opposite Vishal Mega Mart, Patiala (Punjab), have changed my name to Tajinder Singh Waracha. (CL20112897)

I, Avtar Singh Busta s/o Bakhtawar Singh r/o Mohala Thanehra Mehl Gate, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India have changed my name as Avtar Singh Basuta. (CL20112938)

I, Varinder Kumar s/o Amit Lal Singh r/o 1783, Phase 2, Dugri Ludhiana, have changed my name to Varinder Singh. (CL20112997)

I, Anju Devi W/o Satish Kumar R/o Kamal Colony Samrali (Ludhiana), declare that after marriage I have changed my name Rekha Rani. (CL20113045)

I, Vikram Singh alias Nitigad Singh S/o Karmi Singh Village Nathusari Kalan (Sirsa), have changed name to Vikram Singh. (CL20113050)

I, Anup Kutehria r/o Village Kotla Post Dhundha, Dist. Una, HP have changed my minor daughter name from Ishita to Ishita Kutehria and Vanshita to Vanshita Kutehria for all future purposes vide Affidavits Dt. 15.03.2021 sworn before Notary, Bangana. (CL20113082)

I, Urmila Devi (Age 60) W/o No. JC-200115X Sub. Maj. & Hwy Lt. Late Puran Chand r/o Vill. Nargota, PO Paisa, Teh. Dehra, Distt. Kangra (HP) declares to correct my son name from Pankaj Kumar Bhardwaj to Pankaj Kumar & my daughter name from Pooja to Puja, in Army records of my late husband. Please note. (CL20113076)

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In the Court of Sh. Ajaib Singh Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana.

Shivam Khanna Versus

Nisha Mittra CNR No.:

PBLD01-016902-2015

Next Date: 20.04.2021

Publication issued to:

Nisha Mittra Father: Amit Mittra R/o 5, Love Lock Place, Kolkata-19, Punjab.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 20.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 12.03.2021.

Sd/-

Principal Judge, Family Court,

CL20109066 Ludhiana.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Preeti Sahni Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar.

Savdeep Singh s/o Inderjeet Singh Address: Village Parapur near Nirankari Bhawan PO Dhanowali, Jalandhar.

Versus

Manisha Grewal w/o Savdeep Singh d/o Major Singh Address: 56 New Defence Colony, Sansarpur, Jalandhar Foreign Address: 390B Castro Street San Leandro California 94577 USA.

Petition Under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of Marriage by a decree of divorce.

CNR No.:

PBJL0-002999-2020

Next Date: 15.04.2021

Publication issued to: Defendant Nos:

Manisha Grewal Spouse: Savdeep Singh d/o Major Singh 56 New Defence Colony, Sansarpur Jalandhar, foreign Address: 390B Castro Street San Leandro California 94577 USA.

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Dated, this day of 12.02.2021.

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Principal Judge, Family Court,

CL20112528 Jalandhar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Shi Vikrant Kumar, Civil Judge (Senior Division), Ludhiana.

CNR No.:

PBLD00-000722-2020

Peshi: 15.4.2021

Manoj Kumar Sharma son of Sh. Gujjar Ram Sharma r/o House No. 22, Prem Gali, Old Madhopuri near Police Station No. 3, Ludhiana at present r/o 126 MOUNTAINBERRY, RD, BRAMPTON, ON, 1L6 2L7 CANADA.

Versus

General Public and others.

Petition under the Indian Succession Act 1925

Publication issued to:

General Public

Whereas the above named petitioner Manoj Kumar Sharma and others has filed petition for the grant of Succession Certificate regarding the assets left by the deceased Smt. Lajwanti Sharma wife of Late Sh. Gujjar Ram Sharma who died on 3.1.2017.

Notice is issued in the name of General Public that in case anybody has any objection for the grant of succession certificate, he/she can file objection to the same on or before 15.4.2021 failing which the petition shall be decided in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 17.03.2021.

For details logon to:

[https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\\_notice&district=ludhiana](https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=ludhiana)

Dated, this day of 12.03.2021.

Sd/-

Civil Judge (Senior Division),

CL20112530 Ludhiana.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Baljinder Kaur Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Nakodar.

Joginder Singh s/o Sewa Singh s/o Late Sh. Jethu r/o House No. 1736, Mohalla Sunder Nagar, Nakodar, District Jalandhar proprietor J.S. Electric Works, Railway Road, Nakodar, District Jalandhar.

Versus

Tarsem Singh Dhillon

CNR No.: PBJL0-000218-2020

Next Date: 16.04.2021

Suit U/S 38 of the Specific Relief Act for grant of a decree of permanent injunction restraining the defendant, his agents from interfering into the lawful and peaceful possession from shop measuring 10ftx19ft situated at Railway Road, Nakodar.

Publication issued to:

Tarsem Singh Dhillon Son: Karnail Singh Dhillon s/o Ganga Singh Dhillon, R/o Railway Road, Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 16.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

For details logon to

[https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district\\_notice&district=jalandhar](https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=jalandhar)

Dated, this day of 22.03.2021.

Sd/- Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division),

CL20112531 Nakodar.

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There will be no issue of The Tribune Publications on March 30, 2021 on account of Holi holiday on the preceding day.

The classified advertisements meant for the publication on Tuesday in the issue of The Tribune shall appear on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

The advertisers/advertising agencies are requested to book their advertisements accordingly.

Advertisement Manager

**COURT NOTICES**

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)

In the Court of Sh. Vishav Gupta Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana.

Lakshay Versus

Nisha Mittra CNR No.:

PBLD01-016902-2015

Next Date: 20.04.2021

Publication issued to:

Nisha Mittra Father: Amit Mittra R/o 5, Love Lock Place, Kolkata-19, Punjab.

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 20.04.2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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Dated, this day

# Unite for win in Mandi, CM to party workers

Tribune News Service



Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur pays floral tribute to late MP Ram Swaroop Sharma in Mandi on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

**Denied ticket, many aspirants have filed papers as Independents on Thakur's home turf**

of BJP candidates.

It is a prestige issue for the Chief Minister to win the elections in Mandi at any cost because it is his home turf.

However, all eyes are on party rebels whether they withdraw till March 27 or not, which

will decide the future strategy of the BJP.

The Chief Minister, along with other party leaders, paid homage to the late MP Ram Swaroop Sharma.

On its part, the Congress has also intensified its election campaign.

The Chief Minister held a closed-door meeting with party workers in Mandi yesterday to take feedback about the preparations of the elections.

The Chief Minister addressed public meetings at Behna and Dhaundi wards and urged the people of the area to ensure victory

**Schools in rural areas lack computers, infra**

AMBICA SHARMA

Tribune News Service

**SOLAN, MARCH 25**

Several government schools, especially those in rural areas, still lack basic facilities such as the availability of computers and information communication technology (ICT) labs. This is despite the fact that the state Education Department has allocated a budget ranging from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 44 lakh to select schools for improving their infrastructure.

While a budget of Rs 60 crore has been provided to select schools in the state, others face discrimination as they lack even the basic facilities such as white boards, computers, etc.

The Swaran Jayanti Uttskrift Vidyalaya Yojana and the Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Sreshtha Vidyalaya were among ambitious schemes that were announced by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in 2020-2021 to improve the quality of education in government schools.

Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS), Haripur Sandholi, in the Badhi industrial area has enrolled 100 students for computer science, but it has neither any ICT lab nor a dedicated computer system.

At GSSS, Guggaghat, in Solan district, 125 students have enrolled for computer science and information technology, but there are barely 12 computers in working condition.

State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) at Solan to provide surplus computers, if any, as at least 10 computers were required for the enrolled students.

"Since students here come from the rural background, they lack computer facility even at home. The non-availability of computers at the school, too, will deprive them of this key aspect of education," said a teacher.

At GSSS, Guggaghat, in Solan district, 125 students have enrolled for computer science and information technology, but there are barely 12 computers in working condition. Since classes for these courses are held simultaneously, students are unable to obtain practical training. Sources said the managements of these schools were trying to arrange old computers.

## Scanty rain, damaged *kuhls* have Kangra farmers worried

LALIT MOHAN

Tribune News Service

**DHARAMSALA, MARCH 25**

As if scanty rain in February and March was not enough, damage to *kuhls* is causing additional worries to the farmers in Kangra district. After deficient rainfall, *kuhls* are the only reliable source of irrigation. The farmers are complaining that most of the *kuhls* in the area are damaged. They are alleging that because of lack of maintenance of *kuhls* in many areas by the Irrigation Department farmers are not getting water.

*Kuhls* are drains which carry water from natural streams. These are the traditional source of irrigation.

He said Opposition leaders had tried to mislead the people of newly constituted MCs that after the elections, heavy taxes would be imposed on them. They would not get



The dried up Ladoh-Panchrukhi kuhl. TRIBUNE PHOTO

### TRADITIONAL SOURCE OF IRRIGATION

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■ Farmers allege that because of lack of maintenance of *kuhls*, they are not getting water.

### WHEAT CROP ON 200 ACRES FACE THREAT

■ The wheat crop on about 200 acres is on the verge of getting damaged. Farmers will not be able to recover even their cost of sowing. We have written to the Chief Minister and IPH officials, requesting them to repair the *kuhl*. However, no action has been taken. — Satish Sharma, A FARMER

of irrigation facility. The farmers would not be able to recover even their cost of sowing if any irrigation facility was not made available.

"We have written to the

Chief Minister and IPH officials, requesting them that the water stream should be repaired, however, no action has been taken," he said.

Kangra district has about 400 *kuhls*. Of these, about 100 *kuhls* are maintained by the department while the remaining 300 are maintained by villagers.

Superintending Engineer, IPH, Suresh Mahajan said under the PM Krishi Yojana, 111 *kuhls* would be concretised. Of these, 39 were in Kangra.

## BJP blames Cong for failure to upgrade Solan civic body

SOLAN, MARCH 25

The BJP has blamed the Congress for failing to upgrade the Solan municipal committee to a corporation during its tenure despite promising to do so.

BJP's state co-incharge Sanjay Tandon, while addressing mediapersons here today, said his party would ensure uniform development of the merged rural areas and urban areas.

Tandon said, "Differences



BJP state co-incharge Sanjay Tandon addresses mediapersons at Solan on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

would be removed with the constitution of the new body.

"Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has announced a special grant of crores during his recent visit to Solan. These issues were raised by the party leaders and the CM has already assured that these projects would be completed soon," he said.

Asked about the party's own president facing a no-confidence motion in the sitting civic body, Tandon said, "We are working overtime to ensure that there is no functional, leg pulling or mud-slinging and each aspect has

been taken care of."

He said the presence of Aam Aadmi Party would not pose any threat to the party in the civic body poll.

Tandon campaigned for the party candidates in various wards of the Solan municipal corporation.

Accompanied by party leaders, he sought votes for the party candidates in ward numbers 4, 7, 11 and 15 in Solan. In-charge of Solan MC polls and Nahan MLA Rajeev Bindal, Minister for Health Rajiv Saizal, and Power Minister Sukhram Chawdhary were also present. — TNS

## BBN industries directed to create isolation facility

Tribune News Service

**SOLAN, MARCH 25**

In view of rising Covid cases, the Nalagarh SDM today directed all industries in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) belt to create isolation facilities for 10 per cent of their workforce on their premises. Besides, he imposed a complete ban on community lunch and other non-essential social gatherings till further orders.

The SDM declared the Aashiana paying guest facility at Nalagarh as a micro containment zone after the detection of a Covid case there. Restrictions on the movement of people were also imposed.

Industries have been given the concession to form common isolation facilities

meet any eventuality".

Various industry associations such as the Baddi-Barotiwala Nalagarh Industries Association, Nalagarh Industries Association, Himachal Drug Manufacturers Association and the HP Corrugation Box Manufacturers have been directed to adhere to the directions with immediate effect.

As many as 69 cases have been reported in the BBN area since yesterday while 81 active cases and 23 deaths have taken place till now. New cases have been reported in the BBN area, including Jharmajri, Baddi, Bhud, Billanwali, Katha, Nangal Dhaka, Jhajjara, Dattowal, Saini Majra, Kharuni, Ratiyore, Dhabota, Nalagarh, Lodhijamra and Sallewal.

## 315 Covid cases, two die in state

SHIMLA, MARCH 25

As many as 315 Covid cases were reported in the state today. Besides, one person each died of the virus in Kangra and Una.

The highest number of 102 cases was reported in Una, followed by 64 in Kangra, 47 in Solan, 37 in Sirmour, 23 in Hamirpur, 17 in Bilaspur, and 12 in Shimla. — TNS

### Total ban imposed on community lunch in Nalagarh

at the cluster level as well for isolating their infected employees in case an individual industry lacks adequate space on its premises.

The Deputy Director, Industries, has been directed to tell all industries to adhere to the orders and also send a compliance report to the SDM, Mahinder Pal.

The SDM said, "There has been an increase in the number of Covid cases in the industrial belt in recent days, necessitating strict measures to contain its spread. Establishing isolation facilities is a step to

THAPAR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY Patiala (Punjab) (Deemed to be University)		
PUBLIC NOTICE		
Ministry of Environment and Forest & Climate Changes (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India has granted the approval to their project "Expansion of Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala" vide letter no. F.No IA3-10/7/2021-IA.III. dated 12-03-21		
The copy of clearance containing the conditions to be complied is available at official website of MoEF & CC and TIET Patiala. Either of the following mentioned officials may be contacted for further information:- Dr. Gurbindir Singh Registrar, TIET Patiala Er. Rajendra Nigam, General Manager (P&E) TIET Patiala		

Government of Punjab Tender Notice Reference No. 65 Dt. 24.03.2021		
On behalf of the Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD B&R, Sangrur invites online bids for the following works:-		
Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1	Construction of road along Police Line Boundary Wall up to Hariari road under Head 5054 RB-10 including maintenance of road for 5 years.	1
2	Periodical repair of Sunam-Jagatpura Khadial-Taranjikhela (Under Head 3054) including maintenance of road for 3 years (One Year Defect Liability Period+2 Years Maintenance Period).	1

Closing date & time:- Will be intimated later on website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Provincial Divn. PWD B&R, Sangrur (Pb.).

DPR/Pb/3084

## EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT U.T., CHANDIGARH

### Corrigendum regarding change of venue for opening of Technical/Financial e-bids.

This is for information of the general public that venue for opening of Technical e-bid and Financial e-bid for allotment of remaining 16 licensees for Retail sale vends (L-2/L-14A) for Excise Policy 2021-22 (01st April 2021 to 31st March 2022) in U.T., Chandigarh has been changed i.e. from Excise and Taxation Department, Sec 17, U.T., Chandigarh to Conference Hall, U.T., Guest House, Sec 6, Chandigarh. However, the date and time will remain same as per details given below:-

Opening of Technical e-bids	30th March, 2021 (03:00 p.m. onwards).
Opening of Financial e-bids	30th March, 2021 (04:00 p.m. onwards) at Conference Hall, U.T., Guest House, Sec 6, Chandigarh.

Sd/- Additional Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Excise and Taxation Department, U.T., Chandigarh.

DI-23730

## College foundation stone broken in Nurpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**NURPUR MARCH 25**

Unidentified miscreants reportedly damaged the foundation stone along with plaque of the government college building here at Sullitila near Badni. The foundation stone was laid by former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh in December 2017 in the presence of the then local MLA Ajay Mahajan.

The locals first noticed the damaged foundation stone and its plaque this morning.

Taking a serious note, the local former MLA and Kangra district Congress president Ajay Mahajan alleged political angle in the demolition of the foundation stones in the area. He said the governments work in continuity. Instead of damaging foundation stones, the current government should complete the development projects initiated during the previous regime.

He said the level of politics



The broken foundation stone of the college building at Nurpur.

had come down to the lowest level in Nurpur area. He said earlier too some foundation stones laid during the previous regime had been demolished in the area. He sought a thorough investigation behind these demolitions.

He said the government was meting out a step-motherly treatment to Nurpur and not even one announcement made in the past three years had been fulfilled.

Dinesh Kumar, Executive Engineer, PWD division, Nurpur, said the demolition was not in his knowledge. He added that he would conduct an inquiry and lodge a police complaint.

## Sharing profit of goods sold with jail inmates

BHANU P LOHUMI

Tribune News Service

**PWD (B&R) DEPTT, HARYANA**

NIRMAN SADAN, SECTOR-33-A, CHANDIGARH  
THE SERVICES OF A FIRM OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS FOR THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF VARIOUS PIUs (IN THE FIELD) & SRRDA (AT HEAD OFFICE), HaRRIDA (PMGSY) FOR THE F.Y. 2020-21 ARE REQUIRED. INTERESTED CA FIRMS HAVING THEIR OFFICES AT CHANDIGARH/PANCHKULA/MOHALI ONLY MAY APPLY. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE <http://haryanapwd.gov.in>. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS 7th April, 2021 UP TO 5.00 PM.

PRDH/1081/11/9/2021/2326/31/4

**WESTERN RAILWAY****MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION SALE PROGRAMME

Please refer to this office e-Auction Sale Programme during April-2021 dt.: 18/03/2021.

Depot	e-Auction program of April, 2021	Depot Officer in Charge	Contact No.
Dahod	30/04/2021	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295 09724090455

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Please visit [Western Railways website](http://WesternRailways.gov.in) of Material Management Department i.e. [www.irspg.gov.in](http://www.irspg.gov.in) e-auction portal for further information.

(Sill/Auction Programme-2/April-2021, Dt.: 24/03/2021)

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**PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION****BARADARI GARDEN, PATIALA – 147001**WEBSITE: <http://ppsc.gov.in>

1. The Punjab Public Service Commission invites **Online Application Forms** from eligible candidates for recruitment to For the 12 Posts of Sub Divisional Engineer (Civil), in Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, in the Department of Local Government, Govt. of Punjab.

Note: This Advertisement is being published as per the requisition received from the **Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board** in the Department of Local Government, Government of Punjab vide letter No. Recrt. Cell-DSS-2021/83 Dated 05.03.2021 and letter No. PWSSB-2021/asspl-1 Dated 19.03.2021 and letter No. Recruitment cell-DSS-2021/113 Dated 24.03.2021.

**2. Reservation of Posts:**

Category Code	Name of Category	No. of Posts	Posts Reserved for Women out of Total Posts
71	General	06	02
72/73	EX-Serviceman, Punjab	01	-
77	Scheduled Castes (Other)	01	01
81	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs, Punjab	01	-
82/83	Balmiki/Mazbhi Sikhs, Punjab, ESM	01	-
85	Backward Classes, Punjab	01	-
92	General (Economically Weaker Sections), Punjab	01	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>03</b>

The candidates MUST possess the requisite qualification/experience before or by 30.04.2021.

**3.0 PAY SCALE:** Rs. 47,600/- Initial Pay.

The minimum pay admissible for the ibid posts shall be as per the per Notification No. 7/204/2012-4FP1/66, Dated 15.01.2015 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Finance (Finance Personnel-I Branch) Chandigarh, and Notification No. 1/62016-4PP.1/834680/1 Dated 07.09.2016 Govt. of Punjab Department of Personnel PP-I Branch Chandigarh, fixed emolument equal to Minimum Pay without any allowance will be paid during the probation period of 3 years.

**4.0 ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS:-**

4.1 Should possess a degree in Engineering in Civil from a recognised university or institution.

4.2 Punjabi or Matric or its equivalent Standard is essential.

**5.0 AGE**

(i) Candidates should not be below 18 years and above 37 years of age as on 01-01-2021. (See detail in "General Information for the Candidates")

**6.0 COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION**

The Commission shall hold Competitive Examinations for recruitment to these posts tentatively in May 2021, details of which can be seen in Para 6, 7 and 8 of "General Information for the Candidates" of each post available on the website <http://ppsc.gov.in>.

7.0 The candidates MUST possess the requisite qualification/experience before or by 30.04.2021.

8.0 Candidates must refer to "General Information for the Candidates" available on PPSC website, particularly Para-11 before filling the application form. The candidates can ONLY apply by filling Online Application Form, a link of which is available on the website of Punjab Public Service Commission <http://ppsc.gov.in>

Last Date for filling Online Application Form: 11.04.2021

Last Date for Depositing Online Application Fee: 16.04.2021

Dated: 25.03.2021 Sd/- Navreet Kaur Sekhon, PCS Secretary Examinations.

DPR/Pb/3127

# Mehbooba quizzed by ED for 5 hrs in money laundering case

Central agencies being misused to silence Oppn, claims PDP chief

SRINAGAR, MARCH 25

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, who was questioned by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for more than five hours on Thursday in connection with a money laundering case, said while dissent had been criminalised, central agencies like the NIA, CBI and the ED were being "misused" to silence the Opposition.

She alleged that anyone opposing the current government was "hounded by trumped up charges" like sedition or money laundering.

"Dissent has been criminalised in this country. The ED, Central Bureau of Investigation and the National Investigation Agency are being misused to silence the Opposition tactically," Mehbooba said after emerging from the ED office at Rajbagh here.

"This country is not being run by the Constitution but the agenda of a particular political party," she alleged.



Mehbooba Mufti arrives at the ED office in Srinagar on Thursday. PTI

Asked about the questions put forth to her by the ED, the PDP chief said she was asked about the sale of her ancestral land in Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and the use of the CM's discretionary funds. "Questions were asked regarding the sale of our ancestral land in Bijbehara and use of the CM's discretionary fund. I was asked from where would come the list of widows who were receiving help from the CM's secret funds," Mehbooba said, adding that she had nothing to fear — PTI

## Police oppose passport renewal

SRINAGAR, MARCH 25

The Jammu and Kashmir Police have opposed giving passport to former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti citing "adverse report" against her, officials said on Thursday.

A report has been submitted to the J&K High Court which is hearing a petition filed by Mehbooba over the delay in clearing her passport application. Mehbooba had applied for a fresh passport in December after the previous one expired on May 31, but the application has not been cleared till date in the absence of a police verification report.

The officials said that "an adverse report" has been filed against her by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), but refused to elaborate saying the matter would be taken up before the HC. — PTI

# Art 370 abrogation cleared way for child safety laws, says Irani

TTRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

Recent discussions in the Lok Sabha on a landmark Bill that tasks district magistrates with child protection saw the government rebuking National Conference's take that Jammu and Kashmir's children were better off before the abrogation of Article 370.

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani was replying to NC's Anantnag MP Hasnain Masoodi, who said in the Lower House that the children of J&K were in a "happy state" before the developments of August 5, 2019.

like the one preventing child marriages? How could they be happy when the full force of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act was not applicable in J&K?" asked Irani moments before the Lower House cleared the landmark Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Amendment Bill, 2021, which will automatically extend to J&K.

"We are happy that the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, 2021, will be applicable to the children of J&K and Ladakh and will enable better protection for them," she said.

## Pandit rehab plan in pipeline: L-G

JAMMU, MARCH 25

Hinting that a proper rehabilitation plan for migrant Kashmiri Pandits might be in the pipeline, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said a lot had been thought about the community and soon "something is going to happen which you have not even imagined".

He also said 8,000 underground bunkers had been completed along the Line of Control (LoC) and the International Border (IB) for the safety of border residents and 1,200 more such structures would be constructed during



the next financial year. "We are also talking about 6,000 jobs and an equal number of residential accommodation for migrant Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley," Sinha told reporters here.

Responding to a question about linking Prime Minister's employment package with the overall rehabilitation of Pandits living in exile in the valley, he said rehabilitation was a different thing altogether. "These 6,000 jobs for the community were notified earlier but the (recruitment) process got delayed due to various reasons. This is a minute part of the rehabilitation of the community. Our first priority was to complete the process as soon as possible and it has now reached the final stage," he said. — PTI

## Systemic bias in...

"We must recognise that the structures of our society have been created by males and for males. As a result, certain structures that may seem to be the 'norm' and may appear to be harmless, are a reflection of the insidious patriarchal system," it noted.

"A facially equal application of laws to unequal parties is a farce, when the law is structured to cater to a male standard," the Bench said.

The verdict came on petitions filed by women officers

seeking compliance of its 2020 directions to the Centre for grant of permanent commission, promotions and consequential benefits to them.

"It is not enough to proudly state that women officers are allowed to serve the nation in the Armed Forces, when the true picture of their service conditions tells a different story. A superficial sense of equality is not in the true spirit of the Constitution and attempts to make equality only symbolic," it said.

## Budget session...

passed and 17 introduced in the House. The productivity of the Lok Sabha stood at 114 per cent during the Budget session and 146 MPs participated in the discussion on the Union Budget, he said.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said the Upper House functioned for 104 hours as against the total scheduled time of 116 hours.

"Against a total of 33 sittings scheduled, from January 29 to April 8, we are concluding

it after having 23 sittings," he said. The Budget session provided the members of this House an opportunity to deliberate on issues concerning economic growth and recovery, particularly in the post-Covid phase, he said.

In a media briefing, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the Budget session remained highly productive due to the cooperation of parliamentarians from all parties.

## Second wave may...

findings revealed that accelerated implementation of non-pharmaceutical interventions such as lockdowns, closure of schools, theatres can help reduce transmission but the viral spread will renew once the measures are relaxed.

The report takes note of the top 10 highest active burden districts of India, nine of them in Maharashtra and one in Karnataka. The report also says bank credit and deposits have looked up in February 2021 after declines earlier this year.

## GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE, SECTOR 32, CHANDIGARH E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Equipment/Tender Id Ref. No.	Quantity	Department	Earnest Money (in Rupees)	Due date of receipt of EMD & Bid	Due date of opening of tender
<b>SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE</b>						
1.	1. Arc for Purchase/Refilling of Medical Oxygen Gas (Cylinder Type) 2021 GMCH_58793_1 GMCH-PB-II/PA-III/21/01(Gas)		Rate Contract		4000/-	08.04.2021
<b>TENDER NOTICE</b>						
2.	2. Chlorhexidine Hand Rub with dispenser contains Chlorhexidine Gluconate 0.5% v/v equivalent to chlorhexidine gluconate 0.5% w/w + Isopropyl alcohol IP 70%, v/v, 500 ml bottle colored (Along with sealed sample) 2021 GMCH_58660_1 GMCH-PB-PRO/Med-595/2021	46200 bottles	Pharmacy	204090/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2021
3.	3. Inj. Gemcitabine 200 mg 2ml GMCH_58372_1 GMCH-PB-PRO/Med-568/2021	1900 vials	Pharmacy	14364/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2021
4.	4. Transparent Polyurethane Dressing 10cm x 10cm along with sealed sample 2021 GMCH_58380_1 GMCH-PB-PRO/Tender-543A/2021	4800 pcs (3600 blts annual+1200 blts buffer) (one year)	Pharmacy	12960/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2021
5.	5. 32 Channel Video EEG System 2021 GMCH_58420_1 GMCH-PB-II/PA-VII-ET-GS-21/0901	01 No.	General Medicine	50000/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2021
6.	6. 3. Clinical ENGM/NCV/EP System 2021 GMCH_58485_1 GMCH-PB-II/PA-VII-ET-GS-10/902	01 No.	General Medicine	60000/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2021
7.	7. Infrared Photo Coagulator (IRC) Device for Haemorrhoids 2021 GMCH_58413_1 GMCH-PB-II/PA-VI-ET-GS-21/703	01 No.	General Surgery	14000/-	15.04.2021	16.04.2

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**EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION**

(Ministry of Labour &amp; Employment, Govt. of India)

**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE SOCIETY (HEIS)  
SCD GOVT. COLLEGE, LUDHIANA  
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE**

Applications on the prescribed format (available on the college website ([www.scdgovtcollege.ac.in](http://www.scdgovtcollege.ac.in)) are invited within 10 days for the following post purely on contract basis under HEIS. Eligibility as per PB. Govt./ PU/UGC Norms.

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No. of post 01

Chairperson HEIS

DI-23647

Punjab Mandi Board

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**Notice Inviting Online Bids**

Tender Notice No. 09 (2021) Dt. 24.03.2021

Executive Engineer(C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for DB flooring on auction platform. Extension of DB Flooring and CC flooring on various main yard/Sub Yard/Purchase Centre of MC Shahkot, Lohian Khass, Nurmehal & Bilga. For detail terms & conditions of notice inviting bids, refer to Website. <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

**Corrigendum, if any, will only be issued on website.**Sd/- Executive Engineer(C),  
Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar.  
DPR/Pb/3068**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ**

ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸੰਲੀਅਂ ਮਗਿਆਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟਸ

ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 1 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗਨ ਨਾਮਜ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੈਂਚ ਵਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਵੇਖਾਈ ਦੇਣਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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DPR/Pb/3056 ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਾਨਕੱਟ।

**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ**

ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸੰਲੀਅਂ ਮਗਿਆਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟਸ

ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 2 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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DPR/Pb/3058 ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਾਨਕੱਟ।

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ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸੰਲੀਅਂ ਮਗਿਆਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟਸ

ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 3 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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DPR/Pb/3058 ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਾਨਕੱਟ।

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ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 4 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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DPR/Pb/3058 ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਾਨਕੱਟ।

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ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 5 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 6 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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DPR/Pb/3058 ਸਹੀ/- ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਾਨਕੱਟ।

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ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸੰਲੀਅਂ ਮਗਿਆਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨੋਟਸ

ਬੀ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ ਨੋਟਸ ਨੰ. 7 (2021) ਮਿਤੀ 24.03.2021  
ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਸ਼ੋਨੀਅਰ (ਸਮ.), ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਵੱਲ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਅਧੀਨ ਟੈਂਪੋਰਾਰੀ ਪੋਗਾਰਾਸ ਸਾਲ 2020-21 ਦੀਆਂ ਪਲਾਨਕੱਟ ਸੱਕੜ ਸੱਕੜ ਤੋਂ ਗਜ਼ਿਸਟਰਡ ਨੈਕੋਦਾਰਾਂ/ਫਾਰਮ/ਸਭਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸ਼ਬਦੀ ਵੰਚਿਅਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਵਿਧਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਸੱਥੀ ਹੋਰ ਸੁਚਨਾ ਲਈ ਵੈਕਸਾਈਟ: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਦਾ ਹੋਵਾਣਾ ਲੱਗੇ।

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**CORRIGENDUM**

To the reference to our advertisement published in The Tribune on 12/03/2021 on page No.8, for the auction of Condemned Vehicle (Mahindra Jeep), the auction date was wrongly published as 33/03/2021 in that Advt. The correct date of Auction is 30/03/2021 at 2PM. Please Note.

Additional District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur (H.P.)

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

Bid No.: 02 Date: 24.03.2021  
1. On behalf of the Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, PWD B&R Br., Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders/related with elevator lift/Co-operative L&C Societies for the Project/Work(s) detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on the item rate basis/percentage rate basis/Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) format of Lump Sum Contracts. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following Project/Work(s):

Sr. No.	Name of Project/ Works/Work	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. value of the Project/ Work
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Providing E.I. in Godown of EVM's and VVPAT's (Cat-1) at Distt. Mansa (Goods cum Passengers Lift)	Rs. 73816/-	Rs. 5000/-	6 Months	Rs. 369780/-
(col. 6 to be deleted for Lump sum Project/Works)					
2.	Important dates are as under:				
i)	Period of availability of tender online shall be	:	From 24.03.2021 to 05.04.2021 up to 9.00 a.m.		
ii)	Last Date & Time for online submission of bids shall be	:	05.04.2021 up to 9.00 a.m.		
iii)	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid	:	05.04.2021 up to 10.00 a.m.		

Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website <http://epro01cpbpwd.gov.in> only.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Elect. Divn., PWD B&R, Bathinda.  
DPR/Pb/3098

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
TENDER NOTICE REFERENCE NO. 14**

The Department of Public Works (Building & Roads) invites online bids for following:-

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Special Repair of Premature Damaged Link Roads in Market Committee Gurdaspur for the year 2020-21 (Phase-3) (Group No. 1) Est. Cost Rs. 159.60 Lacs Earnest Money Rs. 3.19 Lacs Time Limit: 6 Months Tender Fees: Rs. 10,000/- Each	1
2.	Special Repair of Premature Damaged Link Roads in Market Committee Gurdaspur for the year 2020-21 (Phase-3) (Group No. 2) Est. Cost Rs. 123.22 Lacs Earnest Money Rs. 2.46 Lacs Time Limit: 6 Months Tender Fees: Rs. 10,000/- Each	1
3.	Special Repair of Premature Damaged Link Roads in Market Committee Dharial and Kalanaur for the year 2020-21 (Phase-3) Est. Cost Rs. 106.30 Lacs Earnest Money Rs. 2.13 Lacs Time Limit: 6 Months Tender Fees: Rs. 10,000/- Each	1

Closing Date and Time:- 10.04.2021 on 05.00 P.M.

For details logon to: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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DPR/Pb/3099

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**PRIME MINISTER'S EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME (PMEGP)**

Ministry of M.S.M.E. (Govt. of India) has launched Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme for promotion of Rural Industrialization and Self Employment Generation. Interested persons may apply online on PMEGP-E-Portal to establish their own manufacturing/service units, under the PMEGP scheme, a project of Rs. 10.00 lakhs in the service sector and Rs. 25.00 lakhs in the manufacturing sector can be set up in the urban and rural areas, for which eligible persons may get 15% to 35% subsidy of the total project cost. The details of Schemes may be viewed on KVIC official website: [kvic.org.in](http://kvic.org.in). For more information contact District Industry Centre, Office of Punjab Khadi & Village Industries Board of respective districts and Office of Khadi & Village Industries Commission at the address mentioned above

**State Director  
Khadi & V.I. Commission,  
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**(PUBLIC NOTICE)**

Inviting Suggestions and Objections of the Public and all Stakeholders in respect of Petition No. 51 of 2020 on proposed Revision of Schedule of General Charges recoverable from the applicants/consumers seeking electricity connections/services from PSPCL filed before Hon'ble PSERC.

1. The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has filed a Petition No. 51/2020 before Hon'ble Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) to revise Schedule of General Charges recoverable from the applicants/consumers seeking electricity connections/services from PSPCL under Section 181 (u) of Electricity Act-2003, Regulation 47 of Supply Code-2014 and Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of chapter XIII of the conduct of Business Regulations 2005.

2. The above said petition is available on the website of PSPCL i.e. [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in). The petition is also available on the website of Commission i.e. [www.pserc.gov.in](http://www.pserc.gov.in). The copy of this petition can be downloaded therefrom.

3. Objections against the Petition filed by PSPCL together with supporting material may be filed with the Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Site No. 3, Madhya Marg, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh in person or through Registered Post or through email at address given below, so as to reach her within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Copy of the same must also be sent to Chief Engineer/ARR & TR, PSPCL, F-4, Shakti Vihar, Patiala and proof of service of the same must be enclosed with the filing made to Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.

4. The objections should carry full name, signature, postal address and telephone/mobile number of the person sending the objections. If the objection is filed on behalf of any organization or any class of consumers, it should be so mentioned. All the objectors should also send a soft copy of their objections to the Secretary/PSERC at e-mail ID [secretarypsercchd@gmail.com](mailto:secretarypsercchd@gmail.com) and PSPCL e-mail [ce-arrr@pspcl.in](mailto:ce-arrr@pspcl.in). If any member of the public wants to attend the hearing virtually then they may send their full name, contact no. and valid email ID to [registrarpsercchd@gmail.com](mailto:registrarpsercchd@gmail.com) and the link for the same will be provided by the Commission.

5. The petition shall be taken up for hearing as well as public hearing by the Hon'ble Commission on 28.04.2021 at 11 a.m. in the Commission's office at Site No. 3, Madhya Marg, Sector 18-A, Chandigarh. All the objectors who have filed their objections by the last date for filing of the objections and other persons/organizations interested in presenting their views/suggestions on the above mentioned matter are invited to participate in the hearing before the Hon'ble Commission.

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## Chicago votes against resolution critical of CAA

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25

Some spirited footwork by Indian-American businessmen and diplomats from the Indian consulate in Chicago stemmed the tide of resolutions criticising the Modi government's policies being passed by city councils in America. A proposed resolution expressing the Chicago City Council's solidarity with its South Asian community "regardless of religion and caste" failed on Wednesday.

The proposal fell by a 26-18 vote with several abstentions, which US analysts said was a tight call for a nonbinding resolution. Several American cities including Riverdale (Illinois), San Francisco, Seattle, Albany (New York) and St Paul (Minnesota) had last year passed resolutions condemning the state violence in India.

The resolution, introduced by Maria Hadden, led to both sides of the Indian-American community getting involved in vigorous lobbying and reports said there was active assistance from Indian diplomats posted

in the US. The US Ambassador to India Taranjit Sandhu is an old American hand having served there for over a decade in several postings. Hadden hinted at the involvement of Indian diplomats. "There were some concerns, hinted at by the Consul General, that maybe this would damage some relationships with the city. I'm uncertain if this has happened before but it's not typical," she said.

Don't want to get involved in events 8,000 miles away: Members

The resolution meant to condemn violence against certain castes and religious minorities in India. But some Chicago council members, including George Cardenas, did not want to get involved in matters 8,000 miles away. "If we take this on, why not take on the Chinese ethnic cleansing debate? We are a global city. But we have many pressing issues here at home that need our attention," asked Cardenas.

## UK, EU working out 'win-win' solution to end vax supply row

LONDON, MARCH 25

The UK and European Union (EU) have issued a conciliatory joint statement, pledging to find a "win-win" solution to a row over the supply of Covid-19 vaccines.

The EU has been struggling to meet its member-countries requirements and has piled pressure on British-Swedish biopharma giant AstraZeneca to increase the supplies of the Oxford University vaccines and even indicated possible export blocks. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been conducting one-on-one calls with his European counterparts and said cooperation was "even more important".

"We are all facing the same pandemic and the third wave makes cooperation between the EU and UK even more important. We have been discussing what more we can do to ensure a reciprocally beneficial relationship between the UK and EU on Covid-19," reads a joint UK-EU statement.

"Given our interdependent



NEED TO STEP UP COOPERATION

The third wave makes cooperation between the EU and UK even more important. Boris Johnson, British PM

**LEADERS DIVIDED OVER CURB PROPOSALS**

EU leaders are divided over proposals for new restrictions on vaccine exports out of the economic bloc, which would aim to boost supplies within the bloc.

A site in Belgium produces the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine and another in

the Netherlands is expected to increase supplies of the jab in the EU.

Brussels said of the more than 40 million doses exported from the EU over the past two months, a quarter were sent to the UK.

ties, we are working on specific steps we can take — in the short, medium and long term

— to create a win-win situation and expand vaccine supply. In the end, openness and global

**VACCINE 76% EFFECTIVE, SAYS ASTRAZENECA**

AstraZeneca said its Covid-19 vaccine was 76 per cent effective in a new analysis of its US trial — only a tad lower than the level in an earlier report this week criticised for using outdated data. Interim data at 79 per cent. REUTERS

**TRACKING COVID NATIONS DEATHS**

NATIONS	DEATHS
US	5,58,497
BRAZIL	3,01,087
MEXICO	1,99,627
UK	1,26,382
ITALY	1,06,339

cooperation of all countries will be key to overcome the pandemic," it read. — PTI

## Biden taps Harris to stem immigrant flow

WASHINGTON, MARCH 25

US President Joe Biden has entrusted his Vice-President Kamala Harris with the task of leading the diplomatic effort and working with neighbouring Mexico and Northern Triangle nations of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to stem the flow of immigrants to the southern border.

Biden said nobody is better qualified than Harris, who ran the second-largest attorney general's office in America, for this. "This new surge (of migrants) we are dealing with now started with the last administration but it is our responsibility to deal with it humanely and to stop (it from) happening and so this increase has been consequential.

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**JOE BIDEN, US PRESIDENT**

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**LOOKING FORWARD TO ENGAGING WITH LEADERS**

I look forward to engaging with the government, private sector, civil society and leaders of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras to strengthen democracy, and the rule of law..

Kamala Harris, VP

House on Wednesday.

"The Vice-President has agreed... to lead our diplomatic effort and work with those

nations to accept the returnees and enhance migration enforcement at their borders and we are already talking with Mexico about that," he said.

"I (can) think of nobody who is better qualified to do this than... this is a woman who ran the second-largest attorney general's office in America after the United States attorney general in the State of California," he said about Harris.

In her remarks, Harris said there are many factors that lead residents to leave these countries. "While we are clear that people should not come to the border now. We also understand that we will enforce the law...," she said. — PTI

**US BLACKLISTS 2 MYANMAR FIRMS**

The US on Thursday imposed sanctions on two conglomerates controlled

# Hungary walk out over own man's gear

Sidi's teammates say he uses illegal equipment, India to take on USA in final

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, MARCH 25**  
The inner rumblings of the Hungarian team came to the fore at the ISSF World Cup as the team walked out of the gold medal play-off against India in the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions.

It forced the organisers to postpone the final. Five-time Olympian Peter Sidi's illegal equipment, a bipod that was glued to his gun, was the reason his teammates pulled out.

Sidi's teammates Istvan Peni and Zavan Pekler informed ISSF technical delegate Yair Davidovich and the referees that they would not be competing along-side Sidi.

The officials announced that the gold medal round would now be held between India and the USA, who had finished third in qualification.

All this happened while the Indian team, consisting of Swapnil Kusale, Chain Singh and Niraj Kumar kept waiting for the confusion to



Chinki Yadav, Manu Bhaker and Rahi Sarnobat won the women's 25m pistol team gold.

get over:

Peni confirmed that the team had raised objections about Sidi's bipod. "Sidi has violated rules throughout his career. We had an agreement that he would not be using the bipod. However, he broke it. We have had enough of his violations."

Istvan Peni, HUNGARIAN SHOOTER

his career. We had an agreement that he would not be using the bipod. However, he

broke it. We have had enough of his violations," Peni said. "He had been disqualified from the Nationals for the same reason. The pull-out was a message to him that the Hungarian shooting community wouldn't tolerate

his illegal ways."

Sidi said the equipment was cleared by the ISSF. "I haven't violated any ISSF rule book. If ISSF doesn't have a problem with it then why should anyone?" he said.

Indian rifle team chief coach Deepali Deshpande said the team should have been awarded the gold medal as technically the Hungarian team walked off.

## 25M team gold

Meanwhile, India bagged another gold as Rahi Sarnobat, Manu Bhaker and Chinki Yadav won the women's team gold in the 25m pistol competition by beating the Polish team of Joanna Wawrzonowska, Julita Borek and Agnieszka Korejwo 17 points to seven.

The Indian girls looked relaxed after finishing their last competition and said they were looking forward to spending some time away from the ranges.

"We will all go back for

## World Cup Medal tally

	G	S	B	Total
IND	10	6	5	21
USA	3	2	1	6
DEN	2	-	1	3
POL	1	2	2	5
KAZ	1	2	1	4
IRI	1	1	-	2
GBR	1	-	-	1
SLO	1	1	-	2

some time," Rahi Sarnobat said. "The break will be for two-three days, then we have to get back to training and try to get back in our best shape."

All three agreed that the key positive for them was to compete again. "There weren't a lot of teams but there were good teams so it was great to be back competing again," Manu said.

Earlier, in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions women's team final, Anjum Moudgil, Shreya Saksena and Gaayathri Nithyanadam lost 43-47 to Poland to settle for silver.

# Focus on Surya as India seek to shut out England

PUNE, MARCH 24

The talented Suryakumar Yadav is likely to get a chance to showcase his '360 degree' hitting skills when India take on England in the second ODI here tomorrow, aiming to wrap up the series.

Shreyas Iyer's dislocated shoulder has once again brought Yadav in focus and his ODI debut, after a blockbuster T20 first outing, looks imminent after an all-round show by the hosts ensured an easy victory in the first game.

Iyer has been one of India's most prolific 50-over batsmen before the Covid-forced lockdown but such is the team's strength that a debutant looks ready to take on world champions England, who are very menacing but seem utterly confused.

Being spoilt for choices is always good and skipper Virat Kohli will be more pleased than anyone else. Kohli has not had Ravindra Jadeja's



Suryakumar Yadav is likely to make his ODI debut. FILE

services for close to three months but Axar Patel in the Tests and Krunal Pandya in the ODIs has let the team miss Jadeja.

## Impressive debut

Prasidh Krishna looked completely at home on his ODI debut, hurrying batsmen with pace.

"He has a great sense of the game, it's not just his skill but how he understands and reads the game. He is a very keen learner and he is, like I said, very brave," said KL Rahul ahead of the match.

The biggest positive during the opening game was Shikhar Dhawan's return to form with a match-winning 98. He was under pressure after being benched for a large part of the T20 series. The elegant southpaw would be raring to go. Rohit Sharma had sustained a blow to his elbow during the first match but is expected to be fit.

In case India want to give Rohit a short, Shubman Gill could open with Dhawan.

Meanwhile, England captain Eoin Morgan was ruled out of the match due to a thumb injury he suffered in the first match. — PTI

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# Manvir goal, India hold Oman

DUBAI, MARCH 24

The young Indian football team earned a creditable draw against the higher-ranked Oman, with Manvir Singh scoring the equaliser in the second half after a first-half own goal by India had given Oman the lead.

India, playing their first international match in over 400 days, were clearly the second-best in the first half but played with greater assurance in the second to draw the match.

Manvir Singh scored when he headed an accurate cross from Bipin Singh in the 55th minute to help India draw level against the run of play.

The goal, India's first goal from open-play after 614 minutes, saved the game for India after Chin-glehsana Singh had



Manvir Singh scored the equaliser as India held Oman 1-1.

scored an own-goal late in the first half.

India coach Igor Stimac started the match with six debutants, the most he has ever named in a starting XI while being in charge of India, and Amrinder Singh

started ahead of Gurpreet Singh Sandhu in goal.

India had a lucky save when, after a penalty was awarded to Oman, Al Muqbil hit straight to Amrinder without any power in the 27th minute. — TNS

NAIROBI, MARCH 24

Indian golf stars Gaganjeet Bhullar and Shubhankar had a good third round at the Kenya Savannah Classic here, carding a 66 and 69, respectively.

Bhullar's 66, after rounds of 70 and 67, put him to tied-27th position, while Sharma carded a third straight 69 to lie tied-54th after 54 holes. His stunning round of 66 took him from tied-49 to tied-27.

The 32-year-old Bhullar started with a birdie on the par-4 first, dropped a shot on the fifth before six birdies on the next seven holes lifted him up the leaderboard. He did not have a birdie thereafter and dropped a shot on the 18th to finish with a 66 on the par-7 course.

Sharma started with a birdie on the first, but he had

a mixed round overall - one stunning eagle on the par-5 sixth and a total of six birdies, but all this good work was undone by six bogeys, including on the 18th.

"I hit the ball really well today. I found 12 fairways out of the 14 and it was just towards the end that I didn't hit too many greens but the start was pretty solid," Bhullar said. "I give myself a lot of birdie opportunities out there. Even the greens I missed I made up and down. I rolled the ball pretty well on the greens today. I hold a lot of good birdie putts, like on 7th, and few others on 10th and 12th. That kept me going and motivating for the rest of it."

Justin Harding, with rounds of 64, 66 and 66, led with a total of a 17-under 196. — Agencies

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-- 12:00	Bandra Terminus	15:00 --

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# Top leaders sweat it out as campaign ends for 1st phase

**ASSAM, WB POLLS 2021**

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25  
Curtains came down on the campaigning for the first phase of the West Bengal elections on Thursday with 30 of the state's total 294 seats slated to go to the polls on March 27.

In neighbouring Assam, where elections for the 126 Assembly seats are being held in three phases, the campaigning for 47 constituencies going to polls in the first phase on March 27 ended today.

While PM Narendra Modi addressed a number of rallies in Bengal to bolster the BJP, WB Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee has also been touring the state canvassing for TMC candidates.

Modi has been mainly targeting Mamata on the issue of corruption, while the latter is playing up her local roots and trying to corner the BJP by calling it a "party of outsiders".

The CPM-led Left Front has joined hand with the Congress and Indian Secular Front. However, in terms of impact on the election scene, Sanjukta Morcha is trailing behind the two main players — TMC and BJP.

A total of 191 candidates from various parties are contesting for the 30 constituencies going to the polls in the first phase in West Bengal.

Leaving no stone unturned to secure its maiden victory in the state, the BJP on Thursday unleashed a battery of leaders in West Bengal for campaigning, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Actor Mithun Chakraborty held roadshows in four constituencies — Jhargram, Saltora, Chhatna and Raipur.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a rally in East Midnapore district on Thursday. PTI



Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during a meeting in Midnapore. PTI

**DIDI TOOK WB BACK TO 19th CENTURY: RAJNATH**

Joypur (WB): Accusing CM Mamata Banerjee of "taking back Bengal to the 19th century, with no development work undertaken in the past 10 years", Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said the TMC dispensation,

just like its predecessor, the Left Front, has wronged the people of the state. In Purulia, he took a dig at the TMC's "khela hobe" slogan. PTI

	WEST BENGAL	ASSAM
TOTAL SEATS	<b>294</b>	<b>126</b>
SEATS GOING TO POLLS IN PH1	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>
CANDIDATES IN FRAY	<b>191</b>	<b>264</b>

In Assam, polling is being held under the shadow of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The BJP, which has partnered with the AGP in Assam, is fighting to retain power in the northeastern state. Even though the BJP manifesto for Assam is silent on the CAA, the All Assam Students Union has accused the BJP of planning to implement CAA in Assam and has appealed to voters to shun BJP. The Congress has forged an alliance with parties like AIUDF, CPI, CPM, CPI (ML), Anchalik Gana Morcha and Bodoland People's Front and mounted a challenge to BJP in Assam.

Those transferred are ADG West Zone Sanjay Singh, DCP (South Kolkata) Sudhir Neelkantha, SP (Cooch Behar) K. Kannan, SP (Diamond Harbour) Avijit Banerjee and district election officer of Jhargram Ayesha Rani, sources in the EC said. —TNS

He also asserted that it would be incorrect to say that the Chinese troops were still sitting on territories in eastern Ladakh that were in India's control before the face-off erupted in May last year.

Referred to the situation in the mountainous region, Gen Naravane told an interactive session at the India Economic Conclave that the military strength in rear areas remained what it was even at the height of border tensions. —PTI

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## SC orders status quo on Delhi water supply

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MARCH 25  
The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the governments of Punjab, Haryana and Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to maintain status quo on the supply of Yamuna water to Delhi till Friday.

Issuing notices to Haryana, Punjab and the BBMB, a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde asked them to spell out their respective stand by Friday when the matter will be taken up for further hearing.

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has moved the top court for directions to the Haryana Government to stop the discharge of effluents into the Yamuna and release sufficient water to Delhi.

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