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MUST RAMP UP GLOBAL VAX PRODUCTION: US WORLD

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Fresh order for 44 cr doses placed, govt assures no supply hiccups from August

Prices capped in pvt hospitals, Covishield to cost ₹780, Covaxin ₹1,410, Sputnik ₹1,145

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the decision to revert to centralised procurement of Covid vaccines for free supply to states from June 21, the government ordered 44 crore additional doses for supplies starting August until December.

Of these, 25 crore doses have been ordered from Serum Institute of India and 19 crore from Bharat Biotech.

Also, the government today issued an order capping the prices for administration of three approved vaccines in private hospitals across India. The maximum price that can be charged per dose by private vaccine centres is Rs 780 for Covishield, Rs 1,410 for Covaxin and Rs 1,145 for Sputnik V. The Health Ministry has written to all states informing them of the price caps. The final costs are based on price per dose declared by manufacturers (Rs 600 Covishield; Rs 1,200 Covaxin and Rs 948 Sputnik V), plus GST at the

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EDIT: FIRM UP VACCINE POLICY



Police personnel deployed to control crowd outside the Agra hospital on Tuesday. PTI

Agra hospital to be sealed over 22 deaths

AGRA, JUNE 8

Shree Paras Hospital here is being sealed following the death of 22 patients reportedly due to a shortage of oxygen. The step was taken after a video surfaced in which the hospital owner was heard saying that the oxygen supply was stopped in a “mock drill”.

The purported video showed a doctor admitting that 22 people died after he shut oxygen for

Had reportedly cut off O₂ during ‘mock drill’

fives minutes during the drill.

The district administration took the decision after investigation on Tuesday.

District Magistrate Prabhu N Singh said a case would be registered against the hospital under the Epidemic Act. There are 55 patients admit-

ted to the hospital, who will be shifted to another medical facility by a team of the CMO.

The DM said all deaths in the hospital were being audited by the CMO’s team. He said comments in the viral video spread fear among the public. On the other hand, the hospital management denied that any mock drill had been done to stop oxygen. — Agencies

FREE JABS FOR ADULTS TO COST GOVT ₹50K CR

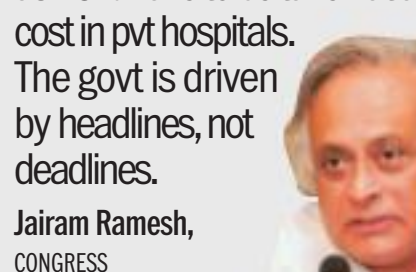
Free jabs to around 95 crore adults in India will entail a total spending of ₹45,000 crore- ₹50,000 crore. This is higher than ₹35,000 cr that was announced in the Budget.

VAX NOD LIKELY FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

AIIMS (Delhi) Director Ran-deep Guleria, part of the government’s expert group on vaccine plan changes, said India was awaiting safety data and once it was out, approval may be granted to vaccinate pregnant women.

DRIVEN BY HEADLINES, NOT DEADLINES: CONG

“Vaccines are still not free as 25% have to be taken at a cost in pvt hospitals. The govt is driven by headlines, not deadlines.



Jairam Ramesh, CONGRESS

86,498 FRESH CASES

TOTAL DEATHS 3,51,309

ACTIVE CASES 13,03,702

2,123 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

SC: Ensure no break in education for orphans

SATYA PRAKASH

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

The Supreme Court has ordered the states and Union Territories to ensure that there is no break in the education of children who have become orphans or lost one parent during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“The state governments/ Union Territories are directed to make provisions for continuance of education of the children both in government as well as in private schools,” a Bench led by Justice LN Rao said.

“The other issues... relating to the protection of property rights of the children, further education of the children, employment opportunities, special care to be taken in respect of the girl child, will be taken up on the next date of hearing,” it said.

OTHER DIRECTIVES

■ States/UTs should prevent NGOs from collecting funds in the name of pandemic-affected children

■ Action should be taken against those indulging in illegal adoptions

“The states/UTs are directed to take action against NGOs/individuals indulging in illegal adoptions,” the court said. It also directed the states and UTs “to prevent any NGO from collecting funds in the names of the affected children by disclosing their identity and inviting interested persons to adopt them. No adoption of affected children should be permitted contrary to the provisions of the JJ Act, 2015.”

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O₂ negligence: 2 Hry hospitals indicted

HISAR/GURUGRAM, JUNE 8

A magisterial probe into the death of five Covid-19 patients at a private hospital in Hisar has indicted the hospital for deaths. Five patients on ventilator support had died when Soni Burns Hospital ran out of oxygen on April 26.

In a similar incident, Kirti Hospital, Gurugram, has been found guilty of negligence after oxygen supply ran out, killing eight patients. **INSIDE**

In 20 days, 53 black fungus deaths in Pb

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

In Punjab, 53 Covid patients have died due to mucormycosis (black fungus) in the past 20 days. As per data collected by the Health Department, around 350 cases have been reported in various government and private hospitals.

Last month, the state had notified black fungus under

State reports 350 mucormycosis cases

the Epidemic Diseases Act. While around 250 patients have been cured, 50 are still undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

In the age-wise breakup,

25% of cases are in the 18-45 age group, 38% in the 45-60 age group and 36% in the age group of above 60 years. Of the 53 patients who died, 88% had Covid, 86% had history of steroid intake and 80% were diabetic. Diabetes is a major risk factor for the patients getting infected with black fungus. — TNS

Actortakesoneve-teasers, knifed to death in Rohtak

ROHTAK, JUNE 8

Kamesh, alias Raunak, a state-level boxer, model and actor hailing from Rohtak, was stabbed to death allegedly by some local youths after he tried to intervene in a matter pertaining to eve-teasing of a minor here last night.

In a complaint lodged with the police, the victim’s father, Rajesh Kumar of Paada Mohalla, stated that Kamesh had gone to Tej Colony to meet his friends Vishal and Shiva when the incident occurred.

“As Kamesh did not return till late at night, I went to Tej

Colony to look for him. I saw one Rahul, alias Naali, his brother Sunny, Rohit and two other youths beating up my son. Rahul stabbed Kamesh in the chest and abdomen,” alleged Rajesh.

Kamesh was rushed to the local PGIMS where he was declared “brought dead” by doctors. Rajesh alleged Rahul had reportedly molested a minor girl, an act opposed by Kamesh and his friends.

The police have registered a case under Sections 148, 149 and 302 of the IPC against Rahul, Sunny, Rohit and an unknown person. — TNS



Kamesh

Himachal pharma units using fake companies to market narcotic drugs

AMBIKA SHARMA

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SOLAN, JUNE 8

Fake marketing firms appear to have become a convenient ploy to facilitate nefarious sale of narcotic and psychotropic drugs by the pharmaceutical units located in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh.

Two pharmaceutical firms located at Kala Amb and Paonta Sahib were booked under the NDPS Act for forgery, cheating and criminal conspiracy during the last fortnight. The move came after “tramadol” tablets worth crores manufactured by these firms were seized by

60 LAKH PILLS SEIZED

■ The Punjab Police seized 30.2 lakh tramadol tablets on May 28 from Paonta Sahib-based Unique Formulations

■ The Kala Amb police seized 30.10 lakh tablets, 226 kg tramadol powder and over 1,000 wrappers of two marketing firms from Orison Pharmaceutical on June 2

the Punjab Police. Investigations reveal that the tablets seized from Kala Amb-based Orison Pharma recently were marketed by two firms that did not exist at the addresses mentioned on the drug wrappers. These firms



■ SP, Sirmour, KC Sharma says a scrutiny of the firms’ records is underway to crack the case

were New Healthcare, Sahibabad (Ahmedabad), and PP Pharma, Mumbai.

In case of the Paonta Sahib-based Unique Formulations, marketing firm PB Pharmaceuticals, New Delhi, did not exist at the given address.

The Drug Licensing Authority has cancelled the licence of Unique Formulation after it failed to respond to a show-cause notice while the case of Orison Pharma is being examined based on its reply. Manufacturing of drugs has been put on hold at both units. As per an amendment made to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, which became applicable from March 1, no marketer shall undertake sale or distribution of any drug manufactured by a manufacturer by labelling his name on that without an agreement. A marketer would also be held

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IN BRIEF

India elected to UN economic council

UNITED NATIONS: Eighteen countries, including India, were elected to the UN Economic and Social Council for a three-year term. Volkan Bozkir, president of the General Assembly, announced the results after voting by secret ballot on Monday. — PTI

5-year-old girl dies of thirst in Rajasthan

JODHPUR: A five-year-old girl, Manju, has died of thirst while her grandmother Sukhi fell unconscious at Raniwara, Rajasthan. The incident took place when both were travelling by foot to see a family member in a nearby village. — PTI

PkI gets metropolitan development body

CHANDIGARH: Chief Minister ML Khattar on Tuesday announced the setting up of Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority on the lines of similar bodies in Gurugram and Faridabad. — TNS

Twitter blocks account of Jazzy B, three others

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Amid the controversy over the new IT (intermediary) rules, Twitter has restricted four accounts in India, including that of Punjabi rapper-songwriter Jazzy B, in compliance with the legal request made by the Indian Government, according to data from the US-based collaborative archive Lumen Database.

“@jazzyb’s account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand,” read the message on the singer’s account.

The Indian-Canadian singer visited the Singhu border in December to support farmers protesting against the new farm laws.

Jazzy B has also been supporting the farmers through his social media platforms and posted several updates about the protests on Twitter.

Twitter has taken action on four accounts that also include hip-hop artiste L-Fresh the Lion. The accounts have been

VISITED SINGHU BORDER IN DEC

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“geo-restricted” which means people outside of India can still access the accounts.

In a statement, a Twitter spokesperson said when it receives a valid legal request, it reviews it under both the Twitter rules and local law.

“If the content violates Twitter’s rules, the content will be removed from the service. In all cases, we notify the account holder directly so they’re aware that we’ve received a legal order pertaining to the account,” the spokesperson said. — IANS

Choksi ‘Indian citizen,’ court to take call: Dominican PM

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

By using the term “Indian citizen” for the fugitive Mehul Choksi, Dominican Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit has sent an “encouraging signal” for the Indian agencies, which are making all-out efforts to bring the accused in the mega PNB bank fraud case back to India.



However, Skerit also insisted that his government

“will protect the rights” of Choksi as he has been awaiting a trial. Currently, Choksi has got interim relief from immediate deportation to India by the Dominican court, which adjourned the hearing on his detention.

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Will lose place we called home for 20 yrs, say Aravalli migrants

BIJENDER AHLAWAT

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FARIDABAD, JUNE 8

Bihar native Mohammed Salim (61) came all the way from Gaya in search of work way back in 1995 and made this city his home.

From starting out as a labourer in a stone quarry to gradually building his three-room house in Khori basti, Salim is a disturbed man since the SC judgment on demolishing houses in the Aravalli for-

25-YR-OLD COLONY FACES DEMOLITION

The Municipal Corporation, Faridabad, will launch a major demolition drive at Khori basti in the Aravalli forest area from today. The colony houses more than 50,000 migrant workers

est land came in yesterday. He stands to lose his home of 21 years and the future, he says, appears bleak.

“I learnt of the SC order through a message on my phone. Since then, the entire family is in panic mode. We are a family of 20. My sons and their families live with us and all of us have chipped in with funds to build this house that the JCB machine will reduce to a rubble in a few minutes. We will lose the place we call home as well as the earnings that went into building it up,” he rues.

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Migrant workers whose houses face demolition at Khori basti.

US-Oz JOINT OPERATION

■ US, Australian agencies hacked into messaging app AnOm

■ They read millions of encrypted messages of criminals operating around the world

■ Hundreds of suspected organised crime figures were held in 18 countries

224 HELD IN AUSTRALIA

■ 224 persons, including members of outlawed motorcycle gangs, have been arrested in Australia

■ 35 persons have been detained in New Zealand

ECHO AROUND THE WORLD

“Struck a heavy blow against organised crime—not just in this country, but one that will echo... around the world.”

Scott Morrison, AUSTRALIA PM

world figure began distributing customised phones containing the app to his associates as a

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Equipment for an oxygen plant at the Civil Hospital, Sangrur.

Both Cong, BJP claim credit for oxygen plant

PARVESH SHARMA

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SANGRUR, JUNE 8

Local BJP and Congress leaders have locked horns to take credit for the start of work to instal oxygen plant at Sangrur Civil Hospital. BJP leaders have been claiming that state has no role as all equipment have come from the Central government, but Congress leaders say without the support of the state government, the Centre cannot instal the plant.

“The equipment to instal oxygen plant at Sangrur headquarters has come from the central government and it’s funded by PM CARES. We are passing through the toughest time as Covid has badly hit our country. Though the Punjab Government has failed to provide even basic health facilities, its leaders are not trying to befool residents and making baseless statements about oxygen plant,” said Jatinder Kalra, state coordinator of BJP cells.

Sangrur is worst-affected with Covid as its case fatality rate (CFR) of 5.3 percent is highest in the state. As per sources, to date the district has witnessed 799 Covid deaths. Sangrur health block has registered the highest deaths (121), followed by Longowal (116), Moonak (84) and Kauhrian (77). Of the total deaths, 607

FUNDED BY CENTRE

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Jatinder Kalra, BJP LEADER

STATE ROLE TOO

“The Centre is dependent on state residents. It is their duty to work for the welfare of states. The plant is the result of the efforts of the state government.

Mahesh K Meshi, PSIEC VICE-CHAIRMAN

deaths have taken place from January to date and 411 occurred in May alone.

“The Centre government is also dependent on state residents. If they send anything to any state, it’s their duty. The oxygen plant has come to Sangrur only with the efforts of the state government,” said Mahesh Kumar Meshi, vice-chairman, Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation.

Sangrur Civil Surgeon Dr Anjna Gupta said: “The plant would be installed in the Civil Hospital and work would start from Wednesday.”

Oppn ups ante against govt over kit ‘scam’

BJP demands Capt’s resignation; questions Sonia, Rahul’s silence

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Stepping up its attack, the BJP today accused the Congress government of indulging in “corruption and profiteering” by selling kits meant for the treatment of Covid patients at higher prices than procurement rates, and questioned Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi over their “silence on the scam”.

Party spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said the Punjab Government selling Covid vaccines at a much higher rate and ‘Fateh’ kit “scam” were proofs of “rampant corruption in the state”.

He also demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu over the alleged corruption in the awarding of contracts for the kits to pri-



COMMON MAN WANTS ANSWERS

“It is a matter of shame that the Congress is doing a scam during the pandemic. This is Punjab’s ‘suit-boot ki sarkar’. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should break the silence because the people of Punjab want answers. Gaurav Bhatia, BJP SPOKESPERSON

vate firms. “Amarinder Singh has no right to continue as the CM and there cannot be a fair probe so long as Sidhu is the Health Minister,” he said.

He said initially, the ‘Fateh’ kits were procured at Rs 837 each. “We don’t even know if they were actually procured,” he said. “Then the state gov-

ernment procured kits at Rs 1,226.40 per unit through the second tender, even though the company concerned did not have a medical licence. A third tender was floated to procure more kits at a price above Rs 1,338 per unit,” he alleged.

The last tender cost nearly 60 per cent more than the first one, Bhatia said, accusing the Congress of indulging in “corruption and scams” even during the times of a pandemic.

“It is a matter of shame that the Congress is doing a scam during the pandemic. This is Punjab’s ‘suit-boot ki sarkar’. Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi should break the silence because the people of Punjab want answers. They want to know why the state government is profiteering from the sale of Covid vaccines and purchase of these kits and why the CM is silent on the issue,” Bhatia said.

AAP writes to Lokpal

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

AAP state affairs co-in charge and Delhi MLA Raghav Chadha today wrote to the Lokpal, Punjab, demanding immediate cognisance of the alleged scam in acquiring ‘Fateh’ kits.

In the letter, Chadha alleged the Congress government sought “opportunity in disaster” by purportedly embezzling crores of rupees in the purchase of kits used for treating Covid patients.

He stated the state was already reeling under the second wave and the mortality rate was among the highest in the country. “Adding assault to injury, an alleged scam is executed in the procedure of inviting, acquiring and executing bids for ‘Fateh kit’. Numerous over-priced bids were purportedly accepted by the government with a view to extract undue monetary gains from the process, leading to



CMO UNDER LENS

“In light of abject evasion to provide accountability, the role of the office of the CM of Punjab cannot be ruled out, thus warranting a thorough probe.

Raghav Chadha, AAP STATE CO-IN CHARGE

huge losses to the state exchequer,” wrote Chadha.

He said while the government was expected to be the caretaker of its people, the Congress was busy cashing in on the crisis. — TNS

One more dies of black fungus in Muktsar dist

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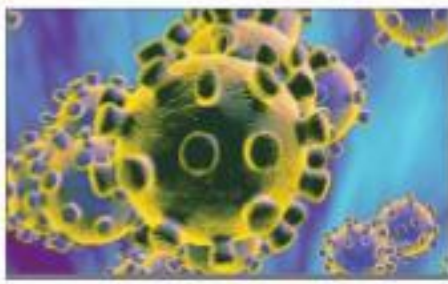
MUKTSAR, JUNE 8

With one more death due to mucormycosis today, the death toll due to this commonly known black fungus disease has reached three in the district. Further, as of now, 17 persons have been found suffering from the disease in the district.

A 65-year-old local woman, who had recently recovered from Covid, but developed some problem in her eyes, died today due to the black fungus disease.

“She was first taken to a hospital in Bathinda, thereafter shifted to a hospital in Patiala, where she died due to mucormycosis,” said sources.

COVID METER		
Cases		1,273
Critical		247
Active		18,546
Deaths		60
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT		
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Hoshiarpur	118	2
Ludhiana	115	6
SAS Nagar	113	5
Amritsar	102	6
Bathinda	96	5
Total	5,82,081	15,219



DEATH SURGE

RAVNEET SINGH

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PATIALA, JUNE 8

The number of death certificates issued by the Municipal Corporation, Patiala, from March to May witnessed an overall increase of 20 per cent from the count of the previous year.

The MC received fewer applications in March and April last year in comparison to the same months this year. However, the number of applications increased in May. The city was under lockdown during the period. As per the data procured from the MC, 181 death certificates were issued in March last year, which increased by over 50 per cent in the same month this year. The count rose to 279.

In April 2020, the MC issued 147 certificates as per applica-



Relatives of a Covid-19 patient at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala. FILE

NO MISMATCH IN MC, HEALTH DEPT DATA

DEATH CERTIFICATES ISSUED

	2020	2021
March	181	279
April	147	309
May	390	274
Total	718	862

OFFICIAL CASUALTY COUNT

	2020	2021
March	0	279
April	147	309
May	390	274
Total	537	862

tions received, which again witnessed an increase of 52 per cent in the same month this year as 309 certificates were released. The corporation, meanwhile, issued a whopping 390 death certificates in May last year, 29 per cent more than that of this year, when it issued only 274 certificates.

The total of three months of 2021 subsequently came down to an increase of 20 per cent of applications received

from March to May last year. Meanwhile, the data of Municipal Corporation’s death certificates matched with that of deaths recorded by the Health Department in the city. The Health Department, however, does not have any record of deaths as of March 2020.

Department officials said: “We did not receive any reports in March last year, which is why the data is nil for

the month.” Civil Surgeon Dr Satinder Singh said: “All records are maintained and death reports are issued without any delay.”

Municipal Corporation Joint Commissioner Lal Vishwas said: “We provide the certificates as per applications received, data of the health department and that of the crematoriums. Death and birth certificates are issued at the earliest.”

Wary of Covid testing, pregnant women in villages avoid hospitals

MANAV MANDER

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LUDHIANA, JUNE 8

To avoid getting tested for Covid, pregnant women from rural areas are running away from hospitals.

Their non-cooperative attitude sometimes forces doctors to call the police to help them in conducting the test.

The dipping number of deliveries being done in government hospitals every month is also a testimony to the fact that pregnant women from rural areas are drifting away from institutional deliveries. Sources revealed that a few healthcare workers were conducting deliveries at home.

According to the health department data, in Ludhiana district, 1,432 deliveries were done in the government sector in January, which reduced to 1,270 in February, 1,265 in March and further

INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERIES	
MONTH	BIRTHS
January	1,432
February	1,270
March	1,265
April	1,037

dipped to 1,037 in April.

The scene in the private sector is no different. Dr Saroj Aggarwal, president of Ludhiana branch of Indian Medical Association, said rural women were frightened at the mere mention of Covid test and the number of patients from villages had dipped drastically.

“Once a woman (from rural belt) in labour pain came to the

hospital and we told the family that Covid test will be done before admitting her. But they started arguing and when the staff did not budge, they took the woman back home. They said the woman will deliver the child at home but won’t get the Covid test done. This will also lead to rise in infant mortality rate,” she said.

Charitable hospitals in the city, which earlier used to have huge footfall from the rural belt, especially pregnant women, had gone down considerably, Dr Aggarwal said.

ASHA workers are a bridge between the rural population and the healthcare system. Kirandeep Kaur, who works in Punjola sub-centre of Fatehgarh Sahib, said these days pregnant women were not getting admitted to government hospitals.

“Once I took a pregnant woman from Kotla Jattan village to a hospital where she

tested positive for Covid. She was referred to Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, where she was quarantined. After this incident, villagers panicked and none of the women is now coming forward for institutional deliveries at government facilities,” she said.

Jeet Kaur, another ASHA worker from Pakhowal block, said if earlier she used to help 45 rural women in their prenatal stage, the number had now dipped to just 30. “Many migrant women are going back to their native places and coming back after delivery,” she said.

A doctor in charge of the Urban Primary Health Centre in Ludhiana said rural women had a misconception that the report of everyone being tested for Covid would be positive. “The number of women coming for their monthly check-ups has also gone down,” she added.

Fearing labour pangs, farmers plant paddy in advance

SUKHMEET BHASIN

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BATHINDA, JUNE 8

Not waiting for the official June 10 date for the start of the paddy transplantation, several farmers with the support of unions have started transplantation in many villages of Mansa and Bathinda districts in the region.

At some places even leaders of farmer unions are making farmers transplant paddy, giving thumbs down to the state government’s schedule. Even activists are holding farmer union flags in the fields while planting paddy.

The BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) has also announced that their village unit will keep a vigil on the paddy transplanted and would gehrao police or

Unions warn police, agriculture officials against taking action



Farmers transplant paddy saplings as BKU activists stand guard at Bhainibagha village in Mansa.

Agriculture Department officials if they try to stop the work. They also assured nobody will be allowed to uproot the planted paddy.

BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) district president Ram Singh Bhaini-

bagha said: “Canals and water channels are running dry. The government has just assured power for motors from June 10. In view of the shortage of labour, farmers have started transplanting paddy”. Farm-

ers have started paddy transplantation in Bhainibagha village in Mansa and various other villages which have a good influence of farm unions.

The state government had notified that no farmer in the

state would be allowed to transplant paddy before June 10. Earlier, transplantation of paddy used to begin on June 1, but from the last few years, the government has been delaying the practice to check the declining water table in the state, reduce the burden of subsidy and improve the quality of basmati.

Farmers said the reason behind the early transplantation was shortage of labour as the number of migrant labourers from Bihar, UP and other states, who used to come to Punjab during the paddy season, declined drastically last season. Officials of the Agriculture Department said it had come to their notice that early transplantation of paddy was going on in some villages and they would soon take action.

No MSP on maize in Tarn Taran

OUR CORRESPONDENT

TARN TARAN, JUNE 8

Even though the central government has fixed the minimum support price (MSP) of maize at Rs 1,850 this year, there is no procurement of the crop by any agency across the state. The arrival of the crop in the local grain market began a week ago.

Major Singh, a farmer from Verowal village at the market, said the crop was procured at Rs 1,550 per quintal on Monday, and it further sold at Rs 1,525 on Tuesday. Major Singh, who is a regular maize producer, said the crop sold at Rs 750 to Rs 1,250 last year.

Kanwalpreet Singh Panu, president, Kisan Sang-



A farmer with his maize produce at the grain market in Tarn Taran.

harash Committee, Punjab, said the central and state governments had been asking the farmers to adopt crop diversification and come out of traditional wheat-paddy cycle, but was denying them the MSP on

most of the crops, including pulses and maize.

Kuljit Singh Chief Agriculture Officer said there was no surety of MSP on maize, because of which farmers were not ready to adopt crop diversification.

Rebel Congress leader ‘detained’


MUKTSAR, JUNE 8
The Malout city police today allegedly detained a rebel Congressman for a few hours for daring local MLA Ajaib Singh Bhatti to contest the upcoming Assembly elections from Malout. The police somehow got an audio clip in this regard. Shamsher Singh Shammi, who recently contested the municipal council election as an Independent, said, “I am a Dalit. We are Congressmen from three generations. I had unsuccessfully contested the MC election as a Congress nominee during the previous SAD-BJP regime. This time, local MLA Ajaib Singh Bhatti had promised me the ticket to contest the election as a Congress nominee. However, he did not allot me the ticket so I had to contest as an Independent, which I lost. I made an audio clip appealing to Bhatti to contest the election from Malout and not to run to some other constituency,” he said, adding, “Just because of this, the police picked me up. I had to even sign an apology letter.” — TNS

To counter Majha brigade, CM picks Majitha face as board chief

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8
In a move to counter the Majha brigade in the Punjab Congress, Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh today appointed the traditional party leader from Majitha, Sukhjinder Raj Singh (Lalli Majithia), as the Chairman of Punjab State Grain Procurement Corporation (Pungrain). The post had fallen vacant after the death of former Chief Secretary YS Ratra in April. The Majha brigade, comprising Cabinet ministers Tript Rajinder Bajwa, Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria and Sukhjinder Randhawa along with some MLAs, had reportedly joined hands with the dissidents against the CM. So far, they had been the epicentre of power dynamics in the state Congress. From playing an important role in the Gurdaspur parliamentary

CHANGE IN POWER DYNAMICS BEHIND MOVE



- The Majha brigade, comprising Tript Rajinder Bajwa, Sukhbinder Sarkaria and Sukhjinder Randhawa, has been the epicentre of power dynamics
- But things changed after it joined leaders questioning the CM on sacrilege and police firing cases
- “Through Lalli Majithia (L), the CM wants to give a message that he is backing leaders who fought Bikram Majithia. It’s also being seen as a move to destroy the narrative of ‘friendly match’ with Akalis,” says a senior party leader

CAPT MEETS MPs AHEAD OF KHARGE REPORT

- The three-member Mallikarjun Kharge panel is expected to submit its report in a day or two to the party high command on infighting in Punjab Congress
- CM Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday evening met Lok Sabha MPs Manish

Tewari, Ravneet Bittu, Gurjeet Aujla, Jasbir Singh Gill and others to discuss ways to end the infighting

- The MPs, who had met the CM when he had appeared before the panel on June 4, have come in his support

byelections in 2018, which saw Sunil Jakhar winning, to siding with the CM, the Majha leaders had been in the fore-

front. The CM had been giving prominence to the Majha brigade to outwit his opponents like Partap Bajwa.

But the power dynamics changed after the Majha leaders joined the league of leaders who have started questioning the Chief Minister on delayed justice in sacrilege and police firing cases and other unfulfilled poll promises such as ending the drug mafia, transport mafia besides other issues. Party legislators said the CM should remove the retired bureaucrats appointed in different government bodies, and instead appoint traditional Congress leaders. “Through the appointment of Lalli Majithia, the Chief Minister wants to give a message that he is supporting leaders who fought against Akali leader Bikram Majithia, who represents the Majitha Assembly segment. It is also being seen as a move to destroy the narrative of friendly match with the Akalis,” said a senior party leader.

Kotkapura case: Ex-MLA grilled

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8
The special investigation team (SIT) probing the Kotkapura police firing incident today questioned ex-SAD MLA Mantar Singh Brar besides former SSP Charanjit Sharma regarding the sequence of events leading to the firing in October 2015 on a mob protesting sacrilege incidents. Suspended IG PS Umaranangal, Gurcharan Singh, former OSD to then Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal, VK Meena (IAS and then DC, Faridkot) and ex-SSP Sukhmandar Singh Mann also appeared before the probe panel. The SIT led by ADGP LK Yadav with IG Rakesh Aggarwal and DIG Surjit Singh as members questioned Brar and Sharma for several hours. It has been alleged that Brar was in the thick of the tense situation. It is also alleged that Brar was in touch with then CM Parkash Singh Badal besides senior police and civil officials on the latest updates on the protest site.

Cong blames Centre for not releasing scholarship funds

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

The state Congress has blamed the BJP-led Centre for playing with the future of students enrolled under the SC Post-Matric Scholarship scheme. A day after the National Commission for Scheduled Castes Chairman Vijay Sampla directed the Punjab Government to ensure that the roll numbers of the students were not withheld by private colleges, Congress leader Raj Kumar Chabbewal said the commission should also summon the minister and official of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to know the reasons for delaying the payment of Rs 1,549 crore for three years

(2017-2018 to 2019-2020). He said the Centre had not paid its share of 90 per cent under the scheme. The state share was just 10 per cent. He accused Sampla of indulging in Dalit vote politics. “Despite letters by CM Capt Amarinder Singh to the PM and the minister concerned, nothing happened. Now, Centre is blaming us,” Chabbewal said. Recently, the Joint Association of Colleges had announced to withhold the roll numbers of SC students as the state government had failed to reimburse Rs 1,549 crore to the colleges. On the other hand, Centre discontinued with the scholarship scheme in 2016-2017, before announcing a new scheme in 2020-2021. — TNS

SC STUDENT GRANT DUE TOWARDS COLLEGES		
YEAR	STUDENTS	LIABILITY
2017-18	2,83,391	₹620.13 crore
2018-19	2,30,716	₹499.99 crore
2019-20	2,04,783	₹428.94 crore
TOTAL		₹1,549.07 crore

Varsity demands fee, students to move court

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PATIALA, JUNE 8
Students of the undergraduate BA LLB (Hons) course at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL) here have decided to move court after the university directed them to submit pending dues before the commencement of examinations. Most students have not submitted fee since May last year, when they approached the Punjab and Haryana High Court demanding a concession due to economic crises caused by the pandemic. The case is sub judice. The students are apprehensive they may have to pay the entire fee, amounting Rs 2 lakh, in 13 days. The university has announced open-book end-term online exams from July 1. The students are required to clear their dues on or before June 20. The students, who have been demanding concession on the ground that the university had not incurred expenditure as the

campus remained shut, called the decision arbitrary. “They are directing students to submit the fee in 13 days. They are forcing us to pay up by making it a precondition for the exams. We will move court tomorrow,” said a student associated with the matter. The students added the university had already provided relief to LLM students. Registrar Dr Naresh Vats said: “We have written to the Secretary, Higher Education, seeking approval to hold the exams.” Regarding the submission of fee, he said: “We have held a number of meetings with students and offered to give them a concession. Some agreements have been reached. Meanwhile, fee submission will be subject to the court ruling and as such, the university will reimburse the amount later, if needed.” He added the university had already asked students to write to the administration if they faced difficulty in submitting the fee.



Policemen detain a member of the Berozgar Sanjha Mocha in Patiala on Tuesday. RAJESH SACHAR

Jobless youth, cops clash in Patiala

PATIALA, JUNE 8
Members of the Berozgar Sanjha Mocha were detained near the YPS roundabout by the Patiala police when they tried to force their way to the CM residence here today. The police had to use mild force to disperse the protesters. A minor scuffle broke out between the protesters and police at the YPS roundabout, which is just 100 metres away from the CM residence. The protesters, who were

demanding jobs, included Bed-TET pass teachers, multipurpose healthcare workers, DPE teachers, art and craft teachers and PTI teachers. The detained protesters, including women, were taken to different police stations of the district. The protesters claimed many members of the morchha had been injured in police action. Sukhwinder Singh Dhillwan, leader, Berozgar Sanjha Mocha, said CM

Capt Amarinder Singh had promised jobs to them before the 2017 Assembly elections but he failed to keep his word. “The sad part is that they (government) are treating us as if we are criminals. Instead of providing jobs, the government is beating us up with sticks. The police are filing FIRs against us.” Later, they were assured of a meeting with Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla on June 14. — TNS

Common land proprietorship remains with owner, rules HC

SAURABH MALIK

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8
In a significant judgment on land laws, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that the title of a landowner in the land reserved for common purposes or the ‘Jumla Mushtarka Malkan’ land was still with the property owner, even after insertion of Section 42A in the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act. Justice Anil Kshetarpal ruled Section 42A on “prohibition to partition the land reserved for common purposes” did not take away the title of the proprietor in the land reserved for common purposes at the time of consolidation. However, the control and management of such land would continue to vest in the gram panchayat or the state government till it was used, or was capable of being used, for village common purposes. The ruling by Justice



Says Sec 42A doesn't take away title

Kshetarpal came on a petition filed against the state of Punjab and other respondents by Labh Singh and other petitioners. Going into the technical aspects of the matter, Justice Kshetarpal asserted Rule 16 (ii) of the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Rules provided that the proprietary rights of land reserved for village common purposes, by imposing pro-rata cut on landholding of the owners at the time of consolidation, would continue to vest in the proprietary body of the estate or estates concerned. Justice Kshetarpal added a

five-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court held in 1965 that the land so carved out by imposing a pro-rata cut for common use of the villagers would not result in divesting the ownership of the proprietors or proprietary body. Subsequently, another five-Judge Bench again held that the proprietors would continue to be the owner and there was no divesting of the title. Another Bench also held that the ownership of Jumla Mushtarka Malkan land did not vest in the gram panchayat. But the state counsel insisted that the proprietary body stood divested of the title of the ‘Jumla Mushtarka Malkan’ land in view of Section 42A. Justice Kshetarpal asserted the Act did not provide for acquisition, divesting, confiscation, seizure, impounding, appropriation or annexation of the proprietary rights. “If the argument of state’s counsel is accepted, the provision most likely would be rendered unconstitutional,” he said.

Act against ‘illegal’ felling: NGT

FARIDKOT, JUNE 8

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of the Forest Force, Punjab, to take remedial measures for enforcement of rule of law in the alleged illegal felling of 2,058 trees on the premises of the Faridkot Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd, a defunct unit for the past about 15 years. The force, may, after ascertaining facts, take such



2,058 trees were ‘axed’ at defunct Faridkot Cooperative Sugar Mills.

remedial measures as may be found necessary, including coercive measures against the persons found responsible for violating the law, following due process,

read the NGT orders. The orders came after some tree lovers and environmentalists approached the tribunal, alleging illegal axing of trees at the mill. As per the petition, the Forest Department had not taken permission from the Union Environment Ministry before ordering felling of trees as the area of the closed sugar mill was a deemed forest area in terms of various judgments of the SC. — TNS

Druggang busted, 6 held

FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 8

The district police claimed to have busted an inter-state gang of drug smugglers with the arrest of six members, including three Nigerians, from Delhi and recovery of 525 gm heroin from their possession. During interrogation, it came to light that drugs were being supplied to Punjab from Delhi on a large scale, claimed SSP Amneet Kondal, adding the police had launched a special drive against drug peddlers and anti-social elements and checkpoints were set up at various points. The CIA staff, Sirhind, got a tip-off that Lakhwinder Singh, alias Billa, a resident of Mandi Gobindgarh, was sourcing heroin from Delhi and selling it to locals. Lakhwinder was arrested who told about Eric, a Nigerian, who too was held. Later, two more Nigerians, Louis John and Lucky Cheema Imangani, were held. — OC

Results show edu quality improved in state: Singla

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8
Education Minister (Schools) Vijay Inder Singla said the education model in Punjab had beaten much-hyped Delhi, Gujarat and Kerala models as was proven in the Performance Grading Index (PGI) by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’. CM Capt Amarinder Singh today congratulated the School Education Department for being accorded the No. 1 ranking, among all states/UTs. One of the major reasons for improvement in the results was transformation in the quality of education in government schools. Singla said the improved quality of education was visible from all aspects, including results, enrolments and rankings. He said: “Most literate state Kerala, much-hyped Delhi



Vijay Inder Singla

model and Gujarat’s exemplary model of development failed to find a place in top three. Even Haryana secured 11th rank, which proves Punjab registered laudable growth.” He said the grading index was released on the basis of 70 parameters, which shows Punjab grew in all aspects. He said teachers had worked hard. “Even amid pandemic, school-teachers not only ensured the reach of quality education online, but also ensured delivery of books, uniform and mid-day-meals.” — TNS

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Colony in Aravalli forest area to be razed today

2,000 cops, support staff of 100 deployed | 10 JCBs to be pressed into service

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FARIDABAD, JUNE 8

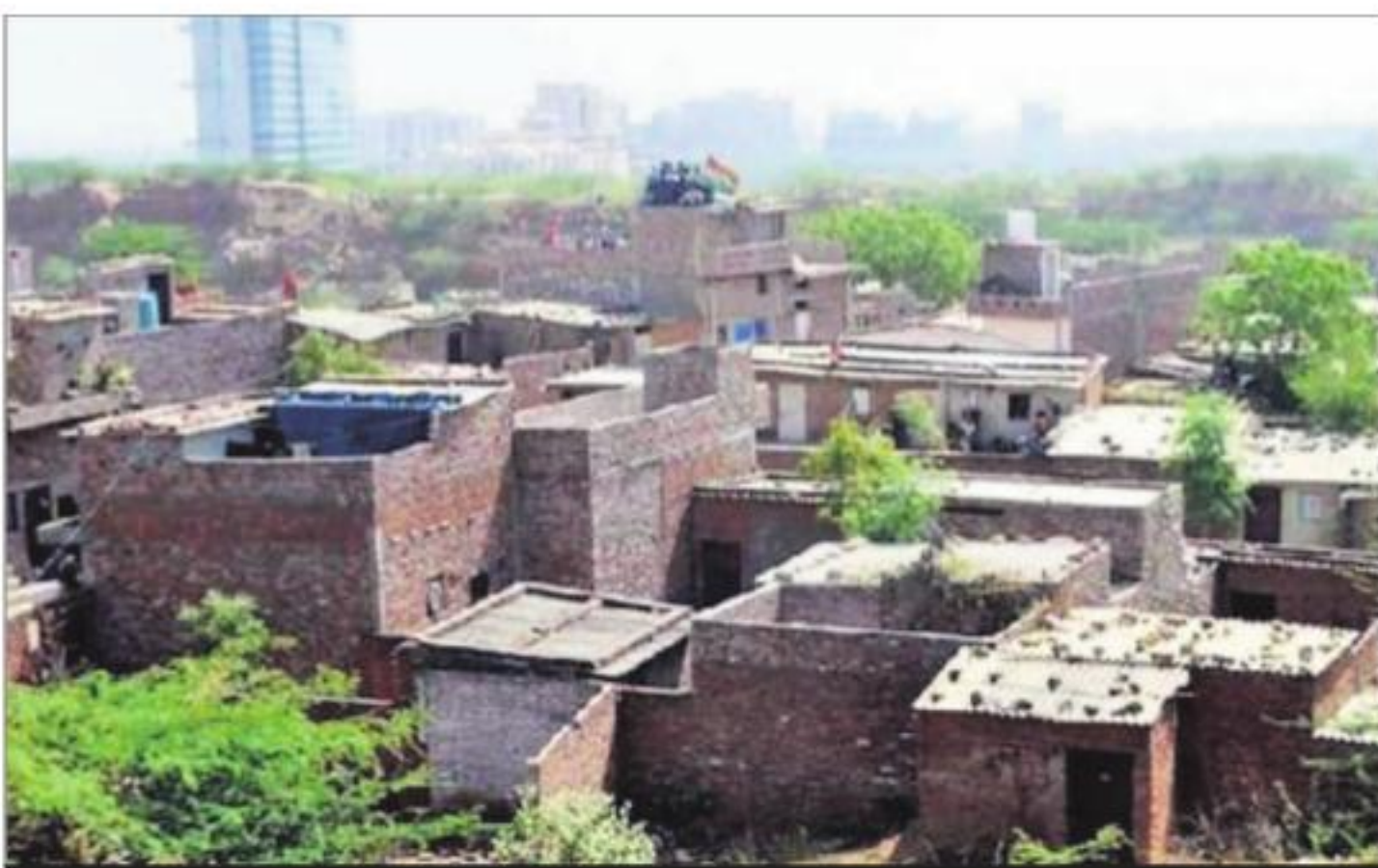
The Municipal Corporation Faridabad (MCF) is all set to launch a major demolition drive on 150 acres of forest-land encroached upon at Khori-Lakkadpur village in the Aravallis from tomorrow.

The action comes in the wake of the Supreme Court order in which the authorities concerned have been directed to remove all settlements built on the forest-land within six weeks.

Prashant Atkan Joint Commissioner, MCF said assisted by 2,000 policemen, the department would launch the drive at 6 am tomorrow. Ten 10 JCBs and two Poclain machines would be pressed into service.

A support staff of 100, led by three Duty Magistrates (HCS officers), would be supervising the drive.

He said while the total



60,000 INHABITANTS

■ The population of the 25-year-old colony built on forest-land at Khori-Lakkadpur village in the Aravallis is 60,000 with over 10,000 houses

■ Despite a ban on constructions on the land covered under Section 4 and 5 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900, several illegal buildings have come up

■ The colony was carved out by land mafia and a majority of the residents here are migrant workers and labourers

◀ About 150 acres of forestland has been encroached upon.

forestland was around 150 acres, 30 acres was cleared of encroachments during a drive in September last year. As many as 1,200 constructions were demolished.

The official said there was 8,000 illegal houses in the

area that faced demolition. The task was likely to be completed in three phases, but well within the time period fixed by the court.

According to information, the total population of the 25-year-old colony is 60,000 with

over 10,000 houses.

Despite a ban on constructions on the land covered under Section 4 and 5 of the PLPA (Punjab Land Preservation Act), 1900, several unauthorised buildings have come up in

the revenue area of Khori-Lakkadpur village over the past two decades.

The colony was carved out by land mafia. Majority of the residents here are migrant workers and labourers.

G'gram hospital, too, accused of negligence

GURUGRAM, JUNE 8

A month after eight critical Covid patients had died at the local Kirti hospital after it allegedly ran out of oxygen and the staff went missing, the authorities have found the hospital guilty of negligence.

A medical board, which probe a complaint by the kin of a deceased, found the hospital guilty of negligence in treatment and has forwarded the report to the Deputy Commissioner for further action.

Meanwhile, CMO Dr Virender Yadav refused to divulge the details, saying the report was with the DC.

One of the board members said the hospital's negligence had led to the death of the complainant's relative and could also be taken as a reference to drive conclusion on similar deaths that occurred at the same time in the hospital under same circumstances. — TNS



In last two months, death rate doubled over last yr in Karnal

PARVEEN ARORA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JUNE 8

In the second wave of Covid which has exposed the crumbling health infrastructure, the district witnessed a sharp rise in deaths in April and May as compared to the corresponding period last year.

As per the data of the death and birth branch of the Health Department, the district registered 1,876 deaths this May and 1,173 in April. Last year, the number of fatalities was 896 (May) and 655 (April). In other words, the death rate doubled.

These numbers are not of city residents alone, but also of those patients who were not from Karnal but were admitted here.

The data also shows that 171 people, who did not belong to the district, died in May and 102 people in April, who had been included in overall deaths in the district.

If only residents of the district are counted, 527 persons succumbed to the virus. Of them, 252 died in May, the month when the second wave peaked, 85 in April and 16 in March. Of the 527 deaths, 106

Treatment cost to be reimbursed

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

Health Minister Anil Vij said Covid had been added to the “limited cashless medical facility” being provided to the state government employees, pensioners/family pensioners and their dependents so that medical bills of its treatment could be reimbursed.

These orders would be implemented with immediate effect.

He said a letter in this regard had already been sent by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to all concerned.

The minister said the state government had decided to include Covid disease in the list of six threatening medical conditions, already notified under the “limited cashless medical facility” for employees and pensioners.

Probe blames pvt hospital for 5 deaths due to O2 shortage

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HISAR, JUNE 8

The magisterial inquiry conducted into the death of five Covid patients at a private hospital in Hisar has stated that negligence on part of the hospital authorities had caused the fatalities due to the shortage of oxygen.

Five patients had died when the oxygen supply exhausted for the patients who were on ventilator at the Soni Burns hospital in the town on April 26.

The district administration had instituted a magisterial inquiry into the deaths after the family members of the patients had complained in this regard. The administration had also asked the District Medical Board for Negligence to conduct an inquiry into the incident.

Sources said the magisterial inquiry stated that the

COVID METER			
Cases			635
Recovered			1,090
Active			7,531
Deaths			38
DISTRICT-WISE COUNT			
DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	
Hisar	50	5	
Bhiwani	56	3	
Palwal	75	1	
State total	7,63L	8,789	

hospital authorities had failed to ensure adequate availability of oxygen even though the patients were on ventilator and BiPAP in a critical condition. The inquiry report said the hospital ran out of oxygen at night and failed to arrange oxygen cylinders.

DC Priyanka Soni said the magisterial inquiry had been completed and the report had been submitted to the Haryana Human

Rights Commission (HHRC) for further action.

The HHRC had also taken cognisance of the incident and directed the DG, Haryana Health Services, DCs and SPs from Hisar and Gurugram to submit a report to the commission within two weeks mentioning the details about the cause of the deaths of the patients. The commission had written to the state authorities in the letter on April 27: “If the patients are dying due to shortage of oxygen ... it's a serious violation of human rights of the general public and the commission cannot shut its eyes over the matter as a silent spectator.”

The hospital authorities, however, had maintained that they had alerted the district health officials about 40 minutes before they ran out of the oxygen supply.

Ex-Health Minister dies of black fungus

YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 8

Veteran BJP leader and ex-Haryana Health Minister, Kamla Verma (93), died at a private hospital at Jagadhri in Yamunanagar district this evening.

She was undergoing treatment for Kamla Verma mucormycosis (black fungus) post recovery from Covid.

Dr Ish Kalra of the hospital said, “Her health suddenly

deteriorated this evening and she breathed her last at about 7.30 pm.”

Rajan Verma said his mother had tested positive on May 5, but had recovered from the disease.

Kamla Verma was first elected MLA from Yamunanagar in 1977. She occupied different cabinet portfolios, including that of Health Minister, in Haryana in 1977, 1987 and 1996. She was the first woman president of the state BJP. — TNS



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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala on Tuesday condemned the BJP-JJP government for change in rules for tubewell connections.

At a press meet, Surjewala cited the May 1 policy issued by power companies and said, “Now, if the farmer's land comes under the canal command area, no tubewell connection will be allotted to him.” He said it implied that no tubewell connections would be sanctioned in Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Panipat, Kaithal, Jind, Hisar, Fatehabad, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Mahendragarh, Nuh and Gurugram.

“Is the Khattar-Dushyant duo not aware that canal

water is available in most of the state areas for only seven days in a month? In southern Haryana, the turn for irrigation water comes after 45 days and sometimes even after 60 days. So how will a farmer be able to cultivate his land?” he asked.

Hooda said it was being reported that connections would be given to only those farmers who got an NOC from the Irrigation Department. “In such a situation, the farmers, who had deposited the security many years ago, are left clueless and wondering what to do next.”

The Leader of the Opposition alleged that the government was recovering crores from farmers in the name of connections. Several farmers had deposited the security for the connection many years ago, but they had not got it to date.

GURUGRAM, JUNE 8

A day after Honeypreet was allowed to be Dera Sacha Sauda chief Ram Rahim's attendant, the Medanta Hospital here has cancelled her card after the Rohtak police objected to their meeting.

Security has been stepped up at the hospital.

Ram Rahim, who tested Covid-negative, had been insisting on meeting Honeypreet since the day of admission to the hospital. However, Rohtak DSP Shamsher Singh Dahiya, dera chief's security incharge, approached the Medanta management, claiming that this was against the norms and jail manual.

After going through the jail manual, the hospital has not just cancelled Honeypreet's attendant card but also restricted Ram Rahim's meetings to only doctors and nurses treating him. — TNS

DEATH SURGE

2 MONTHS OF MAYHEM

MONTHS	CASUALTIES	
	2021	2020
May	1,876	896
April	1,173	655
Total	3,049	1,551

persons had died in the first wave, while the rest (421) succumbed in the second wave.

No one in the department is sure about the reason behind the rise in deaths during the second wave, but sources say the rise in deaths could be because of co-morbidities among Covid patients.

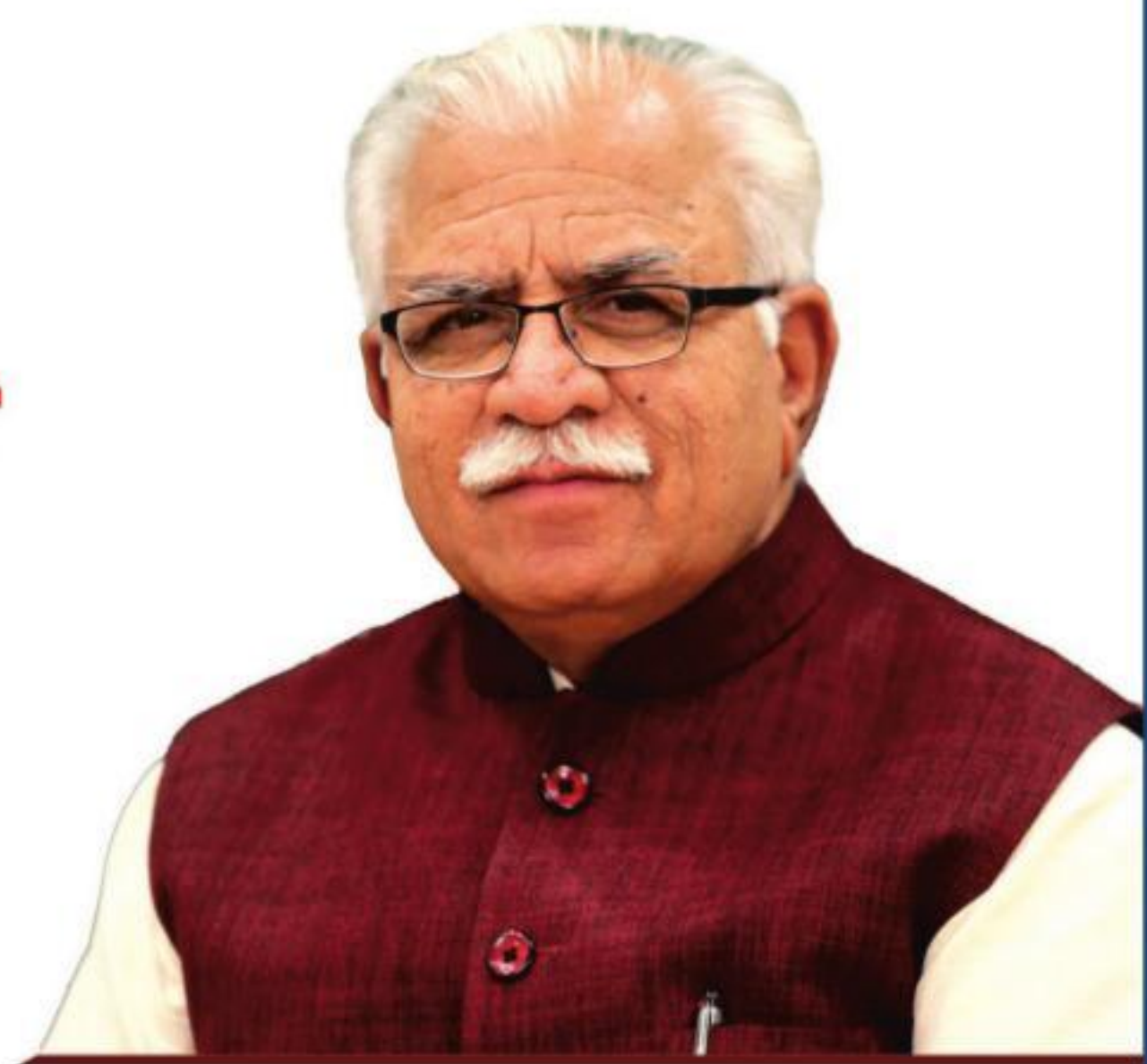
Civil Surgeon Dr Yogesh Sharma said, “Every Covid death in the district has been reported. There is no chance of discrepancy in the number of fatalities. Patients from other districts and states came to Karnal for the treatment. Anyone succumbing to the virus was counted in the district's tally, irrespective of his domicile.”

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PANCHKULA

NEW DEFINITION OF DEVELOPMENT



“Panchkula district is the gateway of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. Therefore, initiatives are being taken to create a conducive environment for investment. The vision of developing Panchkula as the **‘Second Economic Capital’** is being turned into reality by further strengthening its infrastructure.

- **Manohar Lal**, Chief Minister, Haryana”



Panchkula as an Industrial and Logistic Hub

‘Panchkula Integrated Plan’
prepared to develop it as **‘Centre of Excellence’**

In Panchkula, for the overall development and to attract investors various **development charges have been reduced**

Emphasis on developing **Barwala** as **Pharma Industry** and **Industrial Township**

Decision to operate Panchkula I.T. Park with Software Technology Parks of India

Development works at a cost of about **Rs. 54 crore** at **Nada Sahib Gurdwara** and **Mata Mansa Devi Temple** are under progress

Work to establish a **State-of-Art Archaeological Museum** at **Sector-5** is under progress

An **Integrated Solid Waste Management Plant** will be established at **Jhuriwala**

To promote electric vehicles, the first **Fast E-vehicle Charging Station** has been set up at **Akshay Urja Bhawan, Panchkula**

Kisan Bazaar started at **Sector-20, Panchkula**

Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority (PMDA)

For the Integrated development of Panchkula and surrounding areas

Bonanza of Advanced Health Facilities

- **Two Big Hospitals** equipped with advanced health facilities in Sector-32 & Sector-5/C and **Nursing College**.
- State's First Joint **Food and Drug Testing Lab** at a cost of Rs. 22 crore in Sector-3.
- **Wellness Centre** and **Panchakarma Centre** at Thapli.



Expansion of Panchkula and Morni Tourist Spots

- To develop Panchkula as a tourism hub, **Paragliding** will be started at Morni on the occasion of International Yoga Day.
- Provision of **insurance** for participants as paragliding being an extreme sport.
- To promote mountaineering, **Camping sites** to be developed on **Trekking Routes**.
- **Home Stay/ Farm Stay Policy** to be implemented soon.
- In mountains, identification of paths for **Tourism Circuit Routes, Mountain Trails** and **Mountain Biking**.
- **Tourist Information Centre** and **Yatri Niwas** to be set up in Panchkula.
- **Nakshatra Vatika, Sugandh Vatika** and **Rashi Van** are being set up in about 20 acres of land along the Morni road from Panchkula.



Establishment of New Educational Institutions

- Intensive efforts for establishment of **Education City** in Panchkula.
- **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)** to be established at Sector-23, Panchkula.

Pinjore Towards Modernization

- People will soon be able to avail the facility of **Air-Taxi** after the completion of work of **Pinjore airstrip**.
- A comprehensive plan for setting up a **Film City** is being formulated.
- Pinjore Mandi to be added in Panchkula's inclusive development plan.



HARYANA GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF PANCHKULA

Strengthened Road Network-Basis of Development

- Work of **connecting Chandigarh Airport** to **Panchkula** and construction of a bridge at Ghaggar River is under progress.
- Widening of roads connecting **Panchkula-Mandhna-Morni-Tikkartal-Raipur Rani** is under progress.
- Construction of new road to connect **Ramgarh** to **Himachal Pradesh** to be started soon.



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Firm up vaccine policy

Onus on the Centre to plug supply gaps

ALMOST five months after the nationwide vaccination programme was launched, the Central government's vaccine policy remains a work in progress. On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Centre would buy 75 per cent of the jabs from vaccine makers for free supply to the states, while private sector hospitals would continue to procure 25 per cent of the shots. It was a dressing-down from the Supreme Court last week that roused the Centre to do course correction. Justice DY Chandrachud had reminded the Union government of its constitutional duty during a national crisis to procure vaccines for the entire country. Thus, things are back to square one after the largely unproductive month of May in which various states tried in vain to procure vaccines on their own. Centralised procurement was a no-brainer from the outset. Letting states do the job only led to chaos and confusion amid the devastating second wave of the pandemic.

Universal free vaccination is still elusive as private sector hospitals have been allowed to charge a maximum of Rs 150 per dose over the prefixed price. This disparity rankles, even as it would be a challenge to ensure that the price cap is not breached by unscrupulous elements. With the second wave clearly ebbing, the time is ripe to improve the vaccination rate so that a sizeable proportion of the population has a protective shield against the third wave, as and when it strikes.

India has managed to fully vaccinate barely 3 per cent of its citizens, way behind the US and the UK (both around 41 per cent). Even Brazil (11 per cent) and Russia (9 per cent) are ahead. The present breather should be utilised to address vaccine shortage, especially factoring in the distinct possibility of inoculation of children in the coming months. The vaccine policy should be fine-tuned once and for all as frequent chopping and changing can be counterproductive. The target of inoculating 100 crore people by December-end is a distant dream. The government is well advised to focus on short-term goals and take things to the next level only when these are achieved.

Forest land grabbers

Supreme Court reaffirms zero tolerance to encroachments

THE Supreme Court has once again come to the rescue of the Aravalli Hills by ordering the Haryana Government to evict encroachers from around 10,000 illegal structures at Lakkarpur-Khori village in the forest area of Faridabad district. The court's remarks that 'land grabbers can't take refuge under rule of law and talk of fairness' sends out a strong message — both to the encroachers and the authorities that failed to comply with the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and those of the apex court.

This is not the first such order by the top court which has often described the environment and ecology as national assets. Much to the discomfort of the executive, it has been consistent in its approach to environment protection in general, and the Aravallis in particular. The Forest Bench of the court — set up in 1996 and renamed as Green Bench in 2013 — has been reminding the authorities that diversion of forest land for non-forest use violates the Forest (Conservation) Act. In May 2009, it suspended all mining activities in the Aravallis in Haryana, i.e. an area of 448 sq km across Faridabad, Gurugram and Mewat that was once meant for a national park. Holding that a clean environment was a part of Article 21 (right to life), it had said the environment and ecology were 'subject to inter-generational equity'. Though it allowed mining of minor minerals such as sand and stones, widely used as construction material, in a limited area of 600 hectares in Faridabad and Palwal in 2009, the permission was subject to mandatory environmental clearances and compliance of its guidelines.

In September 2018, the court ordered the Haryana Government to demolish illegal construction in Kant Enclave, Faridabad, that came up after August 18, 1992, in violation of environment norms. Applying the 'polluter pays' principle, it had ordered R Kant & Co to deposit Rs 5 crore in the Aravalli Rehabilitation Fund. Seeking a compliance report within six weeks, the court has made it clear that forest land can't be encroached upon.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope. — **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

ON THIS DAY...50 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

CHANDIGARH, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1971

Cholera Cases

IN identical statements in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, the Union Health Minister, Mr. Uma Shankar Dixit, has stated that 9,500 cases of cholera had been reported from among the Bangla Desh evacuees and that 1,250 persons had died of the disease till June 4. He also said that as the epidemic was growing, it was proposed to move the evacuees from the border to other states in such a manner that the infection was not spread. How this could be done he did not elaborate, but all state governments have been alerted. Whether all deaths that had occurred were due to cholera could not also be definitely stated because most of the refugees were arriving in such a condition of exhaustion that many dropped dead after crossing the border. Many members wanted to know what was the Government's answer to this new menace of Pakistan's bacteriological warfare against India. Others referred to reports of Pakistan poisoning all wells at the border which could have caused some deaths. There is an acute shortage of normal saline in the country, and the World Health Organisation has been requested to supply 1.5 lakh bottles of normal saline, 50,000 bottles of molar lactate, 20 jet injectors and 75,000 syringes. As on May 29 last, medicines, drugs and disinfectants in the Medical Store Depots of Calcutta, Gauhati and their branches included 23,341 bottles of normal saline, 36 lakh doses of anti-cholera vaccine, 2,300 bottles of molar lactate and 71.20 tons of bleaching powder. Since May 29, 10,800 more bottles of normal saline have been delivered. Orders for the supply of 2 lakh doses of anti-cholera vaccine have been placed in Lucknow and Patna and with the Haffkine Institute, Bombay. The state governments of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura have been authorised to recruit doctors on daily wages from amongst the East Bengal refugees.

Viable immunisation plan

We need centralised vaccine procurement and decentralised distribution



GAGANDEEP KANG

PROFESSOR, CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE, VELLORE

AT this time last year, it seemed hugely optimistic to think of vaccines being widely available within a year. It is a tribute to research and clinical scientists, vaccine companies, governments and global consortia that we have over 2 billion doses of vaccines delivered globally and over 200 million doses of vaccines used in India. We have been lucky in that this pandemic is caused by a virus for which we could build on our knowledge from other related viruses to make vaccines and make them very quickly. However, it's often said it is not vaccines that control the disease, vaccination does.

A new vaccine is always a challenge. In low and middle-income countries, where there has not been an adult immunisation programme in the past, to vaccinate large populations was anticipated to have financial logistic and human resource hurdles. The principles of our vaccination policy have been laid out and are in use in practically all countries. A strong immunisation programme requires policies that are based on evidence-based decision-making, as well as the planning and prioritisation process.

Last year, we appeared to have a clear process and policies in place. In August, the Centre announced its intention to procure vaccines and put in place several committees, including a vaccine and research and development committee, the Covid-19 working group of the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation and established a National Expert Group for Vaccine Administration for Covid-19. The government announced plans to immunise 300 million people by July 2021, covering all healthcare and essential workers and all above 50 years of age.



IN DEPTH: A strong immunisation programme requires policies based on evidence-based decision-making. PTI

The government should consider offering indemnity to all vaccine manufacturers for a defined period and use that to drive down prices.

In September 2020, our regulators put out draft recommendations for data requirements for approval of vaccines. It was anticipated, based on projections made by the companies, that following an enabling provision to manufacture at risk the companies were ramping up stocks and there would be over 100 million doses a month available from January 2021. Based on the government's announced plans and the projected supply, it seemed feasible, though ambitious, to cover 300 million people by or close to July 2021.

In January 2021, when the programme was rolled out, the expected prioritisation of healthcare workers followed several 'dry runs', the development of a detailed communication strategy and a detailed immunisation plan. But the rapid cascading of categories in February, March, April and May, based on the selection of timing and criteria that continue to be opaque, added to the very large numbers of India's eligible population without a matching ramping up of supply to keep up with eligibility. It was decided that the Centre would take the responsibility of procuring vaccines for those over 45 years of age, while states were to directly purchase vaccines for those below 45 years at a price different from that of the Centre. Further clarification

subsequently fixed the states' share at 25%, with the allocation to be decided by the Centre, while 25% was for private players with unspecified allocation mechanisms.

In addition to struggling with the two manufacturers, states floated global tenders, and, unsurprisingly, did not receive any valid responses from global manufacturers who had previously stated that they would deal directly with national governments and reiterated their stance. In the spirit of entrepreneurship, tech-savvy young people developed apps that allowed them to score vaccine appointments, while we had the unedifying spectacle of the urban Indian driving into rural areas to get vaccinated at facilities where the residents of villages did not know about or were denied vaccination.

The digital divide restricts access, but so does economic inequity. The average price of Covid-19 vaccines globally is less than \$6, so Indians who access the vaccine in the private sector are privileged in having the access but are also paying much more than the rest of the world. And, of course, because vaccine prices are high, the proportion of the population that can afford to get vaccinated will, while the poor must wait for government supply. We can argue that this is the way of the world for much of healthcare, but it has nev-

Happy returns of the box

SANJEEV TRIKHA

DURING my primary school days, I used to put my name on the currency notes hoping that the same note would return to me one day. It is more than 50 years now, not a single one has come back. The practice stopped long back, but hope lingers on.

During festivals, the reciprocal give-and-take of sweets and other gift items is done by every household. My wife, daughter and daughter-in-law passionately engage in the management of these gifts. They smartly segregate the ones bought by them and the ones which have arrived. The packets are then segmented on various bases, i.e., the nature of items;

perishable or durable, monetary value, contents therein; ordinary sweets, premium sweets, dried fruit in attractive containers, etc.

After such a minute and strategic segmentation, the next step is to forward them to their new destinations. Although my daughter keeps an immaculate record of every gift received along with its sender, the gifts and their new destinations are decided with utmost care, ensuring that the packet does not get reverted to the sender itself.

Witnessing the entire exercise as a mute spectator, I have seen the *soan papdi* boxes getting forwarded at high speed as these are rarely consumed and mostly forwarded

because of their extended shelf life.

The thread of writing my name on the currency notes prompted me to try my hands on the *soan papdi* boxes, which get ruthlessly forwarded. A slip bearing my name and address was sneaked into the box, experimenting with its return. My heart duly supported my action because if it did not return, I still stood a fair chance of developing new relations where and whenever it gets opened.

On one such occasion, I received a gift with belated wishes and greetings some days after the festival. My wife, a connoisseur, at once felt *soan papdi* in the box. The sugary contents, not consumed by the health-conscious younger generation, generated some

curious moments. It was no time even to forward it to any other destination. Left with little option, the box had to be opened. To my utter amusement and astonishment, the slip bearing my name greeted me. Ah, at last, this box fulfilled my long-cherished desire that could not be accomplished through the currency notes. The box seemed exhausted, having been forwarded many times, still oozing happiness and contentment at having spread love and good wishes.

The saying that 'love and sweetness, if passed on, get back to you' appeared *prima facie* true. But a corner of my heart searched for the true sweetness in such a forwarded version of gifts and good wishes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right to privacy

In a welfare state, the government is supposed to impart quality education to all. However, the government's failure to do so gives it no right to keep a check on the financial matters of private schools ('Private schools' right to privacy) These schools, as per common knowledge, are providing better education as compared to government schools. Compelling private schools to make their financial statements available in the public domain would negate their right to privacy, recognised as a fundamental right under the Constitution.

RAJIV OHRI, PATIALA

Elitist education

The fact that private schools of Chandigarh have filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the decision asking them to upload their financial statements reveals that there is something fishy about the management of finances and they want to avoid public scrutiny of the capitation fee and other charges. Most schools claiming to provide quality education are fleecing parents and have degenerated into commercial concerns. The term 'quality education' is vague. Such schools may outshine government schools in terms of infrastructure like AC class-

rooms, but in most schools, the staff isn't outstanding as the idea is to maximise profits by paying minimum salaries. Reasonable restrictions must be imposed on the functioning of private schools and a regulatory mechanism put in place.

ROSHAN LAL GOEL, LADWA

China in denial mode

The editorial 'Probing Covid origin' echoes the sentiments of all nations which have suffered badly due to the pandemic. If China is not cooperating with the investigating agencies, obviously it has more to conceal than to reveal. A Covid-free world is still not in sight. If Wuhan is not the birthplace of Covid-19, China has no reason to deny free access to the agencies to probe the matter. The fear that it stands exposed is haunting China and as such it has been consistently in the denial mode. The probe into the origin of Covid must be brought to its logical conclusion. If China is found guilty, it must be made to pay a heavy price for its wrongdoings.

KV SEETHARAMAIAH, KARNATAKA

Check overcharging, too

The centralisation of the vaccination policy is a welcome step as it will ease the supply of the vaccines.

Having a unified command centre is always better than having many centres. It will surely help the country inoculate its citizens at break-neck speed. The decision on free vaccines will also benefit many people. As far as private hospitals are concerned, there should be strict monitoring on the rates charged by them. People authorised by the state governments should keep a check on the hospitals. Operational helplines should be created by each state government for the citizens to report cases of overcharging.

SAIKRITI GULATI, CHANDIGARH

Jab for students

Refer to 'Priority jabs for students who are flying abroad'; the Punjab Government's initiative is a good decision, but since we have only one vaccine that has been approved by the WHO, those going abroad need Covishield. Many countries have denied entry to people who have been vaccinated with Covaxin. It is a challenge for the government to make Covishield available for the students leaving the country.

CHAINSINGH TANWAR, BY MAIL

Healthcare free of cost

Free vaccination for all is a welcome step by the Central govern-

ment, and logical, too, amid the rising clamour for it. But we must understand that even if we are not paying for it, someone else is. We should not mind paying for the vaccine if we can afford it. Prevention of a disease comes at a fraction of the cost of the disease itself. And 'free' healthcare comes at a formidable price.

SANDEEP CHAUDHRI, KARNAL

Double standards

While Prime Minister Narendra Modi called up the West Bengal Governor and expressed anger over the law and order situation in the state, BJP president JP Nadra said the post-poll violence was reminiscent of Partition days. He brazenly ignored the massacre of Gujarat's Muslims, who had nothing to do with the Godhra incident in 2002. Modi was then the Chief Minister of Gujarat. The violence continued for days together. Modi's government failed to maintain peace. The then PM, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, had said he was pained by the killings. He reminded Modi of 'raj dharma'. Dr Manmohan Singh was not the PM when the anti-Sikh riots took place. Yet, he gracefully apologised in Parliament later. Modi is still devoid of remorse for his failure to quell the anti-Muslim riots.

BHAGWAN SINGH, QADIAN

Time for farmers to have a say in politics



In a tweet, the popular Indian History-pics handle recently shared the cover story of erstwhile Hindi weekly *Dharmayug* (September 1972) titled *Ann Upjaaye Kisan! Bhookho Mare Kisan!* (Farmers grow food! Farmers die of hunger!). The focus was on how the people who produce food for the country were themselves living in hunger. That was a time five years after the Green Revolution had set in and valiant farmers in the north-western region had literally pulled the country from the throes of a 'ship-to-mouth' existence.

Nearly 50 years later, the iconic farm protest at the doorstep of New Delhi showcases the piteous condition of farmers who have somehow survived against all odds and produced a record harvest year after year. Faced with mounting indebtedness, the spate of farm suicides over the years leaves a trail of neglect and apathy.

With the policy focus remaining on increasing crop production, successive governments have turned a blind eye to the deplorable living conditions of farmers and farm workers. This was the outcome of a flawed economic thinking that aimed at pushing farmers out of agriculture to join the army of daily wage workers in the cities.

For several decades now, farmers have been protesting in one part of the country or the other, demanding

a guaranteed price for their crops in the form of a higher minimum support price (MSP). They have been invariably been asking for *karza mukti* (loan waivers). These two demands actually reflected the urgent need to address the crying need of providing economic justice to the farming community, languishing at the bottom of the pyramid.

But nothing tangible has come about, with the states either ignoring the protests or, at best, offering a temporary reprieve. The agrarian crisis, in the process, has only worsened.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau, recorded farm protests across the country were 4,837 in 2016, 3,300 in 2017 and 2,008 in 2018. A CSE study quoting media reports, however, showed the number of major farm protests in the country increasing fivefold between 2017 and 2021. Besides local issues, most of these protests highlighted the economic disparities that the farmers were living with.

Realising that the continuing farm protests had failed to draw the nation's attention to the acute farm crisis and knowing that farmers and farm workers had been routinely treated by various political affiliations as nothing more than a vote bank, farmer leader Balbir Singh Rajewal had invited me way back in 2015 to take an initiative to bring farm leaders from across the country on one platform. We deliberated on the objectives as well as the challenges it posed, considering that farm unions were broadly divided on lines of caste, religion and political ideologies and bringing them together was not that easy.

Two stalwarts of the farm movement in the country — Mahendra



Singh Tikait of the Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) and Prof MD Nanjundaswamy of the Karnataka Rajya Ryot Sangha (KRRS) — had, a few decades back, toyed with the idea of a unified farm front, but somehow the idea didn't materialise.

Not many of the 52 farm leaders, representing the major factions of unions/organisations spread across the country, who assembled for a three-day conclave at Chandigarh in August 2015 actually knew one another. That was, perhaps, the first time that several farm leaders, cutting across ideologies and political affiliations, sat on the same table. During the intense discussions that followed, aimed at bringing the farm unions together, the leaders acknowledged the need of working together and agreed to form a loose network called the Kisan Ekta. More importantly, the

Chandigarh conclave helped create a strong camaraderie and bonhomie among farmer leaders.

In the next three conclaves held at Bangalore, Akola and Shimla, an effort was made to reach out to some other farmer leaders as well. While the general consensus was that the farm movement in the country should remain apolitical, a few were strong votaries for forming a political party.

Among them were some whose argument was that by being apolitical, as experience had shown, farmers would remain perpetually at the mercy of the political leaders. Vote-bank politics would continue to keep the farming community divided, and the farmer leaders should, therefore, consider forming a political party.

Farmer leaders agreed in principle, but they were not willing to take a political plunge for reasons they

understood better. In a TV interview at Shimla, to a question whether the *Kisan Ekta* would soon be a political party, my response was that the objective behind uniting farm unions was to 'influence' the political process.

The year 2020, however, marked a watershed in the farmers' struggle as Punjab's farm unions with divergent leanings came together to wage a united protest against the three Central farm laws. This has spread in other parts too. Not only have farmer leaders from Punjab emerged taller on the national scene but also those from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. So have many other regional leaders emerged stronger in their parts of the country. The rush for clicking selfies with them is an indication of their growing popularity.

With farmer leaders now expanding the outreach through mahapanchay-

2020 marked a watershed in the farmers' struggle as Punjab's farm unions with divergent leanings came together to wage a united protest against the three Central farm laws. With farmer leaders now expanding the outreach through mahapanchayats in different parts of the country, the crucial issue related to the withdrawal of the laws and the demand for making MSP a legal right has reached every nook and cranny.

RETHINK: By being apolitical, the farmers would remain at the mercy of the political leaders. TRIBUNE PHOTO

ats in different parts of the country, the crucial issue related to the withdrawal of the Central laws and the demand for making MSP a legal right for farmers has reached every nook and cranny. In addition, their effort to reach out to other communities, which certainly has political ramifications, is bearing fruit.

In any case, considering that more than 50 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture and allied activities, the time has never been so ripe for the collective farmer leadership to rethink its role — whether to go political or remain apolitical.

After all, reversing the flawed economic design that has kept farmers deliberately impoverished all these years in the name of economic growth will require farmers to emerge stronger on the political front and play a pivotal role in decision-making.

Tread warily on higher ethanol blending in petrol



Raising ethanol blending in petrol to 20 per cent can thus be considered as only one of several measures to contain consumption of fossil fuels. It needs to be implemented with great care to ensure that excess water use does not end up depleting the country's precious water resources. The use of other grains for ethanol production also needs to be expanded.

INDIA has unveiled plans to increase the pace of blending bio-fuel ethanol in petrol at a time when global oil prices are rising ominously. The aim of raising the share of ethanol in petrol from the current average of 8.5 per cent to 20 per cent by 2025 instead of 2030 is seen as a way of reducing the growing oil import bill. This is clearly in the context of a potential crisis in case oil prices rise suddenly to unexpected levels. Currently, the outlook is not encouraging for a country that buys most of its oil from abroad. Crude oil prices are hovering at around \$71 per barrel, a rise of over 30 per cent over the past few months. And this at a time when the second wave of the pandemic has halted the stilted economic recovery that began in January 2021.

The country has had a reprieve from high oil prices for the last two fiscals. The pandemic was a factor in depressing prices in early 2020. The situation became even worse in the rest of the year and prices were ruling at around \$40 for most of this period. A reversal only began earlier in this calendar year when global demand began to pick up while production quotas imposed by oil cartel, OPEC and its allies including Russia, began to have an impact on the market. As a consequence, the crude oil import bill was an affordable \$101 billion in 2019-20 and a remarkably low \$62.7 billion in 2020-21. The current fiscal, however, is seeing world prices rise steadily to levels that are worrying for the third



PRICE CONCERN: Volatility of the international oil market has worried India. REUTERS

largest oil importer in the world. On the plus side, it looks as if the international market will be volatile for the rest of the year and will thus have troughs and peaks.

The reasons are numerous. First, Covid outbreaks are continuing in many parts of the world despite vaccinations becoming widespread in key developed countries. This will, in turn, lead to fluctuations in demand. Second, the entry of Iran into the market in case sanctions are lifted by the US in the coming months means that availability will rise sharply. Besides, it is unlikely Iran will abide by OPEC's production curbs after it is able to re-enter the market after such a long hiatus.

And finally, all reports indicate that global inventories are full while US

shale operators are continuing to pump oil in significant quantities. So, it may be premature to make any predictions, but the likelihood is that prices will not rise continuously this year and there will instead be bouts of volatility.

For India, however, the situation continues to be precarious as domestic consumption is likely to rise significantly along with the revival of industrial and commercial activities. Demand was much lower than usual last year owing to the lockdown and continued restrictions on mobility due to regional Covid surges. Physical imports were thus curtailed while the cost was also easily manageable owing to continued softening of international prices. In fact, at one point in April last year, prices had crashed to about \$20 per barrel giving

this country the opportunity to make bulk purchases and fill up its crude reserve storages.

Reversing of the scenario has meant that the prospect of lower imports by higher blending of ethanol has become more attractive than ever before. The inter-ministerial report on ethanol blending submitted last week has given an optimistic projection that the country could potentially save \$5 billion annually on a projected oil import bill of \$550 billion. It envisages a steep rise in ethanol production from the present 320 crore litres annually.

Currently, ethanol or ethyl alcohol is made largely from sugarcane in this country though it can be produced from foodgrains as well. Raising the level of ethanol in petrol would reduce polluting emissions, but it would also increase the acreage under sugarcane for ethanol production. And this is not desirable from the environmental point of view for several reasons. One is the high usage of water in ethanol production, including the rainwater used by sugarcane plants as well as the water used to wash away pollutants. This could considerably deplete the country's water resources.

Another reason for taking a cautious approach to higher ethanol blending is that it will mean a sizeable rise in the area sown with sugarcane. This could potentially put pressure on other food crops and their future availability and prices. The report has apparently spoken of shift-

ing to grain distillation units instead of relying only on sugarcane but establishing such infrastructure will obviously take a long time. Meanwhile, any rise in ethanol blending will depend on higher availability of sugarcane waste.

Raising ethanol blending in petrol to 20 per cent can thus be considered as only one of several measures to contain consumption of fossil fuels. It needs to be implemented with great care to ensure that excess water use does not end up depleting the country's precious water resources. The use of other grains for ethanol production also needs to be expanded though this remains a long-term strategy.

At the same time, the trade-offs of opting for higher ethanol production need to be considered carefully by policy-makers. The fact is, the projected saving on oil imports is not likely to be as high as mentioned in the report, especially since the annual cost has been projected at an unusually high level. The question has to be, is it worth going ahead with a plan that could conceivably lead to a huge depletion of water resources and reduce acreage for food crops, and yet not achieve the projected foreign exchange savings. Reducing pollution emissions by use of ethanol is also an environmental goal but whether it offsets the other negative ecological aspects has to be taken into account. Ethanol blending in a bigger way in the immediate future thus needs to be opted for only after weighing all options.

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16 Greek gods' messenger (6)

17 Helplessly dazed state (6)

19 Use effectively (5)

21 Prevent (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Radical, 5 So far, 8 Grin and bear it, 9 Liszt, 10 Explore, 11 Canard, 12 Credit, 15 Audible, 17 Venus, 19 At an advantage, 20 Taste, 21 Shelley.
DOWN: 1 Regal, 2 Dribs and drabs, 3 Chatter, 4 Ledger, 5 Sweep, 6 For good and all, 7 Retreat, 11 Clamant, 13 Revenue, 14 Leaves, 16 Brace, 18 Seedy.

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CALENDAR

JUNE 9, 2021, WEDNESDAY

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■ Shaka Samvat 1943

■ Jyeshtha Shaka 19

■ Jyeshtha Parvishte 27

■ Hijari 1442

■ Krishan Paksha Tithi 14, up to 1.59 pm

■ Sukarna Yoga up to 6.47 am

■ Kritika Nakshatra up to 8.44 am

■ Moon in Taurus sign

Yesterday's solution

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division, Baggi invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works(s) through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	E/Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1	Improvement/Remodelling of Gambhar Khad, Sakroha, Khandla & Ghatta in Tehsil Baih District Mandi H.P. (SH: Laying, Jointing and testing of GI pipes Rising main, Supplying and Erection of Pumping Machinery in Zone-II i.e. Sakroha Khandla Ghatta) Job No. 2.	Rs. 25,15,565/-	Rs. 45,250/-	Six Months

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering: **14.06.2021 up to 05.00 P.M.** The tender form and other detail and condition can be obtained from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in> or from office of Jal Shakti Division Baggi up to the date specified above.

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Baggi.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER KULLU, DISTT. KULLU (HIMACHAL PRADESH) – 175101

Phone Number: 01902-223077

Tender Reference Number: HFW/NIT/RBSK/2021-6765

Dated: 07-06-2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Medical Officer, Kullu, HP invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for providing vehicles as per the terms of the tender. The tender document may be downloaded from website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. The Last date and time for submission & uploading of filled in tender documents is 25.06.2021 up to 1:00 PM. Duly completed tender form along with Cost of Tender Document (Rs. 500/-), Earnest Money Deposit of Rs. 90,000/- (Rupees Ninety thousand only) in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) pledged in favour of the Chief Medical Officer, Kullu issued by any of the Scheduled Bank along with other required documents should be uploaded on the website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> and physical copy of uploaded cost of tender document and Earnest Money deposit should be dropped in the tender box placed in the office of the Chief Medical Officer, Kullu Distt. Kullu (HP) 175101 before the last date and time fixed for submission of the tender. The tender fee and EMD can also be deposited through online mode. Each prospective bidder shall submit their bid, complete in all respects as per terms of this tender document. All subsequent corrigendum, modification and clarifications in respect of this tender will be published on aforesaid website only. The bidders are advised to visit the aforesaid website regularly. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason thereof.

Chief Medical Officer, Kullu, Distt. Kullu (HP).

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT BID

Project Director-Cum-Chief Engineer, PMU, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi Himachal Pradesh, India on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the online Lump Sum Contract bids on turnkey basis from the eligible bidders of Indian Entity as well as NDB member countries through online bidding system on or before **14th June 2021 at 11:00.**

Sr No-01. Description:-Package-D4 Engineering, procurement, construction, testing, commissioning, trial run and operation and maintenance of various components of Nagni Source Villages Group Piped Supply schemes for part of Nurpur & Fatehpur Block of District Kangra (HP) for ultimate capacity of bringing 2.13 MLD treated water (16 hours pumping) from the source of intake well in single package on "Turn-key job basis" including trial run, defect and liability period and running and maintenance of the entire scheme for 5 years. (Cost of running and maintenance shall be paid from state funds) Estimate cost 1161.23 Lakh (1579905 USD Bid security: 11.94 Lakh (16245USD Time: 24 Months including all season but excluding trial run period of 1 year) and 5 Years O&M cost of Form 2500/- Only (USD 34.01) **Last date of filling/uploading the tender up to 14.06.2021 at 11:00 AM and opened on same day at 11:30 AM. The Tender was to be opened on 08.06.2021 but, the date of submission of tender and opening of tender has been extended to 14.06.2021 at 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM (IST) respectively.**

The tender form and other detail and condition can be obtained from the website <https://hptenders.gov.in> or from office of Project Director-cum-Chief Engineer, PMU Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi – 175001 Himachal Pradesh up to the date specified above.

Project Director-cum-Chief Engineer (PMU), HPRWSP Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi (H.P.).

DPR/HP/1347

JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG e-Procurement Notice

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Nurpur Distt. Kangra HP on behalf of Governor of H.P. in electronic tendering system in Two Covers for the undermentioned works from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with HPIPH Department.

Sr. No.	Description of work	Estimate Cost	E/ Money
1.	Augmentation and extension of various drought hit area in Nurpur Constituency in Tehsil Nurpur Distt. Kangra H.P. (SH:- C/O RCC overhead tank 20000 Ltr capacity with 10 mtr staging height at node No. 82 for LWSS Banoli Damoh Chachian)	751200	15030
2.	Augmentation and extension of various drought hit area in Nurpur Constituency in Tehsil Nurpur Distt. Kangra H.P. (SH:- C/O RCC overhead tank 17000 Ltr capacity with 10 Mtr staging height at node No.31 for LWSS Banoli Damoh Chachian)	735590	14720
3.	Augmentation and extension of various drought hit area in Nurpur Constituency in Tehsil Nurpur Distt. Kangra (SH:- C/O RCC over the ground Main Storage tank 170000 Ltr capacity at node No 3 for LWSS Banoli Damoh Chachian)	812600	16260

Time Limit 6 Months

Schedule of tendering

1	Date of online publication.	07.06.2021 at 5:00 P.M
2	Documents Download start and End Date.	07.06.2021 at 5:00 P.M to 14.06.2021 at 11:00 AM
3	Bid upload Start and End Date.	07.06.2021 at 5:00 P.M to 14.06.2021 at 11:00 AM
4	EMD and cost of Tender Document through online mode (e-Payment)	07.06.2021 at 5:00 P.M to 14.06.2021 at 11:00 AM
5	Opening of Technical Bid.	14.06.2021 at 11:30 A.M
6	Opening of Financial Bid	After Evaluation of technical bid

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website hptender.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Nurpur.

Smart city board gives nod to ₹48 cr parallel tunnel at Dhalli

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

A parallel tunnel to the 100-year-old tunnel on the Sanjauli-Dhali road is likely to come up by next year. An expert agency has found the project to be feasible and the Smart City Board of Directors (BoD), during its meeting here today, approved a Rs 48-crore budget for the project.

The BoD gave its final approval to projects worth Rs 221 crore, the major one being the construction of the tunnel and the Integrated Command and Control Centre (Rs 41 crore), installation of smart electricity meters in Shimla (Rs 10 crore) and the setting up of a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (Rs 9 crore).

The tendering process for the construction of the tunnel is expected to start soon. In the meantime, Himachal Pradesh Road Infrastructure Development Corporation



The Dhalli tunnel in Shimla. TRIBUNE PHOTO

MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE OFFING

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(HPRIDC), the implementing agency of the project, will have to put in public domain the challenges/issues that people residing close to the site may face during the

construction of the tunnel. "The HPRIDC gave a presentation in the BoD meeting. The agency has been asked to give a presentation in the MC House, too, to apprise public represen-

tatives of the challenges," said Nitin Garg, GM (Technical), Smart City Mission.

As and when the tunnel comes up, it will ease the traffic on this narrow and busy road. As the existing tunnel is one-way, a lot of vehicles line up on either side of the tunnel throughout the day, leading to traffic jams.

Interestingly, the plan to build a parallel tunnel was mooted way back in 2008-09. Even the DPR for the project was prepared, but the project did not take off. "All processes will work simultaneously, and the tunnel should be ready next year," said Garg.

He said tenders had been floated for the Integrated Command and Control Centre and the work was expected to be allotted before September. "The command and control centre is being built in both Shimla and Dharamsala. The effort will be to have maximum possible common software for both centres to bring down the cost of the project," he said.

Cops to keep vigil with hi-tech drone

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

The Shimla police will acquire drones with 10X zoom camera for aerial inspection, surveillance, search and rescue mission and set up a network of CCTV cameras to act as third eye.

A drone, provided by the state CID, was successfully tested on The Ridge here in presence of SP Mohit Chawla and these would be purchased for all sub-divisions in a phased manner.

It is a major step towards modernisation of the police and go a long way in regulating traffic, keeping an eye on major rallies and demonstrations. The calibrated aerial drone with 2 km front radius can remain in air for nearly 45 minutes on one battery and take clear pictures from long distance.

It will help the police to identify the spots and take immediate steps for prevention of crime and other unlawful activities. Law enforcement agencies are using the drones which will come in handy in identifying forest fires, illegal mining, illegal cultivation of



The calibrated drone can remain in air for nearly 45 minutes on one battery and take clear pictures from long distance

drugs, traffic surveillance, maintaining law and order and rescue during snow and other natural calamities, said Chawla.

The drone, purchased at a cost of Rs 8-9 lakh, is self-sustainable and can guide itself back to the original place in case of heavy winds and technical snags. In addition, a vast network of CCTV matrix would be established for the city to keep a watch on anti-social elements, criminals, eve-teasers and vehicular traffic.

77 pc ICU beds lie vacant in Kangra district

Demand to open super-specialty wing of Tanda medical college as Covid cases dip

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 8

The burden on hospitals in Kangra, the worst-affected district, has eased as the number of Covid cases has come down drastically..

Just a week ago, corona patients were scrambling for oxygen-equipped beds. Now 77 per cent ICU beds and 67 per cent oxygen beds are unoccupied.

As per data collected by The Tribune, of the 60 ICU beds in Tanda medical college, 14 were occupied today. For the past two months, the super-specialty wing of the college had also been converted into Covid hospital. As the number of patients has decreased, the demand is being raised that the super-specialty wing should be thrown open for other patients.

Principal of the Tanda medical college Dr Bhanu Awasthi said the super-specialty wing would be made



operational at the earliest.

There are 412 oxygen beds in district hospitals of which 136 were occupied. As the demand for oxygen beds had risen suddenly in April and May, the district administration had taken over the 50 per cent bed capacity of eight hospitals. A 250-bed centre

was also created at Paraur by the Radha Swami sect.

Deputy Commissioner Rakesh Prajapati said in the last two month, a huge infrastructure had been created in the district. It could tackle any surge in future.

He also said the death rate in Kangra from March 2020

to March 2021 had remained at 2.34 per cent. In the last one year, 2,98,884 samples were collected of which 9,578 turned out to be positive, 8,753 recovered and 225 lost their life.

Though the number of infections has dropped significantly, the district

administration and state government is not offering much relaxation. Shops and business establishments have been allowed to open for just five days in a week till 2 pm. Since there are restrictions on the entry of tourists, hotels in the region are yet to open.

46 AVAILABLE IN TANDA HOSPITAL

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<< Patients under treatment in a Covid hospital in Kangra.

596 new cases, 13 deaths in state

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

As many as 596 Covid cases were registered in the state today, taking the tally to 196,351. Besides, 13 persons died of the virus — three each in Shimla, Hamirpur and Kangra and two each in Solan and Chamba. — TNS

COVID METER		
Samples tested	20,57,123	
Recovered	181,972	
Active	6,983	
Positive	196,351	
Deaths	3,312	
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DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bilaspur	12,308	76
Chamba	10,434	129
Hamirpur	13,942	240
Kangra	44,758	986
Kinnaur	3,095	36
Kullu	8,588	150
Lahaul & Spiti	2,642	17
Mandi	26,262	364
Shimla	24,493	583
Sirmaur	14,971	200
Solan	21,920	300
Una	12,938	231
Total	196,351	3,312

State to get 41K Covishield doses on June 16

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

As many as 24,65,448 vaccine doses have been given to the people of the state till date, out of which a total of 1,04,865 beneficiaries are in the 18-44 age group, a spokesperson of the Health Department said here today.

He said 49,350 vaccine doses are being received. As many as 40,980 doses would be received on June 16, 49,350 vaccines on June 26 and 27,500 would be received by July 2.— TNS

500 got jobs in lockdown: Min

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

Employment has been provided to people in urban areas, especially during the lockdown, under the Mukhya Mantri Shahri Aajeevika Guarantee Yojana, said Urban Development Minister Suresh Bhardwaj here today.

He said that the scheme was akin to urban MGNREGA and over 1,300 people had registered under it since April 1, including 650 during the current lockdown. After May 7, more

than 500 people had been provided work under the scheme during the lockdown while more than 800 had been issued job cards. Bhardwaj said that the scheme was envisaged during the lockdown last year to help urban people with guaranteed job assurance. He added that more than 5,000 people had registered under the scheme till March this year, and 4,800 of them had been issued job cards.

The minister said that around 4,500 people had been assigned work till

March this year. He added that Rs 3 crore was spent under the scheme in the previous financial year and a provision of Rs 4 crore in the state budget had been made for it for the current financial year.

He said that the scheme was launched on the lines of MGNREGA for urban areas. It guarantees 120 days of employment to residents of urban local bodies within 15 days of the issuance of job cards, and if not provided a job, Rs 75 per day is paid as unemployment allowance.

Dutt meets Rathore, Agnihotri

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

All India Congress Committee (AICC) secretary and newly appointed co-incharge for party affairs in Himachal, Sanjay Dutt today held talks with state Congress president Kuldeep Rathore and Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Mukesh Agnihotri.

Dutt arrived here today and will hold consultations with party MLAs, state office bearers and District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents during his stay here till June 13. Dutt took



Sanjay Dutt, new co-in-charge of Himachal Congress (left), being welcomed by HPC president Kuldeep Rathore in Shimla on Tuesday.

AICC secretary visits Virbhadrar's residence

detailed information about the activities of the Congress party, especially regarding extending help to people affected by Covid.

Sanjay Dutt also went to the private residence of former Chief Minister Virbhadrar Singh, who is admitted to a hospital, to inquire after his health from his wife. — TNS

Sentence in Gudiya case now on June 15

SHIMLA, JUNE 8

The quantum of sentence in the Gudiya rape and murder case was again deferred to June 15 by the CBI special court as the lone convict Anil Kumar, alias Nilu, a wood cutter, could not be produced in the court today due to corona curfew imposed in the state.

The court had held Nilu guilty of rape and murder on April 28 last. This is the fifth time the sentence has been deferred. — TNS

Post-Covid care centre boon to Nahan patients

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 8

The first Post-Covid care centre, set up to facilitate patients suffering from various ailments post recovery at Nahan in Sirmaur district, is proving to be a boon to Covid-recovered patients. About 20 patients are coming here daily.

Ashok Joshi, a Nahan resident, who was admitted to the centre, said it was beneficial as various therapies provided here were helping the patients to overcome post Covid health issues.

DC, Sirmaur, Dr RK Pruthi, said it was observed that after recovery, patients suffered from severe fatigue, weakness, difficulty in breathing, cough, joint pain, body ache, chest pain, high pulse rate, forgetfulness, painful swelling of limbs, depression, etc.

The centre targeted to cure such patients through yoga, pranayam, meditation, counselling, ayurveda, medication and a balanced diet.

"Only patients who are referred by the clinical committee of a medical college and Covid negative are admitted here,"



Patients at post Covid care centre at Nahan doing yoga

said Dr Pruthi.

A separate area has been marked as a patient caregiver meeting point on the premises where an attendant can meet the patient. A distance of minimum two feet is maintained.

"A patient's pulse rate, blood pressure, temperature, oxygen level and body weight are monitored daily. In case of any emergency, the patients can be shifted to the medical college," added the DC.

He said the Ayush Department would publish research papers on treatment and recovery of patients. Similar centres would also be set up in other areas of the district.

1,184 fresh cases in J&K, 61 in Ladakh

SRINAGAR/LEH, JUNE 8

Eleven Covid-related deaths and 1,184 new cases were reported in J&K during the last 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday. Ladakh recorded 61 fresh cases, taking the overall tally to 19,258, while the active cases in the region dropped to 1,011.

J&K officials said 421 cases and five deaths were reported from the Jammu division and 763 cases and six deaths from the Kashmir division while 2,880 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery. The caseload stands at 3,02,651 and the death toll is 4,101. As many as 276,733 patients have recovered and the active cases are 21,817. Another case of mucormycosis was reported, taking the number of black fungus cases so far in the UT to 17.

In Ladakh, 195 Covid deaths have taken place since the virus outbreak last year. Of the new Ladakh cases, 58 people tested positive in Leh, taking the infection tally in the district to 15,912. — IANS/PTI

Bandipora village first to vaccinate all adults

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

A remote hamlet in Bandipora district has become the first village in India to vaccinate all of its adult population against Covid, officials said on Tuesday.

The credit goes to the healthcare workers whose strenuous efforts shot Weyan hamlet, with an adult population of 362, to national fame, they said. “The village is located only 28 km away from Bandipora district headquarters, but a distance of 18 km has to be covered by foot as there is no motorable road,” a health official said.

He said the task of vaccinating all the residents was even more difficult as the village has nomadic families who go to higher reaches for grazing their livestock.

“There is no internet access in the village. So, it was not possible for the residents to get appointment for vaccination like the way people in urban areas do,” Bashir



Health workers in Weyan village, Bandipora, for vaccination. PTI

ALL ABOVE 45 INOCULATED IN 20 VILLAGES

- Bandipora has achieved 100% vaccination of eligible persons in 45-plus age group in 20 villages while the overall percentage of vaccinated people in the targeted age group is 85%
- DC Owais Ahmad said one lakh doses were administered

Ahmed Khan, Chief Medical Officer, Bandipora, said.

Despite initial vaccine hesitancy, J&K has achieved 70% vaccination in the 45+ age group, almost double the national

average, the official said.

Commenting on the achievement, Yatish Yadav, media adviser to J&K government, said the UT was raising the bar in the Covid vaccination drive. — PTI

Rly station to be turned into heritage site

JAMMU, JUNE 8

The J&K government is planning to develop Birkram Chowk Railway Station here as a heritage site to attract tourists visiting the city of temples, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Raghav Langer was on a visit to the railway station, which was built in 1897 but abandoned after the Partition as the railway link to Sialkot (Pakistan) was broken. Accompanied by senior officers, Langer assessed the renovation requirements and issued instructions for starting the preliminary work to materialise the restoration plan, a spokesman said.

“Development of new attractions and upgradation and improvement of the existing infrastructure for promotion of tourism is one of the priority sectors of the government,” he said.

“Extraordinary efforts should be made for restoring the past grandeur of the railway station,” he added. — PTI

Rumour mills working overtime as 6,000 jawans return to UT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 8

The return of around 6,000 paramilitary personnel to J&K after election duty elsewhere has triggered large-scale rumours, ranging from further bifurcation of the UT to announcement of elections after realigning districts, for the last three days.

The rumours started spreading after the return of around 60 companies of the paramilitary force who had been stationed in the UT since revocation of J&K’s special status. Officials said these paramilitary companies were returning after completing election duty in Bengal and Tamil Nadu.

However, the movement of

ADGP rules out fresh deployment of forces

troops and a series of meetings, including Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha’s deliberations with Home Minister Amit Shah and officials in Delhi since Saturday, fuelled the rumours and repeated attempts by officials were failing to put an end to it. ADGP Mukesh Singh took to Twitter to rule out fresh deployment of forces but his assertion found no taker on social media.

Many social media users talked about further splitting of J&K, with Jammu being

given a status of state and Kashmir remaining as a UT.

People enquired about the possibility of any shutdown of internet and phone services. The sudden visits of JK Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari and People’s Conference chief Sajjad Lone to Delhi have added fresh fuel to the rumours.

Some politicians were seen enquiring whether the reports about the MLA hostel in Srinagar being cleaned up for their fresh lodging were true.

Senior National Conference leader Tanvir Sadiq tweeted, “While rumours are flying thick and fast, should we be ready for second semester? MLA’s hostel 2.0?” — PTI

Sting ensnares many in...

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secure means to communicate, the police could monitor their messages. The gangs believed the system was secure because the phones did not have voice or camera functions, and the

app was encrypted. “We have been in the back pockets of organised crime,” Australian Federal Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw said, adding, “All they talk about is drugs and violence.” — Reuters

Fire at Vaishno Devishrine

JAMMU, JUNE 8

Fire broke out at Vaishno Devi shrine complex, damaging a cash counter, in Reasi on Tuesday. No one was injured.

The fire broke out from the structure adjoining the ‘Bhawan’ (sanctum sanctorum), officials said. Short circuit is said to be the reason behind the incident. — PTI

Will lose place we called home...

He is one of the 50,000 people, who are impacted by the order. Kedar Yadav, a plumber by vocation, says he hasn’t slept since last night. “We are poor people who cannot afford to lose whatever we have built over time. Why not punish the land mafia which sold the land? Also, if this has to be done, some alternative arrangement to compensate us for the loss should be made,” he says, adding that the poor are always a soft target when it comes to taking action against the guilty.

They claim that nobody stopped them from settling down in the area in the 1990s when they came as migrant labourers and were hired by influential persons for mining.

Lallan Kerketta (42), an auto driver hailing from

Jharkhand, has been living in a small house built on 70 sq yards. “Though there has been talk for some years about the illegality of the (Khor Basti) colony, a majority of the families had been expecting regularisation as the colony is more than 20 years old,” he says, adding he does not know where he’ll take his five minor children when his house will be razed.

“I have spent Rs 10 lakh and it will go down the drain if the house is demolished, besides making us homeless during the pandemic,” he says.

“No notice has been served by anyone though we have been living here for the past over 20 years,” says Sarina Sarkar, a 36-year-old housewife under whose name the petition was filed

by the residents to prevent the local administration from carrying out the demolition. The colony deserved regularisation rather than demolition as that will render more than 50,000 persons homeless, she says.

Describing the move as unjustified, Jitender Bhadana, an environmental activist here, alleges that hundreds of acres of forest land has been encroached upon in the name of farmhouses, banquets halls and residential purposes, with no action against the culprits.

Nirmal Gorana, an activist of the Bandhua Mukti Morcha who has been supporting the cause of migrant workers, suggests shifting the evicted residents to flats built by the MCF and HSVP for the poor.

Fresh order for 44 crore doses...

53.6 CR DOSES AVAILABLE

“53.6 crore doses are available for use till July. 2 Indian makers have been paid 30% advance for 44 crore doses to speed up inoculation starting August.

VK Paul, NITI AAYOG MEMBER (HEALTH)

to spend anything on jobs.

Paul also dismissed the Congress’ accusations that the PM’s announcements were rooted in adverse apex court remarks on the government’s vaccine policy.

“We respect the Supreme Court’s concerns, but the government has been evaluating the decentralised procurement model ever since it was implemented on May 1. The PM held two review meetings on May 15

and 21 and directed that an alternate model be developed. On May 24, we met vaccine manufacturers and discussed the nuances. A feedback was given to the PM 15 days ago and the announcement came yesterday,” the expert said.

Among the 13 states/UTs that had written to the PM to restart central procurement of vaccines are Punjab, Kerala, Sikkim, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, AP, Arunachal, Odisha, Tripura and Maharashtra.

Announced yesterday, the government’s new vaccine policy stated centrally procured vaccines would be distributed free to states based on their population, disease burden, vaccination progress, etc.

Choksi ‘Indian citizen’, court to take call: Dominican PM

Local media outlet Loop Jamaica News has quoted the Dominica PM as saying: “The matter with this Indian citizen is before the courts, the courts will decide what happens to this gentleman and we allow the court process to go through.”

“His rights will be respected as have been done thus far and let the courts decide what has to happen in that regard. We have no interest in the issues in Antigua and the issues in India. We are part of a whole community and we have to recognise our duty and our responsibility,” Skerrit said.

Sources in Indian agencies here, however, said it was “quite encouraging” to hear the Dominican PM, who recognised Choksi as an Indian citizen. “Once the trial gets over and the court pronounces its judgment, chances of bringing Choksi back have become more real,” said a senior official.

Choksi had gone missing from Antigua on May 23 after going out for dinner and was soon caught in Dominica. The 62-year-old fugitive was wanted in India in connection with the Rs 13,500-crore PNB fraud. — TNS

District Programme Office, Ludhiana (Recruitment notice for Sakhi One Stop Centre, Ludhiana)

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates only, for the below mentioned Posts (Purely on contract basis):

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts	Monthly Salary
1.	Centre Administrator (Female only)	1 (Any category)	25,000/-
2.	Counselor (Female only)	1 (Any category)	15,000/-
3.	IT_Staff (Female/Male)	1 (Gen)	15000/-
4.	Case Worker (Female only)	2 (1 Gen, 1 SC)	12,000/- each
5.	Multi-Purpose Helper (Female only)	1 (Gen)	10,000/-

The interested candidates can apply for the post within 21 days from the publication of this advertisement i.e. by 29.06.2021. The application can be sent only through registered post at the below given address: District Programme Office, Social Welfare Complex, Shimlapuri, Near Gill Canal, Ludhiana – 141003.

Any information regarding these posts, corrigendum, if any, can be seen on the website ludhiana.nic. Therefore candidates are advised to visit the said website time to time.

Sd/- Gulbahar Singh, Member-Secretary ('Sakhi' One Stop Centre Administrative Committee-cum-District Programme Officer), Ludhiana.

DPR/Pb/5166

**GOSWAMI GANESH DUTTA
SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE**
SECTOR 32-C, CHANDIGARH - 160031
Ph: 0172-4912400, 2662816, Website: www.ggdsd.ac.in

Applications on the prescribed Proforma, available at the College website, are invited for following post/s purely on temporary basis under DBT Builder Scheme:-

- Assistant Professor - Biotechnology (01)
- Project Assistant (01)

Eligible candidates in accordance with the qualifications / conditions laid down by the U.G.C. / D.B.T. / State Govt. / Panjab University may send their applications to the college within 30 days from the publication of the advertisement through Registered Post or in person. Reservation for S.C. / S.T. Candidates and persons with disabilities will be followed as per the rules of P.U. / Pb. Govt. / U.T. Administration / Govt. of India as the case may be.

Dr. Balraj Thapar
Principal

STATION HEADQUARTERS CHANDIMANDIR/CHANDIGARH MILITARY STATION HIRING OF SALON STAFF FOR BEAUTY PARLOUR AT CHANDIMANDIR MILITARY STATION

One fully functional & renovated Regimental shop for purpose of "Beauty ParLOUR (Ladies only)" is available for provisioning of services at Chakra Suvidha Complex (CSC) Chandimandir Military Station. Applications for the following posts are invited for provisioning of services as per details given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	Number of Vacancies	Monthly Salary	Requisite Qualifications
1.	Beautician	01	20-25K	(a) Proven work experience as a Beautician, Cosmetologist or similar position. (b) Hands-on-experience with makeup and hair removal techniques. (c) Familiarity with skin care therapies, like moisturizing, exfoliation and peeling. (d) Knowledge of beauty products and trends. (e) Ability to provide personalized services based on each client's requirements. (f) High school diploma. (g) Degree in Beauty therapy, Cosmetology or relevant field is a plus.
2.	Pedicurist	01	12-16K	(a) Must complete a set approved cosmetology or nail technician program.
3.	Manicurist	01	12-16K	(b) Creativity in intricate design. (c) Excellent communication skills. (d) Customer service skills. Good listening and interpersonal skills with clients. (e) Must have good finger dexterity.
4.	Hair Stylist	01	25-30K	(a) Work experience as Hair Stylist, Hairdresser, colorist or similar role. (b) Proficiency in their straightening and curling methods, using hot irons and curlers. (c) Hand-on experience with various coloring techniques. (d) Knowledge of wide range of haircuts, suitable for all hair lengths (e.g. braids and top knots). (e) Familiarity with hair treatment products and services like keratin smoothing. (f) Up-to-date with industry trends. (g) Excellent communication skills. (h) Physical stamina to stand for long hours. (i) Valid license from a cosmetology school.
5.	Hair Spa Therapist	01	12-16K	(a) Proven work experience as a Spa therapist. (b) Hand on experience is massage techniques, manicures, pedicures waxing and face/body therapies. (c) Excellent knowledge of English language. (d) Degree & license in physiotherapy.

Applications be forwarded to:-

Station Commander,
Station Headquarters, Chandimandir,
District - Panchkula (Haryana)
PIN - 134107.

Last date of accepting application: 20 Jun 2021.

Note: Format of application, terms and conditions can be collected from Station Headquarters Chandimandir.

DI-4052

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER U.T., CHANDIGARH

Applications are invited by the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Controller Civil Defence, U.T., Chandigarh from the retirees/pensioners for their engagement as Wireless Mechanic on contract basis in the office of Deputy Commissioner-cum-Controller Civil Defence, U.T., Chandigarh as per details given below:-

01	Name of the Office	Deputy Commissioner-cum-Controller Civil Defence, U.T., Chandigarh.
02	Name of the Post	Wireless Mechanic
03	Number of Post	01
04	Place of engagement	Deputy Commissioner-cum-Controller Civil Defence's Office, U.T., Chandigarh
05	Pay	Last Basic pay drawn before retirement minus pension before commutation plus DA as applicable from time to time.
06	Period Contract	The engagement shall initially be for a period of six months or till the post is filled up on regular basis either by direct recruitment or by promotion as the case may be, whichever is earlier, further extendable on six monthly basis, but in no case it shall be beyond 65 years.
07	Eligibility	As per policy issued by the Chandigarh Administration vide no. 28/10/94-IH(7)-2018/20774, dated 09.10.2018.
08	Age	Less than 65 years on the date of publication of advertisement.

The Applications addressed to Deputy Commissioner-cum-Controller Civil Defence, U.T., Chandigarh along with supporting document i.e. age, one passport-size photograph, retirement order, copy of PPO and self-declaration to the effect that "no criminal/vigilance enquiry is pending or likely to be contemplated against me" must reach in the office of Deputy Commissioner's Office, Sector 17, Chandigarh on or before (15 days) time from the date of publication of Advertisement. The advertisement, terms and conditions of appointment, selection criteria and Agreement can be downloaded from the website of the Department i.e. www.chdpr.gov.in.

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER U.T., CHANDIGARH

Applications are invited by the Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh from the retirees/pensioners for their engagement as Patwari on contract basis in the office of Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh as per details given below:-

01	Name of the Office	Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh.
02	Name of the Post	Patwari
03	Number of Post	02
04	Place of engagement	Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh
05	Pay	Last Basic pay drawn before retirement minus pension before commutation plus DA as applicable from time to time.
06	Period Contract	The engagement shall initially be for a period of six months or till the post is filled up on regular basis either by direct recruitment or by promotion as the case may be, whichever is earlier, further extendable on six monthly basis, but in no case it shall be beyond 65 years.
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Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh.

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
BID No. ETENDER/EE/PWSSD/ROPAR/08/2021/Date:07.06.2021
<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On the behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S and Sew. Board Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. Ropar invites bids from the eligible bidders as per DNIT conditions for the work detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the work	Amount— Time Limit
1	Drilling and Development of 1 No.-T/well of size 300 mm x 200 mm up to 300 Mtr. depth complete in W. No. 20 at Kharar	Rs.- 32.56 lac 3 months
2	Shifting of Electricity Poles, D.G. Set and Transformer from existing position to new place due to coming in the alignment of garbage dumping ground near 40 MLD MPS at Kharar.	Rs. 10.81 Lac 1 month
3	Drilling and Development of 1 No.-T/well of size 300 mm x 200 mm up to 200 Mtr. depth complete in the area of Old Bus Stand at NCC Academy Ropar.	Rs.- 20.62 lac 3 months

Closing date & Time → Sr. No. 1 & 2 29.06.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.
Sr. No. 3 22.06.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.

For detailed login to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., Ropar. (01881-292030)

DPR/Pb/5173

PUNJAB POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LTD.
POLICE COMPLEX, PHASE-VII, SAS NAGAR
TEL. No.: 4080111, 4080112 & FAX No.: 4080107
INVITATION OF BID (IFB)
SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 10/2021-22 DATED 08.06.2021

Online tenders are invited on two bid system (Technical Bid & Financial Bid) on item rate basis for the following work from the reputed Specialized Agencies having knowledge/experience of the similar work as per detail given in the website eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sr. No.	Name of Work	i) Estimated Cost ii) Earnest Money iii) Processing Fee iv) Tender Form Cost	Time Limit (in Months)
1.	Supply, Installation, Commissioning & Maintenance of "City Surveillance System" in S.A.S. Nagar City.	i) To be quoted by the agency ii) Rs. 10.00 lacs iii) Rs. 5900 /- iv) Rs. 2360/-	04

i) **Start Date of Downloading** 11.06.2021 Time 17:00 Hrs.

ii) **Last Date of Bid Submission** 28.06.2021 Time 11:00 Hrs.

iii) **Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid** 29.06.2021 Time 11:00 Hrs.

For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, please contact us on **0172-2970263, 0172-2970284/4080116**. Corrigendum/Addendum/Corrections, if any, will be published in the website.

DPR/Pb/5183 Sd/- Chairman-cum-Managing Director

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
RE-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS
Bid No -34 /PWSSD FEROZEPUR DATED: 08.06.2021
<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh, Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., Ferozepur invites bids from eligible bidders for the works detailed below:-

Sr. No	Description of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Document/ Tender Processing Fee (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Work
1.	Supply of Driver for office Car No. CHO1G1-1079 by trained driver having valid license form 01.06.2021 to 31.03.2022 (10 Months)	Rs.- 2815/-	Rs. 1000/- As per Website	10 Months	Rs. Lump sum

2. Important dates are as under:-
i) Period of availability of tender online shall be : **from up to 09.06.2021, 11:00 a.m.**
ii) Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be : **22.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.**
iii) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid : **23.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m.**
"For detailed terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> If any, corrigendum issued will be loaded & seen at website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn., Ferozepur.

DPR/Pb/5180

PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
E-TENDER NOTICE No. PWSSD/Bathinda Div. No. 2/2021/06
DATED - 07.06.2021


On behalf of CEO PWSSB, Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Div. No. 2, Bathinda invites bids from eligible bidders as below:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender document (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (in Lacs)
1	Providing & Laying of DI-K-T Water Supply Pipeline, UPVC Pipe Sewer Nehru Rest House to Jauda Pull along the canal at Rampura Phul, Distt. Bathinda. (As per DNIT)	168680/-	1000/-	3 Months	84.34 Lacs
2	Laying of UPVC Sewer & W/S lines by replacing old W/S & Sewer coming in the alignment of Railway over bridge at Glodderbaha. (As per DNIT)	109240/-	1000/-	3 Months	54.62 Lacs

Processing Fees:- As applicable
Last date and time for online submission of bid shall be 02.07.2021 up to 03:00 P.M.
Date and Time of Opening of Technical Bid 02.07.2021 at 04:00 P.M.
For detail login to www.eproc.punjab.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Division No. 2, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/5180

**PUNSUP**
PUNJAB STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
ਪੁਨਸਪੁ
ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਿਡ, ਪੁਨਜਾਬ (ਪਸਪੁ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਿਤੀ 01.07.2021 ਤੋਂ 31.03.2022 ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲਈ ਨਿਯਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਮੀਲ ਸਮੇਤ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀਆਈ ਟੈਂਡਰੀਅੰਗ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਮਿਤ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੁਕਮ ਤੋਂ ਬਚਾਅ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਕਸ ਤੱਕ 8 ਮੀਲਾਂ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਸਮਿਤ, 8.00.2, ਸਮੇਤ, ਮੀਲਪੁਰ, ਤੇਜਵਾਲ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ, ਜੀ. ਕੀਰਤਪੁਰ ਸਮਿਤ, ਜੀ. ਅਰਜੁਨਪੁਰ ਸਮਿਤ, ਗੁਰਮਤ ਤੇ ਸਮੇਤ (ਸਿਲਾ ਪੁਨਜਾਬ) ਵਿਚ ਹੋਏ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਚ GPS ENABLED ਵਾਹਨਾਂ ਲਾਜ਼ ਨਿਯਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਮੀਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੁਰਚਾਇਤ ਅਤੇ ਫੋਟਾ ਵਾਹਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਜਿਤੀ 18.06.2021 ਤੱਕ ਹੋਏ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਟੈਂਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੀਲ ਗਿਣੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ।

1. ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਤੋਂ ਜਿਤੀ 18.06.2021 ਨੂੰ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
2. ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਪਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	18.06.2021 ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 02.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
3. ਟੈਂਡਰ ਬੋਲਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ	18.06.2021 ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 02.30 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ
4. ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ ਦੀ ਕੀਮਤ	1180/- ਰੁਪਏ (Non-refundable) ਸਮੇਤ 18% GST
5. ਬਿਮਾਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ	50,000/- ਰੁਪਏ (ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਾਹਰ)
6. ਸਿਕਿਊਰਿਟੀ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ	1,50,000/- ਰੁਪਏ (ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬਾਹਰ)

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ/ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ (Term & Conditions) ਫੋਟਾ ਵਾਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਰੂਟ ਅਤੇ ਬਿਮਾਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਆਦਿ ਦੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਬੋਲਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਜਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਫਤਰ ਪਸਪੁ, ਪੁਨਜਾਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਸਲੀਪ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ Corrigendum ਹੋਵੇਗਾ, ਉਹ ਪਸਪੁ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.punsup.gov.in 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਪਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪਸਪੁ, ਪੁਨਜਾਬ/ਮੁਕਾਬਲੀ
punsup.ropar@gmail.com ਫੋਨ: 01881-222348
(A State Government Undertaking)

DPR/Pb/5159

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MOGA
LOCAL GOVT. PUNJAB, DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (21 days)
www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
E-tender Reference No LGPMC/2021/21

No. 342/C **Dated: 04.06.2021**

The Municipal Corporation, Moga invites percentage rate basis (above, below, or at par) e-tender on double bid system of Municipal Corporation Moga. The 3 work amounting 74.11 lacs mentioned at www.eproc.punjab.gov.in from the contractor/firms enlisted with Local Government Department Punjab and from Co-Op L/C Societies registered with Punjab PWD (B&R) who are eligible and fulfill all the terms and conditions Co-Op L/C. The tender will be opened as per schedule given below.

Date and time schedule for e-tendering

For Registered Cooperative Societies
(Preference will be given to the Co-operative L/C Societies for the works up to 60 Lacs (As per Notification No. 76/5279-ਸੀ.1/5)8856 Chandigarh dated 04.11.2019).)

Last Date of Online submission of Bidding Document

Opening of Technical Bid

28.06.2021 03:00 p.m.

29.06.2021 12:00 p.m.

Any corrigendum/amendments will be uploaded on website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Municipal Corporation, Moga.

DPR/Pb/5157

Bezos, Musk among super rich who didn't pay tax

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos paid no income tax in 2007 and 2011. Tesla founder Elon Musk's income tax bill came to zero in 2018. And financier George Soros went three straight years without paying federal income tax, according to a report out on Tuesday from the nonprofit investigative journalism organisation ProPublica.

Overall, 25 richest Americans pay less in tax — 15.8 per cent of adjusted gross income — than many ordinary workers do, once you include taxes for Social Security and Medicare, ProPublica found.

An anonymous source delivered to ProPublica reams of Internal Revenue Service data on the country's wealthiest people, including Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Rupert Murdoch and Mark Zuckerberg.

ProPublica compared the tax data it received with

BILLIONAIRES' GREAT ESCAPE		
 Tesla founder PAID ZERO TAX IN 2018	 Financier NO IT RETURNS IN 3 YEARS	 Amazon founder MISSED PAYMENT IN 2007, 2011

information available from other sources. It reported that "in every instance we were able to check — involving tax filings by more than 50 separate persons — the details provided to ProPublica matched the information from other sources". Using perfectly legal tax strategies, many of the uber-rich are able to whittle their federal tax bills down to nothing or close to it. Soros went three straight years without paying federal

income tax; billionaire investor Carl Icahn, two, ProPublica finds.

The findings are sure to heighten the national debate over the vast and widening inequality between the wealthiest Americans and everyone else.

ProPublica reports that the tax bills of the rich are especially low when compared with their soaring wealth — the value of their investment portfolios, real estate and other assets. — AP

Internet outage crashes many websites

LONDON, JUNE 8

Several major websites across the world, including the UK government's website, crashed for some time on Tuesday due to an outage at global website hosting service Fastly.

The affected sites displayed a message saying "503 Service Unavailable". Fastly said there were issues with its global content delivery network and was implementing a fix. "We are continuing to investigate this issue.

It was unclear if the glitch was due to a cyber-attack.— Agencies

Amid crunch, US reintroduces law to attract foreign doctors

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

To address shortage of doctors in the US, a bi-partisan group of influential senators have announced the reintroduction of a legislation to attract foreign doctors to serve primarily in rural areas of the country. The move is likely to benefit thousands of Indian doctors who are already in the US, and those aspiring to come to the country.

The reintroduction of the Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorisation Act would allow international physicians to remain in the US



WORK PERMISSION FOR SPOUSES

- At present, doctors on J-1 visa are required to return to their home country for two years after their residency
- The law allows spouses of doctors to work

upon completing their residency under the condition

Israel Parliament to vote on new govt on Sunday

JERUSALEM, JUNE 8

Israel's parliament speaker has scheduled a vote for Sunday on a new government that would end Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's 12-year rule, the longest in the country's history.

Parliament speaker Yariv Levin, a Netanyahu ally, announced the timing of the vote on Tuesday, a day after acknowledging that a coalition had been formed.

The fragile coalition consists of eight parties spanning Israel's political spectrum, with only a narrow majority in the 120-member Knesset, or Parliament. But it appears to have held together despite a furious campaign by Netanyahu's supporters that includes death threats and protests outside lawmakers' homes. Naftali Bennett, an ultranationalist former Netanyahu ally, would serve as prime minister for two years, followed by centrist Yair Lapid, the driving force behind the coalition, who thanked the speaker for scheduling the vote. — AP

Must ramp up vax production world over, says Blinken

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

With the US sending millions of its Covid-19 vaccines to several countries, including India, Secretary of State Tony Blinken said there was a need to increase production capacity on a regional basis across the globe.






US President Joe Biden had announced that the US would allocate 75 per cent — nearly 1.9 crore of the first tranche of 2.5 crore doses — of unused Covid19 vaccines from its stockpile through the UN-backed Covax global vaccine sharing programme to countries in South and Southeast Asia as well as Africa.

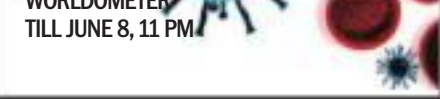
Testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the State Department's 2022 budgetary proposals, Blinken asserted that it was important to have three-fourths of the world vaccinated soon.

"If we stayed on the current course, before we were distributing the 80 million vaccines, before we're looking at increasing production around the world, not just in the United States, we're on track to have the world vaccinated, or at least to have 75 or so per cent of the world vaccinated, not until 2024," he said

'Will keep pressing China for transparency'

Washington: The US, in coordination with the international community, will continue to press China to be transparent and forthcoming with information on the origins of Covid-19, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has said. PTI

TRACKING VIRUS	
NATION	DEATHS
 US	6,12,710
 BRAZIL	4,74,614
 INDIA	3,51,309
 MEXICO	2,28,838
 UK	1,27,841

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in response to a question. The US, he said, had 80 million vaccines that would be distributed, either working through Covax, with it or directly by the US between now and early July. "We want to make sure that anything we send out is safe and effective. But it's starting now and it's going to be rolled out over the coming days and weeks between now and the end of July," Blinken said. — PTI



Activists demand lifting of patent on Covid vaccines during a protest in Paris on Tuesday. REUTERS

BUSINESS

USD \$	EURO €	POUND £	JPY ¥	YUAN ¥	CAD C\$	AUD A\$	SGD S\$	HKD HK\$
₹72.89	₹88.82	₹103.01	₹0.66	₹11.40	₹60.37	₹56.43	₹55.08	₹9.40

India to grow at 8.3% in current yr: World Bank

Forecasts 5.6% expansion for the global economy

WASHINGTON, JUNE 8

The World Bank on Tuesday projected India's economy to grow at 8.3% in 2021 and 7.5% in 2022, even as its recovery is being hampered by an unprecedented second wave of the Covid, the largest outbreak in the world since the beginning of the deadly pandemic.

The Washington-based global lender, in its latest issue of Global Economic Prospects released here, noted that in India, an enormous second Covid wave is undermining the sharper-than-expected rebound in activity seen during the second half of fiscal year 2020/21, especially in services.

NEW PROJECTIONS

- In 2020, India's economy is estimated to have contracted by 7.3% while in 2019, it registered a growth rate of 4%, the World Bank said, adding that in 2023, India is expected to grow at 6.5%
- Activity will benefit from policy support, including higher spending on infrastructure, rural development, and health, and a stronger-than expected recovery in services and manufacturing, it said

"India's recovery is being hampered by the largest outbreak of any country since the beginning of the pandemic," the World Bank said.

In 2020, India's economy is estimated to have contracted by 7.3% while in 2019, it registered a growth rate of 4%, the World Bank said, adding

that in 2023, India is expected to grow at 6.5%.

In its report, the Bank said the global economy is set to expand by 5.6% in 2021 — its strongest post-recession pace in 80 years.

"For India, GDP in fiscal year 2021/22 starting from April 2021 is expected to expand 8.3%," it said. — PTI

Franklin Templeton disagrees with SEBI order; to move SAT

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) on Tuesday said it strongly disagrees with the findings of SEBI's order in the case of winding of six debt schemes in 2020 and has decided to challenge the direction in Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT).

The SEBI, on Monday, barred Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) from launching any new debt scheme for two years and imposed a penalty of Rs 5 crore for violating regulatory norms in the case of winding up of six debt schemes in 2020.

Also, it has been asked to refund investment management and advisory fee of over Rs 512 crore (including interest) collected with

THE CASE FILE

- SEBI, on Monday, barred Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) from launching any new debt scheme for two years
- It also imposed a penalty of ₹5 crore for violating regulatory norms in the case of winding up of six debt schemes in 2020



respect to the six debt schemes. This amount will be used to repay unitholders, as per the SEBI order.

A Franklin Templeton spokesperson said, "We strongly disagree with the findings in the SEBI order and intend to file an appeal with the Securities Appellate Tribunal".

He further said Franklin Templeton places great

emphasis on compliance and believes it has always acted in the best interest of unit holders and in accordance with regulations.

The SEBI found that Franklin Templeton AMC has committed serious lapses/violations with regard to a scheme categorisation (by replicating high-risk strategy across several schemes). — PTI

North India houses over 20% startups

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 8

The startup ecosystem is taking wings in the northern region as over 20% startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) are based in the region.

According to data, as many as 10,190 startups have been recognised in North as on June 3. These startups are from various sectors, including IT (information technology), healthcare, education, food, agriculture, renewable energy and technology hardware.

REGION WITNESSES OVER 350% INCREASE

State/UT	No. of startups registered	
	As in Dec '18	As on June 3, '21
Delhi	1,833	6,094
Haryana	710	2,743
Punjab	100	440
U'khand	—	386
J&K	63	226
Chandigarh	52	186
Himachal	27	117

In the region, Delhi has the highest number of startups (6,094) followed by Haryana (2,743) and Punjab (440). In Uttarakhand, 386 startups

are registered with the DPIIT. The Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir has 226 startups while Chandigarh has 186. Further, 117 startups are registered in Himachal.

Compared to December 2018, the DPIIT witnessed over 350% increase in registration of startups from North. The number of registered startups was 2,785 as on December 2018.

The recognised startups get benefits under a number of regulations and fiscal and infrastructural support. A startup registered with the DPIIT enjoys a simplified compliance structure, 80%

reduction in cost of filing patents and tax exemptions among others.

As the southern and western regions are replete with success stories of startups, industry body CII will work with new-age businesses to foster entrepreneurship and innovation in North to improve the overall startup ecosystem.

Nationally, 50,000 startups have been recognised as on June 3. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, UP and Gujarat have the highest number of startups and 30 states and UTs have announced specific policies to support them.

New income tax portal faces glitches, Infosys told to rectify

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday asked Infosys and its chairman Nandan Nilekani to fix technical glitches being encountered on the income tax department's new e-filing website, after users flooded her Twitter timeline with complaints.

Infosys was in 2019 awarded a contract to develop the next-generation income tax filing system to reduce processing time for returns from 63 days to one day and expedite refunds. The portal went live last evening.

Early on Tuesday morning, Sitharaman took to Twitter to announce the launch of the new portal, www.incometax.gov.in, saying that the "important milestone to make the compliance experience more taxpayer-friendly" went live at 2045 hrs on Monday. But, soon, her timeline was flooded with user complaints.

"I see in my TL grievances and glitches. Hope @Infosys & @NandanNilekani will not let down our taxpayers in the quality of service being provided," she tweeted later. — PTI

India coach Stimac says veteran striker Chhetri scoring goals like he is 25 years old

DOHA, JUNE 8
The list of people who are in awe of veteran striker Sunil Chhetri's skills keeps growing. After the 36-year-old powered India to their first win in the joint 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup qualifying tournament with a brace against Bangladesh, India coach Igor Stimac could not hide his admiration for the team captain.

"Many people keep on asking as to when Sunil is going to retire. He works so hard on the pitch, and in every training session, he is by far the best," Stimac said after the match. "He is in such good shape and is working with such professionalism. He is working as if he is 25, playing as if he is 25, and scoring goals like he is 25," he added.

With his twin strikes, Chhetri led India to a 2-0 win over Bangladesh on Monday. Chhetri's latest effort helped him surpass Argentina's global superstar Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goal-scorer with 74 strikes.

Chhetri scored two goals in the span of 13 minutes to help India seal their first win in a World Cup qualifier away from home since 2001.

36 going on 25



Chhetri leads Barcelona superstar Messi by two goals and sits a place above UAE's Ali Mabkhout, who is third on the list with 73 strikes to his name.

Teammates' adulation
Centre-back Sandesh Jhingan felt that Chhetri's name will be remembered even after 100 years.

"Some 100 or 200 years down the line, people will still talk about Sunil Chhetri. As long as there is Indian football, people will remember his name," Jhingan said. "It's for everyone to see what he does on the field. I would rather like to mention that off the field he is the perfect example for all to follow," he added.



Coach Igor Stimac kisses captain Sunil Chhetri on the head after the match. AIFC

He is in such good shape and is working with such professionalism. He is working as if he's 25, playing as if he's 25, and scoring goals like 25.

Igor Stimac, INDIA COACH

I do not count the number of goals. Ten years later, we will sit together, have a chat and then count.

Sunil Chhetri, INDIA CAPTAIN

Goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu said, "I will keep on mentioning that there's one guy floating in between Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi — and that's my teammate, my captain Sunil Chhetri. It shows his commitment and how consistent he has been at scoring goals. It's simply remarkable." — PTI

'How we want to play'

India's win against Bangladesh helped them climb to third place in the group with six points after seven games. Already out of World Cup contention, the result is a boost to their chances of earning a direct spot in the third round of the Asian Cup qualifiers. "That's the way we always want to play," India coach Igor Stimac said. "The players did everything they could to get the win. So all the credit to them for executing the game plan perfectly," added the 53-year-old. "The best defence against lower-ranked teams is attacking — keeping them away from the ball. If we didn't keep doing what we were doing throughout the game, we wouldn't have scored the second and allowed Bangladesh to come at us," he added.

Captain Sunil Chhetri focused on the many lessons his team will take home from Monday's game. "We were guilty of missing a lot of chances," Chhetri said. "It has been a topsy-turvy qualifying campaign...but I am happy that we got three points," he added.

Archer Bisla grounded after testing positive

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8
Compound archer Sangampreet Singh Bisla will miss the World Cup Stage 3 as he has tested positive for Covid-19. Bisla, who hails from Patiala, was asked to not join the team in Delhi because of the positive result. The compound archery team was to travel to Paris for the World Cup tonight and as per existing norms, the players have to furnish negative reports before taking the flights.

"I took three tests. Two from the government-run laboratories and one from a private laboratory, the one from the private lab showed me as positive," Bisla told *The Tribune*. "I wrote to the federation in the morning about the result and I have stayed back in Patiala. It was pointless to risk others. I could have easily shown the report from the government lab to take the flight. I didn't do it, as there was a probability that I may have tested positive there. The team could have been barred or worse the tournament could have suffered," he added.

Interestingly, no other archer or coach was affected by Bisla's report as everybody was training at their home bases.

"Thankfully, all the archers were staying apart because then we would have had to drop a few had they been in Sangampreet's contact. Compound coach Gaurav too was not in his contact so he is going," a source said.

Interestingly, it was Gaurav who tested positive last month and the whole compound team was withdrawn from last month's World Cup that was held in Guatemala.

Women start training

Meanwhile, the women's archery team has already started their practice ahead of the crucial final qualification tournament that will be held two days before the start of the World Cup.

The women's team, including Deepika Kumari, Komolika Bari, Ankita Bhagat and Madhu Vedwan, is yet to qualify for the Summer Games. The nine-member team left for Paris on June 5 to acclimatise before the crucial tournament.

3 shuttlers qualify for Paralympics

NEW DELHI: Three Indian para-shuttlers, including world No. 1 Pramod Bhagat, have qualified for the Paralympics. Besides Bhagat (SL3), Tarun Tarun (SL4) and Nagar Krishna (SH6) too received invitations to participate in the Paralympics. PTI

After backlash, IOA drops Chinese brand

Indian athletes will wear unbranded apparel at Olympics

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) today decided to drop Chinese sportswear Li Ning as its official kit sponsor for the Olympics and decided that the country's athletes will wear unbranded apparel during the Tokyo Games scheduled to be held from July 23 to August 8.

The IOA had unveiled the Olympics kit designed by Li Ning for the Tokyo Games last week, which led to criticism. It has been learnt that the Sports Ministry then advised IOA to not include a Chinese sponsor for the Games. "We are aware of the emotions of our fans and we in a IOA have decided that we will withdraw from our existing contract with an apparel sponsor," IOA president Narinder Batra said in a statement. "Our athletes, coaches and support staff, will wear unbranded apparel."

There have been calls for boycott of Chinese products since tension had increased at the LAC between the Indian army and Chinese troops last year. — PTI

BRIEFLY

WARSAW

Deepak pulls out of Poland Open due to elbow injury

Olympics-bound Indian wrestler Deepak Punia today pulled out of the Poland Open here to avoid aggravating his left-elbow injury that he carried into the last ranking series event before the Tokyo Games. Punia was to take the mat in the 86kg category but forfeited his quarterfinal against American Zahid Valencia. It has been learnt that the 2019 World Championships bronze winner had suffered the injury two-three days before leaving for Warsaw during practice. "It's a minor injury, there is nothing to worry about. He is still practising," national coach Jagminder Singh told PTI.

KOLKATA

FIFA transfer ban for East Bengal, Kerala Blasters

World football governing body FIFA has banned Indian Super League clubs East Bengal and Kerala Blasters from signing any new players in the transfer window because of non-payment of dues to former recruits. The transfer window begins on Wednesday.

MUMBAI

ISL clubs to field at least 7 Indian players at one time

The Indian Super League's 2021-22 season will witness an increase in local players' on-field participation thanks to a new set of guidelines that mandates clubs to field a minimum of seven footballers at one time from the previous six.

LAUSANNE

Refugee team of 29 athletes picked for Tokyo Olympics

The refugee team for the Tokyo Olympics has 29 athletes competing in 12 sports. The team selected by the International Olympic Committee was drawn from 55 athletes who fled their home countries and got scholarships to train for the games in a new home country.

NEW YORK

LeBron James to skip Tokyo Olympics

US basketball legend LeBron James will skip the Olympics team, according to a report.

LONDON

English FA gets first female leader in 158-year history

The English Football Association today nominated Debbie Hewitt to be its first female leader of soccer's original national body created 158 years ago. AGENCIES

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Day of thrilling play on clay

Zidank, Pavlyuchenkova fight through to semis

PARIS, JUNE 8

Unseeded Tamara Zidank became the first Slovenian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinals as she beat Spain's Paula Badosa 7-5 4-6 8-6 in a gripping French Open battle today.

A match between two Grand Slam quarterfinal debutants was full of momentum shifts with world No. 85 Zidank leading by a set and 4-2 before the big-hitting Badosa, ranked 35, stormed back to reel off six games in succession.

Badosa, who was on a nine-match winning streak on clay, looked the favourite to win the decider when she led 2-0. But former competitive snowboarder Zidank stopped the rot just in time, then showed real grit at 6-6 when she emerged from a pivotal game having saved three break points.

Zidank produced two forehand winners to fend off the first two and then on the third she got lucky when her shot took a horrible bounce to deceive Badosa. Both players struggled to cope with their nerves at various points during the match but it was Badosa who crumbled in the final game, serving a double fault and falling 15-40 behind.

Zidank wasted the first match point but nailed another forehand to end the contest with a 48th winner.

Pavlyuchenkova awaits
Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova finally reached a Grand Slam semifinals at the 52nd time of



Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova beat Elena Rybakina 6-7(2) 6-2 9-7; Tamara Zidank (below) toppled Paula Badosa 7-5 4-6 8-6. REUTERS



asking as she beat Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina 6-7(2) 6-2 9-7 today.

Six times the 29-year-old had lost in the quarterfinals stage of one of the four Majors, but she used all her experience to overcome the doubles partner in a grueling scrap. Rybakina, 21, looked in control of her first quarterfinals when she opened up a 4-1 lead in the first set but Pavlyuchenkova hit back to force a tiebreak.

Pavlyuchenkova took the momentum into the second set to level the match and kept her nose ahead.

Rybakina, who beat Serena Williams in the fourth round, held serve three times to stay alive in the third set. But failed at the fourth time, ending the contest in tame fashion with a double fault. The Russian will face Tamara Zidank for a place in Saturday's final. — Reuters

Indian players to get break between WTC and England series

LONDON, JUNE 8

The Indian team management has decided to give a three-week break to its players after the World Test Championship final in a bid to address the mental fatigue that might be triggered by lengthy spells in a bio-bubble. The WTC final against New Zealand will be held on June 18-22 at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, after which the members of the Indian squad will disperse for close to three weeks (20 days) before regrouping on July 14 to prepare for the five-match series against England starting in Nottingham from August 4.

"As skipper Virat Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri had told the media at the pre-departure press conference, there will be a break. There is a six-week gap between the WTC final and the opening Test against England, so we had to address the issue

England players accepted Robinson's apology: Anderson

LONDON: England players have accepted Ollie Robinson's apology for racist and sexist comments he posted on social media as a teenager, fast bowler James Anderson said today. Robinson has been ruled out of England's second Test against New Zealand starting at Edgbaston on Thursday after historic tweets came to light last week when he made his Test debut at Lord's. The 27-year-old fast bowler had apologised "unreservedly" in the dressing room for the 2012-13 Twitter posts and Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, told reporters that was accepted. REUTERS

of players' well-being. With in UK, they can disperse off, go for a holiday, meet friends and family," a senior BCCI official said. — PTI

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, JSV Division, Jubbil invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost	EMD	Time	Last date of filing/uploading the tenders
1)	Augmentation and Retrofitting of various GWSS under G.P Baghi, Bakhol, Gumma, Himri, Kalbog, Kiarvi, Mahasu, Nagan, Purag, Ram Nagar, Ratnari and Rawla Kiar to provide FHCT of left out house hold under Jal Shakti Sub-Division, Gumma in Tehsil Kotkhai, Distt. Shimla (H.P.) 2021_HPIPH_48225_1	22,84,395	42,000	6 M	Last date of uploading Tenders:- 11:00 a.m. of 15/06/2021 Date of opening of Tenders:- On dated 15/06/2021 (11.30 a.m.) onwards

BoQ and tender related conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hptenders.gov.in

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT

Tender Notice No. RE/UMB/EL/Adv/225 OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 07.06.2021

Chief Project Director, Rly. Electrification, Ambala Cantt. for & on behalf of the President of India invites **OPEN E-TENDERS** on web site www.reps.gov.in for the following works. Tender may submit their original/revised offer up to prescribed closing time & date. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender No. & Tender Title	App. Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Completion Period (Months)	Cost of tender document (₹)	Date of closing
RE/UMB/EL/Gr-288,289,290/G03 Work of Electrification of staff quarters Type IV (04 Unit), Type-III (11 Unit) & Type-II (25 Unit) at Moga, in Ludhiana-Firozpur Section of Gr. 288 at Taran Taran in Amritsar-Khemkaran section of Gr.-289 and at Nawahshahr in Phagwara-Jaigon Doaba Section of Gr.290 of Northern Railway.	65.51 Lakhs	Nil	12 Months	Nil	02.07.2021 at 15.00 hrs

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e www.reps.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. Earnest Money deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering will only be accepted through net banking and payment gateway Only. Details of bank account number and technical details have been provided for in the software (IREPS) to which prospective registered tenderers will have access at the time of tendering.

Note:- Technical and Financial Eligibility and all other terms & conditions, may be seen in Tender document and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.reps.gov.in

No.PR./31/2021 Satya Adv.

Dy CEE/RE/FZR for & on behalf of the President of India

"SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE"

HIMACHAL PRADESH RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

E-tender for the execution of following work item rate wise is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer RDD MANDI HP, on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from contractors/ firms of appropriate class registered with HPPWD/JSV/HIMUDA through e-tendering mode:-

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Time
1.	Construction of Block Development Office Building at Sadar Mandi, District Mandi H.P.(SH:- C/O civil work, water supply, sanitary installation and site development etc.)	Rs. 3,04,39,734/-	Rs. 3,37,000/-	Rs. 5000/- (Non refundable)	Eighteen Months

• Last date of filling/uploading the tender is **28.06.2021 up to 05:00 p.m.**
• Tender document and other detailed instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual.

Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department, Mandi Zone District Mandi H.P.

DPR/HP/1349

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, UNA DISTT. UNA (H.P.) HFW-UNA(NHM)RBSK Vehicles/2021, Dated:

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender are invited from individual,registered firms, proprietorship firm(s)/Partnership firm(s), company/corporation society or any legal entity for providing vehicles as per the terms of the tenders. The Prescribed tender form can be downloaded from website <http://www.hptenders.gov.in> or before last date and time for submission of tender. The detail is as under:-

Sr. No	Name of the Institution	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time Period	Cost Of Tender Document (in Rs.)	Last Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	Chief Medical Officer Una (H.P.) for Block Basdehra.	20,000/-	2021-2022	500/-	25.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m.	28.06.2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Chief Medical Officer, Una Distt. Una (H.P.)

No. HFW-Una(NHM)RBSK Vehicles/21 Dated:- DPR/HP/1348

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag * NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER *****

Online bids on item rate basis are re-invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Arki on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system of two covers for the under mentioned works from the contractor/Firms of appropriate class enlisted with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag. Tender document and other instruction shall be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

Sr. No.	Description of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time
1	Providing drinking water facilities from existing Main Storage Tank Ultra Tech Cement Plant at Bagga to Village Dangoyal Dhar and Sehnaighat in G.P. Mangal Tehsil Arki Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Providing Laying & jointing MSERW pipe, Laying & jointing GMS pipe (Heavy & Medium class) of Rising Main).	7,73,139/-	15,470/-	Six Months
2	A/R & M/O of LWSS Thethon in G.P. Kakharhatti in Tehsil Kasauli Distt. Solan HP (SH:- Providing man power for operation and maintenance of pumping machinery Rising main and distribution network for One year).	5,81,166/-	11,630/-	One Year
3	Providing storage tank at Village Pather in G.P. Surajpur in Tehsil Arki Distt. Solan (HP) (SH:- Construction of storage tank at Village Pather 12000 liters capacity, & Improvement of GWSS Rachhakara, Kiyari, Sokhar, Construction of cut off wall & Laying and jointing G.I. pipe (light class) of various dia in distribution system).	5,95,991/-	11,920/-	Six Months

Cost of form: 250/- for each

Key dates:-

	Date of online publication.	07.06.2021 at 10:00 AM
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Goyal: Storage facilities must for essentials

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8 Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal said the country needed a single technologically modern storage management infrastructure, adding that one must think in terms of convergence and aggregation of all storage infrastructure in the country.

“Modern and cost-efficient storage infrastructure at the grassroots level is a great way to increase farmers’ income,” Goyal said at a review meeting on the storage plan for essential commodities. “Land aggregation for storage from states and government undertakings may be explored,” he said, urging for more synergy among all for effective utilisation of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and creation of modern storage infrastructure.



Piyush Goyal

Uddhav meets PM Modi amid signs of thaw in ties

Discusses Maratha quota, GST compensation

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

A one-on-one meeting on Tuesday between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray set off speculation of a thaw in the long-frozen ties between old allies BJP and the Shiv Sena.

The meeting that took place in Delhi was later described by senior Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut as “a personal interaction between two leaders who share affectionate ties”.

Raut said PM Modi and the Thackeray family had had an old relationship from the times of Balasaheb Thackeray whom Modi revered. “The CM phoned PM Modi. The two met today and spent some time together. Their relations are extremely warm, cordial and affectionate.” Back in New Delhi, Thackeray made light of the visit to the PM. “I came here to meet my own PM, the



PM Narendra Modi with Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray, Deputy CM Ajit Pawar and Cabinet minister Ashok Chavan (L) in Delhi. PTI

NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, CLAIMS NCP

The Shiv Sena and NCP on Tuesday said the Maha Vikas Aghadi Government would complete its full term of five years with NCP state presi-

dent Jayant Patil, saying there was nothing to be “afraid” about a separate meeting that took place between Thackeray and PM Narendra Modi. PTI

PM of my country, not the PM of Pakistan. We discussed a range of issues related to the state.” Thackeray later said he urged the PM to push for Maratha reservation with the

same passion as he pushed the Triple Talaq Bill.

“We also discussed the proposed metro car shed in Kanjurmarg and GST compensation,” the CM said. — TNS

Rajnath invites Swedish firms to invest in defence sector

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday told Swedish military equipment making industries that foreign companies could set up manufacturing facilities individually or partner with Indian companies through a technology agreement to capitalise on the ‘Make in India’ opportunity.

He was speaking at the India-Sweden Defence Industry Cooperation, with the theme



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

‘capitalising opportunities for growth and security’. An MoU was signed between the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and Swedish Security and Defence Industry

(SOFF) to promote bilateral defence industrial relations. A dedicated Joint Working Group will be formed to take forward mutual objectives. The Defence Minister of Sweden, Peter Hultqvist, was the guest of honour. Rajnath invited Swedish firms to invest in defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, saying they could take advantage of the unique incentives being offered by the state governments and the availability of a highly skilled workforce in India.

Class 5 student writes to CJI, hails SC’s steps against Covid

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

The SC’s intervention in the Covid-19 matter has drawn appreciation from Lidwina Joseph, a Class 5 student from Kerala, who wrote to Chief Justice of India NV Ramana for saving lives during the pandemic.

A student of Kendriya

Vidyalaya at Thrissur, Joseph also sent an illustration showing a judge using his gavel to deliver a blow on the head of Covid.

The CJI responded by sending her best wishes for her “beautiful letter” and “heartwarming illustration of a judge at work” in her drawing. — TNS

Mukul skips BJP meet, sparks speculation

POLL VIOLENCE State party chief says leader didn’t show up due to personal reasons

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, JUNE 8

Eyebrows are being raised over the absence of Mukul Roy and Rajib Bandyopadhyay, both recent entrants in the BJP from the Trinamool Congress (TMC), at an executive committee meeting of the West Bengal BJP unit called to discuss post-poll violence.

Mukul Roy, whose recent bonhomie with TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee and Subrata Bakhshi set tongues wagging in political circles here, kept away from Tuesday’s meeting. West Bengal BJP chief



BJP MLA Suvendu Adhikari with Home Minister Amit Shah. PTI

Dilip Ghosh, who presided over the meeting, said Roy could not attend the meeting because of some personal reason.

Roy, national vice-president of the BJP, however, told mediapersons that he did not get any intimation about the

meeting. Former TMC minister Rajib Bandyopadhyay, who joined the BJP shortly before the elections and unsuccessfully contested from Domjur, too kept off Tuesday’s meeting. Ghosh said Bandyopadhyay too could not come due to some personal problem.

Adhikari calls on Shah, may meet PM

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8

BJP MLA and Leader of Opposition in the West Bengal Assembly Suvendu Adhikari met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday to discuss various issues concerning the state.

Adhikari also met Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. He is scheduled to meet BJP national president JP Nadda, party sources said, adding that the leader from Bengal may also have an appointment with PM Narendra Modi. — TNS



NEW RS MEMBERS: BJP's Swapn Dasgupta after taking oath as a member of the Rajya Sabha in Delhi. BJP's Mahesh Jethmalani and CPM's John Brittas and V Sivadasan were also administered oath.

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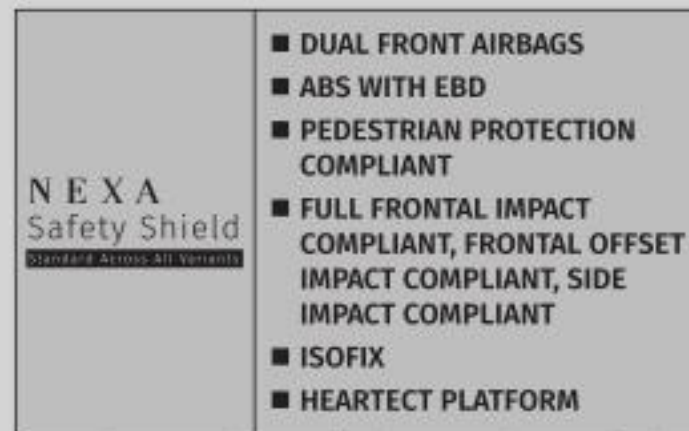
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