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## RBI okays transfer of ₹99K cr surplus to govt

MUMBAI, MAY 21

The Reserve Bank on Friday decided to transfer Rs 99,122 crore as surplus to the exchequer, a move that will help the government to channelise more resources to combat the second wave of pandemic.

The decision to transfer the surplus amount for the accounting period of nine months ended March 31, 2021, was taken at a meeting of the central board of the RBI, held through video-conferencing, under the chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das. The surplus is commonly called 'dividend'.

The accounting year of the RBI is truncated as it has aligned its July-June accounting year with the government's April-March fiscal year. The RBI had fol-



Move expected to help channelise resources to combat pandemic

lowed a July-June financial year since 1940, when it moved away from a January-December financial year. The RBI also decided to maintain a Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50 per cent in line with recommendations of the Jalan committee report. — PTI

## Green crusader Bahuguna succumbs to Covid at 94

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

Renowned environmentalist Sunderlal Bahuguna, who pioneered the Chipko movement of the seventies that saw people hugging and holding on to trees to prevent their felling by forest contractors, died of Covid today. He was 94.

Bahuguna breathed his last at the AIIMS in Rishikesh where he was admitted after testing positive for the virus. He had been critical since last night after his oxygen level dropped drastically.

Born in Tehri (Uttarakhand) on January 9, 1927, the green crusader fought for the cause of environment throughout his life and inspired many to join his movement. Referred to as



the gentle warrior, Bahuguna's Chipko movement led to the enactment of a law banning the felling of trees in eco-sensitive forest belts. He started social activism quite early in life with movements against untouchability

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EDIT: BAHUGUNA'S LEGACY



Court acquits Tejpal in sexual assault case

PANAJI, MAY 21

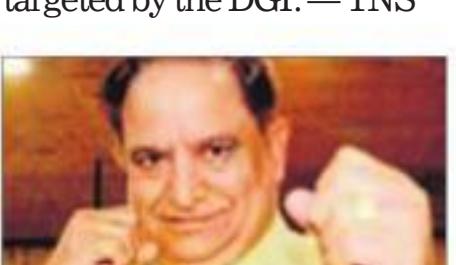
A sessions court in Goa on Friday acquitted journalist Tarun Tejpal of sexually assaulting a former female colleague. Tejpal, former Tehelka editor-in-chief, was accused of sexually assaulting the colleague inside the elevator of a luxury hotel in Goa in 2013. "The court has acquitted Tejpal. A detailed order will be made available later," advocate Suhas Velip, who represented Tejpal in the court, told reporters. — PTI

## 13 Naxals killed in M'rashtra encounter

MUMBAI: At least 13 Naxals, including seven women cadres, were killed in an encounter with the police in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra early on Friday. — PTI

## Haryana IGP seeks FIR against DGP

AMBALA: Y Puran Kumar, posted as IGP (Home Guards), has reportedly sought an FIR against DGP Manoj Yadava under the SC/ST Act here. Sources say the IGP had on May 19 sent a complaint to the SSP's office for legal opinion. Recently, the IGP had moved the HC, alleging he was being targeted by the DGP. — TNS



1st Drona awardee boxing coach dies

NEW DELHI: India's first Dronacharya awardee coach in boxing, OP Bhardwaj, died on Friday after battling prolonged illness and age-related issues here. — INDIAN

## India, Pfizer at loggerheads over demand for vaccine indemnity

NEW DELHI/NEW YORK, MAY 21  
Pfizer and the Indian Government are at loggerheads over a demand by the US drug manufacturer for legal protection from any claims linked to the use of its Covid vaccine in one of the world's biggest markets, two sources said.

India has not given any manufacturer of a Covid vaccine indemnity against the costs of compensation for any severe side-effects, which is a condition Pfizer has obtained in many countries where its shots have already been widely rolled out, including Britain and the US.

"The whole problem with Pfizer is the indemnity bond. Why should we sign it?" said an Indian Government source with direct knowledge of the

**STICKING POINTS**

- Pfizer has obtained indemnity in several countries, including Britain and the US
- India hasn't given any vaccine maker indemnity against costs of compensation for side-effects
- Govt may not be able to question Pfizer in case of any serious side-effect, say sources

**DRDO'S ANTIBODY KIT OUT**  
DRDO has developed a Covid antibody detection kit that offers results in 75 minutes. Expected to cost ₹75 per test, the kit will be commercially launched in June.

matter. "If something happens, a patient dies, we will not be able to question them (Pfizer). If somebody challenges

ous side-effect, say sources

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in a court of law, the Union Government will be responsible for everything,

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**Resume talks, farm unions write to PM Modi**

SONEPAT, MAY 21

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), spearheading the movement against Centre's three farm laws, today wrote to PM Narendra Modi for resumption of talks. Thousands of farmers have been protesting at the Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders since November last year. The talks were halted on January 24.

"Any democratic government would have repealed the three laws that have been rejected by the farmers in whose name these were enacted and seized the opportunity to provide legal guarantee to the MSP... the onus of resuming a sincere dialogue lies with you," the letter read. — INDIAN

**Jaishankar's US visit from May 24, vax supply on agenda**

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NEW DELHI, MAY 21  
External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit the US from May 24 to 28 to discuss procurement of American vaccines as well as regional issues such as the unfinished disengagement on the border with China and the trajectory of peace talks in Afghanistan. In a two-city trip, Jaishankar will meet UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York.

In Washington, he will hold discussions with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken as

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## Black fungus: Experts flag role of industrial O2

ADITI TANDON  
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NEW DELHI, MAY 21  
With Covid-induced mucormycosis spreading faster across all states, experts have asked the government to determine the possible role of industrial oxygen in the infection.

Dr Uma Kumar, rheumatology head, AIIMS, New Delhi, said doctors had been using steroids routinely in rheumatology patients, but they had never seen such high cases of mucormycosis.

"Is this Covid playing with the immunity to invite mucormycosis or is it due to the use of industrial oxygen?" Kumar said, urging the

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A family member shows a victim's picture outside a Mumbai mortuary. — INDIAN

engineer of the barge who is among the survivors.

Navy spokesperson Vivek Madhwal said a survey ship would carry out an underwater search at the site to locate the wreckage of the barge. Also, it will search for the wreckage of a tug-boat 'Varapradha'.

## Come up with preventive measures: HC

SAURABH MALIK  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21  
Taking cognisance of the increasing number of black fungal infections, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today asked Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to come up with possible preventive measures. "In case any such steps are possible, the same be taken immediately," the Bench directed. As the matter came up for resumed hearing, the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh made it clear that its worry travelled beyond ordering medicines for treating black fungus.

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## MiG crashes in Moga, pilot dead



Mangled remains of the IAF MiG-21 fighter jet that crashed in Moga district on Thursday night, killing the pilot. — INDIAN

## In Haryana, 28% victims had no serious health issues, shows data

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21  
The percentage of Covid patients having no comorbidities, who died in Haryana since April 1, rose from 11.9 to 27.7. In some districts like Bhiwani, Jhajjar and Sirsa, the percentage was more than 50.

As per the official data, since the outbreak of the pandemic till March 31 this year, 375 people died in the state who didn't have any comorbidities, while there were 2,780 victims who had comorbidities. The share of victims with no serious health issues was 11.9 per cent.

From April 1 till May 20 this year, 4,050 patients died in the

%AGE OF DEATHS NOT RELATED TO COMORBIDITIES

District	April 1-May 20	March '20-March '21
Bhiwani	69.8	11
Jhajjar	52.1	4.9
Sirsa	51.8	13.7
Rewari	48.3	26.3
Gurugram	47.7	18.7
Kurukshetra	47	0.7
Nuh	46.3	33.3

state. Of them, 1,121 (27.7 per cent) didn't have comorbidities.

"We will analyse the data. In most cases, patients are reporting late at hospitals. Sometimes they are not even aware of their comorbidities," said Dr Sapna Gahlawat,

CMO, Bhiwani.

Dr Dhruv Chaudhary, state nodal officer for Covid, said, "Comorbidities are usually present in the older population. This time, the younger population was affected the most by mutant variants."

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## Gang selling fake test reports busted, 2 held

BALWANT GARG  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, MAY 21

The police have arrested two persons, the owners of a private lab and a chemist shop situated near Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital here, on the charge of selling fake RT-PCR test reports.

Acting on a tip-off, the cops sent a decoy customer to Avinash Kumar (chemist) and Sukhjinder Singh (lab owner) for a Covid-positive report.

CIA staff in-charge Amritpal Singh said the accused demanded Rs 8,000, but the deal was struck for Rs 5,000.

## In Lahaul-Spiti, tourists snap up 50% vax slots

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, MAY 21

Eighty per cent of the Covid vaccines will now be administered to residents of the tribal district of Lahaul and Spiti through draw of lots as on the first day, 50 per cent of the shots were taken by tourists from Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan, visiting Manali.

Owing to poor connectivity, the locals are facing problem in logging onto the CoWin portal for getting their names registered for vaccination in the 18-44 age group. Taking advantage,

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## Black fungus claims life

MUKTSAR, MAY 21

Two cases of black fungus (mucormycosis) have been reported in the district. However, one of them has lost his life at a private hospital in Bathinda. Besides, a suspected black fungus patient has been shifted to Faridkot for investigation.

### Suspected patient shifted to Faridkot

"One patient died of black fungus, while another has returned from a hospital in Ludhiana. The third is a suspected patient," said Dr Ranju Singla, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Muktsar.

Sources said all three, including the suspected black fungus patient, belonged to Gidderbaha subdivision. Meanwhile, 349 persons tested positive for Covid in the district in the past 24 hours. — TNS



A health worker collects a swab sample in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Abohar sees 56 virus deaths in past 20 days

RAJ SADOSH

ABOHAL, MAY 21 As many as 56 people have died of Covid here in the past 20 days against 20 last month and 24 in nine months last year. With positivity rate climbing to 20 per cent, Abohar subdivision is now perhaps on the top of the Covid surge table in small towns across the state.

Social activists have now suggested a 15-day lockdown to prevent the situation from deteriorating further.

Nitin Garg (28), who was working at a bank in Gujarat, reached his hometown with Covid symptoms and succumbed in the emergency ward of the Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital.

Vikram (41), Asha Rani (65), Khazan Chand (73), Madhu Bala (59), Vijay Luxmi (70), Krishna Devi (62), Mani Ram (63) and Sham Lal (78) are among those who lost the Covid battle recently.

Nar Sewa Narayan Sewa Samiti president Raju Charaya said the data spoke volumes of an alarming level but there had been no let-up

### Farm unions to oppose blood camps by RSS

ROPAR, MAY 21

A day after a blood donation camp organised by the RSS was opposed by them at Nurpur Bedi, farmer unions today presented a memorandum to the district administration and demanded a ban on such "politically motivated" activities.

Leaders of Samyukt Kisan Morcha and Bhartiya Kisan Mazdoor Union met Ropar Additional Deputy Commissioner Deepshikha Sharma and Anandpur Sahib SDM Kanu Garg. They said the RSS was planning to hold blood donation camps at Ropar and Anandpur Sahib to serve the political agenda of the BJP. They said farmers would not allow RSS workers to hold any camps at any public place. Ropar DC Sonali Giri said all steps would be taken to maintain law and order. — TNS

## 1 maternal death a day due to infection in May

VISHAV BHARTI  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

Taking a heavy toll on expectant mothers, the state is on average losing at least one pregnant woman to Covid-19 every day this month.

In 2020-21, 440 maternal deaths were reported in the state due to various reasons. Of these, 21 died due to Covid. The situation started deteriorating during the second wave, with six pregnant women dying of the infection in April. However, the number of deaths among expectant mothers rose sharply in May.

Data available with *The Tribune* for the first 20 days suggests an average death of one pregnant woman per day due to the infection. So far, 17 expectant mothers have lost their life this month.

At present, 126 pregnant women are suffering from Covid in various hospitals across the state. Mohali has the maximum number of such

126 admitted to various hospitals



### FOCUS ON SCREENING, TESTING

As part of 'Mission Fateh 2' we are laying stress on maternal health. They are being screened and tested for Covid on the spot and required interventions are being done. Dr Areet Kaur, DIRECTOR NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, PUNJAB

patients at 17, followed by Jalandhar (11), Roopnagar (10), Ferozepur and Sangrur (eight each), Muktsar, Kapurthala and Bathinda (seven each). Dr Areet Kaur, Director National Health Mission, Punjab, says under "Mission Fateh 2", the state was focusing on rural areas.

"We are laying emphasis on maternal health. They are being screened and tested for Covid on the spot and required interventions are being done," she said.

### COVID METER

Cases	5,278
Critical	418
Active	63,470
Deaths	172

### WORST-AFFECTED DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	CASES	DEATHS
Ludhiana	687	23
Bathinda	565	19
Jalandhar	486	9
Patiala	380	19
Muktsar	349	7

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## In quarantine, CRPF man 'shoots self'

FATEHGHAR SAHIB, MAY 21

A head constable of the CRPF posted as a sentry allegedly shot himself in the head at a quarantine centre of the battalion here today.

The deceased has been identified as Tejwant Singh, 42, resident of Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh. Commandant Harminder Singh said Tejwant had gone home on leave and reported back for duty a few days ago. He said as per the Covid

Hailed from HP, had returned from leave

protocol, he was sent to a quarantine centre of the battalion for a few days. Around 3.30 am today, he received information Tejwant had allegedly shot himself with his gun. SHO Kewal Singh said the police were investigating the cause as no suicide note was recovered from the spot. The body was handed over to them after a post-mortem examination. — OC

## Still short of medical O<sub>2</sub>, people dying: Govt to HC

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

"Our people are dying," the state of Punjab today told the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Appearing before a Division Bench, state Advocate-General Atul Nanda said Covid patients were still gasping for oxygen.

Nanda told the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh that the state was still suffering from oxygen deficit.

"Out of six containers, which I had requested through the court, I received just two. As a result of lack of containers, half the quantity of oxygen I have not been able to pick it up from Bokaro," Nanda submitted, asking the Centre to step in.

Nanda submitted the government's main emphasis at present was on providing help to villages. "We have 12,700 villages with 2,950 sub-centres. As many as 2,400 of these sub-centres have been converted into health wellness centres, with each catering to 5,000 population."



### UNABLE TO LIFT GAS FROM BOKARO: AG

"Out of six (oxygen) containers requested through court, I received just two. As a result, half the quantity of oxygen I have not been able to pick up from Bokaro. Atul Nanda, ADVOCATE-GENERAL

al of India Satya Pal Jain, meanwhile, submitted the central control room was processing forthwith requests for additional ventilators and containers received from every state and immediate steps were being taken.

"The Union of India may apprise the court of progress in this regard on or before the next date of hearing," the Bench added before fixing the case for May 25. — TNS

## Fazilka border villagers travel 15 km for jab

PRAFUL CHANDER NAGPAL

FAZILKA, MAY 21 At a time when Covid-19 cases in the rural areas are skyrocketing, resentment is brewing among residents of a cluster of border villages falling across the Sutlej in Fazilka district over poor healthcare facilities.

Official sources said around 12,000 residents living in 15 villages across the Sutlej are forced to travel 15 km to Fazilka to get the jab or get tested for the virus in the absence of health facilities in their area.

Gurdip Singh, a resident of Retewali Bhaini village, said he visited the town twice to get the jab but had to return empty-handed due to non-availability of the vaccine. "Hardly any testing or vaccination camp has been held in the area," he claims.

Malkeet Singh, a resident of Mahatam Nagar village, who is also the former chairman of the Block Samiti, Fazilka, claimed there were several patients with Covid symptoms in the border belt and were getting treatment from quacks in the absence of medical facilities.

He alleged the only dispensary set up under the aegis of the zila parishad at Mahatam Nagar had been



The closed dispensary at Mahatam Nagar village in Fazilka.

### WILL ENSURE ADEQUATE SERVICES IN RURAL BELT

I will instruct officials concerned to ensure adequate health services to the border villages on a priority basis.

Keshav Goyal, FAZILKA SDM

lying shut for over a decade for want of a doctor.

The affected villages include Teja Rohela, Dora Nanka, Ram Singh Bhaini, Jhangar Bhaini, Mahatam Nagar; Wallesha Hithar, Mansa Bhiwani, Mohar Khiva, Mohar Jamsher, Gatti Number 1, Dhani Sadda Singh, Ghurka, Noor Samand, Guddar Bhaini besides several villages in Jalalabad subdivision. Most of

the villages are dominated by the Rai Sikh community.

Harbans Singh, resident of Wallesha Hithar, said no government department official had ever visited them to enquire about their well-being during the pandemic. He demanded a health centre to meet the needs of the villages.

Dr Parminder Kumar, Civil Surgeon, Fazilka, could not be reached for comment. Fazilka SDM Keshav Goyal said

### SHOPS CLOSED, VILLAGE SEALED

After the death of a businessman, Jagdish Kamboj, in Khuyianser village on Tuesday, shopkeepers decided to keep their establishments shut till May 26

The gram panchayat of Himmatspura has sealed the village with the help of cops after the death of a 65-year-old resident, who was referred to Faridkot

in crowding at roadside vends, vegetable markets and other public places even when this could make the situation worse in coming days.

"Vaccination in urban areas has been limited to a single centre, while three such facilities were opened in rural areas. Also, another locker has been installed at the cremation ground here as the old ones are filled with ashes to the capacity," he said.

Cheema demanded that Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to immediately dismiss Medical Education Minister OP Soni. He said the Captain government had failed to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic, as no provision had been made in the government hospitals of the state for doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and technical

## SGPC opens two more Covid care centres

SANGRUR/ROPAR, MAY 21

The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) today opened two 25-bed Covid care centres in Sangrur and Ropar. Inaugurating the facility equipped with oxygen concentrators in Sangrur, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal urged Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh to assign districts to ministers for better management of Covid and ensuring all patients had access to quality healthcare.

"The Congress government had only woken up to the magnitude of the problem recently. The Punjab Government has accepted our suggestion and finally going for global tenders to procure vaccines. Seventeen



### SIKH BODIES OPPOSE SUKHBIR'S PRESENCE

Some Sikh organisations on Friday opposed the inauguration of one of the Covid care centres by SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal. In Sangrur, Sikh Sadhbawna Dal district president Bachitar Singh said Sukhbir hadn't contributed anything for the centre and did not have any right to inaugurate it and hog the limelight for political gains.

districts still do not have ICU facilities," Sukhbir said, urging the CM to open Covid

care centres in all 220 blocks in the state.

The SAD president alleged

that the government had failed to take required step to provide adequate relief to residents, who were under acute financial stress due to the lockdown. He also reiterated the demand for an immediate waiver of electricity bills for both domestic and industrial consumers for next six months.

SGPC president Jagir Kaur said the Covid care centre in Sangrur was the fifth such facility established by the SGPC in the state and more were in the offing. In Ropar, the SGPC in association with the Indian Medical Association set up another 25-bed Covid care centre, which is equipped with 10 oxygen concentrators, two doctors, seven nurses, a pharmacist and a technician. — OC

### Army sets up 50-bed facility

ABOHAL/SRIGANGANAGAR, MAY 21 The Army's Sudarshan Chakra Division dedicated a 50-bed hospital to citizens in Sriganaganagar to combat the Covid surge. The facility was inaugurated on Friday by Zakir Hussain, District Magistrate. The Army has assured all possible assistance to the state to fight the pandemic.

The level-2 Covid facility will provide care, including oxygen, to the patients of Sriganaganagar and adjoining areas. Army doctors and paramedical staff have set up the facility with the assistance of district officials and the Jan Sewa Hospital. The Army will provide dedicated medical staff and equipment to fight the pandemic. Ambulance services will also be provided to the patients. — OC

## At Kiratpur, long queues for immersion of ashes

RUCHIKA M KHANNA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

It is at the historic Gurdwara Pataalpur in Kiratpur Sahib, 60 km from here, that the entire severity of the Covid tragedy in Punjab becomes distinctly visible. As the Covid death toll continues to mount, the number of persons coming to immerse the ashes of their loved ones at Kiratpur Sahib has trebled in the past fortnight.

From an average of 200 persons being immersed in the Sutlej a month ago, the number has gone up to 600 now. In this week alone, ashes of 3,600 persons have been immersed, that of 685 on Friday itself.

Gurdwara manager Avtar Singh says by 9.30 am each day, ashes of almost 100 persons are already immersed



and the rites performed. "People come from all over the region — Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan, besides Punjab. But these days, the majority of those coming here for the rites are from Punjab villages," he says.

Gurdwara officials say right from 4 am, people begin to queue up outside the registration office, near the Asth Ghat. Two queues extend right up to the entrance of the ghat. "Though we do not ask shardhalus the reason for death, we presume the Covid surge behind it," says Surinder Singh, who issues the certificate at the gurdwara after the immersion.

At the Asth Ghat, people can be seen on either side of the bridge over the Sutlej, as well as standing on top

# 'Trust deficit' hampers drive in villages

Mission Fateh 2.0 aimed at controlling spread | Sans enough facilities, locals fear getting tested

**MANAV MANDER**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

LUDHIANA, MAY 21

Though the government has launched Mission Fateh 2.0 focusing on the rural population with an aim to conduct sampling/ testing on large scale, the trust deficit between villagers and health officials is hampering the process.

To make things worse, every village is not equipped with adequate facilities and even the department has failed to arrange the required number of camps on their doorstep.

Joginder Singh from Lalton Kalan village said there was no dispensary in their village and they were forced to go to the neighbouring village for any health-related issue. "Around 60-70 people have tested positive in our village and five have even died. There is no testing facility in the village and a camp was held after many people tested positive. People are still



Health officials interact with villagers on Friday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

reluctant and are not coming forward to get tested," he said.

Riyasat Ali from Ramgarh village in Jagraon defeated Covid in April 2020. On vaccination, he said: "I am not suffering from any disease. Why should I get vaccinated?"

Paramjeet Singh from Bundli village near Samrala said trust factor was important and played a major role in rural areas. "It is very difficult to change the mindset of villagers who have lost faith in the government. They are under the impression that whoever goes to the hospital doesn't come back as many died after being admitted to hospital in our vil-

lage. They avoid getting tested. There is no dispensary in our village and people have to go to Ghalewal village for any treatment," he said.

He said to get tested, villagers had to go to Samrala. A vaccination camp was held 15 days ago and only 150 doses were administered as the

## 24-HR CONTROL ROOM

- To cater to the rural population, the Ludhiana administration on Friday set up a dedicated 24-hour Covid control room
- Set up at the Government Girls' College, Bharat Nagar Chowk, it is equipped with a team of doctors, counsellors, teachers and trained youngsters
- A helpline, 0161-2403111, has also been started to assist villagers in any infection-related issue

department ran out of stock. "When some people mustered courage to get the jab, the camp was called off," he said.

Takarwal village sarpanch Amarjit Singh said they were not holding any 'tikri pehras'.

A vaccination camp was held for five days and now the next camp is awaited. "People are terrified of getting tested and the after-situation in case they test positive," he said.

Meanwhile, the district administration today set up a 24-hour Covid control room in the Government Girls' College, Bharat Nagar Chowk, here and started an exclusive helpline 0161-2403111 for villagers.

Ludhiana DC Varinder Kumar Sharma said a team of doctors, counsellors, teachers and trained youths had been deputed to run the war room.

"The administration needs the active support of the public to conquer the deadly second wave," he added.

## Free uniform for govt school kids

CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla has said 13,48,632 government school students will receive free uniform at their home for the academic session 2021-22 as a grant of Rs 80.92 crore had been released by the Education Department.

He said after sanctioning the required grant, directions had been issued to district education

## Edu Dept releases ₹80.92-crore grant

officers for proper arrangement of uniform and have been asked to follow the safety protocol while distributing these among students. He added funds would be credited to the school management committees for the purchase of uniform.

Singla said: "Apart from providing uniform on the doorstep, no student will be called to schools for measurements. The staff will obtain the size from parents and provide the uniform at home." —TNS

## UK NGO sends oxygen concentrators to India

ABOHAL, MAY 21

The BAPS, an NGO, transported 54 oxygen concentrators on a specially chartered British Airways relief flight to India. The NGO has raised over £7,00,000 (about Rs 6 crore) by organising a three-day cycling challenge event to support its relief efforts in India.

The machines are being distributed to various hospitals and medical facilities by BAPS volunteers in Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, HP, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and UP. —OC

## Doc lost to Covid, no relief in sight for kin six months later

Compensation file with higher ups, says Civil Surgeon

KARAM PRAKASH  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, MAY 21

With his doctor son succumbing to Covid-19 in the line of duty and no financial help from the government, Suresh Pal is torn between grief and rage.

"We are facing a tough time. No one has come forward to help. The government hasn't even recognised the sacrifices my son made to become a surgeon. To say the least, the government should give what they announced for the frontline workers dying on duty," Pal, who works as a technician with the Indian Railways, said.

Dr Ankit Kumar, who had been performing round-the-clock duty at Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot, before testing positive, died in November last year. His family is said to have been running from pillar to post since then to get the financial help announced by the government for the kin of the frontline workers.

Faridkot Civil Surgeon Dr Sanjay Kapoor said: "We have already sent Dr Ankit's file, seeking release of financial help to the family.

His mother Lokesh Devi said: "The entire family had pinned hopes on Ankit that



The parents of Dr Ankit Kumar have been running from pillar to post for compensation, but to no avail. RAJESH SACHAR

he would pull us out of poverty. Everything is shattered now. We have two daughters to marry. Besides, we have loans to repay."

Meanwhile, Residents Doctors Association (RDA), Government Medical College and Rajindra Hospital, said the government should immediately hand over a cheque for Rs 50 lakh to the family.

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DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, PUNJAB  
CORRIGENDUM  
Public Notice

The last date for submission of "Expression of Interest" for operating Government Cattle Pounds on PPP Mode has been extended by 02 weeks up to (07.06.2021)

Other details regarding this are as per earlier Advertisement Dated 09.04.2021. Detailed terms and conditions are available at department website [www.husbandrypunjab.org](http://www.husbandrypunjab.org).

If there is any further revision in above Advertisement dated 09.04.2021 or this corrigendum, then that will be made in the Department website only.

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## ਦਾੜਤਰ, ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਰੂਪਨਗਰ

(ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਨੋਟਿਸ)

ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਰੂਪਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਹੁਤੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਕੰਠੀਂ ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਸਟੈਂਡ ਅੱਤੇ ਫਾਰਿਕੋਮ (ਪਿੰਸਡ ਸੂਟੀਸ਼ਲ ਅਦਾਰਾ) ਵਿਚ ਵਰਤੋਂਗਾ ਦੀ ਵਿਹੜੀ ਦੇ ਥੋੜਾ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਾਲ 2021-22 ਲਈ ਮਿਤੀ 01.06.2021 ਤੋਂ 31.03.2022) 10 ਮਾਰਕ ਲਈ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਰਿਸਾਰਵ ਕੀਮਤ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ।

1. ਕੰਠੀਂ ਮੁੱਲ: 4,66,000/-  
2. ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਸਟੈਂਡ: ਮੁੱਲ: 5,26,668/-  
3. ਫਾਰਿਕੋਮ: ਮੁੱਲ: 67,500/-

ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਸਥਾਪਿ ਕੀ ਮਿਤੀ 28.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਦਾ ਦਾੜਤਰ ਦੇ ਮਿਤੀ ਨੇੜੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਵਿੱਖੀ ਬੁੱਝੀ ਕੰਠੀਂ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਸਥਾਪਿ ਕੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਦਾੜਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਸਟੈਂਡ ਅੱਤੇ ਫਾਰਿਕੋਮ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਵਿਚ ਅਤੇ ਫਾਰਿਕੋਮ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਸਟੈਂਡ ਮੁੱਲ: 50,000/- ਅੱਤੇ ਫਾਰਿਕੋਮ ਲਈ ਮੁੱਲ: 25,000/- ਰੁਪਏ। ਸਾਡਿਕਲ ਸਟੈਂਡ ਕੇ ਬੇਂਦੀ ਵਿਚ ਚਿੱਠੀ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਮਿਤੀ 09.05.2021 DPR/Pb/4732 ਸਹੀ/- ਵਾ: ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ, ਰੂਪਨਗਰ।

## ਦਾੜਤਰ, ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਪਾਤੜ੍ਹਾਂ (ਪਟਿਆਲਾ)

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ਸਾਵਾਨਕ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿੱਖੀ, ਪੋਲ: [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
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ਨਗਰ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਪਾਤੜ੍ਹਾਂ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿੱਖੀ ਦੇ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਲਈ 310.11 ਲੱਕੁ ਰੁਪਏ ਲਈ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਸਥਾਪਿ ਕੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਨਿਲਾਮੀ ਸਥਾਪਿ ਕੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

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# Now, free treatment for BPL patients in private hospitals

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 21**  
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced that the treatment cost of Covid patients belonging to the below poverty line (BPL) category would be borne by the state government.

Earlier, the government had announced a financial assistance of up to Rs 35,000 to BPL patients.

"All BPL families, who are not covered under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, will be eligible for free treatment in private hospitals. Deputy Commissioner will ensure that the financial help reaches the needy," said the Chief Minister while chairing a review meeting of Covid management with the DCs and administrative secretaries held here today through video conferencing.

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apprised that about 10,000 oxygen cylinders had been delivered to patients on their doorstep to date. So far, 378 NGOs have been registered on oxygen supply cylinders.

Khattar said the DCs should make efforts to convince agitating farmers to cooperate with the government to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

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## Vij: Post-Covid centres soon

**CHANDIGARH, MAY 21**  
Health Minister Anil Vij has said that soon, post-Covid centres named 'Umang' would be started in government hospitals of the state.

Vij said that at these centres, Covid-recovered patients would not only be treated but would also be given

### 5,643 FRESH CASES

POSITIVITY RATE 9.83% ACTIVE CASES 54,397

### 112 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

### G'GRAM WORST HIT

- With 112 deaths and 5,643 fresh cases, the overall tally of the state reached 7.29 lakh.
- Black fungus cases reached 332 on Friday with addition of 64 more cases.
- The maximum cases were reported from Gurugram at 623 followed by 464 in Hisar.

## 2 docs, ambulance driver booked for fleecing patients

PALWAL, MAY 21

The police have booked two doctors and an ambulance driver for allegedly fleecing the kin of a Covid patient here. No arrest has been made so far. Several complaints of overcharging or fleecing of patients have surfaced in the district during the pandemic.

A spokesperson for the police department said Dr Anup, Dr Tejender and Naterpal, the driver of an ambulance associated with Guru Nanak Hospital, have been booked under Sections 384, 288, 269, 270 and 120-B of the IPC on the basis of a complaint filed by a local resident.

According to the complainant, he was charged Rs 1.20 lakh for an ambulance to transport his sick mother to Chandigarh from Palwal recently. He alleged that the accused took the money without issuing him any receipt.

DC Naresh Narwal said the case had also been probed by a committee and the accused had admitted their involvement. — TNS

# Allow shops to reopen for limited duration: Traders

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, MAY 21

After 10 villages in Hisar and Jind districts defied lockdown restrictions, traders and shopkeepers in towns have urged the district authorities to allow reopening of shops for a limited duration.

Ajay Saini, president, Rajguru Market Association, Hisar, said shopkeepers had incurred heavy losses because of prolonged lockdown. "There are nearly 4,000 shops in the market. Because of the lockdown, traders are incurring a daily loss of Rs 10-12 crore."

"The association requests the state government to allow opening of shops from 10 am to 5 pm. Shopkeepers will ensure that buyers wear masks and maintain social distancing." Ajay Saini, CHIEF, RAJGURU MARKET ASSOCIATION, HISAR



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shopping and deliver products on people's doorsteps within the city limits.”

In Sirsa, shopkeepers said that on one hand, rent and electricity bill were piling up and, on the other, they were unable to earn a rupee because of the lockdown.

In Jind's Narwana town, shopkeepers are adamant on

opening the shops, but the local administration has warned them of action if they do so.

Traders said the district administration should allow the shops to open till 2 pm.

Haryana Vyapar Mandal president Bajrang Dass Garg demanded a relief package, especially for small and marginal traders.

# 56 black fungus cases in PGIMS; hospital seeks more drugs

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**ROHTAK, MAY 21**  
The Post-graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) has witnessed an influx of black fungus patients from different parts of Haryana and neighbouring states.

Sources say 56 patients are under treatment at the PGIMS. The hospital authorities have requested the state government to send more drugs for the treatment.

As per a notification by



### ONE MORE DIES IN KARNAL HOSPITAL

- A 52-year-old man from Sangohi village, who was being treated for black fungus at KCGMC, succumbed to infection on Friday
- This was the third death due to black fungus in the district, said Dr Jagdish Dureja, Director, KCGMC
- Four more cases were reported in Karnal district on Friday, taking the tally to 11
- The patients are being treated at the special ward at the Kalpana Chawla hospital.

the state government, the PGIMS is supposed to treat black fungus patients from Rohtak, Jind, Charkhi Dadri and Mahendragarh districts. However, patients

from other districts are also thronging the hospital.

Medical Superintendent Dr Pushpa Dahiya said, "It will be better if patients are admitted to civil hospitals

of their districts and then referred to medical colleges authorised to admit them. Nevertheless, the PGIMS is like a mother institution for all residents of the state.

Though we are supposed to admit black fungus patients from only four districts, we cannot refuse treatment to those from other parts of the state."

She added prolonged oxygen support to Covid patients, compromised immunity, chronic diseases such as diabetes and cancer, consumption of immuno-suppressant drugs given to patients of renal transplant and lack of oro-dental hygiene could lead to black fungus.

# Dera head visits ailing mom; back in jail

## Was granted emergency parole

The dera head, who was convicted and sentenced to jail for the rape of two of his women disciples and murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati, was granted emergency parole to visit his ailing mother.

Sources said the dera chief was taken to Gurugram early in the morning under police custody and returned to the prison in the evening. — TNS

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**USE COVA APP OR CALL 104 MEDICAL HELPLINE**

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**Initiative of Government of Punjab for fighting COVID**

**COVID-19 BED AVAILABILITY IN GOVERNMENT & PRIVATE HOSPITALS**

	OXYGEN BEDS		ICU BEDS (Without Ventilator)		ICU BEDS (With Ventilator)	
	Total	Available	Total	Available	Total	Available
Government Hospitals	4175	2030	503	51	376	167
Private Hospitals	6741	2253	1454	262	1068	163
Total (Govt.+Pvt.)	10916	4283	1957	313	1444	330

Figures as on 21.05.2021 5.00 pm

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
e-Procurement Notice  
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## Bahuguna's legacy

We must heed his appeal for sustainable living

THE axe forgets but the tree remembers,' goes an African proverb. Sunderlal Bahuguna, who passed away on Friday at the age of 94, felt and remembered the pain of every tree that was felled on the pretext of development or for brazenly commercial purposes. He was the leading light of the Chipko movement, which lent a voice to every tree, every forest that was threatened by human rapacity and recklessness. The very name 'Chipko' — clinging to a tree as if one's life depended on it — summed up the non-violent agitation that was inspired by Gandhi's satyagraha. Bahuguna himself was a tireless Gandhian, having the courage of his convictions.

His heart bled not only for the trees but also for the hapless people whose lives and homes were endangered by mega projects. Bahuguna fought a long and hard battle against the construction of the Tehri Dam, red-flagging the grave consequences of building major infrastructure in an environmentally fragile zone. It was his dream to recreate an ecosystem in which all life forms were respected, be it on land, in the air or in water. 'Man cannot continue as the exploiter of other species,' he had said, in a scathing indictment of humankind's plundering and blundering ways.

During the last decade of his life, Bahuguna was an agonised witness to two ecological disasters in Uttarakhand, his native state; the flash floods of 2013 and the Chamoli tragedy of 2021. Acknowledging that the Chipko movement of the 1970s had helped create awareness about the need to save trees, he felt that the situation was much more serious now in view of rampant deforestation and pollution. He had called for launching new Chipkos to protect the green cover so that every citizen could breathe clean air and drink potable water. A world grappling with the challenges of climate change and global warming needs to take a leaf out of Bahuguna's green book to save itself from self-destruction. His simple message — every tree matters — is a mantra for sustaining life on our troubled planet. The onus is on us.

## Accept live-in couples

Right to choose life partners still a social conflict zone

UPHOLDING their right to life and liberty to choose their partners, a Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, in a welcome ruling, has ordered that the live-in couple be provided protection against harm that the two consenting adults feared from some disapproving family members. This directive was premised on there being no distinction in the danger perceived by pairs living in wedlock or out of it, keeping in mind the fact that cohabiting is not illegal. Rather, any threats issued to them by anyone — relatives, community, khap, etc — would amount to taking the law into one's hands and be liable for punishment.

Significantly, this judgment is a welcome departure from two other recent orders by the same HC's separate Benches that dismissed similar petitions by two other live-in couples. Their relationship was frowned upon as being socially and morally disruptive. This censorious view is, notably, divorced from the growing trend of young lovers opting to stay together and even have children without marriage — in both big and small towns. The fact that in a space of a few days, three cases of live-in couples have been heard in the HC is indicative of the emerging reality of the youth's mindset. While many elders have also graciously embraced the progressive social change (it precludes the dowry scourge, for one), our region, notorious for 'honour' killings, apparently is still largely shackled by an outdated and convoluted sense of morality.

However, hope for better sense prevailing emanates from the string of legal rulings in favour of live-in relationships. Their legal sanctity derives from a provision in the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. The spirit of the precedent set by the Supreme Court must be internalised by all law enforcers. Any departure from that would be a travesty of justice. In 2018, the apex court even quashed the archaic adultery law of 1860 as being unconstitutional, for it considers women as 'chattel' and 'treats a husband as the sole master.' Though adultery is no more a criminal offence, it remains a sufficient ground for divorce.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Every day, you reinvent yourself. You're always in motion. But you decide: forward or backward. — James Altucher

## ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

# The Tribune.

LAHORE, SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1921

### Official Industrial Conference.

YESTERDAY we barely had time to publish the announcement that a Conference of the Provincial Ministers and Directorate of Industries will meet at Simla to discuss certain important questions, including the "constitution" of Industrial and Chemical Service. What does the announcement mean? Are we to understand that it has been decided to entertain the new services? When was this done and by whom? What is open to the Ministers is to discuss not the 'constitution' but the question of the "institution" of the services. Let the Ministers by all means talk among themselves about the desirability or otherwise of entertaining the new services and then introducing proposals about them, if necessary, in their respective Councils. They cannot, in the present circumstances, discuss the question of the "constitution" of the services. This would be putting the cart before the horse. In this connection, may we remind the Ministers that the organisation of these services has not only been strongly opposed by eminent Indians, like Sir Jagdish Chandra Bose, Sir P.C. Ray and others, but also by at least a dozen scientific men of the front rank in England, most of whom are fellows of the Royal Society. For the opinions of these distinguished authorities, we may refer those interested to the correspondence columns of *Nature* (London) for February and March 1920. We hope the Ministers will not overlook the important considerations we have ventured to put before them. No other country, so far as we know, entertains regularly organised scientific services as is proposed to be done for India. As we have indicated above, the proposal, which originated with the Indian Industrial Commission, presided over by Sir Thomas Holland, has been received with alarm in scientific circles both in India and England.

# The Congress conundrum

Party need not be held hostage by the issue of who should be president

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RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN

**A**MIDST depressing stories of Covid corpses on the Ganga, the near-fatal collapse of the Congress party in the just-concluded Assembly polls was largely overlooked, as was interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi's decision to postpone organisational elections. In short, the Congress organisation is like one of those Covid patients in Uttar Pradesh with no hope of testing, treatment or even a decent funeral.

This crisis or organisational paralysis, primarily, is over the issue of the post of the Congress president. There is no one but the Gandhis to lead the party, yet former president Rahul Gandhi does not want to take up the mantle after the crushing defeat of the party under his leadership in the 2019 elections. It is indeed noble to own up moral responsibility for a defeat and to quit the field altogether, but Rahul is still very much the party's most influential campaigner. Congressmen, obviously, do not understand the concept of most things moral, but they do have a strong argument when they seek an alternative, full-time leader, in case Rahul has decided to quit organisational politics altogether.

Sonia will not have anyone other than Rahul as Congress president and Rahul does not want to become the party president, nor has he publicly nominated his successor. This conundrum merits a solution. Sonia wants to keep the Congress leadership a family affair and it makes sense as there cannot be altruism in politics. Why should she part with an organisation that she rebuilt since 1998, taking it to power twice in 2004 and 2009? There can be two possible ways out of this morass. The easiest



RECONNECT: The Congress has always been a crowd, never a cadre-based party. PTI

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and the most romantic one is that of a charismatic challenger snatching the organisation away from the Gandhis and rebuilding it, just like Sonia grabbed it from Sitaram Kesri and re-established the Congress Raj.

Well, in politics as in life the easiest solution often does not exist. There is not a single Congress leader who can take over the party or even lead a split the way Mamata Banerjee, Sharad Pawar or Jaganmohan Reddy created a political platform in their own geographical spheres of influence. The fact that the Congress has not split despite two humiliating defeats in general elections and several demoralising reversals in the states only proves that there are no challengers within the organisation. There cannot be a challenge from the outside without a sizeable chunk ready to junk the Gandhis and invite the challenger, which is also not the case now.

A merger of splinter groups will only be perceived as a hostile takeover bid of the mother ship by old underling-turned-competitors. In this situation a possible way out could be to take a leaf out of history books and

turn the Congress president into a person who presides over an All India Congress Committee (AICC) session. Mahatma Gandhi was Congress president only once and that does not mean that he did not influence the course of Congress politics — he charted it, in fact. Madan Mohan Malaviya was president on several occasions but his opposition to the Non-cooperation or Quit India movements did not really matter. In the pre-Independence times, the Congress had annual sessions and they were known for the cities where they were held rather than the people who presided over the podium.

None of the presidents could rival Gandhi's moral authority over the Congress and even the militaristic patriot Subhas Chandra Bose gracefully quit the presidency rather than mount a challenge to the person he later referred to as "Father of our nation" in a radio broadcast. So, the Congress can revive the practice of annual sessions or modify it to have biannual sessions, inviting mass leaders from across the country to preside over those meetings. Mass appeal need not be the only qualifying

criterion; there could be intellectual giants and political thinkers chairing the proceedings as president of different sessions. Such a practice can begin at the next AICC session, which could be chaired by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh — there cannot be a better person or a more accomplished and scholarly Congressman to inaugurate this transition towards a new organisational structure.

The structural levers of the party can still remain with the Congress Working Committee and the general secretaries, yet allowing the party to enlarge its footprint by bringing in new ideas, new talent and, most importantly, greater national participation of bigger crowd-pullers. For instance, the CWC can call Mamata Banerjee over to chair a session, infusing the electrifying energy of the big mass leader into a moribund hierarchy. The old practice of double membership can allow the Congress to become a platform of competing ideas and an umbrella of converging interests. Sharad Pawar is an ally who would bring in his own charismatic appeal into a session, if he is given the offer to chair it. It will obviously be a matter of privilege for most politicians if they are invited to the podium of another party, and that too to hold the gavel. An Akhilesh Yadav or an MK Stalin at the AICC podium might send a message of inclusive politics of humility hitherto unbeknownst to the Congress leadership.

The Congress has always been a crowd, never a cadre-based party. The Congress should go back to being that crowd of clashing titans, competing political entrepreneurs, feuding regional satraps — with the centre holding it all together. Crowds and campaigners change the mood of the nation, not apparatchiks. Come to think of it, Amartya Sen could chair an AICC session, inviting former Kerala health minister KK Shailaja to explain how she tackled the deadly Nipah outbreak or managed to keep the Covid case fatality rate so low despite the second surge; he might also want Gujarati poet Parul Khakkar to recite her poem, *Shav Vahini Ganga*.

## The many lives of death

### JASPREET SINGH

**T**HE pandemic has pursued humans to a pressurising halt. Every new year opens a window to a fresh change. The freshness, however, in the past few years has been subdued by the devastation of forests, water bodies and climate change. Conversations about the death of life permeate all boundaries. Unfortunately, a crumbling healthcare system and the rage of our fragile planet have put us all in a tight spot.

We are witnessing many lives of death. From oxygen shortage, unavailability of beds to the sirens of ambulances and piles of dead bodies in crematoriums, human beings are gasping for breath. The fractured and

crumbled lives are painted as glossy on social media. Infoxication is taking its toll on the human mind. Could we start afresh? Could we go back in time to ring out the Goliath of reckless spread? Multiplicity and mutability of the virus have left us in a time warp. Each event, coming faster than the last, seems to be shaping a world bereft of possibilities.

Questions and answers about the life of death are inevitable, considering the situation at hand. Conversations are about the virus and its pursuits.

The virus has laid bare the deceptive state of living beings. All the powerful innovations — the humbug of life is submerged into a self-destructive roadmap. We all are forced to think, where does the future

lie? However, the more prominent question is what led us to the present situation? Ed Young, science journalist for *The Atlantic* wrote in an article 'How the pandemic defeated America', and also tweeted in August last year, 'We long to return to normal, but "normal" led to this. To avert the future pandemics we know are coming, we must grapple with all the ways normal failed us. We have to build something better.'

To escape the catastrophic pandemic has become a bare human necessity. It is much of a muchness for everyone. Yet the silence on the violence against nature is baffling. Apprehensions about zoonotic diseases entering our lives are another facet of it. We tend to blame each other or neigh-

boring nations without any proof for the reckless spread of the virus. We have forgotten to look within. Some ideas for the future are mind-boggling like the AI-enabled future, cyborgs or post-humanism, yet no one knows exactly about the future anymore.

An unadulterated, fertile and vulnerable earth is coaxing us to nurture life. We have no other planet to go to despite our expensive missions that have polluted space. Each spring brings with it the colourful bloom. The stubbornness of life and death is incessant. It keeps renewing itself in all forms and shapes. The possibilities are with us because what still motivates our tribe is a record of survival, but not always if one ignores this tragedy and teachings it has offered.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PM's meetings

PM Modi has held scores of meetings with CMs and District Magistrates of various states to disseminate information on a number of subjects affecting the country. Mostly these meetings are restricted to one-way communication, which, of late, have been labelled as a waste of time by some CMs. The Delhi CM was reprimanded for telecasting live the meeting with the PM. Kejriwal offered suggestions which were not liked by BJP leaders. Mamata Banerjee has questioned the communication style of Modi. In his last meeting with DMs, Modi disseminated information which is already available on database and is freely telecast by the Press. Such communication, and without the adequate resources, will serve no purpose except for passing the buck which will end up at the lowest level of bureaucracy.

**COL KULDIP S GREWAL (RETD), PATIALA**  
**Everything about money**  
Looting patients is a growing concern. It is a struggle between demand and supply for oxygen, medicines, ambulances. The wild wolves are just eating the flesh out of the dead. My heart aches when I read about the black marketing of essential medical aids; where rooms will

be available only when you pay a huge amount and care will be taken when you opt for deluxe rooms. Inflated bills for those who are just living hand to mouth. Is this the reason why people curb their wishes and save money — for the worst; where in hard times you will be treated only if you have money? Things are falling apart, the Centre cannot hold. Can't the Government of India provide minimum medical aid to its citizens with equality?

**DEVINA BADHWAR, ROHTAK**

#### Partisan aerial survey

It's unfortunate and unethical that the PM of the country only undertakes an aerial survey of cyclone Tautkai-hit Gujarat and not other states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Are these states not part of India and is he the PM only of Gujarat? During my nearly 50 years of reading *The Tribune*, I have not observed any PM of our country touring in such a way when many states are suffering from such a humongous calamity. God save India.

**JS WADHWA, KAPURTHALA**

#### Train to Hardwar

Due to lockdowns and other restrictions, the Railways has drastically reduced passenger trains

and many trains have been cancelled. In addition, interstate bus services have almost been suspended. As a result, people are unable to perform the last rites of their loved ones. Ashes are awaiting immersion in the Ganga at Hardwar, which is the nearest point of immersion of ashes for people from J&K, Punjab, Himachal and Haryana. Therefore, the Railways should run at least weekly or fortnightly trains from Jammu and Amritsar to Hardwar.

**RAVI BHUSHAN, KURUKSHETRA**

#### WhatsApp privacy

Reference to 'Protecting privacy', today, people of all ages are dependent on WhatsApp for fast messaging and communication. Hence WhatsApp should be more risk free for people using it as social media. The government and the company should regulate WhatsApp in such a manner that privacy should be ensured. This will not only prevent crimes, but will also allow people to use WhatsApp confidently.

**SUBER SINGH PARIHAR, HAMIRPUR**

#### Old-age pension

Tarn Taran, like many rural and backward areas of Punjab, has a peculiar problem. Due to the lack of awareness among the uneducated

village folk, benefits of welfare schemes are not reaching the people they are meant for. It is the duty of the village panchayats to help people in applying for these benefits. Many villagers are not getting old-age pension simply because they have no idea about their eligibility and how to apply. Simply making laws is not sufficient. Implementation needs the active role of the district administration. Panchayats must be roped in for not only creating awareness, but also helping people in completing the formalities, like filling the forms.

**ASWANT KAUR, TARN TARAN**

#### Rahul Dravid as coach

Apropos of 'Dravid to coach India white-ball team in Lanka', it's great news for Indian cricket that our former skipper is going to coach the Indian white-ball team. Under the coaching of the batting legend Dravid, the Indian cricket squad is expected to play One-Day Internationals and T20 matches in Sri Lanka. One hopes the team would not only just play brilliantly in all those matches, but also clinch both the series under the guidance of Dravid, who is currently heading the National Cricket Academy. Undoubtedly, all cricket fans will wait eagerly for the commencement of the tour.

**SOURISH MISRA, KOLKATA**

# Growth should take the poor into account



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FOOD & AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST

population of people living in extreme poverty. India added another 85 million poor to its existing huge numbers that have somehow been surviving below the poverty line. The devastating second wave of Covid-19 may leave a still bigger dent in poverty estimates.

But perhaps what we do not realise is that all it requires to eradicate extreme poverty from the globe is \$100 billion, a tiny fraction of the pandemic stimulus that was pumped in to revive the global economy and instead ended up rewarding the billionaires by helping them to amass more wealth. This is not the first time that such astonishing amounts of surplus money have been pumped indirectly into the hands of the super rich. For quite a number of years, central banks in rich countries have been printing surplus money. However, what remains unexplained is how come there is all the money for the rich, but the world is still unable to find enough money to fight poverty.

If only a fraction of the pandemic stimulus had gone to where it was needed — to remove poverty, the world would have been a much better place to live in.

Meanwhile, the pandemic has further widened income inequality, taking it to obnoxious levels. In America, the Institute for Policy Study says the combined wealth of its billionaires increased by 44.6 per cent during the pandemic. During the same period, an estimated 80 million people lost their jobs. In any case, the top 50 super rich in America hold as much wealth as the bottom 165 million. In India, the income inequality is no less glaring. Just to give you an idea, the average farm income as worked out by the 2013 National Sample Survey Office



**BRIDGE THE CHASM:** Income inequality has widened and the poor are expected to fend for themselves. PTI

(NSSO) report, for roughly 50 per cent of the population dependent largely on farming, stands at a paltry Rs 6,426 per month (roughly half of it coming from non-farm activities). That is why protesting farmers have been demanding an assured income by way of an assured price for their produce. Compare this with what an Oxfam's 'Inequality Virus Report' brings out. The combined wealth of India's billionaires has risen by 35 per cent during the pandemic, and to explain how the increase would translate in simple terms, the report states that the rise in wealth of just top 11 billionaires alone is enough to pay for MNREGA work for ten years. In any case, the top 1 per cent holds four times the wealth that the bottom 953 million has.

To understand how an increase in income works wonders for the poor, look at the outcome of this experiment on the feasibility of universal basic income. Two years before the pandemic struck, in early 2018, Foundation for Social Change, a charitable organisation, along with the University of British Columbia in Canada, gave \$7,500 Canadian dollars (or US \$6,206) to 50 homeless families in the Vancouver region. A year later, during which time the charity kept a tab on how the money was being utilised, the results that emerged were not only astounding, but equally encouraging. More or less, the same results have been achieved in almost similar kind of studies conducted elsewhere.

Contrary to the public perception wherein it is generally believed that the

poor don't know how to handle money, the results clearly brought out how wisely they made use of the limited financial support, spending it on necessities like food, clothes, housing and other utilities. According to news reports, while the consumption of basic food needs went up by 37 per cent, the poor had actually cut down on drug and alcohol by 39 per cent. By moving fast into housing, these homeless actually worked to ensure a roof over their head. What the study, therefore, conclusively established is the significance of *roti, kapda* and *makaan* for the poor households everywhere in the world, and their strenuous efforts to work towards attaining it. In other words, such petty cash transfers have the potential to uplift the poor from

the clutches of poverty.

Instead, we see more money being routed to the rich by way of tax concessions, economic stimulus packages, bank write-offs, bailouts and massive subsidies in the name of incentives for growth to bolster corporation profits with the faulty assumption that some of it will trickle down to the poor and needy. When it comes to giving poor their share, the argument is that by giving surplus money directly into the hands of the poor, everyone will have more to spend, and that will lead to higher inflation.

The economic growth model, therefore, has been very cleverly designed to help widen income inequality, and make the fat cows still fatter. The poor are expected to fend for themselves.

## China's Taliban outreach worries Kabul

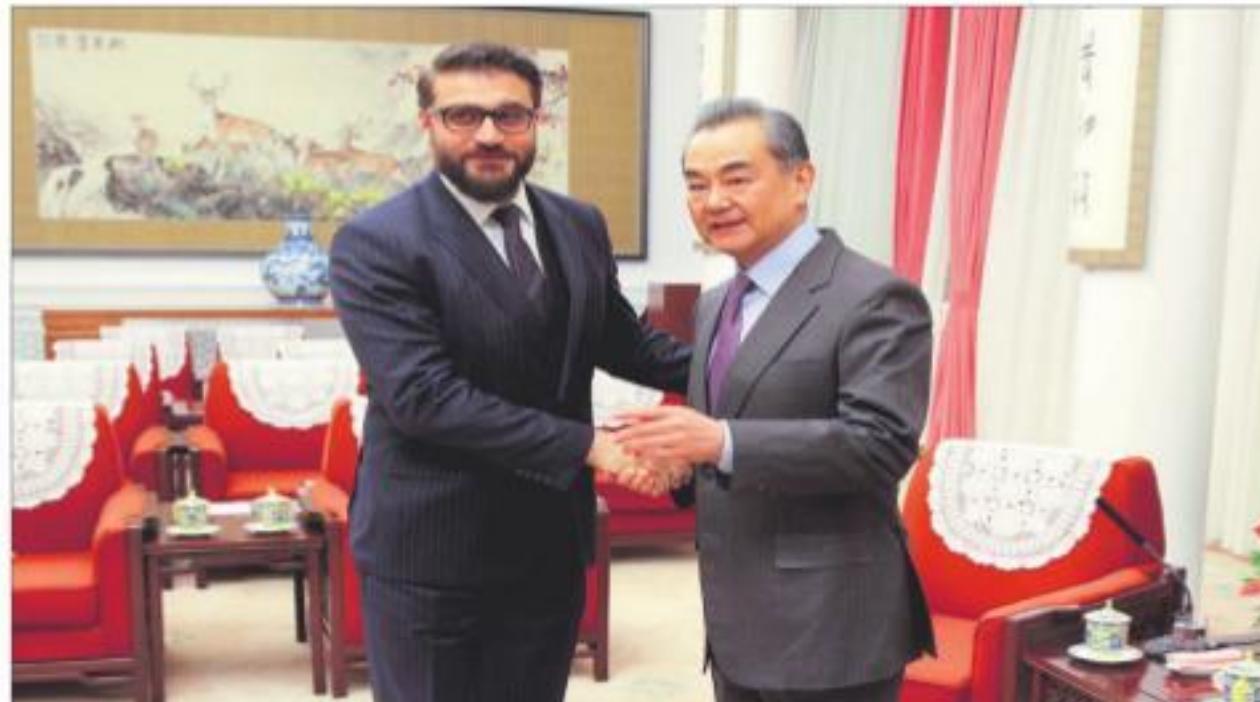


**YOGESH GUPTA**  
FORMER AMBASSADOR

**S**PEAKING at the Heart of Asia virtual conference last month, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the "foreign military forces should withdraw from Afghanistan in an orderly manner and resolutely prevent various terrorist forces from creating chaos". Wang assured that China would work with all other parties to bring peace to every corner of Afghanistan at an early date and deliver the benefits of development to the Afghan people.

Earlier, China had criticised the presence of NATO forces in Afghanistan, taking the moral high ground, though their security role actually helped Beijing in checking the activities of extremist groups such as the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM). China's fear of Uighur militants belonging to ETIM has grown over the last five years, as many have relocated from Syria to the Badakhshan province of Afghanistan, neighbouring Xinjiang where China has initiated a vast campaign to incarcerate them in camps (prisons) for re-education.

China has also been concerned about the support, which the Al Qaeda (which maintains close ties with the Taliban) could provide to the ETIM militants and the infiltration of Islamic State (IS) fighters into Xinjiang. After the deterioration of China's relations with the US recently, its worry is that the US could use its continued military presence in Afghanistan to support Uighur dissidents seeking independence from Beijing. At a meeting with the Foreign Ministers of five Central Asian states on May 12 at Xian, the Chinese Foreign Minister



**DUALITY:** China has been engaging with both the Taliban and the Afghan government. REUTERS

suggested that they should not allow the US to station its forces and equipment in Central Asia after its military withdrawal from Afghanistan.

China had reached the conclusion that the US and the Afghan government could not defeat the Taliban and it would either come into power or control substantial Afghan territory. China had started maintaining close ties with the Taliban since 1999; in December 2000, China's Ambassador to Pakistan Lu Shulin met Taliban leader Mullah Omar in Kandahar. China has used its contacts with Pakistan to establish close ties with the Taliban in the hope that they would not allow ETIM militants to infiltrate into Xinjiang. The Taliban have sought Beijing's support for getting international legitimacy and aid.

China has adopted a dual policy of

maintaining close ties with both the Taliban and the Afghan government. The Taliban's ultra-conservative outlook and extremist policies have never constrained China from feting numerous Taliban delegations in Beijing in the hope that the Taliban would not allow the ETIM to establish bases and grow its network in Afghanistan. Most significant of these was the visit by the Taliban's Deputy Leader, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar to Beijing in June 2019. The Afghan government has been unhappy at the frequency of China's meetings with the Taliban leaders and the former's unwillingness to brief them on these discussions.

China's defence ministry said in 2018 that it had supported Afghanistan's defence and counter-terrorism efforts by providing about \$70 million in military aid from 2016 to 2018. In early 2018,

China had tried to bolster its military presence in Badakshan province's Wakhan corridor, the narrow stretch of Afghan territory connecting with the Chinese border by building a military base there, deploying an army brigade with trainers for the Afghan security forces and its own communication facilities. Fearing that the Chinese could use these to eavesdrop on Afghanistan and its international allies, Kabul refused. An upset China then stationed some troops in Tajikistan across the border from the Wakhan corridor. It has also cultivated local Afghan politicians and powerbrokers to build its influence, independent of Kabul for meeting its security and other needs.

Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai and the present incumbent, Ashraf Ghani, tried to court Beijing in the hope that it would use its influence to pressure Pakistan to sever its ties with the Taliban and increase its economic investment in Afghanistan. China did nothing of that sort. Even the promised Chinese investment of \$100 million in its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in Afghanistan and the extraction of copper at Mes Aynak mines or oil in the three oil fields in the Afghan provinces of Faryab and Sar-i-Pul (estimated to hold 87 million barrels of oil) never materialised due to political reasons.

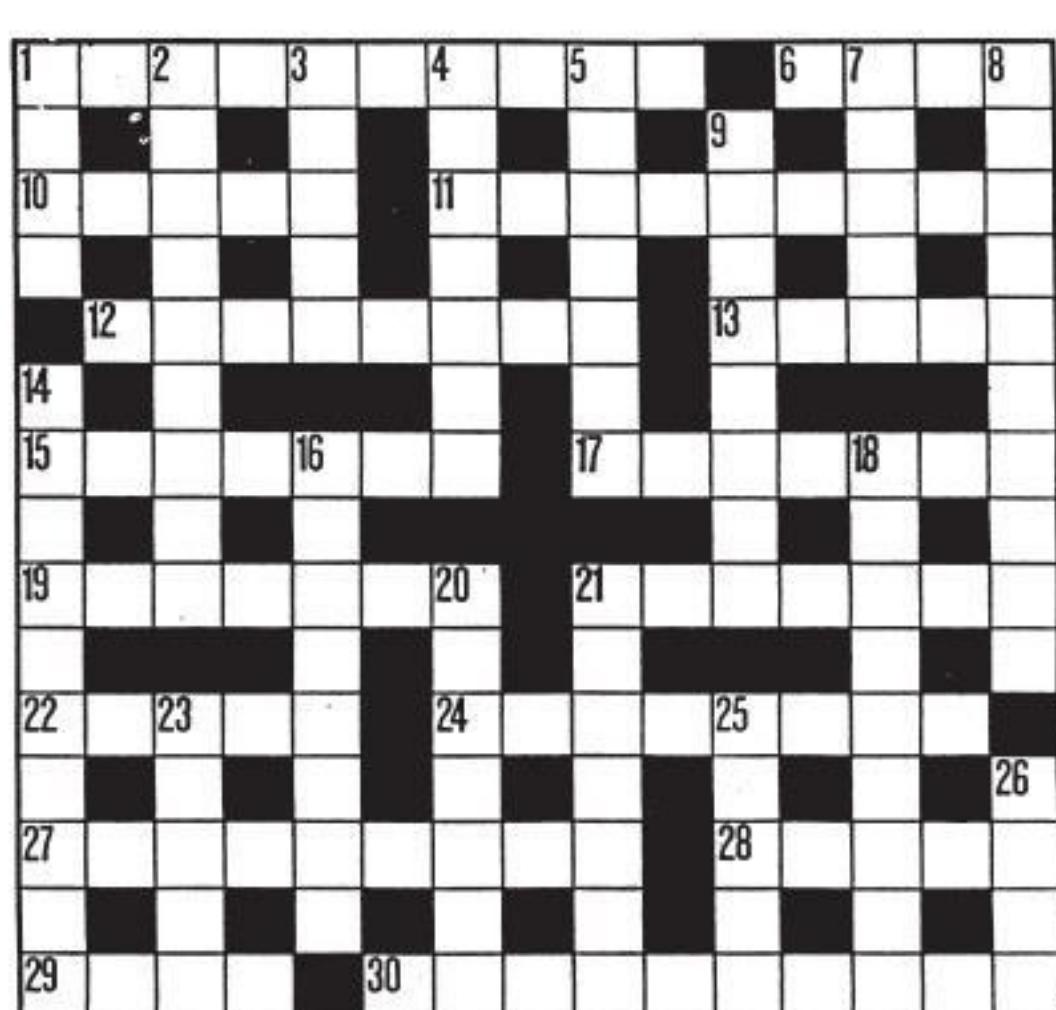
In 2017, China exported \$532 million worth of goods to Afghanistan against the latter's export of barely \$2.86 million to China (versus Afghanistan's \$411 million exports to India in the same year). In her September 19, 2019, testimony to the US

Congress, Alice Wells, US Acting Assistant Secretary of State, remarked that "China had not contributed to the economic development of Afghanistan and that the BRI was just a slogan."

China has viewed India as a rival, was unhappy about the Indian military presence, its defence and large economic assistance to Afghanistan and the growth of India's influence there. Following President Biden's announcement about the withdrawal of the US troops from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021, China's major worry is that the conflict between the Afghan government and the Taliban will escalate, pushing the country into a civil war. It will create an environment for the growth of extremist groups such as Al Qaeda, IS, ETIM and others. The ability of China's "iron brother" Pakistan and close friend Taliban to prevent the growth and infiltration of these extremist groups into Xinjiang will be severely constrained as their main preoccupation would be the military victory and takeover of Afghanistan.

Though China has indicated its preference for a moderate Islamic government which curbs the growth of all extremist forces in Afghanistan, it knows that it can't dictate its choice to the orthodox Taliban. After the departure of US troops, China is hoping to work for a UN or multilateral presence in Afghanistan to moderate the Taliban's extremist inclinations. It will also use its influence with Pakistan and its deep pockets to safeguard its security interests with whatever political dispensation comes into power in Kabul and the north-eastern part of Afghanistan.

### QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Measles, 5 Moist, 8 Like a shot, 9 Set, 10 Neat, 12 Fruitful, 14 Heaven, 15 Far cry, 17 Profound, 18 Pomp, 21 Fee, 22 Etiquette, 24 Lobby, 25 Honeyed.

Down: 1 Melon, 2 Ask, 3 Lean, 4 Sahara, 5 Mythical, 6 Ipsi facto, 7 Totally, 11 At a low ebb, 13 Recovery, 14 Hopeful, 16 Enrich, 19 Plead, 20 Ruin, 23 Toy.

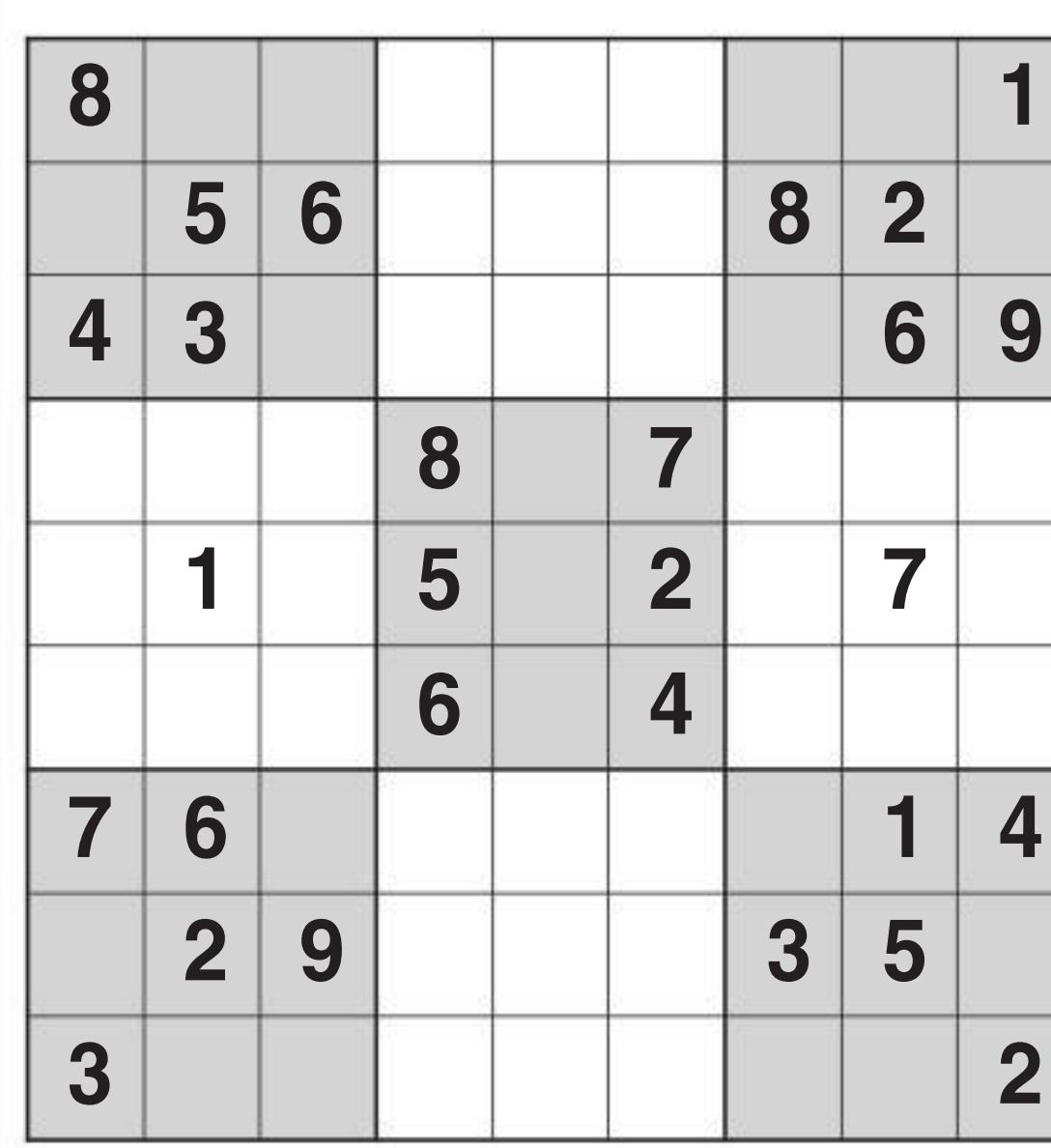
### ACROSS

- 1 Making insistent outcry (10)
- 6 50 per cent (4)
- 10 Range over searchingly (5)
- 11 Rat-charming folk tale character (4,5)
- 12 Determined (8)
- 13 Gullible (5)
- 15 Dishonourable (7)
- 17 Superficial (7)
- 19 Go back over (7)
- 21 Strife (7)
- 22 Unpleasant surprise (5)
- 24 Good enough (8)
- 27 Important person's attendants (9)
- 28 Ship's place at wharf (5)
- 29 A limited period (4)
- 30 However things turn out (2,3,5)

### DOWN

- 1 Immense (4)
- 2 Bound by intimate ties (5-4)
- 3 Relinquish (5)
- 4 Ecstatic delight (7)
- 5 Unavailing (7)
- 7 Plentiful (5)
- 8 Over a large area (3,3,4)
- 14 Small handheld telescope (8)
- 16 Suddenly lose consciousness (5,3)
- 18 Appear in exaggerated form (4,5)
- 20 Make intelligible (7)
- 21 Make out (7)
- 23 Semiaquatic fury mammal (5)
- 25 Saunter (5)
- 26 An attempt (4)

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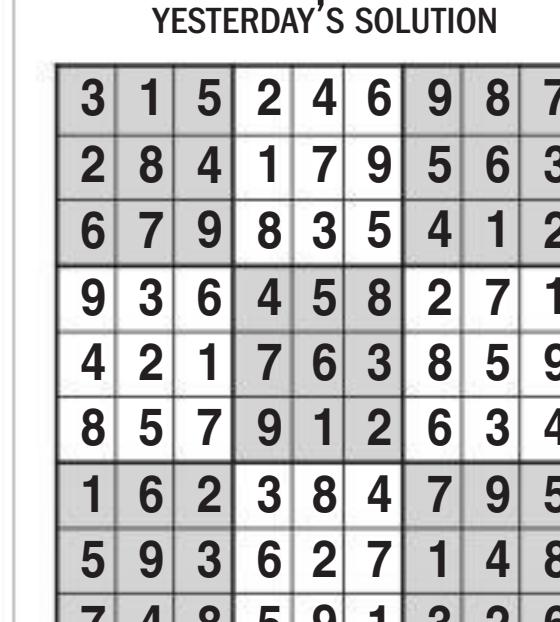
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### CALENDAR

MAY 22, 2021, SATURDAY

■ Vikrami Samvat	2078
■ Shaka Samvat	1943
■ Jyestha Shaka	1
■ Jyestha Parvishite	9
■ Hijri	1442
■ Shukla Paksha Tithi 10, up to 9.16 pm	
■ Vajra Yoga up to 6.17 am	
■ Uttrapalguni Nakshatra up to 2.06 pm	
■ Moon in Virgo sign	

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



### FORECAST

SUNSET: SATURDAY 19:14 HRS  
SUNRISE: SUNDAY 05:25 HRS

Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Rainy	Foggy

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	34	23
New Delhi	37	24
Amritsar	38	23
Bathinda	39	19
Jalandhar	36	23
Ludhiana	38	21
Bhiwani	39	21
Hisar	39	20
Sirsa	39	22
Dharamsala	27	15
Manali	25	9
Shimla	24	13
Srinagar	26	11
Jammu	36	18
Kargil	12	05
Leh	08	01
Dehradun	33	19
Mussoorie	24	12

TEMPERATURE IN °C

**MATRIMONIALS****BRIDES WANTED****BRAHMIN**

**Brahmin boy, very fair complexion, 5'-7", 05.11.1990, 02:30 am, Chandigarh, B.Tech (Mechanical), Senior Marketing Executive (Mohali), own house (Chandigarh). Father-Retired. Mother- working 94167-25485, 94785-01452. (CL21015032)**

**Rattan Bhardwaj boy, 6', 30.10.1990, B.Tech. (Computer). Serving CBSE School, Chandigarh. Tricity preferred. 62832-32543. (CL21015510)**

**Beautiful, tall match for BDS Saraswat Brahmin boy, 22.08.88, 2:04 pm, Jalandhar, 6'-1". Only status family preferred. Ph: 9417025454. (CL21009946)**

**Saraswat Brahmin boy 5'-5", 12.10.87, 2:55 pm, Pathankot. Settled at Panchkula. Working girl preferred. 97808-93838. (CL21012378)**

**Match for Brahmin boy 5'-6", MS Bioresource Engineering. Quality Assurance Engineer, Canada. Contact- 94654-78238. (CL21013034)**

**Medico preferably MD/ MS girl for Manglik Brahmin boy, 5'-11" Nov.1990, MD (Medicine) Final year thesis submitted. Vegetarian status. Parents Rtd. Class-I Officers. Contact 7508504508. (CL21014074)**

**Beautiful Saraswat Brahmin match for vegetarian/ teetotaller boy, 09.09.1993, 5'-11", B.Tech. Elect., JE (PSPCL). Basically from Una (H.P.). Family residing at Patiala. Father rtd. Class-I Officer (Ph.). Mother working as Govt. Teacher. Employee preferred. WhatsApp particulars at 97322-11908. (CL21014248)**

**Brahmin Graduate, BCA Moudgil boy, 30.01.92, 5'-4", Industrial Trading Business, 81949-40327 (Near Banur). (CL21014354)**

**Suitable match for Gaur Brahmin boy July 1991, 5'11", B.Tech. Ayurvedic Medicine manufacturers. Ambala Cantt based family. Mobile : 99912-78960. (CL21014449)**

**Army Officer, 5'-8", M.Sc Economics, 20 June 1994 at 17:51, Amritsar. 99153-83918, 94651-13160. (CL21014547)**

**Wanted working match for Punjabi Brahmin Saraswat Manglik boy, 5'-7", 27 yrs, B.Tech, Central Govt. job (Una). 98104-80058. (CL21014560)**

**Suitable match for Punjabi Saraswat Brahmin boy, 14.04.1990, 01:39 pm, Jalandhar, 5'-9", 2nd officer Merchant Navy. Contact: 9417031922. (CL21014573)**

**Wanted Saraswat Brahmin girl for Canadian PR IT Engineer boy 32/ 5'-7". Canadian PR/ WP preferred. WhatsApp: 98550-15682. (CL21014578)**

**USA citizen Saraswat Brahmin boy, 2.08.1995, 6", Non-manglik, Software Engineer, Chandigarh based family, wanted girl height 5'-5" to 5'-7". WhatsApp: 001-408-839-0414. (CL21014592)**

**Brahmin boy 5'-8", 7 June 1989, 08.11 am, Una, M.com, working with MNC. Contact: 97811-21028. (CL21014610)**

**Canadian citizen, working Ontario, never married professionally qualified Oct. 80/5'-7", handsome Brahmin boy. W/A 097181-81223. (CL21014672)**

**Washirat boy 31/10/1990, 5'-11", B.Sc. Army- Dental Corp Salary (55000/-). Father Govt. Employee. 88987-62000, 62390-01436. (CL21014682)**

**Brahmin boy 5'-7", 14 June 1989, 4:20 pm Una, M.Com., working at Mohali. Contact 86993-80610. (CL21014707)**

**SM4 Saraswat Brahmin grooms, smart, fair elder brother 34, 5'-10", MA English, Family business, Younger 29, 5'-11", B.Tech, working in MNC, Bangalore, Girls from HP & JK preferred. Parents Class I HP Govt. rtd. Officers. 94180-19526, 70184-46864. (CL21014739)**

**Seeking educated homey girl for B.Tech divorced 1985 born/ 5'-7" Chandigarh based Saraswat Brahmin, Package 20 Lakh, caste no bar. 88377-24410. (CL21014753)**

**Beautiful qualified match for handsome boy. Pharmacist 28/5'-10". Preference to NRI girl. Upper caste no bar. Bureau excuse. 78890-28892. (CL21014753)**

**Match for Himachali Brahmin boy 20.01.1990, 11.10 a.m., B.Com, CA, family residing in Jalandhar 76962-58920. (CL21014779)**

**Match for non-Manglik Brahmin boy 29/5'-11", B.Tech employed Govt. Bank, 6.5 lac pa. girl from lower Himachali/ Doaba well preferred. Khatri well come 96464-24925 (CL21014819)**

**Suitable match required for Uttarakhand (Almora) Brahmin, 27/ 5'-5", HCS (Executive) boy. Seeking beautiful, slim, well educated Class A Govt. Servant in Haryana or Chandigarh preferably as HCS (Exc.), HCS (Judicial), PG Doctor or Assistant Professor. 94179-19138. (CL21014851)**

**Required highly qualified minimum 5'-5", slim, beautiful girl for Brahmin Canada PR boy. M.Sc (Physics), 11 August 1991, 5'-9", 4.14 a.m. (Jalandhar) girl preferred in Canada. Contact after matching kundli. 90564-23823. (CL21014801)**

**B. Pharma MBA Feb 87, 5'-11", Pkg 18 Lakh. Amritsar. Beautiful, educated preferred Khatri well come 96464-24925 (CL21014819)**

**SM4 Saraswat Brahmin boy 29 years, 5'-8", M.Tech, Asstt. Professor, Jalandhar, send biodata. 98787-02662. (CL21014840)**

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**IAS / ALLIED SERVICES**

**Indian Forest Services, handsome, Aggarwal, B.Tech, M.Tech, IIT Delhi, 1990/ 5'-10" seeks beautiful girl, 98765-42301. (CL21014853)**

**IAS Officer 1991, 5'-8", B.Tech, MBA, 12 LPA, rich affluent family. Req. match, caste no bar. 80105-82127. (CL21015523)**

**29/ 5'-9", B.Tech, IT, 14 LPA, Group A Officer, Government of India. 94790-83587, 82698-3983. (CL21015574)**

**MAHAJAN**

**Mahajan Manglik boy 29.7.83, Amritsar, 5'-4", MBA, job Bankank required qualified, beautiful girl, 98156-46639. (CL21015730)**

**JAIN**

**Suitable match for 29.07.89, 10.03 a.m., Patiala born, 5'-8", Senior Engineer MNC, pure vegetarian, excellent package, educated family. Contact after matching kundli. WhatsApp details: 86693-34417, agents to excuse. (CL21015811)**

**AGGARWAL**

**Wanted beautiful girl for very handsome Goel boy 29/ 5'-10", B.Tech, (Computers), businessman, settled Zirakpur. 80541-62700. (CL21015970)**

**Hindu Garg 27/ 5'/10", B.Tech, MBA, working MNC Bangalore, well settled family Mohali. 98145-33103. (CL21015981)**

**Match for Aggarwal boy, 1995, 5'-10", Govt. Bank Officer, preferred Govt. job, girl. 94643-51795. (CL21015365)**

**SM4 5'-8", Aggarwal Garg boy, BA, age 29, presently working in private sector. Need smart and homely girl. Contact: 94645-97296. (CL21015929)**

**Singla 25.12.94 Patiala, 11:20 pm, 5 feet 7 inch B.Com, Salary 25 K Exp. 5 yrs Chief Accountant. 84277-66713. (CL21014550)**

**Match for Garg boy, 4.11.92, 01:55 a.m., Patiala, B.Tech, Computer, Science, Own Business. Seeks 5'-4" to 5'-6", beautiful educated girl. 96469-00658, 97810-01407. (CL21014561)**

**Handsome Aggarwal boy, 02.03.1992, 12:12 pm, Ludhiana, 6'-1" feet height, professional Advocate, Chandigarh settled. 98155-14614 adil11@yahoo.co.in (CL21014562)**

**Match for fair handsome II TIAN boy B.Tech, (Mechanical), 5'-9", 22.02.95 (Rohtak), SDO (Haryana Govt.) from an educated family. Contact: 91381-58019, 93636-96819. (CL21014584)**

**Garg boy, 5 Nov. 1985, 5'-6", Patiala, B.Tech, software Engineer, Oracle Noida, 27.5 lakhs. 99154-66686. (CL210145897)**

**Suitable match for Garg, 5'-3", 27 yrs, slim, wheatish, Haryana Govt. employee, B.Sc MLT, Yamunanagar, Paramedical qualified preferred. 99914-41595. (CL21014601)**

**Mittal boy, 27.07.1984, Time 8.02 am, Patiala height 5'-7", Govt. Clerical, MCA, 88721-58064, 79739-30682 (WhatsApp). (CL21014636)**

**Singla Manglik boy 5'-8", B.Tech., 18.06.1993, 9:45 pm, Lehragaga, 94634-63344, 98554-88392. (CL21014650)**

**Suitable match for Garg boy, 10.06.1992, 4:55 am, Kaithal, 5'-9", B.Tech, ECE, Clerk at District Court, Ludhiana. Preferred Govt job. Family settled in Patiala. Father retired as Addl. SE from PSTCL, Salary 40,000/- PM. 99883-90052, 96461-12423. (CL21014657)**

**Suitable match for handsome Singla boy 5'-10", 14.07.1993, 11.40 p.m., Panchkula, B.Com, LLB (Hons) LLM, own well settled business in Chandigarh. Working girl willing to settle in Tricity. Email: madansinglachd@gmail.com (CL21014701)**

**Garg boy, Height 5'-10", 03.03.1993, 4:30 a.m. Patiala, B.Tech. (Mech.), D.Pharmacy, Sales Engineer Private Sector. Parents Govt. pensioners. Elder sister married. 9988384317. (CL21014702)**

**Fair complexion, pure veg, teetotaller Garg boy, 1992, 5'-8", B.Tech. IT company Gurgaon, 10 LPA, seeks job girl. Upper caste no bar. 98550-34548. (CL21014706)**

**Suitable educated and working match for Garg boy 04.08.1990, 12.15 pm Chandigarh, 5'-3", B.Com, (H), MBA, Scale 2 Officer Govt. Bank. Contact 88720-13522. (CL21015297)**

**Beautiful educated match for Aggarwal Jain Garg boy, 1992, 5'-8", B.Com, working, independent practice, teetotaller Bansal boy from high status business family. Caste no bar. 94631-85000. (CL21015247)**

**Garg well educated only boy 19.02.1985, 2.30 a.m., Nabha, 5'-8", own business, no demand. 94166-69830, 97810-05000. (CL21015307)**

**Well qualified match for well established Taxation Advocate, Chartered Accountant Garg boy, 20.11.1990, 10:40 am (Bathinda), 5'-9", having good income, income 12 LPA. 98141-79024. (CL21015393)**

**Goel handsome boy April 8, 1989, Chandigarh, 12.14 p.m., 5'-6", B.Tech, presently WFH (Chandigarh) in Bangalore/Delhi NCR based firm, package 11 lacs, both parents retired Govt. Officers, now in business, elder brother Govt. Bank Manager. 98140-4042. (CL21015408)**

**Match for Garg boy 10.1.93, B.Com, 5'-9", own business, Jalander. Contact: 94632-17325. (CL21015414)**

**Required MD/MS clinical match for Bansal (Manglik) boy, 20.8.1993, 11.42 a.m., (Ferozepur), pursuing Mch. Neurosurgery 1st year in Jaipur. Parents in Govt. job, pure vegetarian. 9010-18503. (CL21014859)**

**Suitable match for Aggarwal boy, November 1988, 5'-8", Diploma Pharmacy, job Private, residence Patiala. 98153-01113. (CL21014766)**

**POM Goyal boy 28 yrs., Jaito Punjab, 6'-0", MNC Gurgaon, 12 Lac. 99883-26047. (CL21014785)**

**SM4 Singla boy, 17 Jan. 1990, 6:17 am Bathinda, 5 ft. 11 inch tall, B.Tech, IT Bombay, package 25 Lac, Master Card. Contact: 98726-88856, 99150-24026. (CL21014790)**

**PO working match for Bansal boy March 22, 1992, 09.20 am, Roopar, 5'-6", B.Tech (CS) NIT, MNC Noida Pkg 20+. Parents settled at Bathinda. M: 96461-17506. (CL21014807)**

**Required MD/MS clinical match for Bansal (Manglik) boy, 20.8.1993, 11.42 a.m., (Ferozepur), pursuing Mch. Neurosurgery 1st year in Jaipur. Parents in Govt. job, pure vegetarian. 9010-18503. (CL21014859)**

**Bathinda based Mangla boy 29.09.1990, 2.30 a.m., Mansa, 5'-10", B.Tech LPU Jalandhar job in Apex Gurgaon, Pac 22 lakhs. Also Canada PR holder. 99883-85121, 99711-16356. (CL21014861)**

**Garg manglik boy 29.3.1992, 5'-7", B.Com, Reputed Business family only son, 7094-66641 (Bathinda). (CL21014895)**

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**Suitable match for Mittal boy, Chartered Accountant, 1982, 5'-8", own well settled practice: 79732-14124. (CL21014936)**

**Singla Anshik Manglik boy, 3.11.1992, 11:55 a.m., B.Tech. Electrical, Govt. job, JE PSPCL. Mobile 81465-98151. (CL21014958)**

**31, 5'-10", B.Tech, IIT, 40 LPA, well settled & reputed family. 94790-83587, 82698-39838. (CL21015559)**

**Suitable match for Garg handsome boy, May 93, 5'-6", LL.M. Advocate, practice in Distt. Courts Sangrur. 98556-27146. (CL21014967)**

**Wanted a beautiful girl (preferred Govt. employee) for Anshik Manglik boy, Garg 08.05.91, 09.25 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-9", B.Tech. Scale-1 Officer in PNB posted at Ludhiana. Upper caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. 98726-28265. (CL21014968)**

**PQM/Working (preferably CA) for Gupta handsome boy Chartered Accountant 03.06.1991, 01.01 a.m., Ludhiana, 5'-9", Ludhiana based educated family. Caste no bar. 98151-57597. (CL21014984)**

**We are looking for an alliance for our son, aged 25 years, residing in USA, height 5'-6", Graduate. Hindu Garg. The bride should be a Computer Engineer. Hail from a decent, educated family. Details: 90563-29647 or 73474-57466. (CL21014987)**

**Garg B.Tech. boy 22.11.92, 5'-8", 10 pm, Bathinda job MNC Gurgaon, package 10 Lac. Well educated family residence at Panckukla and Barnala. Preferred girl working in MNC. Bank PO/CA. 94172-01238. (CL21015000)**

**Suitable match for Gupta boy DoB 04 March, 1994, 6.45 p.m., 5'-8", B.Tech, Engineer, owns a business in IT Hardware in Ferozepur (Punjab). 94175-49180. (CL21015069)**

**Professionally qualified match for Bansal boy, 2.12.1991, 5'-6", B.Tech, CSE, Sr. Software Engineer Pune. 94176-78077. Email: parshtomadass@gmail.com (CL21015520)**

**Suitable match for Punjabi Singh boy, 30.06.1990, 4:00 am, Ludhiana, 5'-11", Under-graduate, Telly (Three year course). Own business. Contact: 9464246026. (CL21015550)**

**IAS Officer (Asstt. Collector) B.Tech, IIT, 1990, 5'-9", preference beautiful match, caste no bar. 70675-80823. (CL21015520)**

**Bansal boy (teetotaller), 2.12.1991, 5'-6", B.Tech CSE, Sr. Software Engineer + Programming in music. Income in lac pm. Tricity preferred. 98783-30550. (CL21015520)**

**Match for Govt. regular teacher Mittal boy Sep 1995, 5'-7", Barnala. Looking for Govt. employee. 98761-42162. (CL21014992)**

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# HIMACHAL PRADESH

**JAT**

**Chandigarh High Court Advocate, 29, 5'-8", only son, own house in Panchkula, Chandigarh, Hissar, Casteless. 93161-31495. (CL21015398)**

**SCHEDULED CASTES**

**SMF Addhamri SC boy, Dec-1987, 5'-5", B.Tech (ECE) working in SBI Seeks Govt Employee preferred bank employee, well educated family vegetarian Radha Soami family. Contact 94647-92121 (CL21014567)**

**Mazbi Sikh only son, B.Sc. MILT, pvt. job, 5'-6", 1991. Father Ex-Army. Required suitable match either in Govt. service or PR in Canada, Australia etc. Contact: 83630-52550. (CL21014691)**

**Ravidasia Class I Officer in Punjab Govt, posted Chandigarh, 1987 born, 5'-11". 98552-42597. (CL21014729)**

**Suitable match for Ad-dharmi boy 1989/5'-8", BDS doing MDS (Ortho), preferred Medical field, caste no bar, 98768-38989, 98767-96799. (CL21014781)**

**SM4 SC Ad-dharmi boy, 1987, 5'-6", MBA Finance, Cluster Manager in Pvt. bank. Contact: 9056347998, 7986327496. (CL21014808)**

**Ramdasia Sikh turbaned boy, teetotaller 27/9/1993, 5'-11" M.Tech (Civil). Govt. Job JE (BRO). Preferred Govt/Job/Qualification, beautiful. WhatsApp 092050-81281, tejasisingh64@gmail.com (CL21014817)**

**Suitable match for Valmiki fair mangli only son 84 born, 5'-7". Graduate working in MNC 80534-94722 (CL21014820)**

**Match for 1994 born, 5'-7", vegetarian (Ad-dharmi) boy, B.Tech in CSE from IIT, working as Sr. Software Engineer at Bangalore, having decent package. Father retired Gazetted officer from Central Govt. department, Home Town Jalandhar. Required B.Tech/M.Tech girl. Preferred in IT sector. Contact: 9417967625. (CL21014831)**

**Suitable match for handsome Balmiki boy, 6', 28, M.Tech (PEC), Govt job (Patwari). Working girl preferred. 94171-63484. (CL21014871)**

**Suitable match for Mazbhi/Balmiki tall and handsome boy, height 5'-11", DOB 4.1.1992, B.A., working in medicine and surgical. Father Class-II officer. 98722-34924. (CL21014894)**

**Match for 1988 born, B.Tech, Ramdasia boy from Ropar, Group-B Officer in Punjab Govt. Height 5'-5". Preferred Govt. Service. 94171-49636. (CL21014960)**

**Ramdasia Sikh boy 91, 5'-9", BBB, regular MNC job Mohali. 98154-25827. (CL21014969)**

**Julaah boy, only son 28/ 5'-10", MBA Finance (CU), working in MNC, vegetarian family, required well educated decent family. Ludhiana preferred. 98789-41859. (CL21015246)**

**Equivalent ranked Government Officer required for SC Ramdasia boy 1991/ 6', posted as Intelligence Officer in Revenue Department. 94632-94026. (CL21015259)**

**Suitable match for Chamar boy 5'-10", November 1989, B.Sc. working in private company Mohali, own house Dhankot Zirakpur. 90230-82372, 92572-14057. (CL21015320)**

**Match for Ramdasia boy, 5'-9", August 1987, M.B.A., Pb. Government Officer Cadre, job at Chandigarh. WhatsApp app: 98886-86939. (CL21015346)**

**Majbi Sikh boy from Mohali 27 yrs JE in Ph. Govt. Preferred working girl. Caste no bar. 94632-90705. (CL21014978)**

**1991 born/ 5'-7", M.Tech, handsome Ludhiana based Ramdasia Sikh boy in Govt. Officer as SDO in Electricity department, father retd. Class- 1 Officer seeks slim beautiful, Govt. job girl preferable Science/ Maths Teacher. 84273-50047. (CL21015529)**

**SM4 Ramdasia boy, 12/1989, 6', working as Manager in Government bank. Looking for girl in regular Government service. Family Kartarpur (Jalandhar) based. Marriage bureau excuse. Contact: 9780254698. (CL21015537)**

**Wanted suitable match for handsome Ramdasia boy born on 1987/5'-9", working in Govt. Bank Officer preferred. Govt. jobs girl decent family. Contact: 94678-88232. (CL21015607)**

**Canadian citizen Hindu boy 13.08.91, 9.25 a.m., Jalandhar, Software Engineer, 5'-7", seeking beautiful educated girl send biodata WhatsApp only. 90566-82048. (CL21015222)**

**Match for Hindu Khatri Manglik handsome highly qualified professional boy Canada PR 1988, 5'-10", fair, IT work experience of about 9 years, based in USA since 2017. Family of Officers' Professionals. 96191-19869. (CL21015224)**

**Professionally qualified match Singh Manglik boy, April 1993, B.Tech, (CSE), 5'-8", working on HIB visa in Amazon in US. Send biodata/ recent pics. Email: vijaysinghal507@gmail.com 92551-72987. (CL21015266)**

**Match for Ramdasia boy 5'-11", November 1988, M.Tech, Class-1 Officer in Government of Punjab, Mohali. WhatsApp: 99148-81588. (CL21015700)**

**Suitable match for Mazbhi sikh boy 33/ 5'-10", BAMS, MD, Private Lecturer. Brother Govt. Doctor. 98883-35537. (CL21015701)**

**Canada PR Ad-dharmi boy, Oct. 1990, 5'-9", M.Tech. (Ottawa) job Quality Assurance Analyst Toronto. Required well qualified PR girl/work permit from Canada. 9815813866. (CL21015788)**

**Match for Ravidasia handsome Canada PR boy, 92/ 5'-11", M.Tech, seeks equal qualified girl. 98762-63061. (CL21015922)**

**Valmiki Mazbhi 1984, 5'-8", B.Com, MBA, preparing for Govt. Official post. Father Govt. employee. Well educated, tricity preferred. 96469-27572. (CL21015971)**

**87, 6', vegetarian, teetotaller Ramdasia Sikh, Coaching Centre, well settled urban family. 78885-85078. (CL21015987)**

**SMF Ramdasia Radha Soami boy 28, SDO, Ht. 5'-5", Mohd. 94174-20713. (CL21015989)**

**Suitable match for Adhamri B.Com, LL.B (Hons) UILS Pb. University, Advocate High Court, 5'-8", Aug. 1995, handsome and only son. Preparing for PCS (Judicial). Tricity preferred. Higher caste no bar. 94170-5253. (CL21016000)**

**NRI**

**Canada PR boy, December 91, 5'-7", Master from Canadian University. Prefer. Canadian girl. 98158-78555. (CL21015603)**

**Slim, beautiful preferably Australia PR girl match for 1995, Chandigarh born, 5'-11", B.Tech. Arora handsome boy settled in Australia working as Engineer in Melbourne. 98760-63405. (CL21015155)**

**Educated match for USA citizen, 50, 5'-10", MBA, Hindu Arora, unmarried, consultant boy. Contact: 98723-91091 (CL2101900)**

**Match for Sydney/ Australia PR Rajak Rajput boy, B.Tech (Mech. Engg) India, M.E (Australia), 19.09.1989, 5'-11", 4.53 am, Patiala, B.Tech/ M.Com, smart and slim girl preferred. Send bio-data. WhatsApp call 097975-86001, 989786-05705. (CL21012445)**

**Suitable match for Australian citizen Bhagat (Kabirpanthi) boy, 21.4.1986, 5'-6", 96460-12913, +61425397122. (CL21015613)**

**PQM for 6' 1990, clean shaven, handsome, Canadian citizen, Punjabi, Parjapati boy. Engineer in reputed MNC. +1 3065264574. (CL21015657)**

**Professionally qualified match for non-Manglik Hindu Verma boy 5'-9", 1987 born, B.Tech CSE, MS, USA, working in USA on HIB visa/green card in line, have also Canada PR, upper middle class family. Contact: 94649-51635. (CL21015671)**

**American citizen divorcee Brahmin boy, non-smoker, non-drinker, 5'-11", 28.11.1977, working as SAP Consultant, seeks only IT Professional, issueless girl. Excuse for non-IT Professional. Call 98760-92171. (CL21015758)**

**Extremely beautiful girls for 27, 5'-9" (Canada Dentist) and 91, 5'-8" USA Engineer. 97938-04005, 96464-68830. (CL21015762)**

**Canadian Lubana Sikh boy, 32/ 5'-11", want BDS/ any other professional girl. Caste no bar. WhatsApp: +9194664-36721, +14168224721. (CL21015837)**

**1981 born/ 5'-6", Khatri never married boy working in private company looking for educated Indian/ NRI girl. 94650-91544. (CL21015842)**

**27/5'-11", Verma boy PR in Australia, qualification Engineering and Automotive. Parents living in Phagwara, seeks suitable match in Australia, New Zealand, India. Please forward photos and biodata on +9198144-90177 or +61451090177, caste no bar. (CL21015843)**

**Suitable match for America settled Ramdasia Sikh boy, born Feb. 05, 1993, height 5'-11". Contact: 99143-67400. (CL21015998)**

**Suitable match for Software Engineer working in Facebook Newyork, short marriage, Australian citizen Arora boy, 4.7.1986, 8:17 am Moga (Punjab), 5'-7", Master in Computer Science from Australia, Bachelors from PEC Chandigarh. 98146-40021. (CL21016007)**

**Seeking suitable & qualified match for 39 yrs., 5'-11" boy Tech., MS (USA), innocently divorced, four years old daughter not living together. Working as Engineer in California, USA. Caste no bar NRI preferred. Please respond with biodata, pictures and family details at: matrimonial.shad2021@gmail.com or +1 916-572-6529, +91 81469-17444. (CL21014998)**

**TONK-KASHTRIYA**

**Employed match for December 1995, 5'-2", Hindu Tonk-kashtriya Chandidhar. B.Tech. (CSE), Software Engineer in MNC at Gurgaon. Tricity preferred. 98720-31995. (CL21014995)**

**Match for Arora boy, 5'-8", 25.11.1990, 1:28 pm, Hoshiarpur (Manglik), Canadian PR, required Manglik Canadian girl. Kundli must. Contact: 94171-26517, 88376-55207. (CL21015059)**

**Wanted Sikh beautiful educated girl for Gursikhs Khatri boy 30 yrs., 5'-11", BE (Thapar University), Executive MBA. Permanent resident of Canada. Handsome package. Contact/ WhatsApp 87551-03030. (CL21014681)**

**PQM for 6' 1990, handsome clean shaved Canadian Citizen Prajapati boy. Engineer in highly reputed MNC. Caste no bar. Marriage bureau excuse. WhatsApp: +91 3065264574. (CL21014683)**

**Professionally qualified, beautiful girl for non-Manglik Hindu Verma boy 5'-9", 1987 born, B.Tech CSE, MS, USA, working in USA on HIB visa/green card in line, have also Canada PR, upper middle class family. Contact: 94649-51635. (CL21014685)**

**Match for 1994 born, 5'-7", 27.10.1994, Time 10:30 am., 5'-10", NZ Citizen, owns business, house. WhatsApp 977934740, 9855270003. (CL21014893)**

**Suitable Canadian girl for Hindu Arora boy Canada Winnipeg, March 1988. B.Tech, 6'. Upper caste welcome. 94646-62035, 99885-02735. (CL21014945)**

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**Professionally qualified BE Masters, match for Hindu Punjabi Bhardwaj Gotra boy 5'-8" 1995 born Graduate from Canada working as Pilot in B.C. Canada, # 99111-73074. (CL21015451)**

**Match for Sikh Tonk-kashtriya Canadian PR boy 28 years, 5'-6". MBA. Seeks well qualified girl. Upper caste no bar. Contact: 7087450045. (CL21015465)**

**Punjabi Brahmin boy 28, 5'-9", PR Canada. Father, mother Govt. employees, pure vegetarian agriculture land 25 acres. Preferred B.Sc. Nursing, B.Tech. IT, BDS. Phone 81681-36754, 98960-80593. (CL21015517)**

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**Professionally qualified match for non-Manglik Hindu Verma boy 5'-9", 1987 born, B.Tech CSE, MS, USA, working in USA on HIB visa/green card in line, have also Canada PR, upper middle class family. Contact: 94649-51635. (CL21015671)**

**Match for 1994 born, 5'-7", 27.10.1994, Time 10:30 am., 5'-10", NZ Citizen, owns business, house. WhatsApp 977934740, 9855270003. (CL21014893)**

**Suitable Canadian girl for Hindu Arora boy Canada Winnipeg, March 1988. B.Tech, 6'. Upper caste welcome. 94646-62035, 99885-02735. (CL21014945)**

**Seeking suitable & qualified match for 39 yrs., 5'-11" boy Tech., MS (USA), innocently divorced, four years old daughter not living together. Working as Engineer in California, USA. Caste no bar NRI preferred. Please respond with biodata, pictures and family details at: matrimonial.shad2021@gmail.com or +1 916-572-6529, +91 81469-17444. (CL21014998)**

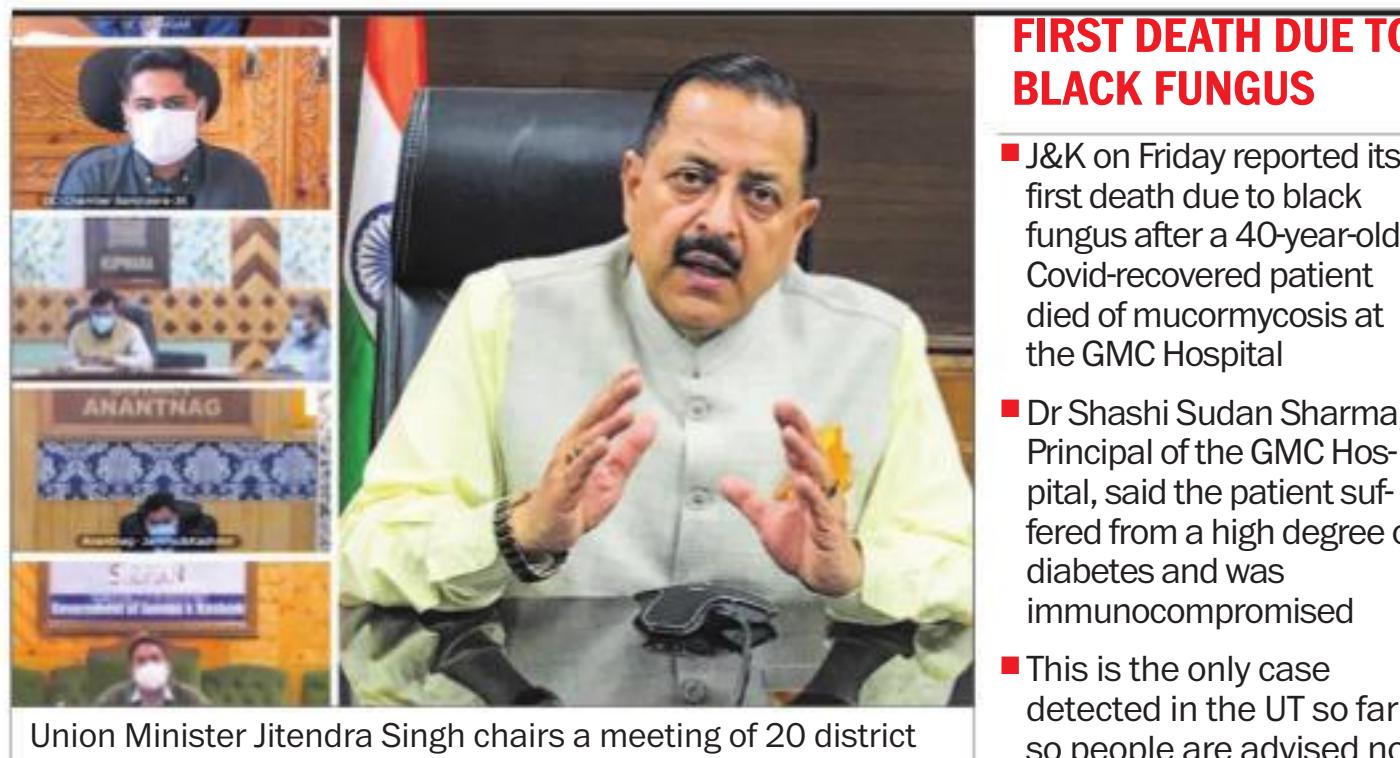
**Match for America settled Ramdasia Sikh boy, born Feb. 05, 1993, height 5'-11". Contact: 99143-67400. (CL21015998)**

**Suitable match for Software Engineer working in Facebook Newyork, short marriage, Australian citizen Arora boy, 4.7.1986, 8:17 am Moga (Punjab), 5'-7", Master in Computer Science from Australia, Bachelors from PEC Chandigarh. 98146-40021. (CL21016007)**

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# Revive free teleconsultation for Covid patients, DMs told

TREBUNE NEWS SERVICE



Union Minister Jitendra Singh chairs a meeting of 20 district magistrates through video-conferencing in New Delhi. PTI

**NEW DELHI, MAY 21**  
Union Minister of State (MoS) Jitendra Singh today asked the district magistrates (DMs) of all the 20 districts of J&K to look for ways to revive the free teleconsultation facility in a bigger way for Covid patients in home isolation.

Singh chaired a comprehensive review meeting to take stock of the situation in the Union Territory (UT) in the wake of the Covid pandemic, a senior official in the Ministry of Personnel said.

Interacting with officials, the minister said the guidelines were already there for empowerment of recognised doctors for teleconsultation on shift-wise basis and this would go a long way in reducing the burden of patients on district hospitals through indiscriminate referral system.

Singh also asked the DMs to rope in NGOs and youth groups, who have come forward in providing free med-

ical consultation on phone, the personnel ministry official said, adding that the minister impressed upon them that the move would also negate the self-styled remedies, which were being forwarded on social media to fight the pandemic.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, has directed the DMs to set up Covid war

rooms and enlist the support of elected representatives, doctors and members of civil society and share the positive news and best practices of Covid management with the media at regular intervals.

He asked the collectors to undertake people-friendly vaccination drive on a mission mode by involving elected representatives, religious

## FIRST DEATH DUE TO BLACK FUNGUS

- J&K on Friday reported its first death due to black fungus after a 40-year-old Covid-recovered patient died of mucormycosis at the GMC Hospital
- Dr Shashi Sudan Sharma, Principal of the GMC Hospital, said the patient suffered from a high degree of diabetes and was immunocompromised
- This is the only case detected in the UT so far so people are advised not to panic, she added

heads and civil society at large. Referring to PM Narendra Modi's recent interactions with state and district officials, he said continuous efforts were being made to increase the supply of vaccines. Singh said all the states and UTs would get a schedule of the next 15 days, so that they can prioritise the vaccination drive," the L-G added. — PTI

## High time forces of disruption are defeated: L-G

JAMMU, MAY 21

Terrorism is the biggest enemy of humanity and should be opposed in its all forms and manifestations, Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha said on Friday, asserting it was high time the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values were defeated.

Sinha administered the anti-terrorism pledge to staff members of the secretariat here at Raj Bhavan to mark the Anti-Terrorism Day. Special Security Force (SSF) personnel also read out the pledge. "Violence can never be the answer. Peace is the only way towards prosperity and progress," the L-G said.

"It is high time we join efforts to defeat the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values," he observed. "Let us all reaffirm our strong commitment to uphold the country's tradition of non-violence and tolerance by promoting peace, unity, social harmony; creating a better understanding and educating our younger generation about universal brotherhood," the L-G added. — PTI



During Covid-induced lockdown, volunteers serve food to needy people in Jammu on Friday. PTI

## 43 more Covid deaths in J&K

JAMMU/LEH, MAY 21

J&K recorded 3,848 fresh Covid cases that took the case-load to 2,63,905 while 43 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 3,465, officials said on Friday. Out of the fresh cases, 1,442 were from Jammu division and 2,406 from Kashmir division. Srinagar recorded the highest number of cases (598), followed by Jammu (401) and Budgam (344). The active cases in the UT are

## 120-yr-old takes jab, honoured by Army

**Udhampur:** Amid vaccine hesitancy, 120-year-old Dholi Devi of Udhampur took the lead in her remote hamlet to get vaccinated. Northern Army Commander, Lieutenant General YK Joshi, felicitated her. PTI

4,893 while 2,10,547 patients have recovered so far.

In Ladakh, 107 fresh cases and one death due to Covid took place. The caseload stands at 17,025 and the death toll is 172. Leh has registered 124 deaths and Kargil 48 so far.

The active cases in Ladakh are 1,554. A total of 106 more patients have recuperated from the disease in the UT, taking the count of recoveries so far to 15,264, which account for 90% of the total cases, officials added. — PTI

## Fake Covid test...

After the fake positive report was provided to the decoy, the police booked the accused under IPC sections 419 and 420 (cheating), said Armitpal.

Sukhwant Singh, CID Inspector, said they had information that the accused were catering to people who wanted a negative report to fly abroad or for travel to other states. Prisoners wanting to delay their return to jail by showing themselves positive too approached the duo, he said.

Even some businessmen who didn't want to take a test or wait for report were their customers.

Following widespread use of fake Covid-negative reports by many travelling abroad, the health authorities of other countries had forced Indian airlines to accept only those test reports that had a QR code embedded on them.

## Jaishankar's US visit from May 24...

### KEY BOTTLENECKS

- India is yet to obtain US Food and Drug Agency's clearance for vaccine product quality
- Another hiccup is Biden admin's inability to reverse Trump era's restrictions on export of vaccine raw material
- Indian Govt's permission to states to launch global tenders for vaccines is another discouragement for US vaccine makers
- An emergency use mechanism from India is also awaited

The US has announced the export of 8 crore doses out of its vaccine stockpile. The vaccines have started going to Canada and Mexico, which

were quicker than India in obtaining US Food and Drug Agency (FDA) clearance for product quality.

Another hiccup is the Biden administration's inability to reverse the Trump era's restrictions on the export of vaccine raw materials by invoking the Defence Production Act. These are among the issues expected to form the crux of Jaishankar's two interactions with business forums.

Though the MEA spokesperson did not answer a question on the Quad initiative, it is learnt that Jaishankar will also be touching on the four-nation grouping's plan for the production of 10 crore single shot vaccine of Johnson & Johnson in a manufacturing tie up with a Hyderabad-based company

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## India, Pfizer at loggerheads over demand...

not the company," the source added. Pfizer declined to comment, citing ongoing discussions with the government. The Union Health Ministry did not reply to requests for comment.

The second source said Pfizer had been consistent in its position on indemnity and was not planning to change its approach for a deal with India.

India, which is facing a shortage of shots as Covid cases soar, pledged last

month to fast-track approvals for overseas vaccine makers, including Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson.

However, none have since sought permission from India's drug regulator to sell their vaccine in the country.

The second source said the other issue being discussed between Pfizer and New Delhi was the Indian Government's insistence on a local trial for any vaccine

approval. The source added that Pfizer could not finalise terms of a supply agreement, including indemnity, if the vaccine was not first authorised for use in India.

Pfizer withdrew its application for emergency use authorisation for the vaccine developed with Germany's BioNTech in February after India insisted on such a trial.

But three other shots on sale in India, developed by

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## Come up with...

## Industrial O2 role...

its clean transport loomed.

Government experts have attributed black fungus epidemic to a combination of Covid, diabetes and irrational steroid use that suppresses immunity.

Ramakant Panda, another expert, claimed unhygienic delivery of oxygen to patients was the root cause. He said medical oxygen as opposed to industrial oxygen was highly purified. "It undergoes a range of processes such as compression, filtration and purification. Even its cylinders undergo disinfection and cleanliness processes," he said, pointing to a possible role of unclean delivery of industrial oxygen for Covid treatment use as a probable

reason for the black fungus surge.

Meanwhile, the first study by Indian researchers on the spread of mucormycosis published today in international journal Elsevier found overall 101 cases of mucormycosis in Covid patients worldwide — 82 from India and 19 from the rest of the world.

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nation. President Ram Nath Kovind said the demise marked the end of a glorious chapter in the field of conservation.

Former Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said Bahuguna's 4,000-km foot march from Kohima in 1981-82 was a historic step towards green conservation. — TNS

## Lahaul-Spiti...

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system  
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, N.Rly. Store Depot Mech. Workshop, AMRITSAR for and on behalf of President of India, invited tenders through e-procurement system for the supply of the following items:-

Tender No.	Item No.	Description	Qty.	Due Date
1	5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 5/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt, Grip Range of 5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min=0.750 Inch & max=1.000 Inch). RDSO Drg. no. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil.	32400 Set		
2	5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 5/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt, Grip Range of 5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min=0.750 Inch & max=1.000 Inch). RDSO Drg. no. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil.	10800 Set		
3	5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 5/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt, Grip Range of 5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min=1.000 Inch & max=1.250 Inch). RDSO Drg. no. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil.	36600 Set		
4	5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt and Collar for 5/8 Inch dia Lock Bolt, Grip Range of 5/8 Inch Dia Lock Bolt (min=1.250 Inch & max=1.500 Inch). RDSO Drg. no. WD-11036-S-01 Alt: Nil & WD-11036-S-02 alt: Nil.	10800 Set		

Note: Above tenders with detailed description are uploaded on IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The firm who desires to participate against e-tenders, are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a class III digital certificate from certifying Agencies authorized under IT Act 2000.

By Govt. of India. Manual offers against e-tenders will not be accepted.

Tender Notice No.: 05/2021-22 Dated : 21.05.2021

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Sealed tenders are invited for entering into rate contracts for one year for Sweeping works at Police Stations Sangla, B/Nagar, Moorang, Tapri, Pooh & R/Peo Police Posts Yangthang, Nichar & Karchham, Police check Post Chango and SDPO Office B/Nagar. Tender form showing detail of outsourcing services with material and cost etc. can be had from the office of the Superintendent of Police Kinnaur District at R/Peo on any working day between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or from Kinnaur Police website [www.kinnaur.police.com](http://www.kinnaur.police.com). The cost of tender bid form is Rs. 300/-.

2. The tenders will be received on or before 15.06.2021 up to 01:00 p.m. in this office in the sealed envelope shall be opened on the same day in the presence of all tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to be present. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

Superintendent of Police,  
Distt. Kinnaur at R/Peo.

DPR/HP/88

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. 1, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Earliest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Construction of pedestrian path on Chotta road in Shimla Town (Sh: Construction of additional pedestrian path and P/W. Beam Metal Crash barrier Railings on KSC/MRR via Chotta Shimla at RDs. 146/00 to 146/03, 146/270 to 146/440, 148/270 to 148/285, 148/295 to 148/430, 149/240 to 149/270, 150/135 to 150/180, 150/330 to 150/417, 150/810 to 150/835, 150/955 to 151/015).	13417680/-	04.06.2021	166700/-	14.06.2021
2	Routine Maintenance of Shoghi Mehl Junga Sadupur road km 12/375 to 48/925 (Under PBMC)	5282683/-	04.06.2021	85500/-	14.06.2021
3	Construction of sub way near Hm: Land Hotel on MRR via Chotta Shimla between RD. 150/675 to 150/690 (Under Smart City Shimla).	4500684/-	04.06.2021	90000/-	14.06.2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh  
Sd/- Executive Engineer,

Shimla Division No. 1, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P.

DPR/HP/970

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG  
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag Division, Dharampur Bharari on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the undermentioned works from the contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag.

Sr. No. 1. Name of Work:- Providing CAD Works to Lift Irrigation Scheme to group of villages of Gt. Binga, Samoud and Saklana in Tehsil Dharampur District Mandi HP (Sh:- Laying, jointing and testing of HDPE pipe in distribution network and construction of 30 Nos outlets including survey investigation and design of various components) Estimated Cost:- 1,14,57,333/- Earnest Money:- 1,47,500/- Cost of Tender Form :- Rs. 1500/- Time limit:- One Year.

**1. KEY DATES:-**

- I. Date of online publication 21.05.2021 at 5.00 P.M.
- II. Downloading of e-tender documents 21.05.2021 at 5.00 P.M.
- III. Last date of submission of e-tender 03.06.2021 upto 5.00 P.M.
- IV. Last date for Physical submission of Earnest Money and cost of tender documents etc. 04.06.2021 upto 11:00 A.M.
- V. Date of opening online bids 04.06.2021 at 11:30 A.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division, Dharampur Bharari

**PRESS NOTICE FOR OFFLINE TENDERS  
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

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

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time allowed
1	Retrofitting of LWSS Chatt Himmer in GP Kotlu in Ghumarwin Constituency to provide functional household tap connection to leftout household under Jal Jeevan Mission Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Paraga Ajmerpur (Sh:- Prov and Installation of Functional household tap Connection in GP Kotlu Bramma,Sandhyar, Chatt and Kapahra under JSV section patta for 150 Nos Households)	328500/-	6600/-	250/-	3 Months
2	Source level Augmentation of various LWSS Schemes under Ghumarwin Constituency to provide functional household tap connection (FHTC) to leftout household under Jal Jeevan Mission Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Paraga Ajmerpur (Sh:- Prov & Installation of functional household tap connection in JSV Section Ghumarwin-II for 200 Nos housegolds)	433500/-	8700/-	250/-	3 Months
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Last date of submission of tender 03.06.2021 up to 11:00 AM

Last date of sale of tender from divisional office 02.06.2021 up to 2.00 PM

The tender form and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hipihp.org](http://www.hipihp.org).

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**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No. II, Kullu at Shunter invites online tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government or Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:

Job. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of Completion (months)	Cost of form
1	Renovation of WSS Kalwari Plach in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, H.P. SH:- C/o site development, C/o sedimentation tank, C/o filter bed, C/o Main storage tank of 70000 ltrs cap, C/o septic storage tank of 55000 ltrs, 200000 ltrs, 10000 ltrs cap, C/o RCC Nallah Intake, providing, laying & jointing of gravity mainline, Laying and jointing of distribution network and providing FHTC to balance households)	9932734/-	131827/-	Six Months	800/-
2	Provision of WSS to Village Shilliar in Distt. Kullu, H.P. (Sh: Providing and laying rising main, providing and installation of pumping machinery) Job-3	4088657/-	68830/-	Six Months	800/-
3.	Restoration of various WSS by Providing and supplying required fitting accessories for operation & running of schemes damaged due to rain/landslides under JSV Sub Division Shat and Shamshi	545828/-	10917/-	1 Month	400/-
4.	Providing the provision for tap to each house under JMM of various WSS of group of habitations to WSS Nagladi Gussaini, Shilli, Mashiyar, Bahad Chippiani in GP Mashiyar, Tung, Kandhigarh, Shilli in Tehsil Banjar, Distt. Kullu, H.P. (SH:- C/o 9 Nos Storage tank 10000 ltrs Capacity)	1070798/-	21416/-	3 Months	400/-

Last date of submission of tender: 04.06.2021 up to 5:00 p.m. and opened on 05.06.2021 up to 11:30 p.m. The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hipihp.org](http://www.hipihp.org) or from office of the Executive Engineer up to date specified above.

(Er. Ravinder Kumar Sharma)  
Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division No. II,  
Kullu at Bhunter.

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# 2 AstraZeneca shots 85-90% effective, says UK health body

Analysis shows jab prevented 13,000 deaths, 39,100 hospitalisations

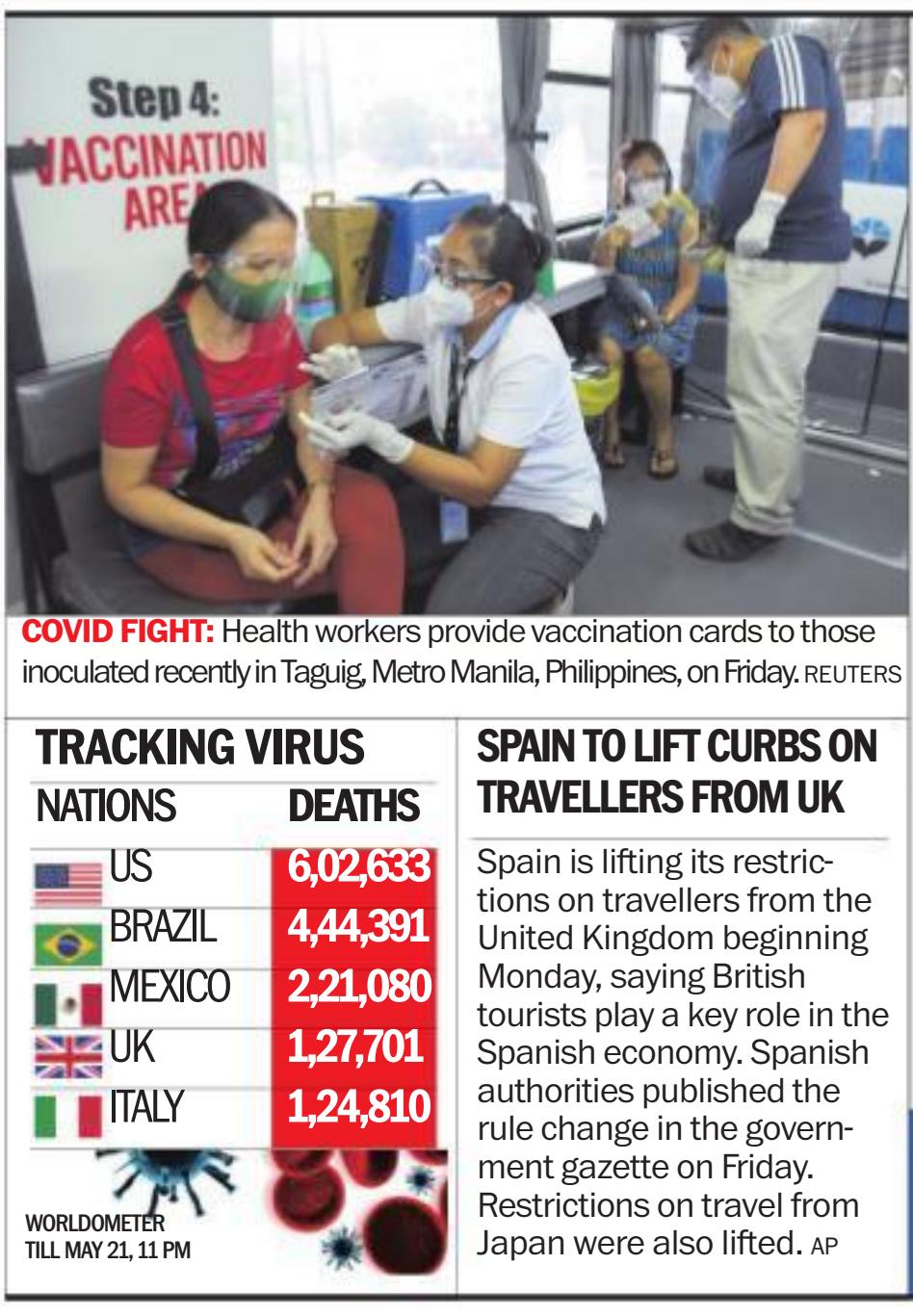
LONDON, MAY 21

Two doses of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine have shown to prevent around 85 to 90 per cent of symptomatic Covid-19 infections, the first real-world data from Public Health England (PHE) has found.

The method used for the Covid-19 Vaccine Surveillance Report' by the PHE for analysing the approximate number of deaths and hospitalisations prevented by the vaccine programme was able to take into account the impact of both first and second doses for the first time due to more data now being available on that in the country.

Previously, the real-world method only used the impact of the first dose of vaccination on hospitalisations and deaths.

"New analysis for the first time estimates that two doses of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine provide around 85 to 90 per cent protection against symptomatic disease," the PHE said. The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is also produced by the Serum Institute of India and is being administered in



**COVID FIGHT:** Health workers provide vaccination cards to those inoculated recently in Taguig, Metro Manila, Philippines, on Friday. REUTERS

**TRACKING VIRUS**

**NATIONS**

**DEATHS**

US	6,02,633
BRAZIL	4,44,391
MEXICO	2,21,080
UK	1,27,701
ITALY	1,24,810

WORLDMETRIC  
TILL MAY 21, 11 PM

**SPAIN TO LIFT CURBS ON TRAVELLERS FROM UK**

Spain is lifting its restrictions on travellers from the United Kingdom beginning Monday, saying British tourists play a key role in the Spanish economy. Spanish authorities published the rule change in the government gazette on Friday. Restrictions on travel from Japan were also lifted. AP

**UK BOLSTERS DRIVE TO TACKLE B1.617.2 VARIANT**

The UK government says it has bolstered its Covid-19 vaccine drive as part of a series of enhanced measures to tackle "clusters" of the B1.617.2 variant of concern (VOC) first identified in India as the latest data confirmed its numbers had risen by 2,111 over the past week to hit 3,424 cases across the country. Public Health England (PHE) said in its latest weekly variant cases data. PTI

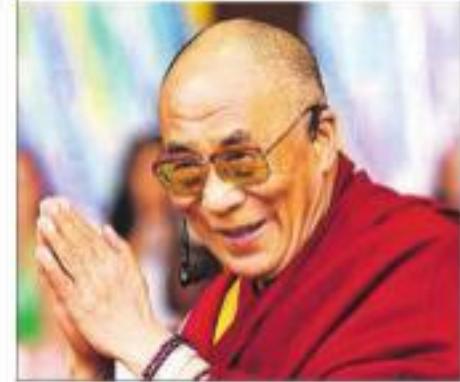
**B'DESH ORDERS LOCKDOWN IN ROHINGYA CAMPS**

Bangladesh has ordered a strict lockdown in five camps that are home to nearly 1,00,000 Rohingya refugees following a sharp rise in coronavirus cases in the world's largest refugee settlement this week, government officials said on Friday. REUTERS



“incredible impact” the vaccination programme was having as the PHE estimates

reveal that 13,000 deaths and 39,100 hospitalisations have been prevented. — PTI



**Next Dalai Lama to be approved by us: China**

BEIJING, MAY 21  
China on Friday asserted that any successor to the present Dalai Lama should be approved by it, ruling out recognition to any heir nominated by the India-based Tibetan spiritual leader or his followers.

**China 'ramping up' infra in Tibet villages**

The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama and other grand living Buddhas has been subjected to approval by the central government since the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), claimed an official White Paper issued by the Chinese government here. The document has also asserted that Tibet was an inseparable part of China since ancient times.

In 1793, after expelling Gurkha invaders, the Qing government promulgated the Ordinance for Better Governance of Tibet,” the White Paper said. — PTI

## Crisis deepens: Nepal PM, oppn alliance stake claim to form govt

KATHMANDU, MAY 21

Nepal's political crisis deepened on Friday as both embattled Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and the opposition parties staked a claim for the formation of a new government by submitting letters comprising signatures of lawmakers to President Bidya Devi Bhandari. Prime Minister Oli reached the President's office Shital Niwas a



PM KP Sharma Oli  
couple of minutes ahead of the opposition leaders.

He submitted the letter claiming

ing support of 121 lawmakers from his own party CPN-UML and 32 lawmakers of Janata Samajbadi Party-Nepal (JSPN) for his reappointment pursuant to Article 76(6) of the Constitution.

Earlier, Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba claimed to have the support of 149 lawmakers. He, along with the leaders of opposition parties, reached the President's office to stake

claim for the post of PM. — PTI

## Biden signs anti-Asian hate crime Bill

WASHINGTON, MAY 21

# 'OP Sir', boxing's grand old man, dies at 82

OP Bhardwaj was first boxing coach to get Dronacharya Award in 1985

VINAYAK PADMADEO

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

There are many firsts when it comes to Om Prakash Bhardwaj, who passed away today at age 82 after a prolonged illness. 'OP Sir', as he was known in the boxing circles after having given decades to the sport, was among the first coaches to be bestowed with the Dronacharya Award when it was instituted in 1985.

Bhardwaj, who started as a physical instructor in Army Institute of Physical Training, got trained at the National Institute of Sports (NIS) in Patiala. He was that rare breed who also took classes to train new coaches, including India's long-time chief coach GS Sandhu.

"It was rare in those days. He seamlessly took the role of a teacher in the classroom and then switched over as a co-trainee when attending the classes. He was very helpful but one thing he would never compromise on was discipline. Here his Army background would always come to the fore. He wouldn't budge on discipline,"

GS Sandhu, INDIA'S LONG-TIME CHIEF BOXING COACH

He seamlessly took the role of a teacher in the classroom and then switched over as a co-trainee when attending the classes. His favourite dress was a white T-shirt and shorts," Sandhu said, recalling his association with Bhardwaj that started during NIS in 1976.

"He was very helpful but one thing he would never compromise on was discipline. Here his Army background would always come to the fore. He wouldn't budge on discipline."

"It was rare in those days.

"He continued to be the main man from the early Seventies to the Nineties as the Services team dominated the national scene. When we took over, he was part of the selection committee. I remember he would be a big draw whenever we used to travel abroad for the King's Cup in Manila. He used to apply henna to his hair and as a fair-skinned man, he would stand out in a crowd," he added.

Brig (retd) Muralidharan Raja, who was secretary general of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation, said Bhardwaj was the main man in Indian boxing until the early Nineties.

"The first time I met him was ahead of the 1972 Munich Games, when the Indian team was training at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla (Pune), where I was a cadet," said Brig Raja, who now heads the Indian Boxing Federation.

active boxing scene and was involved in commentary assignments for important tournaments.

"His demise is a big loss for the boxing fraternity. When I broke into the team, I was told he was a Dronacharya coach. All of us were in awe of him as it was rare to have someone around with the big award," Vijender said.

For Akhil, Bhardwaj's voice was cut out for commentary. "He had a deep voice that suited commentary. I had few interactions with him, but I remember him checking up on our training during our camps at the Indira Gandhi Stadium," the Olympian said.

Bhardwaj outlived his wife by around 10 days — she passed away due to declining health recently.

## Olympian boxer Sakti Mazumdar dies of heart attack

NEW DELHI: Former India boxer Sakti Mazumdar, who had represented India at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, died today after suffering a heart attack. He was 89. He had reached the second round in the men's flyweight event at the 1952 Olympics after getting a walkover. PTI

## Shuttle Palak-Parul qualify for Paralympics

NEW DELHI: Women's pair of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar today became the first Indian para shuttlers to qualify for Tokyo Paralympics. PTI

### NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

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### RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT

Tender Notice No.RE/UMB/EL/Advt/224 OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Dated: 19.05.2021

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Ambala Cantt. for & on behalf of the President of India invites OPEN E-TENDER on web site [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in) for the following works. Tenderer 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 (₹)	Cost of tender document (₹)	Completion Period (Months)	Date of closing
RE-UMB-EL-Gr-287B-G-02 Work of Electrification of Staff Quarters type IV (03 Unit), type III (06 Unit), type II (16 Unit), in Bathinda (excl)-Firozpur Cantt (excl) Section of Gr.287B and Firozpur Cantt (excl)-Jalandhar City (excl) section of Gr.-287A of Northern Railway.	₹ 40.33 Lakh	Nil	Nil	12 Months	18.06.2021

Tender document are available on Railway website i.e. [www.reps.gov.in](http://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](http://www.reps.gov.in).

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### Kind Attention Rail Passengers

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that the timings of the following Special Trains will be revised due to speed enhancement/operational requirements as under:-

02425/02426 New Delhi - Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Superfast Special Train

TRAIN NO. 02425				TRAIN NO. 02426			
Existing Timings		Revised Timings		STATIONS		Existing Timings	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
---	21:10	---	20:40	New Delhi	05:00	---	05:55
01:16	01:26	00:28	00:38	Ludhiana	00:05	00:15	01:40
03:40	03:42	03:10	03:15	Pathankot Cantt	21:32	21:34	23:05
		03:44	03:46	Kathua			22:25
05:45	---	05:10	---	Jammu Tawi	---	20:10	21:25

Days of Run : 02425 from New Delhi on 28.05.2021 and 02426 from Jammu Tawi on 29.05.2021

02422/02421 Jammu Tawi - Ajmer Jn. - Jammu Tawi Superfast Special Train

TRAIN NO. 02422				TRAIN NO. 02421			
Existing Timings		Revised Timings		STATIONS		Existing Timings	
ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.
---	18:10	---	18:15	Jammu Tawi	08:15	---	07:35
19:20	19:22	19:15	19:17	Kathua	06:40	06:42	05:31
20:00	20:05	19:55	20:00	Pathankot Cantt	06:05	06:10	04:57
21:55	22:00	21:50	21:55	Jalandhar Cantt	04:15	04:20	03:15
22:55	23:05	22:50	23:00	Ludhiana Jn	03:15	03:25	02:20
00:55	01:00	00:41	00:51	Ambala Cantt Jn.	01:25	01:39	00:57
01:53	01:55	01:39	01:41	Karnal	23:59	00:01	23:28
03:55	04:25	03:50	04:15	Delhi Jn.	22:00	22:30	21:45
04:55	04:57	04:43	04:45	Delhi Cantt	21:12	21:14	20:57
05:11	05:13	05:01	05:03	Gurgaon	20:53	20:55	20:40
05:22	05:24	05:12	05:14	Garhi Harsaru Jn.	---	---	---
06:13	06:15	06:04	06:06	Rewari	20:15	20:17	19:57
06:50	06:51	06:40	06:42	Khairthal	18:56	18:57	18:49
07:13	07:16	07:04	07:07	Alwar Jn.	18:35	18:38	18:28
07:42	07:44	07:33	07:35	Rajgarh	17:58	18:00	17:56
08:11	08:13	08:00	08:02	Bandikui Jn.	17:33	17:35	17:37
08:32	08:34	08:22	08:24	Dausa	17:07	17:09	17:09
09:28	09:30	09:17	09:20	Gandhi Nagar Jaipur	16:28	16:30	16:31
09:50	10:00	09:50	10:00	Jaipur	16:10	16:20	16:20
10:41	10:43	10:41	10:43	Phulera Jn.	15:14	15:16	15:17
11:23	11:25	11:23	11:25	Kishangarh	14:33	14:35	14:33
12:20	---	12:10	---	Ajmer Jn.	---	14:05	---

Days of Run : 02422 from Jammu Tawi on 28.05.2021 and 02421 from Ajmer Jn. on 29.05.2021

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations en route etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <http://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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# Palestinians see victory in Gaza ceasefire, Israel warns Hamas

GAZA CITY, MAY 21

Palestinians rallied by the thousands on Friday after a ceasefire took effect in the latest Gaza war, with many viewing it as costly but clear victory for the Islamic militant group Hamas. Israel vowed to respond with a "new level of force" to any further hostilities. The 11-day war left more than 200 dead — the vast majority Palestinians — and brought widespread devastation to the already impoverished Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. But the rocket barrages that brought life to a standstill in much of Israel were seen by many Palestinians as a bold response to perceived Israeli abuses in Jerusalem, the emotional heart of the conflict.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned against further attacks, saying, "If Hamas thinks we will tolerate a drizzle of rockets, it is wrong." He vowed to respond with "a new level of force" against aggression anywhere in Israel.

The Israeli leader, who has faced criticism from his hawkish base for ending the offensive prematurely, said Israel had done "daring and new things, and this without being dragged into



Jordanians carry flags during a demonstration to celebrate the Israel-Hamas truce, in Jordan. REUTERS

**US WILL HELP WITH HUMANITARIAN AID: BIDEN**

**Washington:** President Joe Biden on Thursday pledged humanitarian and reconstruction aid for Gaza as he hailed a deal to end 11 days of fighting between Israel and Hamas that tested his negotiating skills and exposed him to criticism from fellow Democrats. REUTERS

unnecessary adventures".

He added that Israeli forces had caused "maximum damage to Hamas with a minimum of casualties in Israel". Israeli strikes killed more than 200 militants and hit more than 100 km of militant tun-

nels, Netanyahu said. The truce faced an early test when clashes broke out between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police following Friday prayers. Police fired stun grenades and tear gas, and Palestinians

hurled rocks and at least one firebomb after hundreds took part in a celebratory demonstration.

Thousands took to the streets of Gaza as the ceasefire took hold at 2 am. Young men waved Palestinian and Hamas flags, passed out sweets, honked horns and set off fireworks.

"The ceasefire is for people who didn't suffer, who didn't lose their loved ones, whose homes were not bombed," said Azhar Nsair. — AP

## Drop 'manipulated' tag from toolkit tweets: Centre to Twitter

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

The controversy around the alleged Covid-19 toolkit of the Congress raged on Friday with the Centre asking Twitter to drop "manipulated media" label from BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra's post that accused the Congress research department of developing a toolkit to defame India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over pandemic management and subsequent retweets of the said post by some ministers and leaders.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT has written to Twitter demanding that the label be withdrawn as the case and the veracity of the BJP claims and counter claims is still under investigation.

An FIR has been registered in the matter with the

### Cong Action validates our stand that BJP 'manipulated media'

government sources today said Twitter's advance tagging of the Patra post looked like an attempt to prejudice and prejudice the pending probe into the matter by an authorised Indian law enforcement agency.

The Congress had yesterday complained to Twitter against Patra's post which was retweeted by BJP president JP Nadda, minister Smriti Irani and BJP leader BL Santosh.

The Congress social media head in a letter to Twitter has asked for permanent suspension of Twitter accounts of BJP leaders and ministers and sought action following which Twitter tagged Patra's post

as manipulated media.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT in a letter to Twitter today objected to the "manipulated media" tag on tweets by some BJP leaders in respect of a toolkit allegedly created by the Congress to undermine the government's Covid-19 response.

The government's complaint says one party concerned (the Congress) has already approached law enforcement which is seized of the matter and is probing it.

"Investigation will determine whether the toolkit is authentic as claimed or not. To prejudge the toolkit content as manipulative is interference with the law enforcement process," government sources said in the communication to Twitter which cites its policy to label and tag posts as manipulative. The Congress on its part said the law would take its course.

## Protect vulnerable groups, MHA tells states, UTs

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) today issued an advisory to all states and union territories, asking them to take cognisance of the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable groups of society and immediately initiate measures to provide support and assistance to women, senior citizens, scheduled castes/scheduled tribes and particularly children, who have been orphaned due to the pandemic.

The MHA in the advisory asked them to put in place institutional mechanisms to keep a close watch on the incidences of human trafficking.

The advisory, is undersigned by Pawan Mehta, Deputy Secretary, Women Safety Division of the MHA, also drew attention to the funds received by the states and UTs to put the standard operating procedures (SOPs) in place.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi pays tribute to his father and former PM Rajiv Gandhi on his 30th death anniversary in Delhi on Friday. PTI

## PM pays emotional tribute to Covid victims

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid an emotional tribute to over 2.91 lakh Indians who have succumbed to Covid-19 even as the daily deaths breached the 4,000 mark yet again today to settle at 4,209.

Addressing doctors and officials of his parliamentary constituency Varanasi through video-conference today, the PM choked up at the mention of lives lost to the pandemic. "Covid-19 has snatched sever-

eral loved ones from us. I pay my humble tributes to each one of them and extend my condolences to their families. — Narendra Modi, PM

al loved ones from us. I pay my humble tributes to each one of them and extend my condolences to their families," he said, taking a long pause to gather his composure at a time

when the opposition Congress has mounted a massive offensive against the government's handling of Covid and subsequent vaccination policy.

Hailing frontline and health staffers for Covid fight, the PM urged zero vaccine wastage and gave a new slogan to fight the pandemic — "Jahan Bimar Wahan Upchar".

"Bringing treatment to the patient's doorstep will reduce the burden on the health system," the PM said. — TNS

## INS Rajput decommissioned

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

The Indian Navy's Kashin-class destroyer INS Rajput, the first warship to be fitted

## Killed Indian caregiver's kin to get compensation

NEW DELHI, MAY 21

Israel will provide insurance benefits on par with its citizens to kin of Indian caregiver Soumya Santhosh, who lost her life in a rocket attack in Israel, as well as look after her nine-year-old son, Israel's Deputy Chief of Mission Rony Yedidya told mediapersons here on Friday.

The same benefits will also be extended to two Thai caregivers who died in rocket attacks. Although, the Israelis took "her to their heart as one of their own", she will not receive honorary citizenship, clarified Yedidya.

The Israeli Deputy Envoy sought to settle the social media controversy over Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu not including

India among the 25 countries he thanked for their support.

She pointed out that these nations had "come out with full-hearted statements supporting Israel's right to defend its citizens and condemned the firing of rockets by Hamas". India apparently failed to make the cut because its statement in UN organs had supported the Palestinian cause and a two-state solution besides condemning the rocket fire from Hamas.

"We are always in conversation with Indian friends. It's been getting stronger over the years," she said. — TNS

## Mamata to contest from home turf Bhabanipur

Sitting MLA resigns, five more seats lie vacant

SHUBHADEEP CHOWDHURY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MAY 21

Veteran TMC leader Sobhan Deb Chattopadhyay today vacated the Bhabanipur Assembly seat on Friday, paving way for Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to contest bypoll from her home turf.

Submitting his resignation to Speaker Biman Bandopadhyay, Chattopadhyay said, "I have resigned from the Assembly voluntarily. Banerjee will have to get elected to the Assembly within six months. There will be no better seat for her than the Bhabanipur constituency."

Banerjee, who won from the Bhabanipur constituency in 2011 and 2016, contested from Nandigram in the 2021 Assembly elections accepting a challenge thrown at her by aide-turned-foe Suvendu Adhikari. After a close contest, Mamata finally lost the contest by a margin of 1,956 votes to Adhikari fighting on a BJP ticket.

Chattopadhyay, who has been inducted into the Cabinet and given the agriculture portfolio by Banerjee, left his old Rasbehari constituency and contested from Bhabanipur at the party supremo's



instance. He won by a margin of 28,719 votes over his nearest BJP rival Rudranil Ghosh.

The TMC ticket for Rasbehari seat was given to Debasish Kumar. He defeated BJP's Lt Gen Subrata Saha (retd) by 21,414 votes. Besides Bhabanipur, which has fallen vacant following Chattopadhyay's resignation, at least five more Assembly seats in the state are vacant. These include Samsergan and Jangipur seats in Murshidabad district where polling could not take place during the recent elections because of the demise of one candidate each from the two constituencies.

Mamata could have contested from any of the five vacant seats rather than getting Bhabanipur for her. According to sources, having suffered defeat at Nandigram, Mamata wants to stick to her "old faithful" Bhabanipur constituency. Chattopadhyay may be given the ticket from one of the remaining five vacant seats, sources added.

## POST-POLL VIOLENCE: SC TO HEAR PIL ON EXODUS

**New Delhi:** The SC on Friday agreed to hear next week a plea seeking directions to the Centre and WB govt to prevent alleged exodus of people due to "state-sponsored" violence and constituting of a SIT to fairly probe and take appropriate action against culprits. PTI

Banerjee-led West Bengal Government, Madan Mitra, ruling Trinamool Congress MLA, and former minister Sovan Chatterjee were arrested by the CBI on Monday. They have been in judicial custody since then.

Senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi represented the accused, while Solicitor General Tushar Mehta argued the case for the central investigating agency.

## Narada case: HC orders house arrest of 4 leaders

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KOLKATA, MAY 21

The Calcutta High Court on Friday referred to a larger bench the matter related to bail granted by the lower court to four politicians, including two Bengal ministers, arrested by the CBI in connection with the Narada sting video case.

The court directed that the accused be put under house

arrest instead of remaining in judicial custody.

The division Bench of acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and Justice Arijit Banerjee directed that the matter be heard by a larger bench since Justice Banerjee thought it was fit to grant interim bail to the four

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### MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th May, 2021

**S.O. 1866(E).**—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. No. 48(E) Dated 05.01.2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (46 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH65 on the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km 50.86 (Pehowa (Kurukshetra)) in the district of AMBALA in the state of HARYANA And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Dainik Bhaskar" and "The Tribune" both dated 21.01.2021; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

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

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

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

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

### SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH65 in the stretch of land from Km 0 to Km 50.86 (Pehowa(Kurukshetra)) in the district of AMBALA in the state of HARYANA

State: HARYANA District: AMBALA

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person	Part Survey No.
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Taluk: Ambala Village: Hasan Pur

1	23/4/2/2	Private	Agriculture	0.1416	Harbans Singh, S/o Ujagar Singh S/o Sadhu 23/4/2/2
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Village: Kaleran

2	47/13/2	Private	Agricultural	0.3136	Joginder Singh, Shiv Ra, Mahinder Singh, Krishan Lal S/o Lakshman Das Share 1/2 Rameshwara, Sureshpal, Jasmer Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh Share 1/6, Kapildev Jasvir Singh S/o Ram Saroop Share 1/6, 47/13/2
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[F. No. NHAI/11013/LA/PIU-Ambala city/NH-65(3)/A/3D] RAJESH GUPTA, Director