

Capt-Khattar meet on SYL today

Convened as per directions of the Supreme Court

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17 Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh will be holding a meeting with his Haryana counterpart Manohar Lal Khattar tomorrow to work out a solution for the implementation of the Supreme Court’s January 15, 2002, and June 4, 2004, orders to complete the remaining portion of the Sutlej-Yamuna link (SYL) canal.

Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will also be participating in the meeting, which will be held through video-conferencing.

The meeting has been convened on the directions of the apex court dated July 28. Punjab has been demanding real-time assessment of the water availability in its rivers that has drastically reduced over the years. The Congress government has been stating that the level of rivers in the state has reduced from 17 million acre feet (MAF) to less than 13 MAF.

In January this year, Capt Amarinder had convened an all-party meeting on the issue of state’s critical water situation and the need to



The SYL canal is a bone of contention between Punjab and Haryana.

STATE WANTS REVIEW OF WATER AVAILABILITY

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reassess the water availability. It was unanimously resolved that the Union Government should ensure that the river water was not in any way transferred from basin to non-basin areas of the state’s three rivers.

All parties had unanimously demanded suitable amendments to the proposed Inter-State River Water Disputes Act to set up a new tribunal to ensure that Punjab got adequate water “in a just and equitable manner in keeping

with its total demand and securing livelihood of the future generations,” an official statement said.

The resolution had read: “Punjab does not have surplus water and is facing a threat of desertification with reduced availability of its river water and fast depleting groundwater. The state’s groundwater that meets 73 per cent of its irrigation requirements has declined to alarming levels, threatening the livelihood of farmers and other poor people.”

Will support govt on water issue: Sukhbir

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17 Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal today warned Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh against “any overt or covert agreement that compromises the vital interests of the state on the river water issue”.

He said the river water was the lifeline of the people of the border state, especially its farmers. He was referring to a scheduled meeting between the Punjab and Haryana Chief Ministers on the issue of the Sutlej-Yamuna link canal.

In a statement here, Sukhbir promised the Chief Minister that the SAD would rise above all political considerations and extend full support to him as long as he stuck to Punjab’s long-held and constitutionally valid stand based on the riparian principle. “We will back your efforts to safeguard the interests of the state along the nationally and internationally accepted riparian principle. There is no case for the construction of the SYL as there is no water available to flow through it,” he added. — TNS

Cops revoke security of key witness, Phoolka moves court

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17 The 1984 anti-Sikh riot case against Jagdish Tytler is back in focus with the Delhi Police withdrawing security to key witness Abhishek Verma against the former Congress MP, prompting him to petition a court and his lawyer HS Phoolka to question the NDA government over the move.

Tytler is a suspect in Gurdwara Pul Bangash case. Three Sikhs were charred to death by a mob at the gurdwara. Verma and his family had been granted security on the orders of the Delhi High Court in September 2017. The court had directed protection till the lie detector test on the witness was concluded.

The Delhi Police in its withdrawal orders said the process of polygraph test on Verma had concluded between December 6 and 8, 2018. “Since orders of the Delhi High Court were complied with, the matter was taken up for review and the competent authority approved the withdrawal of security,” the order read.

Senior advocate Phoolka moved the local court for



Activists protest against Congress leader Jagdish Tytler. FILE PHOTO

SENIOR ADVOCATE HAS A DIG AT GOVT

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restoration of security to Verma and questioned the move to leave a key witness against Tytler unguarded. “We want to ask the Central Government if it wants to leave the key witness vulnerable and once again get the case against Tytler closed. We have had to petition the courts thrice to reopen the case. We wish to ask the Shiromani Akali Dal and minister Harsimrat Badal as to

what is their stand on the matter,” Phoolka said.

The matter is listed for hearing tomorrow. It is among the three that the Nanavati Commission ordered to be reopened for a fresh CBI probe, the other being the killing of five members of Jagdish Kaur’s family in Delhi Cantonment (in which Sajjan Kumar was convicted for life) and Sultanpuri killings in which Sajjan Kumar is under trial.

Caseload up by 1,492, 51 more succumb

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS	DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Ludhiana	7,094	256	Moga	845	10
Jalandhar	4,258	105	Fatehgarh Sahib	651	13
Amritsar	2,823	111	Tarn Taran	571	25
Patiala	3,797	83	Kapurthala	621	23
Sangrur	1,545	56	Fazilka	477	5
SAS Nagar	1,886	34	SBS Nagar	473	9
Gurdaspur	1,197	30	Faridkot	600	3
Bathinda	1,286	16	Barnala	694	13
Hoshiarpur	844	25	Ropar	513	7
Ferozepur	1,058	17	Muktsar	411	3
Pathankot	770	17	Mansa	281	1
Total positive	32,695	Deaths	862		

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In the highest single-day spike, Punjab reported 1,492 Covid cases along with 51 deaths in the past 24 hours.

Jalandhar was the worst-affected district with 298 cases, followed by Ludhiana (220), Ferozepur and Bathinda (153 each), Patiala (130), Moga (91), SAS Nagar (65), Ropar (55), and Amritsar (50).

Ludhiana reported the maximum 14 deaths, followed by Patiala (6), Jalandhar (5), Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur and Tarn Taran (3 each), Amritsar, SBS Nagar and Sangrur (2 each), while one death each was reported in Barnala, Faridkot, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala, Moga, SAS Nagar and Pathankot.

At least 28 more prisoners tested Covid-positive in the

Barnala jail where 32 had tested positive last week. “We have done 100 per cent sampling of all prisoners and jail staff and put them under quarantine. The jail authorities are shifting the positive prisoners to Moga for isolation,” said Barnala Civil Surgeon Dr GB Singh.

In Ludhiana, those who tested positive today included 34 from the flu corner, 70 contacts of positive people, 29 OPD patients, 18 healthcare workers, 18 under trials, four pregnant women and five pre-operative cases, while tracing of 47 was under way.

Today’s positive cases also include Dakha MLA Manpreet Singh Ayali. He was having mild symptoms for the past few days and got himself tested. He has home-isolated himself.

More curbs in cities as cases surge

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With the Covid-19 situation in the urban areas turning grim, the Punjab Government on Monday announced additional restrictions in all cities.

The state has reported more than 31,000 cases and over 800 fatalities. Deaths per million have also gone up to 27.2 and as many as 265 patients were on oxygen support and 20 on ventilators support at present, said Health Advisory Committee chairman Dr KK Talwar.

Four districts in the state – Ludhiana, Mohali, Jalandhar and Patiala – have witnessed the maximum surge.

Keeping this in mind, the movement of individuals for non-essential activ-

Curfew extended, eateries to shut by 8.30 pm

NOT AVERSE TO HARSHER MEASURES: CM

Chief Minister Capt Amarinder said he was not averse to imposing harsher measures to check further spread of the pandemic in the state. He, however, made it clear that economic activity would not be allowed to suffer.



ities in the municipal limits of all cities has been restricted between 9 pm and 5 am. In the urban areas, restaurants, hotels and liquor vends would be allowed till 8.30 pm.

People in Ludhiana, Patiala and Jalandhar have been asked to avoid unnecessary travel on weekdays, while shops and malls in these three cities would remain closed on Saturdays and Sundays. The previous

orders of closing shops and malls on Sundays throughout the state would continue to remain in enforce.

The issue came up for discussion in today’s Cabinet meeting, with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh expressing serious concern over the surge in Covid cases and fatalities. He said he was not averse to imposing harsher measures to check the further spread of the pandemic. He, however,

Covid patient jumps off hospital building, dies

AMRITSAR, AUGUST 17

A Covid patient admitted to Government Medical College allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the hospital building today. The deceased has been identified as Swaran Singh (46), a resident of Sandhpur village near Bhikhiwind in Tarn Taran district.

Though the authorities presume that he might have

been upset due to his disease, the exact reason behind his suicide is not known.

Medical superintendent Dr Raman Sharma said the patient was an opium addict and an alcoholic. “The patient had complained of breathlessness and stomach ache,” he said. The authorities said a psychiatrist had also provided counselling to the patient last evening. — TNS



FM in isolation after SSP tests +ve

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BATHINDA, AUGUST 17

Minutes after Bathinda SSP Bhupinderjit Singh Virk tested positive for Covid-19, Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal and Deputy Commissioner B Srinivasan placed themselves under home quarantine as a preventive measure.

SSP Bhupinderjit Virk was present along with Badal, Srinivasan and IGP Jaskaran Singh on the

REVENUE DEPT OFFICES SHUT IN ABOHAR

Abohar: All offices of the Revenue Department in Abohar subdivision have been closed after Tehsildar Jaspal Singh Brar tested Covid-positive. He is the subdivisional magistrate and has also been serving as the frontline incharge of the battle against Covid for the past few months. oc

stage during the Independence Day function on Saturday. He had also come in contact with many other officials.

Badal posted on his Facebook account: “Our SSP

from Bathinda has tested Covid-positive and I met him on August 15 for the Independence Day function. On medical advice and for the safety of my family and workers, I am

going in self-quarantine and as such, no public meetings will be held by me during this period.”

B Srinivasan said, “The Health Department has been asked to trace the contacts of those who came in contact with the SSP and get their tests done.”

The daughter-in-law of Revenue Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar and Congress leader Narinder Bhularia have also tested positive.

BJP demands CBI inquiry into spurious liquor tragedy

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BATHINDA/ABOHAR, AUGUST 17 BJP workers organised protests against the state government over the recent deaths due to consumption of spurious liquor in the Majha region. The protesters raised slogans against the government, and demanded adequate compensation and a CBI inquiry into the matter.

The demonstrations were held in three Assembly constituencies of Bathinda (Rural), Kotshamir and Sangat, where the party members alleged mishandling of the issue by the government. In Abohar, BJP activists staged a



BJP workers protest against the government in Abohar. TRIBUNE PHOTO

dharna outside Nehru Park over the alleged inaction against the liquor mafia. Legislator Arun Narang said Capt Amarinder Singh

had come to power promising an end to the liquor mafia in Punjab, but till date, nothing had been done to fulfil the promise.

No award, Asian Games medallist feels left out

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AMRITSAR, AUGUST 17

BSF jawan Gurlal Singh, who became India’s first para-cyclist since 1951 to win a bronze medal for the country in the Asian Para Games, seldom finds a place in the records of the state government.

On July 22, Sports Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi honoured three para-sportsmen — Paramjit Kumar (powerlifting) from Jalandhar, Mohammad Yaseer (shotput) from Sangrur and Raj Kumar (badminton) from Patiala and awarded them Rs 50 lakh each for their accomplishments in ‘special’ disciplines in the Asian Para Games, 2018.

Ironically, Gurlal, who



HARSHLY TREATED

“I am the only breadwinner of my family of four. My daughter has a heart ailment since birth. I wanted the award money to be utilised for her treatment. Being a sportsperson, I deserve equal dignity. Gurlal Singh, PARA-CYCLIST

MINISTER PROMISES SUPPORT

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won a bronze medal in the 4-km time trial in the C4 category (athletes with 60

per cent disability) in the same meet, was not honoured by the

state government.

Minister Sodhi said, “I will look into how his case was skipped. If he was found deserving, I will extend him his due honour. As per the amended sports policy, the para-sports players are honoured at par with the normal category players,” he said.

Reacting over it, Gurlal said, “It is sad to see that the state government is ignorant of my achievements. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had honoured me along with 72 other players two days after the event in 2018 in New Delhi. I appeal to the state Sports Ministry to consider me at par with my colleagues,” he said.

Hailing from Nanoke vil-

lage in Ajnala, Gurlal had lost his left leg while trying to save a fellow soldier who was injured in a mine blast near the LoC on December 25, 2010.

Gurlal had also won a bronze medal in the 4-km time trial at Tashkent (Uzbekistan) in April 2019 and is now preparing for his next target of 2022 Asian Para Games. At present, he is training at the Aditya Mehta Foundation Academy in Hyderabad.

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Ex-DGP moves HC against SIT probe

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

More than three months after the Punjab Police registered a case against its former Director-General of Police Sumedh Singh Saini in a 1991 abduction case, the former top cop today moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court for declaring the probe to be “non est” or nothing and in violation of the SC order

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330, 219 and 120-B of the IPC at Mataur police station in Mohali. Saini contended that it was in violation of the direction issued by the Supreme Court in its order dated December 7, 2011, while quashing the earlier FIR dated July 2, 2008.

The initial FIR by the CBI was registered on the directions of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, before both the state and Saini went into an appeal. The apex court, at that time, made it

clear that recourse to fresh proceedings could be taken to, if permissible in law.

Saini contended that the present FIR, being the result of “mala fide and political interference”, was a “jurisdictional error”. It was second FIR at the instance of someone not on the list of persons granted liberty to move afresh. As such, the proceedings were impermissible in law pertaining to an incident that took place 29 years ago, more so when same offences regarding which the earlier FIR by the CBI stood quashed.

Saini asked for directions to the SIT not to carry out further investigation pursuant to the registration of the second FIR. Directions were also sought to the SIT not to submit its final investigation report in the matter under Section 173 of CrPC. The petition is yet to come up for hearing.

Mansa farmer ends life, probe on

MANSa, AUGUST 17

A farmer from Mansa’s Kotra village allegedly committed suicide today after consuming poison inside the district administrative complex.

In his suicide note, victim Balvir Singh alleged that Cabinet Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar was present at an inauguration function despite having tested positive for Covid. He sought action against Cabinet Minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar and DC Mahinder Pal Gupta.

However, Gupta said, “I had never met or spoken to the farmer. Investigation has been initiated into the matter.”— TNS

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HC no to ownership right to allottees

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Taking note of allegations that plots for the homeless and the landless were allotted to the relatives of a sarpanch, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today directed that the allotments would not confer ownership right on the allottees.

The directions by the Bench of Justice Rajan Gupta and Justice Karamjit Singh came on a petition filed against the state of Punjab and other respondents by Raman Preet Singh Bara through counsel Munish Gupta.

Gupta contended the Gram Panchayat of Bara village in

Gurdaspur district allotted five-marla plots to “the homeless and the landless” by way of a resolution dated November 22 last year. A substantial number of them were Scheduled Castes. He added that most of the allottees were the relatives of the Sarpanch’s family.

“The entire exercise was undertaken during the period of lockdown. According to him, in the absence of vide publication and due procedure, such allotment is vitiated,” Justice Gupta observed, while issuing notice of motion to the state and other respondents for November 5.—TNS

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I, Vishal Taxali s/o Gulshan Taxali resident Mohalla Diwana, Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India. I have changed my minor daughter's name Nidhima to Nidhi. Please note. (CL20030242)

I, Tishu Walia d/o Surinder Pal Walia r/o house No. 73, Mehr Enclave, near PUDA Colony, Kapurthala have changed my name to Tanisha Walia. (CL20030310)

I, Suman d/o Vijay Kumar resident 99/2, Model Town Rotok have changed my name to Suman Ballyan. (CL20030311)

I, Surjit Kaur w/o Jagdish Chand, Village Baholpur, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed her name Surjit Kaur to Surjeet Devi. Please all concerned note. (CL20030328)

I, Jagdish s/o Punjaba Ram, Village Baholpur, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed his name Jagdish to Jagdish Chand. Please all concerned note. (CL20030330)

I, Sukhbir Singh s/o Gurnam Singh r/o Village & P.O. Aulakh Kalan, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Pb), declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from Shubneet Kaur to Subhneet Kaur. Please note. (CL20030338)

I, Harpreet Kaur w/o Jang Bahadur, 415, Topkhana Bazaar Ambala Cantt Disown our son Satbir Singh his wife Gurdarshan Kaur from our moveable/immovable properties. As both are out of my control, Anyone deals them at own risks. Concerned note. (CL20030339)

I, Dulari Devi w/o Late Rajender Singh resident Rajiv Nagar Rohatk declare that my adopted daughter Annu w/o Ashish Chaudhary resident Jagadhari Yamunanagar is out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at own risk. (CL20030312)

I, Bandna Guleria w/o Service No. 3999864H NK Sh. Kuldip Singh r/o Village & P.O. Jagoli, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Kangra (HP), declare that my name and DoB in my husband Army record wrongly entered as Vandana Parmar, 30/08/1979, whereas my correct name and DoB is Bandna Guleria, 02/07/1977. Concerned note. (CL20030336)

We Kamal Dev Sharma s/o Mool Raj Sharma alias Moola, Tripta Sharma w/o Kamal Dev Sharma Village Barolian Khurd, Gram Panchayat Malahat Distt., Teh. Una (HP), declare our son Rajat Sharma and his wife Payal Kashyap insubordinate and out of our control. We disown them from our moveable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with on his/her own risk. We will not be responsible for the same. (CL20030310)

Nursing students want practical exam cancelled

Giving them second chance: Varsity

JALANDHAR, AUGUST 17

Students of other states pursuing GNM course from the nursing colleges of Punjab are upset as they say they might not be able to appear for practical supplementary examination being organised by Baba Parid University of Health Sciences from August 19 to 28.

The university authorities maintain that this is the second chance for them to save their future and that students have been given sufficient time of 1.5 months to make arrangements. However, the students are seeking postponement again as they say it was still impossible for them to make it to Punjab owing to the prevailing travel restrictions and lack of amenities.

Supriya, a student from Bihar, said: "I have got a message from my college to appear for my compartment examination but there is no way that I can return, given the flood and Covid conditions in my home state. The college authorities have expressed their helplessness in the matter".

WANT NO LOSS OF TIME

"We want maximum number of students to take their practicals & clear the pending examination at the earliest so that there is no loss of time. Varsity authorities

ness in the matter".

Mike, a student of the course from Arunachal Pradesh, said: "There are no buses or trains or air travel facilities at the moment from my state. So I cannot reach my college to appear for the examination. I have been demanding cancellation of the examination but to no avail."

The university authorities said: "We want maximum number of students to take their practicals and clear the pending examination at the earliest so that there is no loss of time. In any case, if we think that there are genuine issues, we may even allow them a third chance". — TNS

No action yet in fake beneficiaries case

PENSION SCHEME ₹162.35 crore to be recovered

ARCHIT WATTS

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MUKTSAR, AUGUST 17

It has been a month since the state Department of Social Security and Woman & Child Development identified 70,137 'fake' beneficiaries, drawing Rs 162.35 crore in pension illegally. However, recovery notices are yet to be served to these persons. Notably, the department presently gives Rs 750 per month to widows, aged, destitute children and disabled persons.

Sources in the department said the fake beneficiaries

NOTICES SOON

"The recovery notices will be sent soon. The process is taking time because of the strike of employees. Naveen Gadwal,

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICER, MUKTSAR

would be given 15 days to return the pension received by them in the past. "However, we are yet to serve the recovery notices to these persons," a source maintained.

Notably, on July 17, the department had asked DCs

to constitute district-level committees, led by district social security officers, to review the recovery process every 15 days.

Naveen Gadwal, District Social Security Officer (DSSO), Muktsar, said: "As many as 7,441 ineligible beneficiaries have been detected in Muktsar district and Rs 15.7 crore is to be recovered from them."

The maximum 'fake' beneficiaries, 12,573, have been detected in Sangrur district, where Rs 26.63 crore has been siphoned off between 2009 and 2017.

PU extends registration date till Aug 20

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

In light of the prevailing Covid-19 situation, Panjab University has extended the date for registration, payment of fee, uploading information and photograph, for admission to PU-CET (UG), B Pharmacy and BSc (Hons) under the framework of choice-based credit system till August 20. This was revealed by Prof Prince Sharma, Dean of Science.

However, the last date for filling the admission form will remain the same, that is, August 24.

The students will be able to pay the fee online via net banking, credit card, debit card, but not via bank challan. — TNS

I, Smt. Manisha Kashid (existing name of spouse as per NOK) is legally wedded spouse of Army No. IC-352598K, Rank Sub, name Kashid Dryaneshwar Krushna serving with Army Unit: 108 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO presently R/o at VPO Sonad, Tehsil Sangola, Distt. Solapur (MH) PIN - 413309 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SMT. MANISHA KASHID (NAME AS PER RECORDS) TO SMT. MANISHA DNYANESHWAR KASHID (DUE TO MISMATCH OF NAME) IN SERVICE RECORDS OF MY HUSBAND & her D.O.B. is 18.01.1981. Its needs correction. Objection, if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-8

I, Patil Shubhangi Bhushan W/o No. 15703475N NK Patil Bhushan Hilal R/o Village Savarkhede, Distt. Jalgaon, State Maharashtra, PIN — 425111 at present NCSR C/o 56 APO do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Patil Shubhangi B to Patil Shubhangi Bhushan in the service record of my husband. If any objection may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-7

Seeking waiver



Residents stage a dharna to seek debt waiver in Bathinda on Monday. PAWAN SHARMA

I, Service No. 15703475N NK Patil Bhushan Hilal R/o Village Savarkhede, Distt. Jalgaon, State Maharashtra, PIN — 425111 at present NCSR C/o 56 APO do hereby declare that my daughter name has been wrongly written in my service record as Mayuri instead of correct name which is Patil Mayuri Bhushan. Its needs correction. If any objection may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-6

I, Service No. 15703475N NK Patil Bhushan Hilal R/o Village Savarkhede, Distt. Jalgaon, State Maharashtra, PIN — 425111 at present NCSR C/o 56 APO do hereby declare that my son name has been wrongly written in my service record as Chetan instead of correct my son name is Patil Chetan Bhushan. Its needs correction. If any objection may be conveyed to the concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-5

I, No. 4565932A rank sepyo name Kishore Kumar presently R/o Vill/P.O./Tehsil Arnia, Distt. Jammu do hereby declare that my son name and D.O.B. has been wrongly written in my service documents as Gavrav Saini & 15.10.2003 instead of correct my son name & D.O.B. is Gourav Saini & 11.12.2002. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-4

I, Bijay Gharti is legally son of No. 5756339F Hav Hira Bahadur Gharti presently R/o Sisakhani, Vill. Sisakhani, P.O. Sisakhani, Distt. Baglung, State Dhaulagiri Nepal do hereby declare that I have changed my D.O.B. from 29 Aug., 2009 to 31 Aug., 2008 due to spelling mistake in my father service documents. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-3

I, Kamlesh spouse of JC-681605W Sub/ash Satyavir Singh R/o Vill. Kashimpur, P.O. Nangla Arni, Tehsil Jaleshar, Distt. Etah (UP) have changed my name from Kamlesh to Kamlesh Devi vide affidavit dated 10 Aug. 2020 before muniff court notary Akhnoor (J&K). DI-7575-2

I, Kaushalya Singh (existing name of spouse as per NOK) is legally wedded spouse of No. 2500048H rank 1/nk name Sunil Kumar presently R/o Rajgarh (Rajasthan) do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kaushalya to Kaushalya Singh in my husband records & her D.O.B. is 04/02/1989. It needs correction. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days. DI-7575-1

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Parents of dead girls allege sexual assault

SAURABH MALIK

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

In a twist to the case involving the death of three minor girls found listless in a parked car nearly two months back, the parents have moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court alleging sexual assault. The police had claimed that the children had died as a result of suffocation after they locked themselves up in the car.

Seeking probe by an independent agency like the CBI, the petitioners contended fair, impartial and unbiased probe was not expected from the local police. It was, rather, acting in a "blatantly partisan and lopsided manner for certain extraneous, malafide and vexatious considerations".

As the petition filed by Ravi Kumar and other petitioners against the state and its functionaries came up for preliminary hearing before Justice BS Walia's Bench, counsel Harsh Chopra referred to the autopsy report of the victims.

Appearing before the Bench through video-conferencing, he contended that the report suggested that the victims had been subjected to sexual

Bodies were found in a car in Ropar

assault, whereas the FIR in the matter was registered only for kidnapping under Section 363 of the IPC. Section 304-A of IPC regarding death by negligence was added subsequently. As such, directions were required to be issued to ensure fair and impartial probe in the matter.

Directions were also sought to the investigating agency to scientifically probe peculiar aspects, attendant facts and the circumstances of the entire case to sift the grain from the chaff. Chopra added that the role of the erring and the delinquent police official, who brazenly violated the sanctity of their uniform, was also required to be looked into.

After accepting the notice issued by Justice Walia's Bench, the state counsel submitted that samples of vaginal swab had been sent for chemical analysis and the report of the same was awaited.

Taking a note of the submissions, Justice Walia fixed the case for September third week.

Portal for complaints against pvt schools

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDKOT, AUGUST 17

The School Education Department has started an online portal to exclusively register complaints against private schools as it was receiving a large number of grievances against the managements of these schools during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Assuring time-bound redressal of grievances received on this portal, Krishan Kumar, secretary, School Education Department, said the complaints would be sent to the school concerned online and the institute was bound to file its reply in the same mode. After getting the reply from the school, the department would take a decision on the complaint.

Even if the department receives a written complaint or an email, such complaints would also be sent to the portal for speedy disposal.

After the closure of schools in mid-March due to Covid-19, parents had filed complaints against many private schools on the issue of charging of admission and tuition fee. The issue has now reached the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

To avoid anonymous and trouble-making complaints, the department was also contemplating a provision under which the complaint would accompany a self-attested affidavit, disclosing particulars of the unaided education institution concerned, along with names and addresses of complainants, sources added.

Pbi University fails to take up 'scam' probe reports

RAVNEET SINGH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, AUGUST 17

The Punjab University syndicate yet again deferred a discussion on probe reports into the alleged corruption and misuse of funds to the next meeting, to be held in September. During a meeting convened by V-C BS Ghuman, the members decided they would hold a meeting every month. The meeting today was convened after a gap of a year.

The university had failed to provide copies of the action taken report to the members regarding the probe into the alleged scams, which have been investigated twice by internal and external committees. The members said they could not decide on the mat-

ter without having gone through the reports after which the matter was deferred for the next meeting. The university will not make fresh recruitments of teaching and non-teaching officials without the approval of the syndicate. The university has a long-standing record of taking decisions 'in anticipation of the syndicate'. The governing body also decided that the university had to follow the seniority list while appointing officials on administrative posts, which had been neglected in the past. Moreover, posts which are to be filled through open recruitment will be filled following proper norms rather than the previously followed process of filling them through internal promotion.

Plan for online polls to Bar bodies gets a thumbs up

22,061 advocates favour move in Bar Council survey

RAMKRISHAN UPADHYAY

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

Approximately 22, 061 advocates have favoured holding online election of the office-bearers of Bar associations of Punjab and Chandigarh. The Bar Councils of Punjab and Haryana have recently conducted an online survey on the issue. As per the result of the survey, while a majority of the advocates favoured the online election, only 6,200 opposed the

suggestions. Besides, a majority of the advocates also supported starting of physical hearings in courts. According to the survey, 21,179 advocates supported the suggestion to start physical hearings in courts, while 7,082 were not in favour of the same.

Karanjit Singh, chairman, Bar Council, said the online opinion poll undertaken by the Bar Council of the Punjab and Haryana HC had been successful and it was a first of its kind in the coun-

try. He said the Bar Council had decided to convey the genuine feelings of advocates of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh to the Chief Justice and the administrative committee of judges of the High Court about starting physical hearings in courts.

The Bar Council conducted the online survey on various issues in three phases for advocates of the Tricity, Punjab and Haryana. A total of 28,261 advocates participated in the exercise.

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT: 14 BN BSF, KHEMKARAN, DISTRICT TARN TARAN (PUNJAB) – 143419
// AUCTION NOTICE //
It is hereby notified for information of all concerned and the public in general that, on behalf of the President of India the Commandant 14 BN BSF will hold a Public Auction of condemned/unserviceable stores of MT/Govt. (Misc)/Comm/Engg/PAP/Mag store, Welfare fund, KP&K Store and ration store of this Unit on **02 Sept' 2020 at 1000 hours** at BN Headquarters, **14 BN BSF Khemkaran**, District Tarn Taran (Punjab).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All authorized/interested bidders may attend the auction on the date and time mentioned above.
2. Each bidders will have to deposit a sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) advance as earnest money prior to commencement of bid, which will be refunded/adjusted after finalization of auction on same day to the unsuccessful/successful bidders respectively.
3. Each bidder must be in possession of PAN Card in original along with proof of last Income Tax Return which will be seen by board of officer failing which they will not be allowed to participate in the auction.
4. All bidders will get their name registered with the board of officer at least one hour before the auction.
5. The highest bidder will lift the stores as soon as auction is over at his own arrangement.
6. The highest bidder will have to remit the value of the auction and prescribed GST Tax immediately after the sale.
7. In case the highest bidder fails to deposit the cash of stores on the spot, his earnest money will be forfeited.
8. No transporting will be provided by this Unit to carry the auctioned stores.
9. The Commandant 14 BN BSF reserves the right to reject one or all bids without assigning any reasons.
10. The store will be auctioned on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"**.
11. Other terms and conditions if any shall be announced at the time of auction.

Sd/- Amit Godara, DC (QM)
For Commandant
14 Bn BSF

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD(R&B) DIVISION, VAILOO

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

NIT No. 44/2052-62 of R&B/Vailoo/2020-2021/e-tendering/ DATED:- 13.08.2020

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory J&K e-tenders (In Single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following work:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. in form of Treasury challan/ Receipt (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Bid	Class of Contractor	Major Head of account
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Upgradation of road surface by way of construction of 1x1.5 m span RCC culvert, R/Walls, WBM G-II and supply and filling of GSB on Bontoor Interior roads	49.00	1100	98000	35 days	27.08.2020 11.00 a.m.	AAY/ BEE CLASS ONLY	Langui-shing

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.o.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per schedule of dates given below:

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	13.08.2020
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From:- 15.08.2020 from 11.00 a.m. To:- 26.08. 2020 up to 4.00 p.m.
3.	Bid Submission Start Date	15.08.2020 from 11.00 a.m.
4.	Bid Submission End Date	26.08.2020 up to 4.00 p.m.
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	27.08.2020 at 11.00 a.m. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Vailoo

2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **Treasury Receipt/challan** in favour of **Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Vailoo (tender inviting authority)** and **Earnest money** in shape of **CDR/FDR** pledged to the **Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Vailoo. (tender receiving authority)**. Minimum of Two bids are necessary to decide L-1 bidder in case of Contractors/Self Help Groups.

3. The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Website **www.jktenders.gov.in** and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. **The bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online on same Website in the Office of **Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Vailoo (tender receiving authority)**.
4. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.
5. All other terms & conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD (R&B) Division,
Vailoo.

No.:- 44/2052-62

Dated:-

DIPK-4133

12 succumb, toll goes up to 550

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17
A total of 887 cases were reported today, taking the tally to 48,040. Twelve deaths pushed the toll to 550. Cases were reported from Faridabad (107), Gurugram (97), Panipat (81), Rewari (71), Ambala (71), Yamunanagar (62), Rohtak (58), Kurukshetra (51), Karnal (46), Mahendragarh (41), Sonapat (39), Charkhi Dadri (34), Kaithal (31), Hisar (29), Panchkula (15), Jhajjar (12), Bhiwani (12), Nuh (9), Fatehabad (9), Palwal (6), Sirsa (5) and Jind (1). — TNS

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Faridabad	11,137	154
Gurugram	10,374	130
Sonapat	3,510	40
Ambala	2,640	22
Rewari	2,559	14
Panipat	2,189	33
Rohtak	2,189	25
Karnal	1,642	14
Hisar	1,346	11
Palwal	1,294	10
Panchkula	1,224	8
Mahendragarh	1,191	1
Jhajjar	1,001	14
Kurukshetra	978	17
Bhiwani	960	8
Sirsa	765	8
Yamunanagar	698	14
Nuh	636	13
Fatehabad	564	4
Kaithal	505	3
Jind	389	6
Charkhi Dadri	249	1
Total	48,040	550

Clarification

The report “Health services restricted, Haryana infant deaths rise 46% in lockdown”, published on August 5, inadvertently mentioned that 828 infant deaths were registered in the state for the period from April to June 2019. The correct figure is 1,264, according to the Director, MCH, National Health Mission, Haryana. The error is regretted.

Fatehabad village loses its son

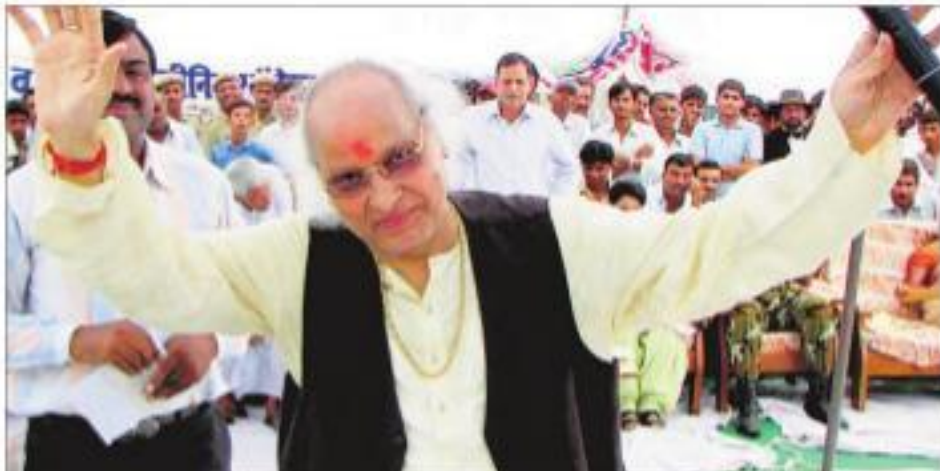
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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17
It was the last day of 2003 and Pandit Jasraj, one of the greatest exponents of Indian classical music who passed away at the age of 90 on Monday, was visiting Pili Mandori, his native village in Fatehabad district, after 27 years.

As his car reached the village boundary, Pandit Jasraj was so overcome with nostalgia that he asked the driver to stop the car; he alighted, took a handful of soil and touched it to his forehead with reverence.

Asked to address the audience, largely from Pili Mandori and neighbouring villages, the great maestro was overwhelmed with emotion.

Wiping tears with a towel, Pandit Jasraj spoke in chaste Bagri dialect. “Main thane kih kahun, maine to kih shabad hie koni pan lagriha. Mera mann to kare se ke je raji mein



Pandit Jasraj in his native Pili Mandori village in Fatehabad. FILE

lot jaun. Mere liye yeh bhumi Brindavan se kam nahin (What shall I say to you? I am short of words. I feel like rolling my body on the soil of this village. This place is no less than Vrindavan for me),” he said.

When a villager addressed him as “Panditji”, the great Jasraj asked villagers the reason for addressing him so. People in Pili Mandori used to address him as “Jasia”.

On learning that no one from the village had tried to learn classical music, he said

if villagers formed a cultural organisation to promote classical music, he would visit the village every year while offering Rs 1 lakh for it.

After that, Pandit Jasraj started visiting the village almost every year. In 2014, he celebrated his birthday, which falls on January 28, in Pili Mandori.

Pandit Jasraj’s wife Madhura, the daughter of noted director of yesteryears V Shantaram; daughter Durga Jasraj, a noted TV personali-

ty; son Sarang, a music director; and some other members of his family also accompanied him.

With Pandit Jasraj’s visits, the village started getting funds from the government. As a result, several development activities were started.

“Villagers will miss Panditji badly. With his efforts, the village got a waterworks with an RO system worth Rs 2 crore from the government. We have a library named after him,” says Anita Kumari, village sarpanch.

Pandit Jasraj was born in Pili Mandori village on January 28, 1930. He belonged to a family of musicians. His father Pandit Moti Ram and uncle Pandit Jyoti Ram were singers of the Jammu and Kashmir “raj gharana”. He left the village and started learning classical music under the guidance of his elder brother Pandit Mani Ram.

Baroda will teach BJP a lesson: Deepender

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CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17
Rajya Sabha member Deepender Hooda said today that the people of Baroda would teach the BJP a lesson for its “anti-farmer” initiatives. “The BJP has committed a sin by calling the farmer a traitor. This statement has caused anger among farmers of Haryana,” he said at a press conference.

“The BJP has continued its tirade against farmers and three ordinances during the Covid crisis is an indication of this mindset. Such serious policy decisions have been taken without the consent of Parliament. The government wants to promote capital-

ists,” he said.

Deepender took on the state BJP government, saying Haryana had the highest unemployment across the country this month.

“Instead of giving jobs to the youth, the government is snatching employment. The government does not stand anywhere compared to jobs created during our term,” he pointed out.

He said the government did not defend 1,983 physical training instructors because of political reasons. “The government is making its layoff policy for Ayush doctors, tourism employees, assistant professors, temporary sanitation workers and computer operators,” he added.

SYL an issue between Centre & Punjab: CM

SUSHIL MANAV
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

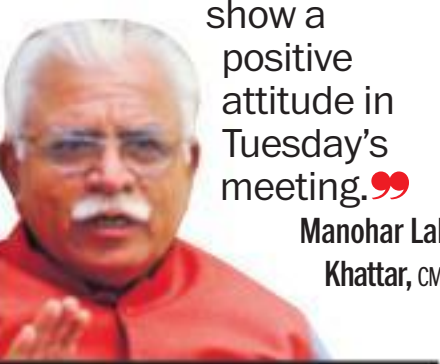
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17
A day ahead of his meeting with his Punjab counterpart over the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, convened by the Centre, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today said he was hopeful that Capt Amarinder Singh would agree to completion of the canal in accordance with the Supreme Court order.

Talking to The Tribune, Khattar said Haryana would decide its future course of action on the issue on the basis of the outcome of this meeting.

Union Water Resources Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had convened the meeting to work out a way for implementation of the Supreme Court order, that

OUR STAND IS CLEAR

“As far as Haryana’s stand is concerned, it is well-known as we are eager for early completion of the canal. I am hopeful that Punjab will



show a positive attitude in Tuesday’s meeting.”

Manohar Lal Khattar, CM mandated completion of the remaining part of the SYL canal by Punjab.

“Basically, the issue in tomorrow’s meeting is between the Centre and Punjab. The Centre has convened the meeting in compliance with Supreme Court direc-

tions issued last month that Punjab and Haryana should sit together to work out a solution,” Khattar said.

“As far as Haryana’s stand is concerned, it is well known as we are eager for early completion of the canal. I am hopeful that Punjab will show a positive attitude in tomorrow’s meeting,” he stated.

Asked whether he was hopeful of a positive response from his Punjab counterpart in view of the neighbouring state’s oft-repeated stand that it did not have a drop of water to spare, Khattar said he would not jump to conclusions before the meeting.

Asked about Haryana’s course of action if Punjab stuck to its previous stand, he said it would be decided only after taking into consideration the outcome of the meeting.

Month after rains, 25 Hisar villages still submerged

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, AUGUST 17
It’s been a month since the district received a good monsoon downpour, but residential areas and agricultural fields in about 25 villages are still submerged.

Vinay Singh, Commissioner, Hisar division, took stock of the situation at a meeting here on Monday. He directed officials to drain out water on priority and



An inundated cotton field in a village of Hisar district.

2 held for assault on British teen

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 17

A day after the family of a 17-year-old British teen approached the police seeking the arrest of boys who allegedly thrashed and harassed their son, two of them have been arrested.

One suspect has been identified as Vishal (19), a Class XII dropout and resident of the district’s Vajirabad village, while the other is a minor.

The accused refuted the allegation of sexual assault. They told the police that they thrashed the British teen to avenge a spat on social media.

“The search for the other accused is on. They have refuted the allegation of sodomy, as alleged by the British teen’s family. But they have admitted to have thrashed him,” said Inspector Bijender Singh, SHO, Sushant Lok police station.

One of them is Class XII dropout, other a minor

The preliminary probe has brought out that the victim had, in July, met one of the suspects on social media for organising house parties.

In the video, the suspects are reportedly seen asking the British teen to apologise to “someone”, who the police are yet to identify.

“The police are scrutinising the CCTV footage. There is not enough evidence to back the sexual assault charge. We have asked security guards of the residential society, outside which the incident took place, to join the investigation. Four suspects were questioned on Monday,” an investigating officer said. — OC

Lifting Of Packing Materials

From Vajra Station Canteen, Jalandhar Cantt
1. Proposals are invited for lifting of packing materials from Vajra Station Canteen, Jalandhar Cantt on a daily basis.
2. Bids are required to be submitted on a performa available with Vajra Station Canteen, Jalandhar Cantt duly completed along with all relevant documents by 1 Sep 2020 to The Manager, Vajra Station Canteen, Jalandhar Cantt.
3. Selected bidder will be informed by post and through notice on the Vajra Station Canteen notice board By Patron, Vajra Station Canteen, Jalandhar Cantt

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT e-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. 1, Chandigarh invites online percentage rate tenders on behalf of the President of India for the below mentioned work from the firms who have the experience of such type of jobs in Chandigarh and fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned under “Eligibility Criteria”. The tender shall be downloaded and received on the website <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in>.

Sr. No.	Description of item	Estimated Tender Amount	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Last date of Submission of e-tender	Date of Opening of Bid
E1/M-79	COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF CCTV CONTROL ROOM AND VARIOUS CAMERAS INSTALLED AT 20 NOS. JUNCTIONS AND BUSY MARKET SECTOR-17, 22 AND 35 AT CHANDIGARH. (FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021)	Rs. 14,75,525/-	Rs. 29,520/-	12 Months	24.08.2020 Up to 3.00 P.M.	24.08.2020 at 3.30 P.M.

The DNIT with detailed terms and conditions can be downloaded/ uploaded by the bidders from the website at <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in>.

Executive Engineer, Electrical Divn. No. 1, Additional Deluxe Bldg., 2nd Floor, Sector-9, Chandigarh. Office Ph. No. 0172-740307.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works & O&M cell works) No. 54/SE(TIC), Dated 17-08-2020

The department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online Double Bids for 86 Nos. works (under PUEIP) as per schedule given below:-

Last Date of online Submission of Bidding Document	Opening of bidding Documents
Technical Bid	Financial Bid
07-09-2020 up to 5:00pm	08-09-2020 at 11:00 am in the Office of SE(TIC), Zone A, MCL Later on

For details logon to :- eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note :- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (TIC), Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

DPR/Pb/64600

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH F. 3001/Advt./AO/El(2)/PGI/2020 Dated: 17.08.2020

NOTICE

It is proposed to fill up 04 posts of Administrative Officer on deputation basis in Level 9 in the Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC at PGIMER, Chandigarh having following qualification/experience:-
(1) Officers under the Central Government, State Govt., U.T. Administration, or Central Statutory Bodies holding analogous posts or with at least 3/5 years of experience “Level-8/Level-7 respectively in the PAY MATRIX” or equivalent respectively and having degree and experience in administration and establishment matter and preferably account matters. Officers possessing M.B.A or Postgraduate Diploma in Personnel Management shall be given preference.
The application duly filled by the applicant on the prescribed performa may be sent to the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh through the Head of the Department/ Institution/Organization by 10.09.2020 along with their ACR/APARs for last five years and a certificate that no departmental/disciplinary proceedings are pending/being contemplated against the officer. The applications received after due date shall summarily be rejected.
Incomplete applications and the applications received after due date will be summarily rejected. The Director, PGIMER reserves the right to increase/decrease the number of posts/withdraw selection process at any stage without any claim thereto.

DIRECTOR

DI-7582

WESTERN RAILWAY STORES DEPARTMENT e-AUCTION SALE DURING SEPTEMBER, 2020 FOR P-WAY & OTHER VARIOUS SCRAP

SPECIAL ATTENTION: ALL STEEL PURCHASERS & RE-ROLLERS
(No.S III/ Auction Programme-1/ September 2020, Dated 14/08/2020), Public e-auction for disposal of P. way scrap, rail scrap & other various scrap material will be held in September, 2020 as per program given below:-

1 st Round	2 nd Round	Depot	Depot Officer in Charge	Contact No.
04/09/2020	18/09/2020	ADI	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-ADI	07922205888 09724093750
05/09/2020	19/09/2020	SBI	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-SBI	07927500080 09724093774
07/09/2020	22/09/2020	BRC	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BRC	02652641592 9724091750
09/09/2020	25/09/2020	RTM	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RTM	07412230080 09752492750
10/09/2020	26/09/2020	MX	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-MX	022-24929571 09004495750
12/09/2020	28/09/2020	DHD	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295 09724090455
11/09/2020	25/09/2020	BVP	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-BVP	02782444360 09724097750
14/09/2020	30/09/2020	MMCT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-MMCT	022-23094142 09004499006
04/09/2020	21/09/2020	PRTN	Deputy Chief Materials Manager-DHD	02673241295 09724090455
15/09/2020	29/09/2020	RJT	Sr. Divisional Materials Manager-RJT	02612476943 09724094770

For detailed information please contact the concerned Depot Officers. Note:- (1) Railway reserves the right to withdraw any lot from e-Auction. (2) e-Auction will start at as per scheduled time.(3) e-Auction catalogues will be available on site www.rings.gov.in e-Auction portal. (4) In case of any assistance required regarding e-Auction, digital signatures, Registration procedure and participation, please contact above mentioned Depot Officer. (5) All payment transactions shall be done through the online payment gateway.
Principal Chief Materials Manager
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PUNJAB STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SITE NO. 126, SECTOR-69, SAS NAGAR, (MOHALI) EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

No./PULSA/12/2020 Dated: 17.08.2020

Applications along with resume are invited for posts of Chairmen, Permanent Lok Adalat, Public Utility Services, from the candidates who have held the post of District Judge or Additional District Judge or Judicial Officer higher in rank than that of a District Judge. Applicant must be below 65 years of age. Last date for submissions of application is 31.08.2020. For details please visit www.pulsa.gov.in
*Number of posts can be increased or decrease as per the requirement.

DPR/Pb/64607 Sd/- Additional Member Secretary

TENDER/RFP FOR SERVICES LIKE AMC, HOUSEKEEPING ETC. GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender reference No. 21, Dated: 2020

The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work
1.	Survey, Soil testing, Design, Supply and construction, Installation, Commissioning of 1.00 MLD STP at Maluka based on any suitable, sustainable and proven technology including other apartment’s works on turnkey basis as per DNIT. Including O&M for a period of 60 Months after stabilization period of 3 Months or more.

Closing Date & Time for tender: 21.08.2020 at 11.00 a.m.

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

Note:- Corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

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

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This has a reference to the Govt. of India Gazette Notification SO 2386(E) dated 16 July, 2020 regarding land acquisition for stretch of land from Km 57.865 to Km 81.420, Km 83.300 to Km 96.790, Km 101.900 to Km 102.300 & Km 130.586 to Km 135.230 in the district of JIND in the state of HARYANA, published in The Tribune on 21st July, 2020. In the said advertisement, corrections may be read as follows:

Newspaper Page No. 20 under Village Bhagikhera Sr. No. 23 and 24 may be read as below:-

Sr. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/ Interested Person Part Survey No.
23	43/15/2 Min	Private	Agriculture	0.0658	Jasmat S/O Chitra S/O Maychand 1/2 bhaag Birban, Badansingh putran Rajender S/O Chitra har do sambhaag 1/2 bhaag vassdeh 43/15/2 Min
24	43/16/1	Private	Agriculture	0.3854	43/16/1/1 - Rammehar S/O Baaru S/O Maychand vassdeh 43/16/1/2 - Charsingh S/O Maychand S/O Deshraj 3/29 bhaag Kanwarbhan, Rammehar, Gurnam, Shamsheer putran Baarum S/O Maychand har char sambhaag 23/29 bhaag bhaag Geeta Devi W/O Gurnam S/O Baarum 3/29 bhaag vassideh 43/16/1

Newspaper Page No. 6 Under Village Khandi may be read from Sr. No. 225 and 226.

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Page No. 30	Jamni	483	8/25	8/25 Min
Page No. 30	Jamni	509	90/24	90/24 Min
Page No. 35	Kalwa	710	68/11/2	68/11/2 Min
Page No. 38	Kharak Gadiyan	836	38/19	38/19 Min
Page No. 38	Kharak Gadiyan	850	55/4	55/4 Min
Page No. 43	Siwanamal	22	115/6	115/6 Min

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The Tribune

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Brutal rapes rattle UP

Yogi govt must restore law and order

WITH hardly a day going without a rape case making headlines in India, the sad and shameful saga plays out incessantly. This weekend, Uttar Pradesh was rattled by two separate incidents of violent sexual assault on two adolescent girls, followed by the killing of the victim in one case. Two men have been arrested on the charges of rape and strangulation to death of a 13-year-old girl in a village of Lakhimpur Kheri district. The post-mortem report has ruled out accounts of injuries to the girl's eyes and tongue. In the other instance that pertains to Gorakhpur district, a teenage girl out on a household errand — to collect water from a hand pump — was accosted in the fields and raped overnight by two men who also sadistically singed her body with cigarette butts. The two accused are behind bars.

Despite the stringent provisions made in the law to ensure protection for women and children against sexual offenders and predators after the atrocious Nirbhaya rape case of 2012, there is no let-up in crime against women. The latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data points to some appalling figures. Compared to 32,559 rape cases registered in 2017, the number went up to 33,356 in 2018. Significantly, every fourth victim was a minor in 2018 and in nearly 94 per cent cases, the victims were known to the offenders. Uttar Pradesh reported the third highest cases, after Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

This is the result of multiple factors. First and foremost, it reflects the abject failure of our society to bring up our sons to respect women and their agency. Exacerbating the situation are the poorly conducted investigations and slow justice system. The conviction rate for rape is only 27.2 per cent. As the majority of criminals get away with impunity, it is not surprising that law remains a poor deterrent, especially for the well-connected and highly placed people. Though the Yogi Adityanath government came to power on the promise of ending jungle raj in UP, women are far from the promised land. The victims must get justice.

Dhoni calls it a day

Captain Cool's exit signals the end of an era

MAHENDRA SINGH DHONI, the railway ticket checker from Ranchi who became king, has completed his journey, signalling the end of an era. The final goodbye was a long time coming — yet when he did say it, it left fans of sport a sentimental mush. It is not surprising, too — Dhoni was the ultimate commoner who ruled the greens and hearts. He played the game with passion, yet remained the coolest man on the field even as everyone else around him wilted under pressure. He played aggressively but never crossed the line—it's almost impossible to find misdemeanours in his name in the 15 years he played international cricket. The universal outpouring of love for him shows he had the respect and affection of his peers, on the field and off it.

Dhoni's legacy is unquestionable: Definitely India's greatest limited-overs captain, probably the greatest finisher in white-ball cricket, and a great captain in Test cricket. India won three biggest ICC trophies under him, his mark evident on each triumph — the 2007 T20 World Cup, the 2011 50-over World Cup and the 2013 Champions Trophy. India became the No. 1 Test team for the first time under Dhoni in 2009. As a batsman, he started out as an aggressive strokeplayer who hit the ball incredibly hard; he evolved into a very cerebral batsman who paced his innings perfectly in every format of the sport. He was not the most natural wicketkeeper but was lightning-fast and worked very hard on his skills behind the wickets.

The sum of all this is that he became a superstar, a man who soared past even the likes of Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid on the popularity charts. He was an advertiser's dream, a dashing sports star with a mane of flowing hair which earned the admiration of even Pakistan's head of state. Our greats in the past have bickered over captaincy. Dhoni, though a born leader, did not covet captaincy and gave it up of his own will. He may have been a bit late in ending his career, but the gulf he leaves won't be filled.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Life is not always a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well. — **Jack London**

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1920

"A New Menace to India's Freedom"

UNDER this heading, the *Independent* has the following:—"We think that it will be the distinct duty of every nationalist politician and organisation in the country to send cables to the Secretary of State and the Premier and the British press stating in unequivocal terms the considered opinion of the country that these "sops" will not at all meet the gravity of the situation, and adding, that apart from the wrong policy of these things, personally Satyendra Prasanna Sinha having entirely lost the respect and confidence of his own countrymen by his pronouncements on the Punjab atrocities and also by his unshamed identification with a small coterie of Moderate Indian politicians, his appointment to the proposed post will be regarded as an insult to the people of the country." We entirely dissent from every part of this observation. It is not the duty, whether distinct or otherwise, of any nationalist politician or organisation in the country to tell the Secretary of State that these "sops" will not at all meet the gravity of the situation." Mr. Montagu is no fool. He knows what is what, and, while he may pride himself upon the substantial step that he has taken, there is no reason to do him the injustice of attributing to him the hope or the belief that those who have been asking for a completely responsible government will be satisfied or even placated by a measure which leaves the problem of responsibility exactly where it is. Secondly, the policy, in pursuance of which this action has been taken is one which our Congresses and Conferences as well as other public bodies have now for over thirty years been earnestly urging the Government to adopt. Lastly, unfortunate as some of Lord Sinha's pronouncements have been, it is going too far to say that "he entirely lost the respect and confidence of his own countrymen."

Afghan peace on the horizon

Last hurdle overcome with the release of final batch of 400 Taliban prisoners



MK BHADRAKUMAR
FORMER AMBASSADOR

THE expectations are high that the long-awaited intra-Afghan peace talks will commence in Doha this week. Washington has literally frogmarched the Afghan government headed by Ashraf Ghani to the peace talks, overcoming its delaying tactics. The US-Taliban pact, signed in Doha in February, had chalked out that the talks would commence on March 10 and the amazing salience is that the pact hasn't lost traction.

The last hurdle to the talks was overcome when the US arm-twisted Ghani to release the final batch of around 400 Taliban prisoners who had been indicted for violent crimes. In a face-saving formula, Ghani called a 'Loya Jirga' to legitimise his turnaround on prisoner release. The Taliban feel vindicated. In remarks to the *Voice of America*, the Taliban spokesman sought 'flexibility' by both sides, saying, "This conflict cannot be solved unilaterally. If they want a solution, then we too are looking for same, and God willing, we will hopefully find a solution."

The US too has injected an air of optimism. A statement by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on August 6, anticipating the outcome of the Loya Jirga, noted that 'The Taliban have also committed to significantly reduce violence and casualties during the talks where the parties will decide on a political map to end the... war and agree on a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire. The United States intends to hold the Taliban to these commitments.'

Pompeo added that in a post-settlement era, the US would still keep its eye on the ball — maintaining 'substantial security assistance'; expanding its development programmes;



SALIENCE: The US-Taliban pact, signed in Doha in February, hasn't lost traction.

Hopefully, beyond the November election cycle, the US will keep its eyes on the ball, given the Taliban's opaque negotiating style. Pakistan's role has become crucial. India has done the right thing by moving into the shade.

remaining committed to investment plans; and 'improving regional economic ties and connectivity,' especially through joint infrastructure projects funded by the aid agencies.

The US estimates that the forthcoming intra-Afghan talks will be productive. Such optimism stems also from the broadening political consensus in Kabul lately towards the Doha talks. A triumvirate of Ghani, former president Hamid Karzai and former chief executive officer Abdullah is driving the peace process on the Afghan government side. It projects a level of unity and statesmanship unthinkable until very recently.

On July 30, in an appearance before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Pompeo divulged a timeline for the total troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. To quote him, 'We have entered into agreement (with the Taliban). We will go to zero, we'll get our forces out of there. I think it's May of next year.' Subsequently, US Defence Secretary Mark Esper disclosed that US troops will be reduced to 'a number less than 5,000' by November-end. President Trump has a deal here:

the intra-Afghan talks dovetail with his re-election campaign for November. That, in turn, becomes the surest guarantee of progress at Doha. Trump is the winner in the near term.

Reports indicated a major recasting of the Taliban negotiating team. The 20-member team now has 13 figures drawn from the Taliban's leadership council. The new inductees include key figures such as Mullah Yaqoob (eldest son of Taliban founder Mullah Omar), Sheikh Mohammad Qasim Turkman and Anas Haqqani Zadran. Analysts have speculated that the rotation of senior religious scholars and hardened military commanders in the Taliban's team aims to build consensus within the different wings of the movement, and enhances the authority of the political office in Doha to speak for the entire organisation. Equally, it could be aimed at strengthening Pakistan's capacity to leverage the peace process. But one crucial part still remains nebulous — the Taliban's perspectives on peace.

The Taliban's negotiating positions on reconciliation, power-sharing and governance remain ambiguous. Sever-

al complex issues are involved here such as constitutional reforms and political system; the Taliban's concept of 'inclusive' government; the restructuring of Afghan security forces and integration of Taliban fighters; rights of women and minorities; the Taliban's ambitions for a post-war era, etc.

The Taliban staunchly resist a public denunciation of al-Qaeda which compelled the US to scale down expectations to a call to them to prevent the Afghan territory being used to stage terrorist attacks on the US and its allies, and draw 'red lines' to that effect. The UN has highlighted the presence of terrorist groups on Afghan soil, but the Taliban regard them as Muslim dissidents forced into exile. The choice for the international community is to accept the Taliban's word and suspend disbelief.

Clearly, the intra-Afghan dialogue has a formidable task ahead to prepare a road map for the transition from armed insurgency to 'Islamic governance'. The US hopes to lean on Pakistan to navigate the way forward. But the US election in November introduces new uncertainties.

The 2020 Democratic Platform which turns its back on the US 'forever wars' and 'militarised' foreign policy, says: "Democrats are committed to a durable and inclusive peace settlement in Afghanistan that ensures that al-Qaeda isn't allowed to reconstitute, the Islamic State isn't allowed to grow, and the international community can help Afghans safeguard hard-fought gains, especially for women and girls." Hopefully, beyond the November election cycle, the US will keep its eyes on the ball, given the Taliban's opaque negotiating style. The Taliban and Pakistan would probably trade compromises to extract their highest priorities. A pattern was discernible at the Doha negotiations. Therefore, Pakistan's role becomes crucial. India has done the right thing by moving into the shade. The India-Pakistan tensions need not cast a shadow on the Afghan peace process. The two evergreen adversaries should agree that regional peace and stability can be in their mutual interest.

Banking days at remote Seegur

NJ RAVI CHANDER

JUST after earning a bank promotion in 2001, the authorities bundled me off to a remote village branch at Seegur. The 'difficult centre' branch was godforsaken: lacking basic amenities, hotels and bus transport. To reach it from Bengaluru, I had to use three modes of transportation — a train ride to Mysuru, a bus journey to Periyapatna and culminating with a trip by a local van. The mangy vehicles are a sight for sore eyes and ply between Periyapatna and nearby villages. Drivers cram them like a can of sardines, and more often, one had to travel 'cattle class', with farm animals and poultry birds giving company.

Rural folks treat bank officers like demi-gods. They welcomed me with

garlands and *namastes*. Day one of my innings coincided with the 'ooru habba', or village festival, which takes on a festive air. Colourful bunting and stalls spring up and music rents the air. The locals adorn the village deity with a new sari, besides venerating and offering non-vegetarian fare. The celebrations end with a gluttonous feast where the entire village takes part.

Seegur is a picturesque hamlet famed for its tobacco cultivation and small wildlife. The banks, which have a tie-up with the tobacco board, extend credit to tobacco producers. The board recovers the monies and remits them to the banks after the auctions conclude. I had never seen a tobacco leaf earlier, and their enormous size fascinated me. I selected a giant-sized blade from a field and

packed it in my travel bag as a souvenir. 'Lady Nicotine' and rural banks have dramatically transformed the lives of peasants in these parts and created many a rags-to-riches story. Tobacco auctions are a time for celebrations, fantastic food and drinks.

One had to watch out for deadly snakes and scorpions that abound here. It was frightful to find scorpions hiding between ledger sheets. Snakes sought to bury themselves under heaps of firewood or hay. The creepy-crawlies slithered into the branch at night, but the attendants nonchalantly picked them up with a long bamboo pole and deposited them in the safety of a bush.

A cobra always warmed itself near the branch generator during the winter but slithered away on sensing us.

Peacocks and peahens made regular appearances. The nights turned magical with fireflies and glowworms lighting up trees and bushes. Jungle fowls that scampered through the thick foliage surprised us with their presence. Their small-sized eggs were rich in proteins, and I regularly ferried them to Bengaluru.

The Virajpet forest nearby was a favourite haunt. We escaped here on weekends to see elephants grazing in the wild. Branch attendants would get busy collecting elephant dung, which served as domestic fuel. The lake beside the branch would burst its banks during monsoon and submerge the road.

A rural posting, no doubt, comes with its trials and tribulations, but is nevertheless enjoyable, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change with the times

The editorial 'Contempt of court' (Aug 17) rightly suggests that judges should be circumspect while using the contempt law. The SC decision in the Prashant Bhushan case should stir a public debate regarding the necessary amendments to ensure increased transparency. With due regard to the judges, this decision makes a common citizen feel that magnanimity rather than the rod would have served the ends of justice more. Any move which tries to stop the flow of information from the public to the judiciary is likely to prove counterproductive, particularly bearing in mind that corruption and permissiveness are all pervasive in our society and polity. Shutting the flow of fresh air, sometimes with heavy dust particles, is likely to make the judiciary stale and inadaptive to the changes required with the changing times.

SUBHASH C CHABBA, PANCHKULA

Criticism is not contempt

Prashant Bhushan would never have imagined that his seemingly innocuous tweets would render him guilty of contempt of court and possibly land him in jail. This judgment, unfortunately, brings the credibility, impartiality and fairness of our judiciary under the scanner. Nothing can be

more damaging than people losing their trust in the apex court. It appears as if we are not worthy of being branded as democrats if mere criticism is tantamount to contempt of court. It is time to revisit the definition of contempt of court to clear the vulnerable vagueness and ambiguity.

KANWAL Gurtej Singh, Mohali

In this case, wrong

'Contempt of court' (Aug 17) apparently 'criticises' the apex court decision which declared Prashant Bhushan guilty of contempt of court by making scandalous remarks against judges of the Supreme Court. *The Tribune's* remarks may fit in other cases, but in the case of Prashant Bhushan, this decision is right. He always blames the judiciary when his writ does not work before the judges and he fails to get decisions from courts as per his expectations.

RL Bansal, Kurukshetra

Guilty of contempt

Apropos of 'SC holds Bhushan guilty of contempt for CJI tweets' (Aug 15), we may gainfully refer to the observations of Justice Wilmut in R.v. Almon in 1765: 'And whenever men's allegiance to the law is so fundamentally shaken, it is the most fatal and most dangerous obstruction of justice, and, in my opinion,

calls out for a more rapid and immediate redress than any other obstruction whatsoever, not for the sake of the judges, as private individuals, but because they are the channels by which the King's justice is conveyed to the people.' It is an eye-opener and the case will have a long-term impact.

Yash Pal Ralhan, Jalandhar

Same rights as son

Reference to the Aug 13 editorial, 'Equal rights for daughters', the SC verdict resolves an issue where courts took conflicting positions. The judgment underscores the 2005 amendment's progressive intent that ends gender inequality and discrimination against women. The amendment had stipulated that the daughter of a coparcener shall 'by birth' become a coparcener in her own right. The 2005 amendment's 'by birth' clause leaves no confusion, yet the legal lines got blurred. However, gender battles over equal rights are far from over, as varying by state, women are at the mercy of religious personal law. Many states follow HSA 2005, but some like Punjab, UP and Haryana are still governed by tenancy laws riddled with patriarchal biases. Succession rights for Hindu women have overcome some hurdles, but some still remain. Perhaps a uniform civil code may undo this

gender inequality and injustice too.

Prakash Hanspaal, By Mail

Not without bias

I found Julio Ribeiro's articles balanced and logical till I read his Aug 15 article on the Sushant Singh Rajput case. It was biased. He doesn't touch on various aspects which the Mumbai Police should have investigated. He is also biased in his views on Aditya Thackeray. Is that because he said he voted for him? The public is seeking a CBI probe because the Mumbai Police haven't done their job. It is a pity that he should talk about a person whom he came to know after his death.

Gurmeet Singh, Jalandhar

Played for team, not self

This year, several notable sport personalities have passed away — PK Banerjee, Chuni Goswami, Balbir Singh Kullar and the legendary Balbir Singh Sr. Dronacharya awardee Joginder Singh Saini, and now, cricketer Chetan Chauhan. Chetan was a prolific opening batsman. He would often get out when batting in the nineties. It reveals he played for the team and not for self, and thus has no centuries to his credit, even after playing 40 Tests. Adieu to these illustrious sons of our country.

Gurdeep S Dhamrait, Dharampur

Containment policy may fail to deter China



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RESEARCH FOUNDATION, NEW DELHI

WRITING in the Communist Party’s theoretical journal *Qinshi* last Saturday, Chinese President Xi Jinping rejected suggestions that China’s Marxist political economy was outdated. He insisted that it gave primacy to markets in the allocation of resources, but at the same time, enhanced the role of the government. Notwithstanding the important role of the private sector, he declared, “The leading role of the state-owned economy cannot be shaken.”

Last week, the influential weekly, *The Economist*, examined the subject from its liberal point of view arguing that that Xi Jinping’s China is reinventing state capitalism and that it would be a mistake to underestimate its endeavour.

As the US-China quarrel escalates, many analysts say China with its mix of authoritarianism, technology and dynamism, is too big to stop. There does seem to be a general tendency to underestimate the sheer scale of the Chinese economy, or how it has used IP theft, R&D investments, and STEM education to create important equities in technology industries. Squeezing Iran or North Korea through sanctions is one thing, but taking on China is quite another.

The Economist argues that China

has been less harmed by the tariff war than was expected, and it has been remarkably resistant to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is the only economy in the IMF’s World Economic Outlook update of June 2020 that is likely to have a positive growth rate of 1 per cent in 2020. Everyone else is in negative territory. The US will be down -8 per cent, Euro area -10.2, and India -4.5.

This has probably reinforced Xi’s belief that a strong one-party state is better able to handle the challenges of our times. Xi may have stopped liberalisation of the economy and enhanced party control over private firms, but he has also pushed state-owned enterprises to follow market rules, thus strengthening the new hybrid state capitalism.

All this come at a time when China is locked in a struggle with the US on a range of issues — from trade, technology and human rights to the origins of the Covid-19 virus. US leaders like Mike Pompeo are leading the charge, blaming the ruling Communist Party of China for a host of ills. Both countries are involved in a cycle of retaliatory actions, pugnacious official statements and sanctions that appear to be intensifying.

Providing the two countries do not get into a hot war, the real battle will really play itself out in the arena of technology, and the answer to the question as to whether innovation can flourish in an authoritarian China with its techno-centric planned system, or the diffused decision-making and open system of democracies.

Around the world, especially in countries like India, there is concern over Chinese behaviour. Many think it could be a result of some Covid opportunism or to distract attention from



the fallout of the pandemic at home. Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, says this could well be simply that China has transitioned into a new era and reflects its strengths and ambitions.

Trump Administration hawks, wary of a Biden victory in November, now want financial decoupling, meaning denying Chinese banks and companies access to the US dollars for financial settlements. Some even call for seizing the part of the US debt that is held by China. While both the options would inflict severe harm on the US and the world economy as well, the Chinese are planning for the worst. They are renewing efforts to internationalise the yuan and their central

bank has reported a 36.7 per cent growth of cross-border settlement in the currency over the past year. Several proposals are doing the rounds, ranging from pricing some exports in renminbi, to creating a digital yuan for cross-border transactions.

India and the world have to decide just what do they want of China. Do they want regime change, the blocking of the economic and geopolitical rise of China, or merely a halt to its unfair trade and business practices and IP theft?

The former would involve an all-out Cold War, while the latter would suggest a coalition of countries to systematically confront China. Having so far taken on China on its own, it is doubt-

ful whether the US could now get a coalition for a new containment policy on China, especially its more extreme versions. China is not about to keel over, but could actually emerge more resilient by being forced to adjust its economy to US pressure.


Further, countries like Vietnam, Australia and South Korea, and even Japan are heavily dependent on the Chinese economy. Recently, Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne told the visiting Mike Pompeo that Australia had its own China policy “and we have no intention of injuring it”, spelling out the fact that the Australians made their “own decisions, own judgements in the Australian national interest.”

China has been less harmed by the tariff war than was expected, and it has been remarkably resistant to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is the only economy in the IMF’s World Economic Outlook update that is likely to have a positive growth rate of 1 per cent in 2020. This has probably reinforced Xi’s belief that a strong one-party state is better able to handle the challenges. He has also pushed state-owned market enterprises to follow market rules.

SETTING THE RULES: There is a tendency to underestimate the sheer scale of the Chinese economy.

That still leaves India for whom Chinese economic ties are not too significant, but important geopolitical differences are. Joining US hawks in the pursuit of extreme options would be self-destructive. On the other hand, coordinating a pushback with like-minded middle powers in the region, the EU and, maybe, a better led US, would be useful. Presidential candidate Joe Biden’s support to counter border threats with China is a good beginning since this is the first time a top US leader has come out in categorical support of India in relation to Ladakh. We may not get to humiliate China, as many Indians want to, but we could create the space that would enable us to win in the longer run.

Access to data is critical for policy-making



DINESH C SHARMA
SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

The spread of the pandemic and the implementation of the control measures have yielded a huge amount of data. Data about the progression of the disease should not be confused with scientific work to hunt for new vaccines and treatments. While Indian scientists have progressed on candidate vaccines and therapeutic agents against the novel coronavirus, they appear to be lagging in research based on epidemiological and medical data.

IT is often said that data is the new oil. In times of a pandemic like the current one, data can help formulate policies to save people’s lives and livelihoods. India has recorded over 26 lakh confirmed cases and more than 51,000 deaths due to the novel coronavirus infection so far. The number of active cases is nearly 7 lakh. The cases have been reported from all the states and union territories, covering all districts barring a couple of them in the Northeast. None of the earlier pandemics in this century have affected India in this manner, accounting for such a huge number of deaths. The pandemic has also necessitated administrative and control measures like lockdowns, creation of containment zones, restriction on transport services, closure of educational institutions and so on.

All this — the spread of the pandemic and the implementation of the control measures such as nationwide and state-level lockdowns — have yielded a huge amount of data. It can be used to generate new knowledge and gain insights which can then be deployed for better management and control of the pandemic. Data about the progression of the disease should not be confused with ongoing scientific work to hunt for new vaccines and treatments. While Indian scientists have progressed on candidate vaccines and therapeutic agents against the novel coronavirus, they appear to be lagging in research based on epidemiological and medical data.

The Indian scientific community, known for a great appetite for publishing research papers, is trailing when it



VITAL INPUT: Govt agencies are denying access to data as in the case of serological studies in which names of districts with evidence of community transmission were censored initially.

comes to research relating to the current pandemic. Just a handful of Indian studies have been published in international peer-reviewed journals, compared to dozens of papers from China, the US, Spain and other countries on different aspects of the new disease. Here, the reference is not to modelling studies but those based on real data and medical records. For instance, we don’t yet have a thorough analysis of the mortality data. There are questions over under-reporting of deaths as many are being wrongly attributed to underlying problems like diabetes and heart disease.

Lack of disease-specific studies would normally be due to lack of data and lack of access to data. Clearly, lack of data is not the reason in the present case. A huge amount of data is being collected from the national to district levels. Two

apex scientific agencies — the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)— are collecting data on different aspects of the disease. At the administrative level, the ministries of health and family welfare, and home affairs have their own channels of data collection like the Aarogya Setu mobile app. In addition, agencies like the Registrar of Births and Deaths and the Census Commissioner’s office which collates Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD) data. Another set of bodies collecting data are municipal corporations. Every hospital — public or private — treating Covid-19 patients is also generating tons of medical data (progression of the disease, treatment given, impact of co-morbidities, ICU management etc.) In effect, we are sitting on a great amount of

epidemiological and medical data relating to Covid-19.

This shifts the focus to the second reason — lack of access to data. Central government agencies have been releasing state-wise data about the number of tests, new infections, deaths, case fatality rate (CFR), recovery rate on a daily basis. The CFR does not give the true burden of the disease since it shows fatalities only in confirmed cases. On the other hand, the infection fatality ratio (IFR) indicates deaths occurring among all infected persons and is based on the results of serological testing. A nationwide or state-wide CFR also masks intra-hospital or intra-district variations.

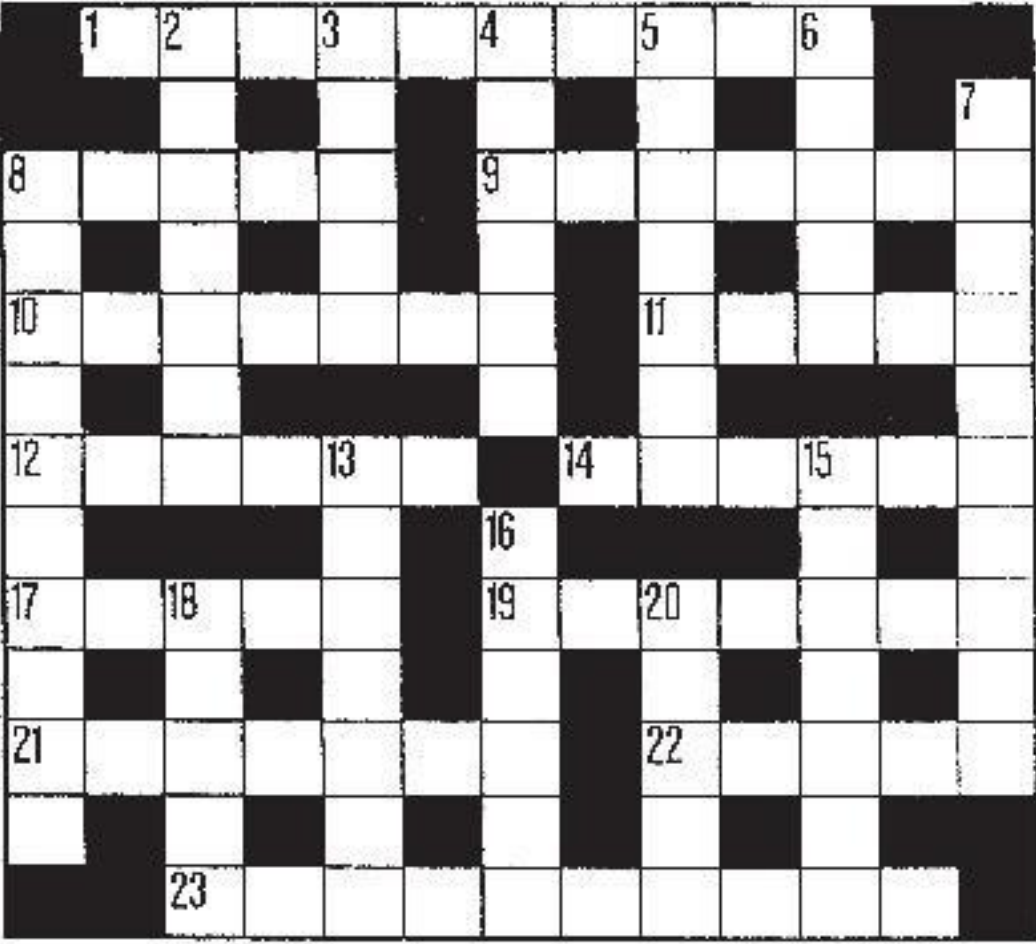
More detailed, granular data is needed for taking location-specific control and management decisions. For instance, many big cities include rural pockets as well, and many districts have towns and villages. The disease may be progressing differently within a metro or district, which the overall figure does not reflect. More important, age-wise and gender-wise data about infection and mortality is not being released. So is data related to different socio-economic strata and the situation within hotspots and containment zones. Access and analysis of such data should not be seen as an academic exercise but as a valuable input that can guide better management of the pandemic, thus potentially saving lives.

Besides epidemiological data collected by official agencies, government and private hospitals are sitting on medical data — information about how exactly patients are being treated, how serious

ones are being managed, and the reasons for mortality as well as recovery. One can argue that hospitals, particularly state-run, don’t maintain electronic medical records. But they prepare discharge summaries for each patient, which are either digitised or can easily be digitised and made available for analysis and research. It may help scientists answer dozens of unanswered questions about the disease.

Clearly, there is unwillingness on the part of Central agencies like the ICMR to share data or facilitate sharing by agencies and hospitals collecting it. It is a pity that despite boasting of huge research manpower and infrastructure, Covid-19 management and critical policies (relating to unlocking, for instance) in the country should be guided by modelling studies and knowledge generated elsewhere. The pandemic is a major opportunity for Indian scientific and public health community to directly contribute to the well-being of the people by helping in the formulation of evidence-based policies. Policies relating to opening up markets or movement across state borders, quarantine etc should be based on evidence generated by real-time data. Instead, government agencies are denying access to data and preventing scientific studies, as demonstrated in the case of the serological study in which names of districts with evidence of community transmission were censored before it was published. The ICMR has acted like this previously with research relating to the Bhopal gas tragedy and antibiotic resistance due to the NDM-1 superbug. Now, it is the turn of Covid-19.

QUICK CROSSWORD



YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Decade, 4 Across, 9 Rubella, 10 Essay, 11 Cream, 12 In truth, 13 Cut and dried, 18 Anarchy, 20 Noble, 22 Irate, 23 Utopian, 24 Greasy, 25 Unreal.
Down: 1 Direct, 2 Cable, 3 Dilemma, 5 Cleft, 6 Obscure, 7 Scythe, 8 Day in day out, 14 Unaware, 15 Run down, 16 Daring, 17 Vernal, 19 Cress, 21 Bribe.

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HARD

CALENDAR

AUGUST 18, 2020, TUESDAY

- Vikrami Samvat 2077
- Shaka Samvat 1942
- Shravan Shaka 27
- Bhadrapad Parvishte 3
- Hijari 1441
- Krishna Paksha Tithi 14, up to 10:40 am
- Variyaana Yoga up to 12:34 am
- Aashle Nakshatra up to 4.08 am
- Moon enters Leo sign 4:08 am

YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION

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FORECAST

SUNSET: TUESDAY 19:02 HRS

SUNRISE: WEDNESDAY 05:51 HRS

CITY	MAX	MIN
Chandigarh	32	27
New Delhi	36	29
Amritsar	33	27
Bathinda	35	28
Jalandhar	33	27
Ludhiana	32	27
Bhiwani	34	28
Hisar	34	29
Sirsa	34	29
Dharamsala	28	18
Manali	27	17
Shimla	24	18
Srinagar	34	22
Jammu	34	26
Kargil	26	16
Leh	33	20
Dehradun	30	24
Mussoorie	21	17

TEMPERATURE IN °C

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Rain wreaks havoc in Jammu

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 17
Overnight rains created havoc in Jammu on Monday, with a major portion of the busy Circular Road connecting the Chief Minister’s residence and Raj Bhavan caving in, causing damage to three parked cars.

“Three cars have been badly damaged after a major portion of the Circular road caved in near Bawa Lal ji temple. This portion of the road was constructed just eight months ago and the quality of the work needs to be probed,” local residents demanded.

The angry residents said that two similar incidents had already taken place in the area.

Rainwater also caused extensive damage to houses in the Peer Kho area and Amar Colony of Jammu.

The road outside the IIIM, Jammu, was also flooded, causing severe hardships to people residing in the area.

Meanwhile, water supply to several localities in the old city was disrupted due to high silt and erratic power supply.

Reports from Samba said an important bridge on the Rajpura-Sarathi road was washed away due to flash flood in the rivulet.



Vehicles lie buried following a landslide in Jammu on Monday. PTI

Six deaths in Valley; 422 new cases in UT

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 17
Six Covid deaths, all from the Kashmir valley, were reported in the past 24 hours, while Jammu and Kashmir recorded 422 new cases, 81 from the Jammu division and 341 from the Kashmir valley, during the same period.

The total number of cases in the UT jumped to 28,892.

A total of 353 patients recovered and were discharged from various hospitals, 89 from the Jammu division and 264 from the Valley.

According to the official bulletin issued on Monday evening, out of the 28,892 positive cases, 7,048 are active positive, 21,296 recoveries and 548 deaths, 41 in the Jammu division and 507 in the Kashmir valley.

The bulletin further said that out of the 80,1329 test results available, 77,2437 samples had tested negative.

Till date 41,5725 trav-

COVID-19 PANDEMIC



UT TRACKER

Total persons under surveillance	4,15,725
Persons completing surveillance	3,20,606
Samples tested	8,01,329
Negative results	7,72,437
Positive cases	28,892
Patients cured	21,296
Total deaths	548

ellers and persons in contact with the suspected cases had been enlisted for observation, which included 41,738 persons in home quarantine, including facil-

COVID-19 CASES DISTRICT-WISE COUNT

DISTRICT	+VE	DEATHS
Bandipora	1,476	22
Srinagar	6,960	174
Anantnag	1,815	39
Baramulla	2,438	88
Shopian	1,576	25
Kupwara	1,571	33
Budgam	1,828	41
Jammu	2,005	29
Udhampur	649	02
Ganderbal	963	14
Kulgam	1,712	31
Pulwama	2,095	40
Samba	577	01
Rajouri	788	03
Kishtwar	181	00
Kathua	674	01
Ramban	624	01
Reasi	288	00
Poonch	329	02
Doda	343	02
Total	28,892	548

ities operated by the government, 7,048 in isolation and 4,5785 under home surveillance. Besides, 3,20,606 persons had completed their surveillance period.

Public transport back on roads, shops reopen

M AMIR KHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 17
Public transport was back on roads after around five months of the Covid-19 lockdown, while shops also reopened in the summer capital on Monday.

Though the government had allowed the reopening of shops on a rotational basis, all marketplaces by and large remained open. Traffic jams, too, returned to the city roads, especially during office hours.

“It is good to see shops open and buses on roads after months. We have suf-

fered immense losses during the past one year. We have already urged shopkeepers and customers to follow the Covid-related safety protocols. We hope there are no more lockdowns now,” Kashmir Trade Alliance (KTA) president Aijaz Shahdhar said.

Lockdown had been reimposed in the city from July 13 after a spike in Covid cases. Earlier, markets had opened on a rotational basis after 85 days of the Covid-19 lockdown on June 13. Markets had also reopened for three days from July 29 to 30 ahead of Eid that was

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celebrated on August 1.

Though the Covid-19 positive cases continue to increase, District Development Commissioner, Srinagar Shahid Iqbal Chowdhary said the relaxation was given due to increase in the number of

recoveries. “...Srinagar’s ‘recovered cases’ are more than thrice the ‘active cases’. Satisfying to see people timely reporting for tests. With opening of business & transport pl remember 3 things: ₹Masks₹Distancing₹Hygie

ne,” he said in a tweet.

And while the markets witnessed a moderate rush of people, physical distancing norms went for a toss in the buses and Sumos.

“Buses and Sumos had been told to operate with just 50 per cent seating capacity...but, both buses and Sumos were full of passengers. The buses that ply on the city roads have a seating capacity of just 20 persons, while nine passengers can sit in a Sumo. I do not think it will be possible for them to operate with 50 per cent capacity,” said Parvez, a commuter.

Lt-Guv’s Gold Medal for meritorious public service

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 17

On the occasion of Independence Day, the Jammu and Kashmir Government announced the Lieutenant Governor’s Gold Medal for honesty, integrity and meritorious public service for the year 2020.

The officials who have been nominated for the medal are Dr Mohit Gera, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Anand Jain, Director, Anti-Corruption Bureau, J&K, Dr Shamim Ahmad Wani, Special Secretary, Finance Department, Vikas Sharma, Director, Geology & Mining, J&K, Indu Kanwal Chib, Deputy Commissioner, Reasi, Abdul Salam Mir, Director Sheep Husbandry, Kashmir; Ram Savak, Director Horticulture, Jammu, MY Itoo, Director General Budget, Finance Department; Rajeshwar Singh, JKPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, AIG, Personnel, Police Headquarters, J&K; Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Prof & HoD, department of microbiology, GMC, Jammu and Dr Anjum Farhana, Prof & HoD, department of microbiology, GMC, Srinagar.

The award carries a gold medal, Rs 51,000, a citation and a certificate.

Protests unabated over ‘objectionable’ video

JAMMU, AUGUST 17

On the second successive day, protests were held at various places in the Jammu province against a “communally sensitive” video which had gone viral on social media on Sunday.

Protests were held in Banihal, Doda, Kishtwar and many other places against the video, with protesters demanding strict action against the culprits. A bandh was observed in Kishtwar town to protest against the video.

Two persons were arrested on Sunday after the video went viral on social media.

IGP, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, has warned people against sharing the video. Taking quick cognisance of the video, the IGP swung into action and ensured the arrest of the culprits, Satpal Sharma and Deepak.

The police had registered a case under Section 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) of the IPC at the Pucca Danga police station of Jammu city. — TNS

At 35.7°C, Srinagar witnesses hottest August day in 39 years

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 17

With Srinagar recording the maximum temperature of 35.7°C today, Met officials said it was the hottest August day in 39 years.

“Today’s maximum temperature broke the previous record of the last 39 years,” said Director, MeT office, Sonam Lotus.

An official of the department said today’s maximum temperature was six degrees above normal.

Earlier this month, Srinagar had recorded the maximum temperature of 35.4°C on August 7.



Srinagar remained hotter than Jammu as the winter capital recorded 32.1°C maximum temperature today. Today’s minimum temperature in Srinagar was 21.6°C. Meanwhile, Kupwara

remained the hottest place in the Valley, recording the maximum temperature of 36.7°C. Tourist resort Gulmarg was the coldest place, recording the maximum temperature of 26.2°C. — TNS

Plan to divert nullahs flowing into Tawi

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JAMMU, AUGUST 17

In a major decision to keep Jammu’s lifeline, “Surya-putri”, clean, the Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) today announced that it has finally prepared a detailed project report (DPR) for diverting all nullahs flowing into Tawi river.

“After a long wait, the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED) has finally prepared a DPR of Rs 45 crore for diverting all nullahs (major drains) from different parts of the city flowing into the river,” Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor JMC, told reporters here.

Flanked by Commissioner JMC Avny Lavasa and UEED officials, the Mayor added, “After the completion of this project, the nullahs will be connected with sewer lines and the waste



‘CHECKING POLLUTION’

“The nullahs will be connected with sewer lines and the waste coming out of these will be discharged into the sewerage treatment plant. Thereafter, the waste water will be released into the Tawi. It will address the long-pending issue of pollution in the river,” Gupta said.

Thirteen major nullahs and small tributaries flow into the Tawi and add to the pollution in the river. Various Jammu-based religious and social organisations have repeatedly raised serious question mark over the government’s intent to save the river as, according to them, it has lost its glory due to the rising pollution level.

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BJP: Normalcy must for restoring statehood

JAMMU, AUGUST 17

Even as some mainstream parties have warned to boycott the Assembly elections without the restoration of the statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP has predicted that these political groups will participate in the elections without statehood.

“Complete normalcy is imperative for the restoration of the statehood to J&K,” Ashok Koul, general secretary (organisation), J&K BJP, told The Tribune, adding that “whenever the Assembly elections will be held, all political parties will participate”.

“As far as our stand is concerned, statehood should be restored when terrorism will be completely wiped out from J&K and sustainable

peace will be restored,” Koul said, adding that “restoring statehood without establishing lasting peace would sabotage the whole exercise of tackling terrorism in J&K”.

Reacting to warning of some parties to boycott the elections, Koul said, “Tackling terrorism is our priority. Peace is imperative for strengthening democracy and to accelerate development activities in J&K.”

Former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah recently said that he would not contest elections if the statehood was not restored.

Similarly, the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, has demanded the restoration of the statehood followed by the Assembly elections in J&K. — TNS

APPOINTMENT
1. Plain paper application along with bio-data including contact number are invited for the following post in Ex-Servicemen Canteen, Hoshiarpur. Interested retired JCOs/ORs, Widows & Dependants of Defence personnel and civilians can send their application to Commanding Officer, 212 Rocket Regiment, PIN — 926212, C/o 56 APO by 25 Aug 2020. Eligible candidates will be called for interview on 28 Aug., 2020:-

S/No.	Appointment	Vacancy	Qualification
(a)	Accountant	01 (One)	Intermediate / 10+2 & a retired JCO from Army with knowledge of accounts and preferably with Computer knowledge.
(b)	UGC	01 (One)	Matric or equivalent with good knowledge of English and typing speed of 40 words per min. The knowledge of Computer will be an essential qualification.
(c)	Billing Clerk	12 (Twelve)	High School/10th class with average knowledge of English and capable of billing on Computers.

2. **Age:** Preferably below 55 years of age (Not to exceed 59 years on the interview date).
3. **Tenure:** On contract basis till 31 Mar., 2021.
NOTE: 1. Application received after 25 Aug., 2020 will not be entertained.
For queries pl contact - 6284438149/01882221053.
2. Ex-servicemen will be preferred for employment.
3. Candidates should mention the post applied for in the application. DI-7544

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to the General Public that boundaries of Municipal Corporation, Panchkula has been published for delimitation of wards on **13.08.2020** vide Govt. Notification No. 18/172/2020. Wherein Notice is given that proposal will be taken into consideration by the Government on or after the expiry of a period of **10 days** from the date of publication in the gazette, together with objections and suggestions, if any, which may be received by the Principal Secretary to Government Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department, Director, Urban Local Bodies, Haryana, Municipal Corporation, Panchkula through Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula from any person in respect of the proposal before the expiry of the period so specified. The notification is uploaded on the official website www.mcpanchkula.org

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Corporation,
Panchkula.

Dated: 14.08.2020
PRDH/82289

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NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
PAIC, the State Nodal Agency for implementation of ‘PM Formalization of Micro Food Enterprises’ Scheme in Punjab, invites proposal from reputed consultancy firms for preparation of State Level Upgradation Plan and providing requisite professionals for the State Project Management Unit enabling the implementation of the Scheme. A detailed ‘Request For Proposal’ document can be downloaded from our website: www.punjabagro.co.in as well as procurement website of GoP <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Punjab Agro reserves the right to amend, alter or modify the RFP at any time for which information will be shared on the above websites.
Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited
Plot No. 2A, Sector 28 A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh
Mob. No. 8427002280
DPR/Pb/64473
CIN: U51219CH1966SGC002630

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
E-Tender Notice Reference No. 03/2020
On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Division Bathinda invites percentage rate tender through eligible L&C Societies/Bidders for the Project Enlisted with Punjab Panchayati Raj Department as per details below:-

Sr. No.	Item	No. of Work
1.	Renovation of Pond (Under R.D.O.(S) Scheme at Village Jhanda Khurd Block Sardulgarh, Distt. Mansa. (Estimated Cost 60.00 Lakh)	1

Closing Date & Time: Date: 02.09.2020 Time: 1200 hrs.
For details login to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any Corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Division, Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/64437

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AMBALA SADAR
Public Notice
Municipal Council Ambala Sadar intends to regulate illegal disposal of sewage within MC limit by registering the tanker suppliers for safe disposal of sewage to nearest Sewerage Treatment Plant to curb the menace of illegal disposal of which is in violation of the orders of the Hon’ble NGT. The interested suppliers of tankers shall get themselves registered with Municipal Council Ambala, Sadar failing which action as defined in the aforesaid orders shall be taken against the tanker owners which is fine up to Rs. 5000/- per tankers at the first detection and 20% hike in subsequent detections or 6 month imprisonment or both shall be imposed upon the defaulter tanker owner. Any clarification and prescribed application form for registration of vehicle may be obtained telephonically from Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Council Ambala Sadar at Mobile No. 7027101027.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Ambala Sadar.

PRDH/82291

Public Notice
It is brought to the notice of persons interested in the following acquired land mentioned in the schedule to the Govt. of India, Gazette Notification vide S.O. 4003 (E) published on 14th August 2018 under section 3-D of the National Highways Act, 1956 for the public purpose of 4/6 laning of Chandigarh-Ludhiana Section from the National Highway No.95 in District Rupnagar to appear in persons or by an agent or by a legal practitioner and state the nature of interest in such land and claims to compensation etc of this acquired land on 19.08.2020 at 10:30 AM in the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rupnagar (Punjab) And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in three newspapers “The Times of India (English)” & “Jagbani (Punjab)” and “Dainik Saveria (Hindi)” on 25.08.2018 respectfully.

Sr. No.	Name of Tehsil / Taluk	Name of Village with H.B. No.	Area under Acquisition in (Kanal-Marla) or (Bigha-Biswa)
1.		Marauli Kalan	9K-8M
2.	Morinda	Boothgarh	3K-3M
3.		Kajouli	28K-1M
4.		Rampur Mehrab	1K-16M
Total Area 42K-8M			

This notice is issued u/s 3-G(3) of the National Highway Act, 1956.
Competent Authority-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rupnagar.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT, Punjab, S.C.O. No. 102-03, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh
Last Date for receipt of applications in the office: 11.09.2020
Applications are invited for the under mentioned contractual posts of Punjab State Resource Centre for Women established under the State Mission Authority for Holistic Empowerment of Women in the State, in compliance with the guidelines of the National Mission for Empowerment of Women. Essential & desirable qualifications and prescribed format is given at link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/4c0sqsnmk9vfill/rev%20final.docx?dl=0>
0 application in the prescribed format shall be sent by email to nmewpunjab@gmail.com or by post to Director, Social Security and Women and Child Development, Punjab, S.C.O. No. 102-03, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Name of post	No. of Post	Pay per month (Rs)
1	Research Officer	1	26,250/-
2	Specialist Training	1	26,250/-
	Total	2	

DPR/Pb/64418

Sd/- Director, SS&WCD, Pb.

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ਅਰਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ 24.08.2020 (ਸ਼ਾਮ 5 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ) ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦਾ ਬਿਨੈ-ਪੱਤਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬੋਰਡੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਅਤੇ ਲੜੀਵਾਰ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਧਾਈਟ www.mandiboard.nic.in 'ਤੇ ਇਲਾਹਿਤਰ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ ਡਾਊਨਲੋਡ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮੁਕੰਮਲ ਫਾਰਮ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 65-ਏ, ਫੇਜ਼-11, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ-160062 ਦੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਡੈਸਕ ਵਿਖੇ ਆਖਰੀ ਤਾਰੀਖ 24.08.2020 ਤੱਕ, ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।
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ਸਹੀ/- ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੰਡੀ ਬੋਰਡ।

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Democratic convention kicks off amid chanting of mantras

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 17

Scriptures from Vedas and Mahabharata rendered by a Hindu woman from Chinmaya Mission in Texas and prayer by a Sikh community leader from Wisconsin Gurdwara echoed at an interfaith service held virtually to kick off the historic Democratic National Convention (DNC).

The four-day convention beginning on Monday local time will formally nominate former vice-president Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential candidate for the November 3 election and Indiana-origin Senator Kamala Harris as his running mate.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

■ Scriptures from Vedas and Mahabharata rendered by a Hindu woman from Chinmaya Mission in Texas and prayer by a Sikh community leader from Wisconsin Gurdwara echoed at an interfaith service.



■ The meeting was opened by Pardeep Kaleka, son of Oak Creek Gurdwara founder Sawant Singh Kaleka who died in a mass shooting at a gurdwara in 2012. A white supremacist shot dead six persons and wounded four.

On the eve of the DNC that will break a glass ceiling, Josh Dickson, National Faith Engagement Director at Biden for President, on Sunday held an interfaith service to celebrate America's collective strength, diversity, and humanity and prepare to unite around Biden's vision for a

Lord, and seek divine inspiration from eternal Hindu scriptures," said Neelima Gonnuguntla, a Texas attorney.

A board member of Chinmaya Mission Dallas Fort Worth, one of the largest Hindu organisations in the US, Gonnuguntala recited the 'Shanti (peace) mantra' from the Vedas. "To Biden and Harris, she offered a concept from Mahabharata, 'Yato Krishna Tato Dharma, Yato Dharma Tato Jaya (Where there is God, there is dharma, and where there is dharma, there is victory)'. These conventions give both parties a chance to outline their policy priorities. — PTI



Presidential nominee Joe Biden and his vice-presidential running mate Kamala Harris. REUTERS FILE

Japan's economy shrinks by 27.8%

TOKYO, AUGUST 17

Japan's economy contracted by 27.8 per cent from the previous quarter in the April-June period, marking a record decline in 40 years mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the government said in a report on Monday.

According to the Cabinet office, the preliminary data on GDP equates to a seasonally-adjusted 7.8 per cent decrease on a quarterly bases, with the latest quarterly figures seeing the world's third largest economy post negative growth data for a third straight quarter, reports Xinhua news agency.

The figure marks the largest contraction since the April-June quarter of 1980 when comparable data became available, although a Cabinet Office official was quoted as saying the historic economic downturn could be the worst on record since 1955 compared to reference points available at the time.

A consumption tax hike last

The figure marks the largest contraction since 1980



October from 8 to 10 per cent had already shaken Japan's economy, with the global Covid impact dealing a hammer blow to consumption and trade particularly during restrictions laid down in April when the government declared a state of an emergency. On April 7, a state of emergency was issued for the capital and six other prefectures. The emergency period saw business closures, with private consumption dropping 82 per cent from the previous quarter. — IANS



NZ PM defers poll to Oct as Covid flares up

WELLINGTON, AUGUST 17

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has deferred the country's general election to October 17 as Auckland remains in lockdown due to the Covid outbreak.

Ardern bowed to pressure to delay the poll after parties complained they could not campaign with nearly a third of New Zealand's 5 million people under lockdown in Auckland.

"Ultimately, the 17th of October ... provides sufficient time for parties to plan around the range of circumstances we will be campaigning under," Ardern said at a news conference.

The Prime Minister ruled out delaying the poll any further as her Labour Party maintains a strong lead over the conservative National Party in opinion poll.

"We are all in the same boat. We are all campaigning in the same environment," Ardern said.

'OPPONENTS TAKE POTSHOTS AT JACINDA'

■ New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern's opponents have accused her of using the pandemic to shore up support as she appears on television nearly every day to reassure New Zealanders, while other party leaders struggle to get attention.

■ Her rivals are hoping Ardern loses some of her appeal once economic hardships caused by the lockdown begin to bite.

New Zealand on Monday recorded nine new cases, taking the number of active cases to 78.

There have now been a total of 1,280 cases in the country and 22 deaths. An earlier election would



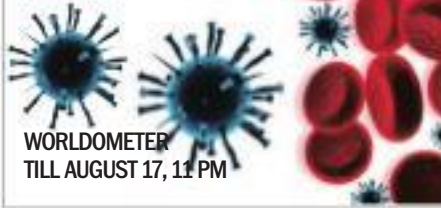
UK launches ₹29-cr fund for scientists in India

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The UK Government on Monday launched a 3 million pounds (approximately Rs 29.4 crore) innovation challenge fund to support scientists in academia and industry to tackle Covid-19 and the threat to our environment.

The initiative builds on the Indian and British Prime Ministers' commitment to bring together the best minds from both countries under the UK-India Tech Partnership to deliver high-skilled jobs and collaborate on some of the world's biggest challenges. — IANS

TRACKING COVID	
NATIONS	DEATHS
US	1,73,186
BRAZIL	1,07,879
RUSSIA	15,740
UK	41,369
SPAIN	28,617



WORLDOMETER
TILL AUGUST 17, 11 PM

MOGA IMPROVEMENT TRUST, MOGA DEMAND SURVEY FOR ALLOTMENT OF SITE RESERVED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX IN SCHEME NO. 3 (LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI COMPLEX).

To assess the demand for allotment of site reserved for Administrative Complex measuring approx. 2780 sq. yds in Lal Bahadur Shastri Complex (Scheme No. 3) situated in the heart of city, easily accessible from Ludhiana-Ferozepur G.T. Road and with huge parking facility, this office invites applications from the reputed Institutions/Banks/Office on the prescribed form. The reserve price of this land for FY 2020-21 is Rs. 33,200/- per sq.yds. The form and site plan for this site is available with Trust office and on the website www.improvementtrustmoga.org. The complete form along with fees of Rs. 2000 in the shape of demand draft in the name of Executive Officer, Improvement Trust, Moga should reach Improvement Trust office up to 15-09-2020. The allotment of this site will be made as per rules/instructions of Government.

Sd/- Chairman, Improvement Trust, Moga. (Phone No. 01636-239779)

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ANNEXURE-A

Subject: Tender No.OP-2/17/2020-21-Appointment of consultant as Project Development and Management Agency (PDMA) for Smart Grid Project for whole city Chandigarh.

Sr. No.	Clause No. of approved RFP	Existing Clause of approved RFP	Proposed Clause recommended by the O/o XEN (OP-2)
1	Section-VI, Clause No. 5 (iii)	GST will be reimbursed after reproducing GST receipt.	Clause may be deleted being a typographical error

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electy. 'OP' Divn. No. 2, U.T., Chandigarh.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

(Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries)
Vit-Te-Yojna Bhawan, Plot No. 2 B, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh
(Tel. No. 0172-2660202, 2660073)

Short Tender Notice

Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries invites short tender for selection of agency for providing various support outsourcing services on prescribed performa up to 31st August 2020 (Monday) by 12.00 noon.

For detailed terms & conditions, bidders may please refer to the Tender Document available at e-Tender website <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The bidders with Class-II and III digital signature shall have to get themselves registered with e-tender website: <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. For clarification on e-tendering, please contact E-procurement Helpdesk No. GePNIC Helpdesk, (only Portal related Query) Punjab. Tel. 0172-2970263 and 0172-2970284.

Director,
Punjab State Lotteries, Chandigarh.

DPR/Pb/64653

Tender/RFP for Services like AMC, housekeeping etc. GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB Tender Reference No. 10 of 2020

The Department of PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD invites online bids for:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work
1.	Prov. Sewerage Scheme in Nangalian Mohalla, Boota Mandi & Sidharth Nagar at Jalandhar & Rising Main to connect Industrial Area with existing rising main near Bhagat Singh Disposal at Jalandhar and Providing G.I. pipe 50mm i/d water supply line by replacing existing water supply.
2.	Providing, Laying, Jointing & Cutting of UPVC pipe (150mm to 236mm i/d), Const. of MH chamber including House Connection at Ward No. 6, Mohalla Kaliya, Adampur Town, Distt. Jalandhar.
3.	Providing, Laying, Jointing & Cutting of 400mm i/d RCC NP3 pipe with 3mm thick HDPE lining. Const. of MH chamber including House Connection at Railway Road, Adampur Town Distt. Jalandhar.
4.	Providing, Laying, Jointing & Cutting of D.I. K-7 pipe, Const. of S.V./F.H. chamber from Kapoor Furniture to Sh. Jeevan Bhardwaj residence at Nakodar Town, Distt. Jalandhar.
5.	Providing, Laying, Jointing & Cutting of D.I. K-7 pipe, Const. of S.V./F.H. chamber at Mohalla Bahadurpura, Nakodar Town, Distt. Jalandhar.
6.	Supplying One Number of four wheeled push type mounted Mouse Mini Jetting Machine with high pressure water triplex plunger pump of discharge up to 13.0 LPM coupled with Auxiliary Diesel Engine (other details as per attached Technical Specifications) at Nakodar for Annual Maintenance Sewerage Scheme under the Jurisdiction of Sub Division, Nakodar.

	Important dates for Sr. No. 1 are as under:-	Important dates for Sr. No. 2 to 6 are as under:-
1) Last date and time for online submission of bid for tenders	01.09.2020 up to 16:30 hrs.	08.09.2020 at 16:30 hrs.
2) Date and time of opening of Technical Bid for tenders	02.09.2020 at 14:00 hrs.	09.09.2020 at 14:00 hrs.

Note:- The above dates for Sr. No. 1 to 6 are given for L&C Societies. For Sr. No. 1 the Last date and time for online submission of bid for tenders Contractors/Agencies will be 07.09.2020 up to 16:30 hrs. and Opening date for tender is 08.09.2020 at 14:00 hrs. and for Sr. No. 2 to 6 the Last date and time for online submission of bid will be 14.09.2020 up to 16:30 hrs. and Opening date for tender is 15.09.2020 at 14:00 hrs. Other terms and conditions refer to website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sew. Div. No. 1, Jalandhar.

DPR/Pb/64675

E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING ONLINE BIDS

1. On behalf of the Managing Director, PSIEC, Executive Engineer-IV, Jalandhar re-invites short term tender notice bids from eligible bidders for the project/works as per the detailed in the following table. The bids shall be on percentage basis. The bidders may submit bids for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of Project/ Work/Works	Bid Security/ Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of document/ Tender Fee (Rs.)	Period of completion	Approx. Value of the Project/ Work (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	Extension of sewerage Network System, Providing & laying 200mm i/d rising main for connectivity of three Nos. Tubewell construction of pump chamber and staff quarter at IFP Amritsar (New) under MSE-CDP scheme	1.82 Lakh	6000/- Inc. GST	9 Months	Rs. 90.98 Lakh
2.	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of 30 BHP Submersible motor & pump along with electrical panel and C.I. rising main for tubewell No. II and Upgradation of water supply system at Industrial Focal Point Batala under MSE-CDP Scheme	1.70 Lakh	6000/- Inc. GST	6 Months	Rs. 84.96 Lakh
3.	Upgradation of Roads (concrete pavement) at IFP Batala	504900/-	20,000/-	6 Months	Rs. 252.44 Lakh

2. Period of availability of Tender online/Date & Time of online bid submission and Date & time of opening of bids are as given below:-

Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last Date & Time for online Submission of Bids	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
18.08.2020	31.08.2020, 11.00 a.m.	01.09.2020, 03.00 p.m.	To be intimated later on

● For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting bids refer to our website <http://eproc.punjabgovt.gov.in>.

** The eligible bidders who do not possess DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) may get the same issued from approved agencies and for any other query may contact helpline No. 0172-2970263-284 (NIC).

● **Note:-** Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website i.e. www.eproc.punjab.gov.in only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer-IV

PUNJAB SMALL INDUSTRIES & EXPORT CORPORATION LTD.
(A STATE GOVT. UNDERTAKING)
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DPR/Pb/64652

TDI Group names two roads after martyr Colonel Babu

Real estate developer TDI Group has named two roads at its projects after Colonel Babu who died on the Line of Actual Control in June this year. Col Babu attained martyrdom on the India-China border while performing duty. The roads, located at TDI City, Mohali, and TDI's township in Panipat, have been named as Shaheed Col Bikkumalla Santosh Babu Marg.



Galgotias adopts advanced tools for online learning

At a time when the whole world is going through the Covid pandemic, Galgotias University is among the few universities in the country that have taken to digital conversion. It has been using advanced technologies to ensure effective online learning and assessment for its students. With the better use of online tools, not only the students, but the university has also been successful in keeping itself ahead of others.

HDFC Bank unveils 'Shaurya KGC Card' for armed forces

HDFC Bank has launched a first-of-its-kind product for the armed forces. Called "Shaurya KGC Card", this unique product comes with never-seen-before features and eligibility criteria specially crafted for over 45 lakh armed forces personnel. The product is based on the Kisan Credit Card guidelines by the government. The key benefits include life cover of Rs 10 lakh as against Rs 2 lakh for an average card.

Tera Hi Tera Mission Hospital inaugurated in Chandigarh

Shri Guru Granth Sahib Sewa Society, Chandigarh, has started Tera Hi Tera Mission Super Specialty Hospital in Sector 45, Chandigarh. The charitable hospital will provide free services for

diabetes, kidney ailments, orthopaedic problems, depression consultancy, urology and gynaecology problems under one roof. Medicines will also be available at nominal rates.

Insecticides India Ltd to market 'Chaperone' in India

Agrochemical company Insecticides (India) Ltd (IIL) has launched 'Chaperone' — a plant growth regulator developed by OAT Agro Co. Ltd., Japan. Chaperone is powered by nitrophenolates that improve photosynthesis, increase blooming of flowers and yield of crops. It increases the cytoplasmic growth of the plant by up to 15% and allows them to absorb more water and nutrients from the soil.

Code Brew Labs to hire psychologists for staff

Amid the Covid pandemic, Code Brew Labs is getting psychologists on board for its 600 employees to deal with their anxiety problems. This was disclosed by Aseem Ghavri, CEO & founder, Code Brew Labs. The decision was taken after a news report in a leading daily that suicide was the major cause for over 300 "non-coronavirus deaths" reported in India due to the anxiety triggered by the nationwide lockdown.

BSNL's advisory to business entities for communication

In accordance with telecom regulator TRAI's guidelines named as TCCPPR 2018, BSNL has said all business entities who want to send commercial communication to their customers have to register themselves as Principal entity mandatorily on BSNL DLT portal www.ucc-bsnl.co.in.

Sunil Duggal appointed Vedanta chief executive

Vedanta Ltd has appointed Sunil Duggal, former CEO of Hindustan Zinc Ltd., as its chief executive offi-

cer. Earlier, in March 2020, Duggal was given additional charge as Vedanta's Interim CEO. Former Tata Steel vice-president and head of mining, Arun Mishra, has succeeded him as CEO of Hindustan Zinc Ltd.

LG Electronics India donates ₹1 crore under CSR initiative

LG Electronics celebrated Independence Day by announcing its contribution under 'KarSalaam - A CSR initiative'. Under this initiative, the company will donate Rs 1 crore to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) under Kendriya Sainik Board Secretariat - a nodal organisation of the Government of India, Ministry of Defence. AFFDF is dedicated to welfare of war widows, children of martyrs, war disabled soldiers and ex-servicemen.

Mother Dairy introduces 'jamun' in frozen pulp form

Mother Dairy has introduced frozen jamun pulp, under its horticulture brand Safal, for consumers across Delhi-NCR. The category-first product is being made of 100% natural jamun fruit which is being sourced from the tribal community in Jharkhand with an aim to ensure a direct market access and a sustainable livelihood for the local community. It will be available in an easy-to-use, reusable tub of 250 grams, priced at Rs 99.

NFL, Nangal, celebrates Independence Day

National Fertilizers Limited, Nangal Unit, celebrated 74th Independence Day at NFL Stadium, Naya Nangal. Floral tributes were paid to the freedom fighters of the nation by chief guest Rakesh Kumar Markan, General Manager. Tributes were also paid to Capt Amol Kalia and to the employees who lost their lives during plant operations. The Tricolour was also hoisted by the GM followed by National Anthem.

Taxpayers need not disclose high-value transactions in ITR

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

Taxpayers will not be required to mention their high-value transactions in their income tax returns, officials in the know of the development said.

"There is no such proposal to modify income tax return forms," an official said, responding to reports of the proposed expansion of reportable financial transactions to include hotel payments over Rs 20,000, life insurance premium payment over Rs 50,000 and health insurance premium payment over Rs 20,000, donation and payment of school/college fees over Rs 1 lakh a year.

Any expansion in reporting under the statement of

'NO PROPOSAL TO MODIFY ITR FORMS'

Only third parties would report high-value transactions to the IT department as per the Income Tax Act and there is no move to modify ITR forms, said an official

financial transactions (SFT) will mean that such reporting of high-value transactions to the IT department will be done by financial institutions, they said. — PTI

AGR case: SC seeks Centre's view on Jio

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Centre to spell out its stand on Reliance Jio sharing RCom spectrum as it explored ways and means to make telecom companies clear their dues on account of adjusted gross revenue (AGR).

A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra said it wanted to know if Reliance Jio can be asked to discharge RCom dues as Jio is earning revenue from shared spectrum.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the government would support any decision that the court took to help the recovery of AGR dues.

Awaiting the government reply, the Bench posted the matter for further hearing on August 19. Earlier in the day, it dismissed a PIL seeking a direction to authorities to make immediate arrangements for the recovery of AGR dues from the telecom companies. — TNS

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
Boxer Sarita Devi tests positive for Covid-19
Former world champion boxer L Sarita Devi today tested positive for Covid-19 along with her husband Thoiba Singh but both of them are asymptomatic. The couple is based in Imphal and have a son, Tomthin, who has tested negative.

NEW DELHI
Hockey players recover from Covid-19
Six Indian men's hockey team players, including skipper Manpreet Singh, have recovered from Covid-19 and were discharged from a Bengaluru hospital today. According a source, Manpreet, Surrender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh, Varun Kumar, Krishan Pathak and Mandeep Singh have tested negative twice.

NEW YORK
Halep withdraws from US Open over Covid concerns
World No. 2 Simona Halep will not travel to New York to play in the US Open due to Covid-19 concerns, she said today, leaving the women's draw at the Grand Slam without six of the world's top-10 players.

PRAGUE
Nagal in pre-quarters of Prague Challenger
India's Sumit Nagal advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the Prague Challenger tennis tournament after his opponent Jay Clarke of Britain retired hurt here today. Nagal, ranked 127 in the world, was leading 6-3 5-7 4-1 when Clarke called it quits in the second round match.

NEWPORT
Sharma finishes tied-63rd, Horsfield wins
Sam Horsfield recorded his second win in three weeks while Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma shot an even-par 71 in the final round to finish tied-63rd in the Celtic Classic here. Sharma finished with a total of 2-under.

NORTH BERWICK (SCOTLAND)
Tvesa shoots 72; Lewis wins title
Tvesa Malik shot a 1-over 72 in the final round to sign off in the 65th spot at the Ladies Scottish Open here. Tvesa is preparing for next week's Women's Open, the first of her career. American Stacy Lewis won the title. AGENCIES

TODAY ON TV





UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
LEIPZIG VS PARIS SG
SONY TEN 00:30AM
(WEDNESDAY)

How Chetan Chauhan, senior-most player, kept in control during a train journey during anti-Sikh riots in 1984

1984: Train to Delhi

“It was a horrible situation, but I was not afraid. More than scary, it was sad. I asked God — ‘Why have you made human beings like this?’ On the stations on the way, there was chaos, they wanted to find and kill Sikhs. I had short hair, and I didn’t look like a Sikh. Sidhu and Ghai needed to be protected. We hid them under the seats, placed kit bags around so that no one could figure out anyone was there.”

Yograj Singh



FROM LEFT: Yograj Singh, Chetan Chauhan, Ashok Malhotra and Rajinder Singh Ghai.

“Ashok Malhotra, Arun Sharma, Chetan Chauhan, Yashpal Sharma... They would go out when the train stopped at a station, and they would try to make sure that no one came in.”

Rajinder Singh Ghai

“He (Chauhan) was the senior-most, and he remained very cool, and made sure that we all protected Sidhu and Ghai. ...Everyone was scared, but we managed to remain very cool.”

Ashok Malhotra

turban and did not need to be protected from the mobs — he was, in fact, one of the more aggressive protectors. Gursharan Singh says that he had boarded another train to Delhi with another Sikh player, Rajinder Singh Hans, who had played for Central Zone — luckily, they did not encounter any trouble during the journey. This meant that Sidhu and Ghai — the former only 21 years old, and Ghai only 24 — were the two vulnera-

ble players who needed to be saved from the mobs thirsting for blood. Scary “As we travelled, we learned about the riots and killings,” says Ghai, who now runs a business in the US. “Luckily, we were travelling in an AC compartment, which had tinted glasses, so people could not see inside.” But as the train stopped at stations on the way, goons did come in. “They would be looking for us... They would ask, ‘Where’s Sidhu, where’s Ghai...’ But our teammates hid the two of us under the seats, and told the goondas that Sidhu and Ghai were not there, that they had travelled separately.” “Ashok Malhotra, Arun Sharma, Chetan Chauhan, Yashpal Sharma, Sarkar Talwar... They would go out when the train stopped at a station, and they would try to make sure that no one came in,” says Ghai.

PSG, Leipzig look to enter maiden CL final

LISBON, AUGUST 17 The similarities between Paris Saint-Germain and Leipzig end with both clubs trying to reach the Champions League final for the first time. The French powerhouse will head into tomorrow's semifinal match with their Qatari money and high-profile squad, while the Germans come with their Red Bull backing and a team of mostly untested players. At the Stadium of Light here, it will be Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and his teammates taking on a Leipzig squad with little Champions League experience. — AP

Rana up for Dronacharya

VINAYAK PADMADEO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17 Jaspal Rana will get the Dronacharya award this year. The former shooter, who has been looking after the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) junior programme, had knocked on the doors of the Delhi High Court after last year's snub. However, unlike last year, both Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary backed Rana's application this time, paving the way for the committee to confirm his name for the award. Former hockey player and coach of the junior men's team Jude Felix too has found favours for the award.

Panjab University to get MAKAR award
Chandigarh's Panjab University will get the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for best all-round performance in sports. The university had won the award last year after a gap of 13 years. In the lifetime category, former tennis player and Davis Cup captain Naresh Kumar and archery coach Dharmendra Tiwari have been recommended by the committee. Surprisingly, this year the committee has recommended 13 names for the Dronacharya award in the regular and lifetime categories and 15 names for the Dhyanchand award. As per the awards scheme, the committee can recommend three names for the Dhyanchand award and five, including two in the lifetime category, for the Dronacharya award. Former women's chief coach Shiv Singh and OP Dahiya, who runs the Partap Singh Memorial School in Kharkhoda, Haryana, too have been recommended in the lifetime category. Former India coach Sukhvinder Singh Sandhu, former hockey player Gaganjit Singh's father and coach Ajit Singh and late Sachin Nag, who won India its first ever swimming gold at the 1951 Asian Games have been nominated for the Dhyanchand award.

Sevilla stun Man United

COLOGNE, AUGUST 17 Europa League thoroughbreds Sevilla reached yet another final as substitute Luuk de Jong struck in the 78th minute to earn them a gritty 2-1 victory over Manchester United here yesterday. United, already beaten in two domestic semifinals this season, looked on course to make it third time lucky when Bruno Fernandes scored from the penalty spot in the ninth minute. But former Liverpool player Suso levelled in the 26th minute, and the Spaniards showed all their European know-how to weather a United storm on a humid night. Inspired goalkeeper Yassine Bono came to Sevilla's rescue on several occasions, and when United's energy levels dipped, de Jong stole in to snatch victory. In the final on Friday, Sevilla will be going for their sixth title in the competition since 2006. “I feel like I've been hugged by joy. We know



Sevilla's Luuk de Jong celebrates scoring their second goal. REUTERS

EUROPA LEAGUE
SEMIFINALS

Sevilla 2-1 Man United
Suso 26' Fernandes 9'(P)
de Jong 78'

are now unbeaten in 20 games in all competitions. While Sevilla have a chance to restore Spanish pride after Barcelona's horror show in the Champions League quarterfinals, United's defeat underlined a poor European season for English clubs, who provided all four finalists in last season's Europa and Champions League competitions. — Reuters

Appendix 'A'

TENDER NOTICE

1. The Principal, Sainik School, Sujapur Tira invites sealed tenders from reputed/ Govt. Contractors for the following supplies/services/contracts for the session 2020-21:-

SUPPLIES	CONTRACTS
(a) Printing of School Magazine, Office Stationery Printing Items	(h) Provision of Services of two Lifeguards and two skilled labours for operating machines in the Swimming Pool
(b) Science Lab Equipment	(i) AMC for RO Systems
(c) Printing and framing of flex charts	(k) AMC of Ricoh Copier Printer, AMC Riso Duplicator CV 3130 & AMC Photocopier Machine MFD Versa Link B-7025
(d) Providing and fixing of CCTV Camera and AMC of existing Camera	(l) Running of Smart Class Services
(e) Electrical Rewiring of Top Floor of Academic Block	
(f) Covid 19 Items	
(g) Hiring of Tent and Shamiana Items	

2. Supplies and Services are required for approx 550 students and staff members for one year. Tender form with terms and conditions, containing other details can be obtained from School Office on payment of Rs. 200/- through Bank Draft in favour of Principal, Sainik School, Sujapur Tira payable at PNB/SBI/Canara Bank Sujapur Tira (HP). The Tender Form can also be downloaded from the School website www.sainikschoolsujapur.org. In such a case a DD for Rs. 200/- may also be forwarded as Registration Fee in a separate envelope along with filled tender documents. Sealed tenders must be submitted to Sainik School, Sujapur Tira by 1700 hrs on 17 Sep., 2020 along with earnest money of Rs. 2000/- by Demand Draft in favour of Principal, Sainik School, Sujapur Tira. Tenders will be opened at 1000 hrs on 18 Sep., 2020 in the presence of available bidders/suppliers.

3. The Principal reserves the right to reject or accept any or all the tenders or accept them in parts or to reject the lowest tender without assigning any reason.

DI-7553 PRINCIPAL

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

Tender Notice No. 8

Dated: 17.08.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab, Executive Engineer, Constn. Divn. No. 1, PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur falling invite bids on lump sum basis from eligible bidders enlisted for “Bridge Work” category” with Punjab PWD (B&R) for the below noted work:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Availability of tender online from	Last date and time of submission of tender online
1	Construction of H/L Bridge 25.30 M long over Paviter Bein x-ing Prempur to Nathupur link road at RD 0.300 km including its approaches and dismantling of old bridge in Distt. Hoshiarpur.	18.08.2020 07.09.2020	07.09.2020 5.00 p.m.

*For detailed terms and conditions refer to website “<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>”

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Constn. Divn. No. 1, PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur.
Ph. and Fax No. 01882-222278.

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

Tender Notice No. 7

Dated: 17.08.2020

On behalf of Governor of Punjab Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 1, PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur invites bids from eligible bidders enlisted under “All road works” category with PWD (B&R) for the project/Work(s) detailed in the following table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the following project/work(s).

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Availability of tender online from	Last date and time of submission of tender online
1	Special repair of Begowal - Miani road (HODR-14).	18.08.2020 - 01.09.2020	01.09.2020 5.00 p.m.

*For detailed terms and conditions refer to website “<http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>”

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Constn. Divn. No. 1, PWD B&R Br., Hoshiarpur.
Ph. and Fax No. 01882-222278.

DPR/Pb./64560

कार्यालय : नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि Plastic Waste Management Rule 2016 के अंतर्गत नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर के क्षेत्र में कोई भी व्यक्ति प्लास्टिक के थैले (50 माइक्रोन से कम), ये नियम के विरुद्ध बने प्लास्टिक के समान का प्रयोग/बिक्री नहीं कर सकता ना प्लास्टिक का कचरा सड़कों पर डाल सकता है। अगर प्लास्टिक के थैले या सिंगल यूज प्लास्टिक व थर्मोकोल का इस्तेमाल करता पाया जाता है तो उसके विरुद्ध कानूनी कार्यवाही करने व निम्न प्रकार के जुर्माना का प्रावधान है।

1. 100 ग्राम तक	500/- रु.
2. 101 से 500 ग्राम तक	1500/- रु.
3. 501 से 1 किलो तक	3000/- रु.
4. 1 किलो से 5 किलो तक	10,000/- रु.
5. 5 किलो से 10 किलो तक	20,000/- रु.
6. 10 किलो से ज्यादा तक	25,000/- रु.

PRDH-82293 कार्यकारी अधिकारी, नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर

कार्यालय : नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि Construction & Demolition Waste Rule 2016 के अंतर्गत कोई भी व्यक्ति अपने घरों, दफ्तरों, होटल, रेस्टोरेंट, मैरिज पैलेस और धार्मिक स्थानों का मलबा खाली प्लाट व सड़कों पर इधर-उधर ना फैके। मलबा सड़क पर गिराने वालों के विरुद्ध नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर द्वारा 1500 रु. से 2000 रु. का जुर्माना लगाया जाएगा।

सर्वसाधारण से अनुरोध किया जाता है कि मलबा उठाने के लिये हैल्पलाइन नं. 0171-2643200 पर नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर को अवगत कराये व नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर द्वारा 9 ठेकेदारों को Construction & Demolition Waste (मलबा) उठाने के लिए रजिस्टर्ड किया गया है। इसलिये आप निम्नलिखित 9 ठेकेदारों से सम्पर्क करें और अंबाला को स्वच्छ बनाने में अपनी भूमिका निभायें।

Sr. No	Name	Mobile No
1.	Ponia Trading Company	8000007982
2.	Gurdhyan Singh	9333313000
3.	Maan Singh, Contractor	9416643866
4.	Japneet Singh	7082376113
5.	Ramneek Singh	9053332250
6.	Jagdeep Singh	9629550505
7.	Arun Kumar	9034082364
8.	Deepu	9996019898
9.	M.C. Office Hakkam	8901337270

कार्यकारी अधिकारी,
नगर परिषद्, अंबाला सदर

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited from Firms/Companies/Organisations by the Principal-cum-Member Secretary Govt. Polytechnic Education Society, Morni, Distt. Panchkula for work/Job details as given below:-

Sr. No.	Name of work with brief specification	Key dates for tender documents
1	Outsourcing of Services – Horticulture, Accountancy, Clerical, House Keeping, Security, Driving (LTV/HTV), Library, Electrical Maintenance, Data Entry Operation, Programming at this Polytechnic with scope/eligibility criteria and other details as given in the tender document.	Sale of tender document: 19.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 (up to 10:00 A.M.) Receipt of tender document: 07.09.2020 (up to 12 noon) Opening of tender document: 07.09.2020 (12 noon)

A complete set of tender document containing scope of contract, instructions to the bidders, terms and conditions of the contract etc. may be purchased by interested eligible bidders from the office of the Principal-cum-Member Secretary, Govt. Polytechnic Education Society, Morni, Distt. Panchkula on submission of application to Principal and upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Rupees 1000/- (One Thousand only) in the form of payment receipt at the institute/Demand Draft favouring Principal-cum-Member Secretary Govt. Polytechnic Education Society, Morni, Distt. Panchkula (tender document can also be downloaded from the Website www.gpmorni.edu.in and must be enclosed with a tender fee as per details above by way of DD non-refundable). Please mention the top of envelope “Tender for outsourcing services”.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION
INVITING FOR BIDS (IFB)
THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
No. 95/WSSD/MALERKOTLA/EE/2020-21

Executive Engineer, W/S Sanitation Division, Malerkotla invite bids (to be submitted in the e-procurement portal) for following works:

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Approx value of work (in lacs)	Bid Security (in lacs)	1. Bid Submission End Date	2. Bid Opening Date
1	2	3	4	5	
1	Construction of New OHSR Capacity 50,000 ltr. with 20 mtr. FSL at Water Supply Scheme Jalwana, Block Malerkotla-2, Distt. Sangrur (Under Head 4215).	13.07	0.26	26.08.2020 at 17:00 hours 27.08.2020 at 12:00 hours	
2	Construction of New OHSR Capacity 50,000 ltr. with 20 mtr. FSL at Water Supply Scheme Sherghar Cheema, Block Malerkotla-2, Distt. Sangrur (Under Head 4215).	13.15	0.26	26.08.2020 at 17:00 hours 27.08.2020 at 12:30 hours	

Corrigendum/Amendment if any will be given on the website for e-tender <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, W/S & Sanitation Division, Malerkotla
Contact detail:- 01675-254623 (eewss.mlk@gmail.com)

Sd/- (Er. Harbinder Singh),
Executive Engineer,
W/S & Sanitation Division, Malerkotla.

DPR/Pb./64556

SECTION -I
ELECTRICITY WING OF ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE/E-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Elect. OP Division No. 2, New Power House, Industrial Area Ph-I, Chandigarh on behalf of President of India invites online e-bids/e-tenders from reputed and experience EWEDC Consultancy Firms/Chartered Accountant Firms (registered with CAG) through web portal www.https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app.

Tender No: OP2/19/2020-21

Description of Work: Appointment of consultant for Preparation, Construction and Compilation of Fixed Asset as well as Depreciation Registered and Preparation, Construction & Compilation of Accounts for FY 2019-20, 2020-21 & 2021-22 on commercial account principles for regulated business of electricity as per regulatory requirement along with its submission, presentation and defense before Regulatory commission / statutory bodies as per scope of work.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 35,40,000/-

Earnest Money: Rs. 70,800/- (Please refer Clause-9 Section-2)

Time Limit: As per deliverables mentioned in the DMIT.

Pre-Bid Meeting date and Time: N.A.

Bid Submission closing Date and Time: 21.08.2020 at 02:00 PM

The bid form and other details can be downloaded from the website <https://etenders.chd.nic.in/nicgep/app>.

Executive Engineer,
Electricity OP Division No. 2,
Indl Area Ph-I, UT, Chandigarh.
Fax No.0172- 2655531.
Email: elop2-chd@nic.in

Pak army chief in S Arabia over Kashmirtension

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 17 Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Monday reached Saudi Arabia to discuss bilateral relations amidst the recent strain in ties over Riyadh's reluctance to toe Islamabad's line on the Kashmir issue.

Despite repeated requests from Pakistan to hold a Foreign Ministers' meeting on Kashmir, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has shown reluctance to convene such a conference. Diplomatic sources here said that Gen Bajwa was accompanied by Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed.

The two are expected to hold high-level meetings to iron out misgivings. Pakistan has been pushing the 57-member organisation, the second largest inter-governmental body after the UN, for the Foreign Ministers' meeting since India revoked J&K's special status. — PTI

Jha claims rumblings within Cong for leadership change

Says 100 leaders have petitioned Sonia, party denies any such move

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The Congress today vehemently denied claims by a suspended party leader, Sanjay Jha, that around 100 leaders unhappy with party affairs had petitioned Congress chief Sonia Gandhi to change the political leadership.

Watch this space, Jha, a sacked party spokesman, wrote on Twitter, prompting Congress media head Randeep Surjewala to dismiss the claim as the BJP's handiwork to divert attention from the Congress demand for a JPC probe against Facebook, which the Opposition party has accused of spreading hate and helping the BJP.

"It is estimated that around 100 Congress leaders (includ-

'DISSENTERS ACTIVE'

“Around 100 Congress leaders, distressed at the state of affairs within the party, have written a letter to Mrs Sonia Gandhi, asking for change in political leadership.”

Sanjay Jha, SACKED CONGRESS LEADER

'MISINFORMATION'

“Special Misinformation Group on Media-TV Debate Guidance in its Whatsapp directed to run the story of a non-existent letter of Congress leaders”

Randeep Surjewala, CONGRESS LEADER

ing MP's), distressed at the state of affairs within the party, have written a letter to Mrs Sonia Gandhi, Congress President, asking for change in political leadership and transparent elections in CWC. Watch this space,” Jha tweeted today.

Surjewala counter tweeted, saying “To Whom It May

Concern: Special Misinformation Group on Media-TV Debate Guidance” in its Whatsapp of today directed to run the story of a non-existent letter of Congress leaders to divert attention from Facebook-BJP links. Of course, BJP stooges have started acting upon it.”

Even as the party denied

Jha's claims, the letter remained in discussion in political circles today.

Strongly disapproving of any such potential move, former Law Minister Ashwani Kumar said Sonia Gandhi must continue as party chief right now.

“Talk of elections in the party at this juncture with Sonia Gandhi at the helm as a uniting factor, are utterly misplaced... this is a time to forge the broadest consensus in the party and elections, even in the best of times tend to be divisive. The best way forward is to have a presidium of leaders under the leadership of Mrs Gandhi, till such time as the situation demands. Now is not the time for elections, may be later.”

FB policy head alleges threat over hate speech, case filed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The Facebook controversy, triggered by a report alleging that it was turning a blind eye to hate speeches in India to further its business, became murky after the company official in the centre of the storm filed a police complaint here alleging online harassment.

Facebook's senior India policy executive Ankhi Das, in a complaint to the Delhi Police, said she was being threatened online after a US newspaper reported that she had asked the company's online monitors here to go easy on communally charged posts from at least four Hindu leaders and organisations.

Das' complaint with the police's cyber cell unit says many people have issued violent life threats through online posting or publishing of content, while online media alleged she was the sister of a veteran ABVP activist from JNU.

THE CONTROVERSY

Facebook's senior India policy executive Ankhi Das has been accused of asking company's online monitors to go easy on communally charged posts from Hindu leaders and organisations



POLITICAL SLUGFEST

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor says House panel will examine if there's some deliberate attempt by Facebook in complicity with government. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has sought details of the UPA govt's ties with Cambridge Analytica

The controversy has already acquired political hues after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi highlighted it and former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor wrote to the company to come clean on allegations against Das.

Tharoor has said the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology will take up the matter at its next meeting in the first week of September. “We will summon Facebook officials to examine if there is any lapse in their working or there is some deliberate cooperation with the Government of India to shield

certain political leaders in India,” he said.

A Congress delegation is also understood to have met Das and flagged its concerns.

Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad counterattacked by seeking details of the UPA government's ties with Cambridge Analytica, a company alleged to have siphoned personal data from Facebook in a commercial deal. There were unverified reports that then Congress president Rahul Gandhi had met Analytica's chief to harvest the data for elections. Facebook has denied the allegations.

Bhushan case: SC focus on bigger questions

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The Supreme Court on Monday framed two questions for its consideration in an 11-year-old criminal contempt case against activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan.

The two questions framed by Justice Arun Mishra are: Whether statements on “judicial corruption” can be made in public and under what circumstances they be made; and the procedure to be adopted if such statements of corruption are made in public against sitting as well as retired judges.

On behalf of Bhushan, senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan termed the questions as “very meaningful”. The Bench posted the matter for further hearing on August 24.

The top court had on Friday held him guilty of contempt of court for his tweets against CJI SA Bobde and four former CJIs, saying public confidence in courts couldn't be allowed to be impaired by malicious attacks on them. It will hear arguments on sentence on August 20.

A group of retired judges,

Ex-judges, IAS officers express solidarity with the lawyer

CONTEMPT PLEA AGAINST SWARA

Attorney General

KK Venugopal's consent was sought on Monday to initiate criminal contempt proceedings against actress Swara Bhaskar for her alleged “derogatory and scandalous” statements against the SC on its Ram Janmabhoomi verdict. 771



former bureaucrats, advocates, teachers and activists have come out against the SC verdict convicting Bhushan of contempt of court.

Expressing solidarity with Bhushan, they said the conviction was not appropriate as the tweets were a bona fide expression of concern regarding the functioning of the Supreme Court and a fundamental right of every citizen.

CJI recuses from hearing AP capital case

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

Chief Justice of India SA Bobde on Monday recused from hearing a petition seeking lifting of stay ordered by the Andhra Pradesh High Court on the state government's move to have three state capitals.

When the matter came up for hearing before a Bench of CJI, advocate Ranjit Kumar pointed out that the CJI's daughter had appeared for one of the private parties before AP High Court. — TNS

Vande Bharat Phase-6 from Sept 1, says Puri

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

Minister for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri today announced that the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) would dovetail to its sixth version from September 1, which would continue till October 24. This would see operations of additional flights connecting several unserved destinations.

The mission is currently in its fifth phase, which will continue till August 31. The minister said Phase-6 of the repatriation exercise would

begin thereafter.

“More flights & destinations being added to VBM to further widen the geographic reach of the mission in its current phase & in Phase-6 from 1 Sept to 24 Oct 2020. Our endeavour is to reach out to every stranded & distressed Indian citizen around the world,” he tweeted.

As per the plan, Air India will operate over 145 flights between India and the USA during VBM-6 and destinations will be added to further widen the reach. — TNS

Help from above



An IAF helicopter rescues a man holding on to a tree amid an overflowing dam in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur on Monday. 771

Domestic equipment to help in crisis: Army Vice-Chief

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

Vice-Chief of the Indian Army Lt Gen SK Saini on Monday said in crunch situations, technologies developed by other countries would either not be available or acquiring those would cost us our strategic autonomy. The defence forces were, hence, looking at indigenous solutions to fulfill their needs.

He was speaking at a webinar organised by FIC-

CI on “Ushering indigenisation through Make in India”.

Lt Gen Saini said about 40 per cent of Indian Army's procurement schemes were valued at less than Rs 300 crore. A Rs 300-crore cutoff limit allowed the Army to process the case at its own level, cutting down slow-paced processes. This lower average cost of acquisition facilitated and promoted wide participation by MSMEs and startups.

Guj-cadre officer Asthana is BSF DG

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incident in Godhra in 2002. He also arrested RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav in the fodder scam in 1997 while holding the post of SP in the CBI.

However, the officer hogged the limelight in 2018 with the ‘CBI vs CBI’ case when he was removed from the agency. CBI former director Alok Verma had accused him of taking bribe after a Hyderabad-based businessman and a suspect in the Moin Qureshi corruption case, Sana Satish, alleged on October 4, 2018, he paid Rs 2.95 crore to Asthana through middlemen Somesh and Manoj. This sparked a bitter battle between Asthana and Verma, with the former writing to the vigilance commission and listing 10 cases where he alleged Verma tried to influence the investigation.

Asthana alleged Satish claimed to have paid Rs 2 crore in bribe to Verma to avoid action by the CBI. He alleged when Satish was called in for questioning in February 2018, Verma restricted Asthana from examining him.

In an another appointment, VSK Kaumudi, a 1986-batch IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, has been appointed Special Secretary, Internal Security, in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) till his superannuation on November 30, 2022.

First to enter Kargil combat zone, claim 2 women pilots

AJAY BANERJEE

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

A major controversy has erupted over which woman pilot of the IAF was ‘first’ into the battle zone during the Kargil war (May-July 1999).

Just days after the movie ‘Gunjan Saxena — The Kargil Girl’ was released, Sreevidya Rajan, another woman pilot, has claimed that she was the first into battle at Kargil and not Gunjan Saxena, who has retorted back “Won't Let Anyone Take Away My Achievements”.

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IAF SILENT ON ROW

The IAF is, so far, silent on the controversy of who was ‘first’ to enter the battle zone, even as Sreevidya Rajan says she stands by her claim, Gunjan Saxena has retorted back “won't let anyone take away my achievements”.

Tribune has emailed a detailed questionnaire to the IAF on these new claims.

It all started on Monday when Sreevidya wrote on her Facebook post: “I was the first woman pilot to be sent along with the male counterparts in the first detachment of our unit which was deployed at

Srinagar. I flew missions in the conflict area even before Gunjan's arrival at Srinagar.”

Speaking to *The Tribune* over phone she said she stood by her FB post. On being asked to why she never reacted even when the movie was announced some two years ago, she said: “I had thought this was a movie about Gunjan Saxena's life. Now after seeing the movie and how it has presented the IAF in poor light, I spoke up as I was the other woman officer present there.”

Saxena, wrote a blogpost in response saying “I was the first woman to fly in a combat zone...”. She said it was an open challenge to anybody who refutes these facts.

Chinese national booked by ED for hawalascam

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today registered a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against a Chinese national for allegedly running a hawala racket worth Rs 1,000 crore through shell companies.

Officials said the prosecution complaint (equivalent to a police FIR) was registered against 42-year-old Charlie Peng, alias Luo Sang. He is allegedly the kingpin of the racket, they said.

On August 12, Income Tax Department officials had raided nearly 25 premises belonging to Peng and some of his accomplices, including Indians and bankers. — TNS

Mumbai-Hyderabad drug racket busted

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) today said it had busted a drug syndicate network operating in Hyderabad and Mumbai and seized over 250 kg of banned psychotropic substances worth Rs 47 crore in the market.

Officials in the agency said the agency also seized cash of Rs 45 lakh in INR, USD and EUR currency notes under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

A senior DRI official said, “In a coordinated operation spread over three days across multiple locations in Mumbai

and Hyderabad, agency officials seized over 250 kg of different drugs (psychotropic substances).”

Officials said acting on a tip-off that a consignment of Mephedrone, a banned psychotropic substance, was arriving in Mumbai on August 15 from Hyderabad, the DRI sleuths kept surveillance and intercepted the consignment as soon as it arrived from Hyderabad.

“The consignment was loaded in a private passenger bus as cargo with no one accompanying it to ensure that even if the consignment was caught, no individual could be linked to it,” the official said.