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Even if there's 0.001% negligence, it must be dealt with: SC on NEET

Tells NTA to own up if there's been any mistake, calls for remedial measures

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said even if there was "0.001 per cent negligence" on the part of anyone in the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024 examination, it should be thoroughly dealt with.

Observing that students have to labour hard while preparing for these examinations, the apex court said the litigation pertaining to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate)-2024 examination ought not be treated as adversarial litigation.

"Even if there is 0.001 per cent negligence on the part of anyone, it should be thoroughly dealt with," a Vacation Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and SVN Bhatti told the advocates appearing for the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA). The NTA conducts the all-India pre-medical entrance test.

The Bench was hearing two separate petitions raising grievances, including on grace marks given to students in the examination held on May 5. "We all know



Members of various student unions protest over the NEET irregularities in Hyderabad. PTI

SEEKING CLEAN-UP SURGERY

SC says NEET ought not to be treated as adversarial litigation

4,750 centres where NEET-UG was held on May 5

24 lakh candidates (approximately) appeared for it

1,573 students given grace marks as exam start

ed late at some centres

67 students scored perfect 720, this is unprecedented in NTA's history

6 from one examination centre in Haryana too figured on list

FRAUD DOCTOR WILL PROVE LETHAL

"Imagine a person who has played fraud on the system becomes a doctor, he is more deleterious to society," SC Bench

the labour which the children undergo, especially in preparing for these exams... Imagine a person who has

played fraud on the system becomes a doctor, he is more deleterious to the society," the Bench said.

"Representing an agency which is responsible for conducting the examination, you must stand firm. If there

is a mistake, yes this is a mistake and this is the action we are going to take. At least that inspires confidence in your performance," the Bench told the NTA's counsel.

Stressing on timely action by the authority, the top court said the pleas would come up for hearing on July 8 along with other pending petitions, including those which have sought a direction to conduct the exam afresh. It said the NTA and the Centre would file their responses on these fresh petitions within two weeks.

When one of the advocates appearing for some petitioners raised the issue pertaining to a question asked in the exam, the Bench said, "They (NTA and Centre) will respond to it. Let us understand the purpose of your submissions. In these matters, we are prepared to sit up to evening," it observed.

While hearing separate petitions raising grievances over the NEET-UG 2024, the apex court had last week sought responses from the

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PM Narendra Modi being felicitated by Union minister Shri Singh Chouhan in Varanasi on Tuesday. PTI

LS mandate shows strength of democracy: PM in Kashi

Reiterates commitment to farmers, women, poor, youth

ADITI TANDON

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

In his first public remarks after forming the government at the Centre for the third time in a row, PM Narendra Modi termed the 2024 Lok Sabha poll verdict as "extraordinary" and said the 18th General Election mirrored the majesty of Indian democracy to the world.

Describing the poll results as an affirmation of the people's trust in the BJP-led dispensation, he said, "The people have delivered an extraordinary mandate in

SEWAK FOR THIRD TIME

"With the blessings of Baba Vishwanath and Maa Ganga and the affection of Kashi's voters, I have got a chance to become Pradhan Sewak of India for the third time. I am indebted."

Narendra Modi, PRIME MINISTER

these elections. This mandate has scripted a new history. Across the world's democracies, it is rare to have an incumbent government voted back to power for the

third straight time, but Indians have done that."

Modi was speaking in Varanasi, the Lok Sabha constituency from where he won for the third time, albeit with a slimmer margin than before. "Kashi deserves double congratulations for electing an MP and a PM," he said.

Agriculture Minister Shri Singh Chouhan and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were present on the occasion. Modi shared bonhomie with both despite the BJP's embarrassing poll losses in Uttar Pradesh.

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Mystery shrouds death of Sirsa girl, honour killing suspected

No post-mortem | Cremated in hurry | Activist takes up case

GEETANJALI GAYATRI

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

In a suspected case of "honour killing", Saravjeet Kaur (27) died under mysterious circumstances at her residence in Nejadela Kalan village of Sirsa on June 3 morning and the family allegedly cremated her in a hurry.

The incident came into focus after social activist Kartar Singh moved an application with the police over the suspicious death. Sirsa Superintendent of Police Vikrant Bhushan said he had formed a team to look into Saravjeet's death after the matter was brought to his notice.

"The team, headed by a gazetted officer, also included the SHO of the police station concerned and the SHO of the women's police station, among others. It will look at all angles since

FATHER'S DEFENCE

"The death took place at home. There was no need for a post-mortem. She died of a heart attack. Villagers were also present at the cremation... Questions are being raised only because of political rivalry," Jagdish, GIRL'S FATHER

doubts are being raised over the death," he said.

Since the family maintained that Saravjeet did not have any phone, the police have taken into possession the mobile phones of her family members for investigation. Girl's father Jagdish claimed his daughter died due to a post-midnight heart attack.

"There was a storm that night and the family was awake. Around 2 am, we were picking up our belongings

that had been lying in the open. Meanwhile, my daughter fell off the bed on which she was asleep and died instantly," he said.

Asked why a post-mortem examination was not conducted despite it being an "unnatural death" and why the cremation was performed hurriedly, Jagdish, an agriculturist, said, "The death took place at home. There was no need for that. She died of a heart attack on June 3. We informed our relatives about the death. Villagers were also present at the cremation."

However, Kartar Singh said the death was "very suspicious" and that the girl was cremated in a hurry. This could be a case of "honour killing, he maintained. "Jagdish's relatives also expressed apprehensions to fellow villagers

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Punjab cracks whip on cops aiding drug peddlers, 10K shifted in 3 days

Guilty face dismissal, smugglers' property to be confiscated within week

The Tribune IMPACT

RUCHIKA M KHANNA

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

Days after *The Tribune* reported 14 deaths in 14 days in Punjab due to drug overdose, the state government has cracked the whip on "low-ranking" police officials, accused of being in cahoots with peddlers, by transferring them from their present places of posting to the police stations in different police ranges.

As many as 10,000 "low-ranking" officials have been transferred over the past three days. The policemen found guilty will be dismissed from the service and the drug peddlers' property confiscated within a week. Instructions were given to all SSPs and



CM Bhagwant Mann holds a meeting with police officers in Chandigarh.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SSPs

- Accord respect to people visiting police stations; SSPs to be accountable for any harassment
- Give respect to MLAs and other elected representatives
- The govt to have zero tolerance policy towards corruption

senior officials during a meeting called by the CM today.

Mann narrated various incidents highlighting the nexus between police offi-

cials and peddlers. "I have received complaints about how a raiding police party would raise the alarm while still away from the place

where drugs were sold, so as to help the peddlers escape in time. Things cannot continue like this. We cannot sit and see these people wipe out generations of Punjabis," the CM added.

Women voters had raised the issue of drug abuse during the Lok Sabha campaign, especially among children as young as 11-12 years. The political establishment seems to have taken note of that.

Mann said during the LS poll campaign, he remained on the ground, where he got feedback from the people. "Punjab had the longest period of model code of conduct for the poll. During that period, we came to know how drugs and cash were being pushed into the state, especially from Gujarat, Maharashtra and across the

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US: Pannun issue raised by Sullivan

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

The White House soft-pedalled the extradition of Indian Nikhil Gupta from the Czech Republic to a US prison, but acknowledged that the Pannun issue was discussed during meetings US NSA Jake Sullivan held with top Indian officials on Monday. "The main focus of Sullivan's visit was to look for ways to deepen the US-India ties," said White House spokesperson John Kirby in response to questions on Gupta. **BACK PAGE**



Nancy Pelosi

US panel 'targets' China in D'sala

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 18

A high-profile US Congressional delegation on a visit here and the Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile, on Tuesday, "targeted" China on the issue of autonomy for Tibet. Reacting to the US delegation's visit to Dharamsala, China said it was 'gravely concerned' over the development. **BACK PAGE**

NDA holds meet on Speaker's post

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is deputy leader of the House in Lok Sabha, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of senior ministers and some allies to deliberate on the strategy for the Parliament session. Sources said discussions also centred on probable candidates for the post of the LS Speaker and Deputy Speaker. **BACK PAGE**

Cong's pick: 'Dehra ki beti' who is CM Sukhu's wife

Party hopes to break 25-year jinx in this Himachal segment by fielding Kamlesh Thakur



PRATIBHA CHAUHAN

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SHIMLA, JUNE 18

The Congress today sprang a big surprise by fielding Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur for the Dehra Assembly bypoll contest slated for July 10.

The party top brass opted for her, ignoring the claim of frontrunner for the ticket Rajesh Sharma, to take on the BJP's Hoshiyar Singh, who won the seat as an Independent candidate in the



'PARTY BRASS DECISION'

With BJP crying hoarse about the Congress being a party of dynasts, CM Sukhvinder Sukhu made it amply clear that the decision to field his wife was that of the high command and not his. "I have had to accede to the decision of the high command to field my wife, considering the recent political developments. However, I want to make it clear that only one of us will contest the 2027 Assembly poll," said Sukhu.

<< CM Sukhvinder Sukhu with his wife Kamlesh at a temple in Shimla.

2022 Assembly election.

Even as Kamlesh (54) has virtually been pushed into contesting the bypoll by the Congress high command, her

candidature could see the party romp home on the single slogan of "Dehra ki beti".

Daughter of a retired Army officer, Kamlesh hails from

Narsua village in Dehra Assembly segment of Kangra district. A postgraduate in political science from Panjab University, she has

always been at the forefront of her husband's election campaigns but those who know her well would vouch for the fact that she doesn't like to be in limelight. A homemaker, she is often seen visiting temples.

"I have been compelled to contest as my husband could not decline the high command's decision to field me. My only endeavour if I win would be to ensure that Dehra no longer lags behind in development, as has been the case in the last 25 years," said Kamlesh on her candidature. Sources said even her daughters were vehemently opposed to her contesting the election.

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Addicts being treated without psychiatrist

RAVI DHALIWAL

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GURDASPUR, JUNE 18

Drug addicts at the Red Cross de-addiction centre here are undergoing rehabilitation without the aid of a psychiatrist as the health authorities are averse to posting one due to inexplicable reasons.

Around 90 per cent of the addicts in the district are hooked on heroin. Their number is increasing by the day despite a drive launched by the Gurdaspur police against drug suppliers and consumers.

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EXPERTS' OPINION

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Romesh Mahajan, project director of the centre, said his institution was in danger of being shut down if the Health

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Kiran, daughter Shruti part ways with Congress, to join BJP today

GEETANJALI GAYATRI
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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18
Feeling “stifled and humiliated”, senior party leader and Tosham MLA Kiran Choudhry and her daughter, a working president of the state unit, Shruti Choudhry, today parted ways with the Congress to “look ahead”. They are all set to join the BJP in Delhi tomorrow.

In her resignation letter to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Kiran, ending her four-decade association with the Congress, said the state unit was being run as a “personal fiefdom”, leaving no space for her to raise her voice for the people she represented.

The daughter-in-law of a former CM, Bansilal, also considered the architect of modern Haryana, a fact she mentioned in her letter, Kiran said she was being “conspired against in a well-orchestrated and systematic manner” and had “chosen to look ahead at a fresh start”.

In her letter, Shruti, a former MP from the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat, said the party had become “one person-centric who has compromised the interest of the party for his selfish and petty interests”, though she took no names.

While they are upset with the Congress for denying Shruti a ticket from the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh seat, sources said the constant “humiliation” of being ignored during campaigning forced her to consider other options.

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STOOD GOOD CHANCE, BUT DENIED TICKET

“Shruti was denied a ticket, even though party surveys gave her a 56% chance of winning as against Rao Dan Singh, the party’s official candidate, who stood only a 32% chance. The Choudhrys were ignored, even though Bhiwani is their stronghold. After the party candidate lost, the Congress tried to shift the blame to her. A close aide

official candidate, who stood only a 32 per cent chance. During campaigning, the Choudhrys were ignored, even though Bhiwani is their stronghold. After the Congress candidate lost, the party attempted to shift the blame to her even though

the candidate lost in his own booth and constituency,” a close aide said.

Meanwhile, the BJP, looking to make good its loss of Jat leader Birender Singh and his son and former Haryana MP, Brijendra Singh, to the Congress before the elec-

tions, have decided to induct the mother-daughter duo ahead of the Assembly poll.

The sources also said Kiran could be considered for the Rajya Sabha seat that had fallen vacant following Deepender Hooda’s election as Lok Sabha MP from Rohtak. Her daughter could get an Assembly ticket.

With her resignation from the party, it remains to be seen whether Kiran will resign from the Vidhan Sabha as well.

The state Congress is essentially divided into two factions. While one faction is headed by Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda and his son Deepender,

the other faction has senior leaders like Sirsa MP Kumari Selja, Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala and former Union minister Birender Singh and his son Brijendra.

Presently, Hooda is calling the shots in the party. He managed to get tickets for his candidates from eight of the nine seats the party contested and state unit chief Udai Bhan is also from his camp. The general secretary in charge of Haryana, Deepak Babaria, is inclined towards him, party insiders said. When contacted on the resignations by the Choudhrys, Hooda said, “The party remains strong in Haryana.”

Congress House strength down by another MLA

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

In a number game that is continuously changing in the Vidhan Sabha, Congress leader Kiran Choudhry’s resignation from the party will mean one MLA less in the House for the Congress, which is seeking dissolution of the Assembly.

The party, which has 29 MLAs in the House after Congress MLA Varun Chaudhry got elected to the Lok Sabha from Ambala, will be down to 28 MLAs following Choudhry’s decision to quit the party. The Congress also has the support of three Independent MLAs.

The Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP government now has the support of 45 MLAs in the 87-member House. While the BJP has 41 MLAs of its own, it also has the support of Independent MLA Nayan Pal Rawat, and Haryana Lokhit Party MLA Gopal Kanda, as also JJP MLAs Jogi Ram Sihag and Ram Niwas Surjakhera.

The BJP requires 44 MLAs for a majority in the House while it already has the support of 45 MLAs. Sources said Choudhry’s exit from the Congress would mean an MLA added to the saffron party’s kitty in the Vidhan Sabha, taking the BJP up to 46 MLAs.

As per information, Choudhry is unlikely to resign as MLA, even though she quit the Congress. The sources said if she decided not to quit, the Congress can send to the Speaker in writing that Choudhry has quit the party

NOW, BJP TALLY 46

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and her membership to the House should be cancelled.

Once the Speaker gets the party’s representation, it is for him to decide whether or not she can continue as an MLA. The sources said it was unlikely a decision in this regard would come anytime soon.

Further, with the Assembly elections four months away, the two JJP MLAs supporting the BJP and Choudhry will continue to be members of the House and will support the BJP in a trust vote, if it is brought during the monsoon session. JJP leader and former Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala has given a representation for action against Sihag and Surjakhera to the Speaker, which is pending with him. It is expected that a Congress representation against Choudhry will meet a similar fate.

In the 90-member Vidhan Sabha, Manohar Lal Khattar, Varun Chaudhry and Independent MLA Ranjit Singh resigned as MLAs while Independent MLA Rakesh Daultabad died following a heart attack. However, Saini has been inducted into the House as MLA.



No power plant set up in 10 yrs, says Hooda

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda today said that there was an outcry in the state due to a shortage of electricity and water, but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could not fulfil even the basic needs of the public, and

‘State has to depend on private firms’

hence had no right to remain in power.

He claimed that during the Congress tenure, Haryana had become power surplus. “The state has many power plants and production capacity of its own and is capable of meeting the needs of the state,” he said.

“The BJP is not producing enough electricity from these plants. Many units are closed. Due to this, the state has to depend on private companies. No new plant was started in the past 10 years,” he said.

“Private companies take advantage of the shortage of electricity and sell it to the government at expensive rates. The payment is made by looting the hard-earned money of the common people,” he added.

Reconduct NEET exam: Selja

HISAR, JUNE 18

Congress’ Sirsa MP Kumari Selja today said the entire system of the NEET (UG exam) examination had come under scanner, adding that it should be reconducted.

Interacting with mediapersons here, she said the BJP-led Central Government should re-conduct the NEET exam.

Selja said after the last date for applying for the NEET (UG)-2024 examination on March 16, the National Testing Agency (NTA) had opened the registration window for two days on April 9-10. In these two days, 24,246 new applications were filled in 24 hours, she added.

Selja further said the NTA and Ministry of Education were unable to provide information on how many of these applicants qualified and how many became the top rankers.

The Lok Sabha MP Selja said in the last five years, 13,000-15,000 students scored between 620 and 720 marks, but this time, the figure saw a five-fold increase as 58,263 students had scored in this bracket. “Notably, only the number of high-scoring students increased, while there was no significant increase in the number of low-scoring students. In fact, there has been a decrease in this category of students,” she said.

The Sirsa MP said if all the links related to the exam across the country are connected, it was evident that there had been large-scale malprac-



Sirsa MP Kumari Selja meets supporters at her residence in Hisar.

CENTRE TOYING WITH STUDENTS’ FUTURE

“The kinds of malpractices that have been exposed so far clearly show that the Central Government is shattering the dreams of millions of students, who want to become doctors. The NTA and Ministry of Education are continuously misleading the Supreme Court and the candidates. Kumari Selja, Sirsa MP

tices, paper leaks, and various other kinds of settings.

In the matter of giving candidates their desired centres, the Gujarat police had so far arrested five people, from whom cheques for Rs 2.3 crore were seized. The Bihar police had arrested 13 persons for their involvement in the paper leak case, she added.

“The police also found burnt NEET papers, but why is the NTA refusing to acknowledge this?” Selja further said.

Selja said due to the loss of time, 1,563 students were given grace marks, but neither was the NTA’s governing

body consulted for approval, nor was it disclosed who recommended the grace marks formula for the loss of time.

“The Supreme Court has set the hearing date for NTA’s response on July 8, so why isn’t the counseling date being postponed from July 6,” she said. She further said the NEET scandal impacted the future of 2.4 million students in the country so instead of protecting the favorites, the Central Government should immediately announce the cancellation of the exam and declare a new date for the same. — TNS

Anger against BJP damaged JJP’s prospects, says Digvijay

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SIRSA, JUNE 18

The former secretary-general of the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), Digvijay Singh Chautala, said the JJP had suffered losses due to the opposition faced by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from public in the Lok Sabha elections.

Addressing mediapersons here on Monday, he said the JJP was prepared for the upcoming Assembly elections in the state, and leaders and workers of the party would conduct outreach campaigns at the state level.

Chautala said if any worker was upset for any reason, efforts would be made to appease them with respect and dignity. He said his party also had to face opposition along with the BJP.

He further said in the Lok Sabha elections, voters had cast their votes for or against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but the scenario in the state election would be completely different as the votes would be cast on the basis of

‘BJP DIDN’T FULFIL ITS PROMISES’

■ The former secretary-general of the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP), Digvijay Singh Chautala, said his party had to pay the price for the BJP’s wrong policies, adding that the party had formed an alliance with the saffron party to fulfill promises, but the BJP backed off at the last moment.

■ He said in the Lok Sabha elections, voters had cast their votes for or against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but the scenario in the state poll would be completely different as the votes would be cast on the basis of regional issues.

Chautala said the JJP was analysing the results of the Lok Sabha elections and finding ways to rectify shortcomings, if any. He claimed that people were unhappy with the Haryana Employment Skill Development Corporation.

He said the JJP had to pay the price for the BJP’s wrong policies, adding that his party had formed an alliance with the saffron party to fulfill promises, but the BJP backed off at the last moment.

Chautala further said the JJP would contest all 90 seats in the state poll this year. He said the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections dealt with different issues. In the state

poll, the competition would be among three or four parties. He said once again, the JJP’s influence would be felt, and they would form the government in Haryana, with Dushyant Chautala being the Chief Minister.

The party leader said the JJP would soon prepare its strong organisation in the state, and within a week, an executive committee would be formed in Haryana.

The organisation would be fully capable of fighting for the future of the state. Chautala said their dedicated and hardworking party workers would be included to make the organisation more effective.

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HOUKAR/0819/737971, Hardeep / Mrs. Kajal W/o Hardeep B.O.: Karnal	Rs. 19,43,882.88/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two and Paise Eighty Eight only) due as on 02.07.2021	(Physical)	H. No. 21/506A, PP ID 184934289A/ 21, Khewat No. 330 Kila No. 289/12, Waka Mauja Gudha Nagar, Goutam Nagar, Under MC Sonapat, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001, Area of Plot 70 Sq. Yards, Title Deed No. 3735/1 of dated 28-10-2019 in favour of Mrs. Kajal W/o Hardeep, Boundaries : East - 21 Ft. 8 inch Gali, West - 21 Ft. 8 Inch House of Seema, North - 29 Ft. 1 Inch House of Birmati, South 29 Ft. 1 Inch Gali	Rs. 17,84,000/-	Rs. 1,78,400/-	19.07.2024	Rs. 10,000/-	04.07.2024 between 10:00 AM to 05:30 PM	20.07.2024 between 12:30 AM to 02:30 PM	'NIL'/Not know
*Together with the further interest @18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. incurred upto the date of payment and/or realization thereof. ** To the best knowledge and information of the authorized Officer of PNB Housing Finance Limited, there are no other encumbrances/claims in respect of above mentioned immovable/secured assets except what is disclosed in the Column No.-K. Further such encumbrances to be catered/paid by the successful purchaser/bidder at his/her end. The prospective purchaser(s)/bidders are requested to independently ascertain the veracity of the mentioned encumbrances.										
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Raise sunflower purchase cap: BKU (C)

KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 18

Unhappy with the capping of 8 quintal per acre on the procurement of sunflower crop, the BKU (Charuni) has requested the government to increase the capping to at least 10 quintal an acre. The procurement for sunflower seeds is on and farmers said due to favourable weather conditions, there was an increase of one to two quintal per acre in yield. They were harvesting 9 to 11 quintal of sunflower seeds per acre.

As per data, nearly 1.15 lakh quintal seeds have been pro-

cured at grain markets of Ambala district, while over 1.79 lakh quintal have been procured in Kurukshetra district so far. The produce is being procured by HAFED at an MSP of Rs 6,760 a quintal.

Union spokesman Rakesh Bains said, “An increase in the yield has been registered and farmers have been reporting a yield of 9 to 11 quintal per acre. The capping should be increased to at least 10 quintal per acre. Farmers who had cultivated mustard before sunflower were not able to get reg-

istration done on MFMB portal and hence were not able to sell their produce on MSP to the procurement agency.”

Union chief Gurnam Singh Charuni said, “We have raised the matter with the agriculture department and the district administration, but there has been no positive response so far.” Meanwhile, Deputy Director Agriculture Karam Chand, said: “The issues have been taken up with the headquarters and the directions from the higher authorities will be implemented.” — TNS

16L state farmers got ₹335 cr under PM scheme: CM Saini

Addresses sammelan concurrently with Varanasi event, where Modi released funds

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

KARNAL, JUNE 18
Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today claimed that with the release of the 17th instalment of the PM-Kisan Scheme from Varanasi by PM Modi, 16 lakh farmers of Haryana had received Rs 335 crore under the scheme.
“It is Modi’s vision to strengthen marginal farmers by raising their income and reducing financial stress,” said Saini, while addressing farmers at a state-level PM Kisan Sammelan at the ICAR-NDRI auditorium here. The event was organised concurrently with the Varanasi event, where Modi released the instalment today.



CM Nayab Singh Saini during the state-level programme at ICAR-NDRI in Karnal on Tuesday.

‘LET HOODA HOLD FLOOR TEST TO PROVE MAJORITY’

- Asked about a delegation of MLAs, led by a former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda, scheduled to meet Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on June 20 to demand the dissolution of the state government, Saini challenged Hooda to hold a floor test to prove majority
- About speculation that Rim Bilas Sharma might become the new state president,

Saini said, “We have conveyed this to our central leadership. Whoever is elected will work to strengthen the party.”

- On the water crisis in Delhi, he said they had been providing water to Delhi, but there was no management. “Kejriwal is behind bars. He was elected to resolve issues, but he has neglected problems faced by people,” Saini claimed.

ments at the Centre and state have started procuring 14 crops on MSP, while earlier only paddy and wheat were procured during Congress rule, and that too by the Union government,” the CM said.

Saini also lauded the Modi government’s step of introducing e-mandi system, which provided farmers with a plat-

form to sell their produce from anywhere across the country.

He pointed out that the Centre had provided substantial compensation to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. He also highlighted that while the prices of DAP and urea had significantly increased in the international market, the Modi

government had not burdened the farmers with this increase.

“In 2008-2010, farmers were getting DAP at Rs 467 per bag and urea at Rs 237 per bag, but by 2012, the prices had surged to Rs 1,200 (DAP) and the rates of urea were also hiked. But the PM ensured that DAP is available at substantial subsidy,” he stated.

HC issues contempt notice to DGP over installation of CCTV cameras

Asserts state resorted to restrictive reading of Supreme Court’s judgment

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18
Rapping Haryana for coming out with “absurd arguments” and restrictive reading of a Supreme Court judgment on CCTV cameras’ installation, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued a contempt notice to the state DGP. The direction came as Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj observed narrow interpretation of term “police station”, referred to in the ruling, was aimed to exclude special investigation units and other premises from the obligation to install CCTV cameras.



The court rapped the State for its narrow interpretation of “police station” aimed to exclude special investigation units and other premises from the obligation to install CCTV cameras

He also took note of the argument of the State’s counsel that the directions required installation of CCTV cameras specifically at police stations. There was no requirement to install the cameras on the premises of any other agency, which carried out interrogation and had the power of detention.

Justice Bhardwaj asserted that the State had deliberately chosen to resort to the judgment’s restrictive reading. Its narrow interpretation of “police station” was aimed to exclude spe-

cial investigation units and other premises from the obligation to install CCTV cameras. But the judgments were not to be read as statutes.

They were to be understood in the context of their purpose, which was to prevent custodial torture and protect fundamental rights. Justice Bhardwaj said the only reason given by the State was that it would suffer prejudice “in relation to investigation, crime and criminals”. But the contention stood rejected by the Supreme Court DK

Basu’s judgment, which gave precedence to the rights under Article 21 of the Constitution.

“The interpretation averred by the State is evidently absurd considering that the Supreme Court has directed installation of the CCTV cameras even on the premises of the central agencies namely, Central Bureau of Investigation, National Investigation Agencies, Directorate of Enforcement, NCB, DRI, SFIO etc., which deal with offences of much higher degree, criminals who pose danger to the sovereignty of the State and have immense resources at their command,” Justice Bhardwaj asserted.

The Bench added “police station” in the judgment was a generic expression, not a restricted term used in the CrPc. The acceptance of the State’s interpretation would defeat the very object of installing CCTV cameras “merely by changing the seat of interrogation and investigation to premises other than the police station”. It was definitely not the intent or object behind the judgments passed by the Supreme Court.

Illegal structures in F’bad forest area on radar

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JUNE 18
The Forest Department here is reportedly awaiting a green signal to launch another drive to raze around 700 illegal constructions that had been existent on its land in the district. The last such drive took place in January this year.

According to sources, though several drives had been launched in the past few years, the authorities had been unable to clear the majority of such encroachments in view of various issues, including legal and technical ones. Besides political intervention, clarity over legal wrangles and availability of the police force had emerged as hurdles.

An official said while notices had already been issued, the action was proposed to be taken after a green signal and the availability of a police team. Owners of nearly 100 such constructions had already been



An unauthorised construction that was demolished by the Forest Department in January. FILE

served notices, but the move was likely to be taken after a formal meeting of the district-level core committee and a nod from the higher authorities. He said the election process for the Parliament had perhaps been one of the reasons behind a long break in the drive.

A survey conducted in 2018-19 revealed that around 7,000 constructions in nearly 700 clusters or localities had occupied roughly 500

hectares of land, it has been learnt. These include over 130 farmhouses and marriage gardens detected.

“The demolition drive is yet to make any visible impact on the majority of violations,” said Sunil Harsana, an environmentalist. He said a large number of unauthorised constructions still continued to occupy the preserved land, which comes under the PLPA Act. He said the illegal construc-

tions included farmhouses, marriage or banquet gardens, restaurants, as well as residential and commercial units occupying around 1,400 acres of land. The villages of Anangpur, Ankhir, Mewla Maharaipur and Lakadpur have 6,793 such constructions.

“The delay or gap that occurs between the drives provides space to the land mafia, which has been increasing its influence in the region despite being a protected forest area. The location is prime and very close to the National Capital,” says Devinder Singh, a retired official. “Though the Khori village colony in the region was razed in June 2021, the authorities’ failure to take action against constructions owned by influential people speaks of their double standards and discrimination,” he adds.

District Forest Officer Sunil Kumar said action would be taken against the violators as per the norms and regulations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
(Petition No. 125/2024)
Further to the Public Notice published on 06.06.2024, all interested person(s)/stakeholders of the U.T. of Chandigarh are hereby informed that the public hearing shall be held on the following Petition admitted by the Commission:
Petition for approval of True-up of FY 2021-22, Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2023-24, Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Tariff Proposal for FY 2024-25 of the Electricity Wing of Engineering Department, UT, Chandigarh (EWEDC) u/s 45, 46, 61, 62 and 64, and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations 2018, and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations 2021.
The aforesaid Petition is available on the Commission’s website, i.e. www.jercuts.gov.in and also on the Petitioner’s website i.e. www.chdengineering.gov.in.
Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/ comments on the above Petition, in person/registered post addressed to - **The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3rd & 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar, Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana — 122015** or through e-mail at mail id - secyjercuts@gov.in and raengg1-jercuts@govcontractor.in on or before **26.06.2024** with a copy to the **Superintending Engineer, Electricity Operation Circle, 5th Floor, U.T. Secretariat, Deluxe Building, Sector 9-D, U.T., Chandigarh — 160009** or through e-mail at email id: seelecty@gmail.com
The schedule of public hearing is detailed below:

Date	Time	Venue
21.06.2024	11:00 AM	Lecture Hall/Auditorium of the Govt. Museum and Art Gallery, Sector-10 C, Chandigarh

Sd/- (S.D. Sharma)
Secretary (I/c), JERC

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Director Principal,
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Upset over PG bond amount, doctors threaten to launch agitation on July 1

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18
The core committee of the Haryana Civil Medical Services Association (HCMSA) today decided to launch an agitation over their pending demands on the occasion of Doctors’ Day on July 1. There is resentment among government doctors towards the state government as it failed to fulfil its promises made during a meeting with the Director-General of Health Services on December 29, 2023.
One of the issues is the PG bond amount. Earlier, it was

mutually agreed upon to reduce the bond amount to pursue in-service postgraduate course, as it was tough for PG aspirants to arrange for two sureties worth Rs 1 crore each. The proposal of submitting Rs 50 lakh surety and Rs 50 lakh post-dated cheques is in process, but there is undue delay in the notification.

Another issue is stagnation in the cadre as there are fewer promotional avenues. Around 95 per cent of the cadre gets only one promotion (Medical Officer to Senior Medical Officers) throughout the service, and that too, after around 20-22

years of service. It was mutually agreed upon at the meeting with the Health Minister in January this year that there will be no direct recruitment at the SMO level in future and service rules will be amended accordingly. However, the proposal has not been initiated by the DGHS office yet.

Also, there is an acute shortage of specialists in the HCMS cadre. As per association members, former CM Manohar Lal Khattar had announced on the floor of the House that a specialist cadre would be formed to attract and retain specialists.

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Ms. Komple Dhanjal, ACJ(SD), Nawanshahr
(Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar)
CNR No.
PBSB02-000229-2024
Next Date 05.07.2024 at 10.00 am
Manjit Kaur widow of Garib Dass r/o Gali No. 2, near Comrade Office, backside Sugar Mill, Nawanshahr, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar and Others.

Plaintiffs....
Versus
Sukhwinder Kaur and other
Defendants....

Notice to:
1. Sukhwinder Kaur wife of Gurdip Singh r/o Khankhana, Tehsil Banga, District SBS Nagar.

In above titled petition the defendant(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel dated 05.07.2024 at 10.00 am

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Sd/-
(Ms. Komple Dhanjal),
Additional Civil Judge (Sr. Divn)
Nawanshahr
CL24025787
SBS Nagar.

(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
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(Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar)
Kanwaljit Singh son of Mohinder Singh r/o Bahrowal, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar and other.

...Applicants Petitioners...
Versus
Ajmer Singh and other.
...Respondents...

Succession application
CNR No. PBSB02-000323-2024
Next Date: 26.07.2024 at 10:00 am
Notice to:

1. Ajmer Singh son of Shiv Dev Singh. 2. Gurmest Singh son of Karnail Singh both r/o Village Jindowal, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar.

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(U/O 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
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Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Bathinda
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(Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar)
CNR No.: PBSB02-001195-2023
Next Date: 22.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Manpreet Singh son of Hardeep Singh originally r/o Village Bharta Kalan, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, presently r/o In Canada through Harjinder Singh son of Jaswant Singh his attorney r/o Village Bharta Kalan, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar as his General attorney

...Plaintiff
Versus
Kuljeet Kaur and Others
...Defendants

Notice to:
1. Kuljeet Kaur wife of Dilbag Singh. 2. Amardeep Kaur wife of Pabjhot Singh son of Bahadur Singh both r/o Village Bharta Kalan, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar.

In above titled petition the defendant(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) should appear in person or through counsel dated 22.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

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Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 31.05.2024.

Sd/- (Komple Dhanjal),
Additional Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Nawanshahr
CL24025802
SBS Nagar.

In the Court of
Ms. Komple Dhanjal, ACJ (SD) Nawanshahr
(Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar)
CNR No. PBSB02-000325-2024
Next Date:- 24.07.2024 at 10:00 am

Guppal Singh son of Piara Singh son of Meehan Singh R/o Village Noorpur, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar

Plaintiff...
Versus
Shingara Singh and Others.
Defendants...

Notice to:
1. Shingara Singh son of Piara Singh son of Meehan Singh, R/o Village Noorpur, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar.

In above titled petition, the defendant (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 24.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Sd/- (Ms. Komple Dhanjal),
Additional Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Nawanshahr
CL24025803
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(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Ms. Vineeta Luthra
Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dera Bassi.
Bhavdeep Sharma Vs.

General Public
CNR No.
PBSAB0-000179-2024
Next Date:- 15.07.2024
Succession application U/s 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for issuance of succession certificate in favour of petitioner - Bhavdeep Sharma S/o Late Sh. Vinod Kumar Sharma R/o Dharamgarh Road, Lalru Mandi, Sub Tehsil Derabassi in respect of 225 shares of Larsen and Toubro Ltd. and 20 shares of Ultratech Cement Ltd. Vide Folio No. 04959205 of Face Value 2 and 10 Resp.

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In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 15.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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Dated, this day of 04.05.2024.

Sd/- (Ms. Vineeta Luthra)
Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dera Bassi
CL24025815

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of
Ms. Taranjit Kaur
Principal Judge Family Court, Panchkula
CNR No.:
HRPK01-000600-2020
Next Date: 18.07.2024

Pooja Giri Versus
Vishal Giri
Petition U/S 13(i-a) of Hindu Marriage Act for dissolution of marriage in the ground of cruelty

Notice to:
Vishal Giri s/o Shri Rydra Prasad Giri, resident of Plot No. 266, Industrial Area Phase 2, Sector 15, Panchkula, 2nd Address: Plot No. 442, Phase 1, Sector 15, Panchkula. 3rd Address: Plot No. 236, Industrial Area Phase 1, Panchkula.

In above titled case, the respondent could not be served. It is ordered that respondent Vishal Giri should appear in person or through counsel on 18.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=di strict_notice&district=panchkula

Dated, this day of 15.06.2024.
Sd/- (Praveen Kumar Lal)
Duty/Additional District Judge
CL24025823 Panchkula.

THE TRIBUNE'S DEEP DIVE INTO THE POWER CRISIS IN THE STATE – PART I

Why power subsidy drains groundwater reserves

AMAN SOOD
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

RANBIRPURA (PATIALA), JUNE 18
Affive-acre farm on the connecting road in this village has a tubewell running non-stop for eight hours — the entire free power supply period — for the past three days, accumulating nearly 10 inches of water in the fields. But what's shocking is the tubewell is running even without paddy being sown. Several farmers in Punjab have been using the power subsidy in this manner to "cool off" their fields that they had set afire a few weeks ago to rid the land of wheat stubble.

Amid the scorching heat when other categories of power consumers continue to reel under unannounced power cuts, hundreds of thousands of farmers have been irrigating their empty fields with the government assured eight-hour free power supply that started on June 15 this season. In many fields, even the tubewell motor rooms are locked and the underground water starts flowing from these tubewells as soon as the free power supply resumes.

Political one-upmanship

The misuse of free power for agriculture pumpset consumers owes its origin to a game of political one-upmanship, played between two former Chief Ministers of Punjab in the run up to the 1997 Vidhan Sabha elections. Before then sitting CM Rajinder Kaur Bhattal could announce the free power subsidy for farmers, Akali Dal stalwart late Parkash Singh Badal (then Leader of Opposition in the Assembly) outsmarted her by announcing the scheme in his poll manifesto.

Even as economists have often derided successive Punjab Governments for continuing with the free power subsidy, which has been bleeding the state's treasury, it has become a politically sensitive issue.

Annual hydration of fields

Farmers maintain that 10 days of accumulated water helps hydrate the fields and also ensures that when they start transplanting paddy, water stays a bit longer on the land. Contradicting the

30.24 lakh
litres of water per week every tubewell pumps out with 8 hours of power supply
4,385 billion
litres of water per week being pumped out by over 14 lakh tubewells installed in Punjab

MALWA TOP GUZZLER

District	Tubewells
Ludhiana	1,17,000
Gurdaspur	99,581
Amritsar	93,946
Sangrur	93,669
Patiala	87,888

WATERING A MUST

“We are preparing for paddy plantation and for the first month, it is important to submerge the field under water.”
Shingara Singh, GDHAR VILLAGE IN BATHINDA

“I have plans to sow paddy on 30 acres this season. I have transplanted paddy on 15 acres and will cover the remaining portion in the next 5-7 days.”
Kashmir Singh, JANDIOLA VILLAGE IN JALANDHAR

“Inundating a field means giving a conducive environment for germination of weeds. This way, the weeds grow even before saplings are transplanted.”
Kuljit Singh, MALWALI VILLAGE IN AMRITSAR

perception, Punjab Director of Agriculture Jaswant Singh says that their department has been spreading awareness among farmers to adopt direct seeding of rice. “In this heat if water is left in the fields, it will evaporate faster. Therefore, the farmers should irrigate the fields only after transplanting paddy. More water in the fields will not mean better yield,” he says.

“There is little we can do other than educating the farmers that with the misuse of the free power scheme, they are causing irreversible damage to the underground water table,” remarks a senior official of the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). “Successive governments have played politics without caring for the future,” he avers.

According to experts, every tubewell pumps out 30.24 lakh litres of water per week with an average eight hours of power supply. This means, 14 lakh tubewells (estimated count in Punjab) pump out 4,385 billion litres of water in a week.

Raising income need of hour

Author-turned-food-and-trade-policy expert Devinder Sharma says that it is wrong to blame only the farmers for water wastage when every

section of the society is doing so. “A recent study showed that the average income of a farmer in Punjab is roughly Rs 26,000 per month. No government has tried to bring it close to Rs 40,000. You raise a farmer's income and I bet, they won't need any subsidy — and the power wastage will be rules out,” he argues.

According to recent data prepared by the PSPCL, the districts with critical water table continue to have maximum tubewells. Ludhiana has the highest 1.17 lakh tubewells, followed by Gurdaspur (99,581), Amritsar (93,946), Sangrur (93,669) and Patiala (87,888). These districts have shown the steepest decline in water table. Farmers in Barnala and Sangrur have been extracting water from maximum depth by using 17 BHP motors, followed closely by Patiala with 16 BHP motors.

“Average power subsidy in Punjab is around Rs 10,000 per acre annually. However, in some parts of Sangrur, Barnala and Patiala where the water level is low, the subsidy touches Rs 15,000 to 20,000 per acre on an yearly basis,” says a senior PSPCL official.

BKU questions industrial use

Coming in support of the farmers, Bharatiya Kisan

Families of youth stuck in Armenia jail meet RS MP

Want Seechewal to pursue the case for their release

DEEPKAMAL KAUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, JUNE 18
Days after 12 youths, whose video of being stuck in an Armenia jail went viral, their families met Rajya Sabha MP Balbir Singh Seechewal at Sultanpur Lodhi near here and appealed to him to pursue the case of their release. They were reportedly crossing the Armenia-Georgia border illegally around February-March when they got caught up by the police there.

Seechewal had shared the video of these youths on his Facebook page few days back after which the families began reaching out to him for help. The youth who are lodged in Amavir jail there since the past three months or so have said that they were undergoing trial there and feared that they could be sentenced to three to six years of imprisonment. They have sought help from the Indian Government for their release.

So far, the identity of 10 of them is known — Ram Pal from Khanna, Rajot Singh from Patiala, Ajay from Jalandhar, Gumeet Singh from Kaithal, Shivam Kumar from Karnal, Happy Singh and Gurjant Singh from Pilib-



BOOK TRAVEL AGENTS, SAY RS MP

■ Rajya Sabha MP Balbir Singh Seechewal said he was in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs and that the Indian Embassy in Armenia had also been contacted

■ He appealed to the people of Punjab not to fall into the hands of travel agents, and demanded that a case should be registered against the travel agents who have cheated them

hit in UP; Major Singh from Uttarakhand, Bajrang Lal from Rajasthan and Maniruz-zama from West Bengal. The Indian Embassy has also reached out to them and met them in jail. These youths had posted a video on social media that they had been misguided by the travel agents.

Victim Ram Pal's brother Roshan Lal told Seechewal that a travel agent named Ladi Gill in Armenia took Rs 9 lakh from him to send him from Kolkata to Italy. He said his brother went to Armenia in December 2023 from where they reached Georgia border

on March 11 this year but he and six other boys were caught by the Armenian army.

Similarly, Gurjant Singh's brother said he went to Armenia on December 19 last through agent named Malkit Singh, who took Rs 4.5 lakh and had promised to get a good job for him there. “Gurjant Singh found an agent named Rahul in Armenia, who was to take him to Portugal for Rs 3.5 lakh, but was caught while crossing the Georgian border on April 5. Rajasthan-based Bajrang Lal was also caught along with him”.

Seven drug peddlers held

OUR CORRESPONDENT

ABOHAR, JUNE 18
Seven drug peddlers were held in various parts of the area today. As much as 20gm of heroin was seized from Rahul of Thakur Abadi here while the police in Siriganagar held Rohit Arora with 15gm of heroin. On his information, Gurdev Singh of Shyam Khara was also booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

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Dehra set for high-voltage contest

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 18
The Dehra Assembly constituency is set to witness a high-voltage contest in the byelection on July 10 between Congress candidate Kamlesh Thakur, wife of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, and BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh.

The battle lines have now been drawn between former Independent MLA Hoshiyar Singh, who later joined the BJP, and Kamlesh Thakur as the Dehra byelection will be a battle for prestige for the Congress and the Chief Minister. Sources said that the BJP would launch its full force as for it this byelection would be a contest with the Chief Minister. If the BJP manages to win the seat, it would be a moral victory for it and embarrassment for the ruling Congress.

Meanwhile, Hoshiyar Singh returned from vacation abroad today. He was given a rousing welcome by his supporters and BJP workers in Dehra. However, many disgruntled BJP leaders did not attend a meeting called by Hoshiyar, who later formally launched his campaign as the BJP candidate. Hoshiyar Singh, while addressing his supporters and party workers, once



Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu with his wife Kamlesh Thakur offers prayers at a temple. FILE PHOTO

again played the card of being a local leader from Dehra. He had won the Dehra seat as an Independent candidate in triangular contests in the 2017 and 2022 Assembly elections defeating both BJP and Congress candidates. However, the biggest challenge for Hoshiyar Singh this time will be to take along the disgruntled BJP leaders from Dehra, who had been opposing his entry into the party.

The BJP has made Sullah

MLA Vipin Singh Parmar the campaign in-charge for the Dehra byelection. The sources said that many senior leaders were likely to campaign for Hoshiyar Singh in the Dehra byelection as the Chief Minister's wife was the Congress candidate.

The BJP may depute Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur to ensure Hoshiyar Singh's victory from the Dehra Assembly constituency, which is part of the Hamirpur parliamentary con-

stituency. In the recent Lok Sabha poll, the BJP had got a lead of about 19,000 votes over the Congress in the Dehra Assembly segment.

The Dehra constituency was formed in 2012 after carving out areas from the Jaswan and Jwalamukhi Assembly constituencies. Since then, the Congress has never won the seat. In 2012, BJP's Ravinder Ravi won the seat while in the 2017 and 2022 elections, Hoshiyar Singh was elected

CONG HASN'T WON SEAT SINCE 2012

- The Chief Minister has been working to establish a rapport with the people of the Dehra Assembly constituency for the past one year
- During a meeting in Dehra recently, the Chief Minister had claimed that he had roots in the constituency
- The Chief Minister had also announced various development projects for Dehra, including a ₹400 crore zoological park in the Bankhandi area
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A bold move by Congress, but fraught with risks

SUBHASH RAJTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 18

The Congress sprang a big surprise today by fielding Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur from the Dehra Assembly constituency for the forthcoming byelections. Rumours about the party high command fielding Sukhu's wife had been doing the rounds for the past few days but the Chief Minister rubbished them.

Nevertheless, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) fielded her from Dehra, ignoring the claim of Rajesh Sharma, frontrunner for the ticket from the constituency, to take on BJP's Hoshiyar Singh, who had won the seat in the 2022 Assembly elections as an Independent candidate.

For the other two Assembly byelections, the Congress has already fielded Pushpender Verma from Hamirpur and Hardeep Singh Bawa from Nalagarh. In political circles, the decision to field the Chief Minister's wife is being seen as a bold move, but fraught with risks. "It is difficult to understand the rationale behind this adventurous move, which will



HPCC MEMBER FOR 20 YEARS

- The party high command has taken the decision to field **Kamlesh Thakur**
- Despite the risk involved, the Congress has bolstered its chances from Dehra by fielding the Chief Minister's wife
- The fact that Kamlesh hails from Dehra will work in her favour in the bypoll
- Also, she has been a member of the HPCC for the past 20 years and has actively been engaged in Nadaun, Chief Minister's home constituency

appear to be a masterstroke if she wins, but what if she loses? Won't the loss be a big embarrassment for the Chief Minister?" asked a Congress leader. "Also, won't the decision expose the party and the Chief Minister to the allegation of 'parivarvaad'?" he said.

Sources close to the Chief Minister, however, said that the party high command and not the Chief Minister had taken the decision to field Kamlesh Thakur. "The Congress has never won the Dehra Assembly seat. The party high command has asked the Chief Minister to strengthen the party in this constituency and win the seat. And as a true soldier of the party, the Chief Minister has accepted the responsibility," they said.

Despite the risk involved, the Congress has bolstered its chances from Dehra by fielding the Chief Minister's wife. Besides being the Chief Minister's wife, the fact that Kamlesh hails from Dehra will work in her favour. Also, she is not a political novice – she has been a member of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) for the past 20 years and actively engaged in Nadaun, Chief Minister's home constituency.

The BJP is battling dissidence among its local leaders, particularly former minister Ramesh Dhawala, over the allocation of ticket to Hoshiyar Singh and so it will need to raise its game several notches higher to defeat the Chief Minister's wife.

Cabinet nod to filling 6,630 posts, age for recruitment of 1,226 constables relaxed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JUNE 18

The Cabinet today decided to create and fill more than 6,630 posts in various government departments, including engaging 6,297 early childhood care and education tutors in the Education Department and 200 doctors in the Health Department.

The Cabinet that met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu reviewed the a drought-like situation and water shortage in many parts of the state arising out of the prolonged dry spell. A presentation was given at the meeting and the Chief Minister directed the officials concerned to take immediate steps to combat fires and chalk out a long-term strategy to prevent forest fires that cause irreparable loss.

The Cabinet also gave approval to declaring the withheld results of the examinations for some posts conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission, Hamirpur, where there was no police case, as per the recommendations of a Cabinet sub-committee.

In another significant development, the Cabinet gave nod to giving one-time relaxation of one year in the upper age limit to candidates appearing for recruitment in 1,226 posts of constable in the Police Department. Now, general candidates between the age of 18 and 26 years, SC/ST, OBC, Gorkhas, distinguished sportspersons between 18 and 28 years and Home Guards between



Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu presides over the Cabinet meeting in Shimla on Tuesday.

SUB-PANELS ON RESOURCE MOBILISATION, HOMESTAYS

- The Cabinet gave approval for setting up a sub-committee on resource mobilisation under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. Agriculture Minister Chander Kumar, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dhamani will be the members of the sub-committee
- The Cabinet also constituted a sub-committee under Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan to suggest guidelines for the operation of homestays and boosting tourism. Rural Development Minister Anirudh Singh, PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dhamani will be its members

the age of 20 and 29 years would be eligible for recruitment as constables.

The Cabinet also decided to create and fill 200 posts of Medical Officer in the Health Department, besides filling 22 posts of professor, associate professor and assistant professor in the medical colleges at Nahan, Nerchowk and Chamba to provide specialised health services to people nearer to their homes. It decided to create and fill 84 posts of various categories in the Himachal Pradesh Administrative Tribunal.

The Cabinet gave its consent to filling 13 posts of different categories for newly constituted four-lane planning areas in the state in the Department of Town and Country Planning to prevent encroachments along the four-lane highways and proper regulation.

It accorded approval to filling four posts of youth organiser in the Department of Sports and Youth Services. It also decided to bring direct recruitment on Group C posts under the state government and state public sector undertakings,

boards, corporations and local bodies under the ambit of the HP Raja Chayan Aayog.

The Cabinet also gave nod to opening the offices of the Superintendent of Police and the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, at Dehra in Kangra district. However, as the model code of conduct was in place in Dehra, these two offices would be notified later. The Cabinet also accorded sanction to opening an electrical division at Haroli in Una district.

Old rivals to lock horns in Nalagarh again

AMBICA SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SOLAN, JUNE 18

Old rivals will once again lock horns in the Nalagarh Assembly byelection. KL Thakur is now contesting the byelection on the BJP ticket while the Congress has again fielded Hardeep Singh Bawa, who had contested two earlier elections unsuccessfully.

The seat fell vacant after Independent MLA KL Thakur resigned from the Assembly in March and later joined the BJP. The Assembly Speaker had accepted his resignation on June 3.

Thakur had contested as an



KL Thakur

Independent candidate in the 2022 elections after the BJP denied him ticket. He had fought his first Assembly election in 2012 and won the seat by 9,308 votes by defeating Congress candi-



Hardeep Singh Bawa

diate Lakhwinder Rana. He, however, lost the 2017 election to Rana by 1,242 votes while Hardeep Bawa, an Independent candidate, had secured 13,095 votes.

Bawa is in the electoral con-

test for the third consecutive time. He had lost the 2022 election as the Congress candidate to KL Thakur, who had secured 33,427 votes. Bawa had secured 20,163 votes.

The seat has witnessed a triangular contest in the past two Assembly elections with three candidates either switching parties or contesting as Independent candidates.

Lakhwinder Rana has publicly shown his dislike for Thakur. Rana, who was a Congress MLA, had resigned before the 2022 Assembly elections and joined the BJP. He, however, lost the election and finished a poor third.

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Alliance Air launches Kullu-Dehradun flight

KULLU, JUNE 18

Alliance Air today operated the inaugural flight between Kullu and Dehradun. The flight will operate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays under the Regional Connectivity Scheme, commonly known as UDAN. Alliance Air is the only airline that is operating flights to the Bhuntar airport in Kullu district.

The one-way fare of the Kullu-Dehradun flight is Rs 2,753

per seat, including the web charge of Rs 199, and for the Dehradun-Kullu flight, the fare is Rs 4,317 per seat. The flight will depart from Delhi at 6.35 am and arrive in Kullu at 8 am. It will then head to Dehradun at 8.25 am and reach there at 9.35 am. The flight will return from Dehradun at 10 am and reach Kullu at 11.20 am. It will then head back to Delhi at 11.45 am and reach there at 1 pm. — OC

PM SHRI SCHOOL JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA PEKHUBELA DISTRICT UNA HP - 174303 CONTRACT APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the post of PGT (TOURISM) purely on Contract basis for the session 2024-25 through online mode (through Google form) whose link is placed on the website of PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pekhubela, District Una (HP) i.e. School Website <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/UNA/en/home/index.html> from the eligible candidate.

Online application (Through Google Form) Starts from	19.06.2024
Closing date for submission of online application	25.06.2024
Educational Qualification	Post-graduation in Travel and Tourism Management or Tourism and Hospitality from a recognized Institute/University OR Post-Graduate Diploma in Travel and Tourism Management Or Tourism and Hospitality
Monthly Remuneration	35750/- per Month

The Application forms, Eligibility Criteria and detailed guidelines for the engagement service of skill Teacher (PGT Tourism) are available on the Vidyalaya website as cited above. Only the shortlisted candidates will be informed on their registered email address for personal interactions. The Personal talk will be held on 29.06.2024 at PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Pekhubela, District Una (HP).

Note: The Applicants invited for personal talk/interview must have to bring duly filled in Application form, one set of self-attested Xerox documents and Original documents for verification.

DI-4665

Sd/- Principal

‘A’ category terrorist killed in Bandipora gunfight was behind several terror acts

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 18 The Army on Tuesday said the terrorist killed during an encounter in Bandipora on Monday was an ‘A’ category militant, identified as Umar Lone. Lone was killed in the Aragam area of Bandipora during a joint operation launched on the night of June 16 and 17. Addressing mediapersons, Commander 3 Sector Rashtriya Rifles (RR), Brigadier Vipul Tyagi said: “The elimination of the top rank commander is a major achievement for the security forces.” The Army officer said they had been getting information about the movement of militants in the area for the past few weeks. “We had kept this



WAS ASSOCIATED WITH LeT, TRF

Umar Lone, the terrorist killed in Bandipora on Monday, was associated with the TRF and LeT. He was responsible for several terrorist activities, including recruiting militants and carrying out illegal killings in Kashmir. Brigadier Vipul Tyagi, ARMY OFFICER

<< A security man keeps vigil during the encounter in Bandipora on Monday. FILE

area in focus,” he said. He added that based on inputs received on June 16-17, the Army, CRPF and J&K Police launched a joint opera-

tion. During the ambush, he said, the party saw suspicious movement and after a thorough check-up, the ambush party opened fire.

“In this encounter, one terrorist, identified as Umar Lone of Husankhoie Pattanwas, was killed,” the Army officer added. He added:

“Lone, active since 2018, was an ‘A’ category terrorist associated with the TRF and LeT. He was responsible for several terrorist activities, including recruitment, running a network of over-ground workers (OGWs) and illegal killings.” The Army said: “His elimination is a big success for the security forces.” Brigadier Vipul Tyagi said: “The Army, police and CRPF forces have for the past few weeks maintained high operational momentum and killed terrorists who had been operating for a long time. We have got the full support of people in this.” The officer said the security forces would continue to strive and maintain this momentum towards ensuring peace and stability in Kashmir

3 detained for ‘withholding’ info on terrorists behind Doda attacks

7 security personnel were injured in the June 11-12 incidents

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JUNE 18 The Doda police have detained a group of people who had allegedly deliberately withheld information regarding the movement of terrorists who attacked security forces on June 11 and 12. Reports suggest that three people, including a minor, have been detained by the police who knew about the movement of the ultras. They have been accused of providing food and water to the terrorists. It is believed that a group of four terrorists is on the loose in the upper reaches of Doda. The group is highly trained and armed with AK series rifles. On June 11

night, five soldiers from the Rashtriya Rifles (RR) and a special police officer (SPO) were injured when terrorists attacked a joint check-post in the upper reaches of Chattergalla on the Bhaderwah-Pathankot road. On June 12 evening, a policeman was injured when terrorists opened fire on a search party in the Kota Top village in the Gandoh area of the district. The attack on June 11 had taken place at the time when the security forces were engaged in a gunfight with two terrorists in Kathua district. Both the ultras were killed in that encounter. However, the Doda attackers were able to flee the areas after both the incidents.

Search op on after firing in Poonch

JAMMU, JUNE 18 The security forces launched a search operation following reports of firing of a few rounds in Poonch district on Tuesday, an official said. However, the official denied that any exchange of fire had taken place between the troops and terrorists in the area. There was firing of a few rounds in the Buziaz forest area on Tuesday, prompting the security forces and police to launch a search operation, he said. The operation was going on when reports last came in from the area. — PTI

Delhi court to hear Rashid’s interim bail plea on June 22

NEW DELHI, JUN 18 A Delhi court on Tuesday fixed June 22 as the date to hear further arguments on an application filed by Engineer Rashid, arrested in a 2016 Jammu and Kashmir terror funding case. Rashid was seeking an interim bail to take oath as the Baramulla MP. Additional Sessions Judge Chanderjit Singh asked NIA to inform the court about the likely date for his oath-taking.



Rashid has been in jail since 2019 after he was charged under the UAPA in the alleged terror funding case. — PTI

Assembly poll on the horizon? BJP appoints election in-charge for J&K

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JUNE 18 After the BJP appointed state election in-charges for the upcoming Assembly elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir, the move is being seen as a signal that elections are imminent in J&K. Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has been given the charge of J&K Assembly poll by the saffron party. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP chief JP Nadda and party general secretary BL Santosh are set to meet five senior leaders of the party’s J&K unit after June 21. They will discuss the prevailing security and political situation at the meeting. “By appointing an election in-charge for J&K together with poll-bound states of Maharashtra (October likely), Haryana (October likely) and Jharkhand (November-December), the BJP has sig-



PARTY TOP BRASS TO MEET UT LEADERS

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP chief JP Nadda and party general secretary BL Santosh are set to meet five senior leaders of the party’s J&K unit after June 21
- The five BJP leaders expected to attend the meeting include Union Minister Jitendra Singh, UT’s BJP chief Ravinder Raina, Ashok Koul, Narinder Singh and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also visit Kashmir on June 20 and 21. The meeting will likely occur after his visit

nalled that the party is ready for elections in the state with the longest Central rule in the country,” political commenta-

tor Zafar Choudhary said. However, he pointed out that “a standard narrative in case of Jammu and Kashmir

that we have been hearing for a few years is that the final call shall be taken by the Election Commission in consultation with different security agencies.” Reddy, previously connected with J&K as the Union Minister of State for Home and then Tourism Minister, is currently the Cabinet Minister for Coal and Mines. His appointment as election in-charge for J&K highlights the party’s focus on the region. The five senior BJP leaders expected to attend the meeting after June 21 include Union Minister Jitendra Singh, UT’s BJP chief Ravinder Raina, general secretary Ashok Koul, national secretary Narinder Singh and MP Jugal Kishore Sharma. PM Narendra Modi will also visit Kashmir on June 20 and 21. The meeting will likely occur after his visit. The agenda will cover the political and security situation in J&K, also including the Assembly elections.

Elections were held even after Kargil War, can be held now: NC, PDP

SRINAGAR, JUNE 18 Reacting to the BJP appointing its state election in-charge for J&K, political parties here claimed that the BJP was attempting to make another round of jokes instead of holding Assembly elections in J&K. “What does the BJP’s announcement of an election in-charge for J&K have to do with the Assembly elections? For the past five years, we have been hearing that the elections would be conducted after the delimitation. Then the delimitation was done. Then they said electoral rolls needed revision. Then they said the voter list needed to be revised. If the elections are left to the BJP, we don’t see them happening in J&K,” said PDP leader Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra. He said the EC had successfully conducted LS poll in J&K with massive participation. “The government puts its back for higher turnout and

BJP INCAPABLE OF CONDUCTING POLL

“For five years, we were told that elections would be held after delimitation. Then delimitation was done. Then they said electoral rolls needed revision. Later, they said voter list needed to be revised. If elections are left to the BJP, we don’t see them ever happening in J&K. Waheed-ur-Rehman Parra, PDP LEADER

G-20 summit. Now let the EC announce elections,” Parra said. NC spokesperson Imran Nabi Dar said Assembly elections had been happening despite turbulence in J&K for the past 30 years. He said even after the Kargil war, Assembly elections were held in the erstwhile state. “What is stopping the BJP from holding elections?” he asked. — OC

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ

ਟੈਂਡਰ ਰੋਲੋਵ: NIT no. 01/E-Tender/TE/LG-IT SANGUR/2024-25

ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ: ਨਗਰ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਟਰੱਸਟ, ਸੰਗਰੂਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ 4 ਕੰਮਾਂ ਲਈ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਬੋਲੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਬੋਲੀ ਬੰਦ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਂ: 27.06.2024, ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ

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CORRIGENDUM

Bid No: RDP-E-Tender/2024-25/02 is EXTENDED as under:
Deadline for Submission of Bid : 18:00 Hrs on 23.06.2024
Opening of techno-commercial Bids : 15:00 Hrs on 24.06.2024
Opening of financial Bids : 15:30 Hrs on 26.06.2024

Other terms & conditions of NIT will remain same. Tender documents can be downloaded/ viewed from the portal www.hppcl.in or <https://www.tenderwizard.com/HPCL> -Sd/-
R.No. 57-61 [Tender Inviting Authority]

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, DERA BASSI
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. 268 Dated: 14.6.24

Department inviting work : Municipal Council, Dera Bassi

Total Amount of work : Works amounting to Rs: 575.41 Lacs

Earnest Money : 2 Percent of Estimate amount

Date of start : 14-06-2024

Last Date of online submission : 01-07-2024

Date of opening of bid : 02-07-2024

For detailed terms and conditions of the notice inviting tender please see <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and helpline No: 01762-280028, 281028.

Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council,
Dera Bassi.

DPR/PCB/34683

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Notice Reference No. E-tender/MC/Barnala/2023-24/03
The Department of Municipal Council Barnala invites online bids for the following: -

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (lac)	Quantity (No. of Works)
1.	E-auction platform for outdoor media agencies for allotment of sites for advertisement in bus stand Barnala and Improvement Trust area for the period of 5 years at Municipal Council Barnala (1431720/- per year x 5 = 71.58 Lac)	71.58 Lacs	1

Closing Date & Time : 28.06.2024 at 11:00 a.m.
Pre-Bid meeting : 19.06.2024 at 11:00 a.m.
For details login to : www.tenderwizard.com/DLGP

Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Officer
Municipal Council Barnala

DPR/PCB/34699

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE

The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur and on behalf of President of India invites E-Auction from eligible and registered bidders for the following works over Firozpur Division:

Catalogue No.	Auction Start	Name of work
EAZR-CTG24-10	01.07.2024 at 11:00 AM	Allotment of Catering stalls at Railway Station Tanda Urmur Nakodar, Lohian Khas, Nawashahar, Tam Taran, Kot Kapura, Sahnewal, DAV College Jalandhar Halt, Samba, Budgam, Khem Karan, Mukatsar, Verka, Fazilka, Firozpur City & DAV College Jalandhar Halt.
EAZR-OH24-5	01.07.2024 at 11:00 AM	1) Allotment of contract for Commercial Advertisement rights on exterior of Overhead of Water Tanks at Sujapur, Sahnewal, Bari Brahma, Jammu Tawi, Pathankot, Amritsar, Jalandhar City, Baramulla Sopur, Budgam, Srinagar, Anantnag, Qazigund & Banihal Railway Station 2) Allotment of contract for Commercial publicity rights through static media at Level crossings adjoining to Nawar Shehar, Banga, Chhina, Verka, Jaintipura, Batala, Bhagatwala & Patti Railway Station. 3) Commercial publicity rights through static media at Railway Station Amritsar and static media/overhead of water tank at Makhua, Nakodar & Samba Railway Station
EAZR-MA24-5	02.07.2024 at 11:00 AM	Allotment of Commercial Publicity rights through Vinyl wrapping on exterior of coaches of Train No Group rake link 12422, 12492, 12414, 12408, 14612, 14610, 14634, 14624 & DMU Trains in Kashmir Valley
EAZR-MIS24-4	02.07.2024 at 11:00 AM	1) Allotment of contract for provision and operation of Water Vending Machines at Railway Station Faridkot, Phillaur, Kathua, Firozpur Cantt, Udhampur & Pathankot Cantt. 2) Allotment of contract for Provision, operation & maintenance of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machine at Railway Station Firozpur Cantt.

For other details and registration, please visit Railway website www.reps.gov.in

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Centre and the NTA on a plea for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into allegations of question paper leak and other irregularities in the exam. The Centre and the NTA had on June 13 told the top court that they had cancelled the grace marks given to 1,563

Punjab cracks...

IB. We are now working to break the backward linkages. The black sheep in the Police Department have been identified and they will be dismissed from the service, while the state government will continue its drive against the drugs menace,” he added. “A multi-pronged strategy is being worked out. We are breaking the supply chain, besides strengthening de-addiction centres. I have asked officials to be compassionate while dealing with misguided youths,” he said. The government was also trying to create jobs for the youths weaned away from drugs, he claimed.

candidates who took the examination for admission to MBBS and other such courses. They will have the option to either take a retest or forgo the compensatory marks awarded to them for the loss of time, the Centre had said. The examination was held on May 5 across 4,750 centres

Addicts being treated without...

Department did not assign the services of a mental health expert immediately. “An inspection by the Deputy Commissioner and Health Department officials is due in August. The moment they get to know we are functioning without a psychiatrist, they may not renew our licence,” he said. Mahajan said he has written numerous letters to the Civil Surgeon, the appointing authority for a psychiatrist, but to no avail. A government doctor, Dr Varinder Mohan,

and around 24 lakh candidates took it. The results were expected to be declared on June 14 but were announced on June 4, apparently because the evaluation of the answersheets got completed earlier. There have been allegations of question paper leaks in states like

Bihar and other irregularities in the prestigious exam. The allegations have led to protests in several cities and filing of petitions in several high courts as also the Supreme Court. Scores of students protested in Delhi on June 10, seeking a probe into alleged irregularities. — PTI

did service for nearly 10 years before he was forced to leave following his promotion. Later, a doctor, an MD in psychiatry, worked for a couple of months. Dr Raman Pathania was assigned the duty after she left in November last year. However, he never turned up there. Keeping in view the seriousness of the situation, the centre has requisitioned the services of a private physician Dr KS Babbar, an MD in medicine, to keep things going till a qualified psychiatrist arrives.

A senior functionary of the Gurdaspur Civil Hospital said the decision to appoint a psychiatrist was to be taken at the level of the Director (Health). “Moreover, the Health Department has come out with a new policy pertaining to such an appointment. Hopefully, things will work out over the next few days,” he said. Komalpreet Kaur, a therapist, said, “With heroin being easily available, addicts keep on coming and to treat them we need a psychiatrist without which we reach nowhere.”

Cong’s pick: ‘Dehra ki beti’...

Kamlesh is the youngest of five sisters and two brothers, all of whom reside in Dehra. CM Sukhu represents the Nardaun Assembly segment in Hamirpur district, which is bordering Dehra. Incidentally, the Congress has not won from this area for the last 25 years. Born on April 2, 1970, Kamlesh and Sukhu had an arranged marriage on June 11, 1998. Her life currently revolves around her two daughters, Kamun (25) and Ruhan (20), who are studying law and architecture, respec-

tively. Rooted in tradition, she keeps her head always covered in the presence of elders. People close to the family who have seen Kamlesh brave the serious health issues faced by her husband in 2021, a year before the Assembly poll and later after he assumed the role of CM, refer to her as his ‘Rock of Gibraltar’. While he was undergoing treatment in Delhi for months in the run-up to the 2022 Assembly poll, she managed the constituency, which she knows like the back of her hand.

Mystery shrouds...

over the circumstances leading to the girl’s death. I have spoken to villagers personally,” he said. On June 9, suspicion arose among those attending Saravjeet’s final rites. Some of them confronted Jagdish. He, however, said, “There is no truth in these allegations. Questions are being raised because of political rivalry.” Kartar Singh has sent a complaint to various authorities, including the Chief Secretary, Haryana. “The evidence suggests that Saravjeet’s death was a deliberate act,” he said.

PM: LS mandate shows strength of democracy

The PM said the 2024 mandate had allowed a government to score a hat-trick for the first time after 60 years. “In a country like India, where youth aspirations are high, people’s dreams unlimited, re-election of a government that has served for 10 years represents a grand victory and a massive public trust,” Modi said countering Opposition jibes that a minority verdict (where the BJP stopped short of simple majority in the Lok Sabha) was Modi’s moral defeat. In veiled messages to the Congress-led INDIA bloc, which has been questioning the integrity of poll processes, the PM said the LS poll “strongly presents the majesty, strength, scope and depth of Indian democracy to the world”.

Over 64 crore people voted in India in the largest election globally. The number was 2.5 times the number of the combined electorate of EU nations and 1.5 times the strength of voters of G7 nations, Modi said. He said 31 crore women voted in these elections. The number equalled the population of the US, he said. On the governance front, Modi reiterated his commitment to accord priority to farmers, poor, women and the youth in his third term. “These four segments are the pillars of strong India,” he said, releasing the 17th instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, a direct cash transfer scheme for marginal farmers.

A sum of Rs 20,000 crore was disbursed to around 9.2 crore beneficiaries today. In all, a sum of around Rs 3.05 lakh crore had been disbursed to around 11 crore farmers under the scheme since 2019, he added. Seeking to woo farmers, who remained indifferent to the BJP in the recent poll, Modi said his government had prioritised farmers by expanding the Kisan Nidhi scheme and simplifying rules to cover more beneficiaries. The Prime Minister said the agricultural system had a major role in powering India to the position of the world’s third largest economy. He urged self-reliance in pulses and oilseeds and innovations to boost exports. “My dream is to see Indian food products on dining tables across the world,” Modi said to receptive crowds, recalling how the first file he signed after becoming the PM, involved farmer welfare (Kisan Samman Nidhi). “I have called farmers, youth, poor and women the pillars of strong India. I began my third term with measures to empower them, signing to continue the Kisan Samman scheme and approving three crore houses for the poor,” the PM said. Later in the day at Varanasi, Modi performed Ganga Aarti and reviewed progress at the Dr. Sampurnanand Sports Stadium in Kashi. The stadium seeks to enhance sports facilities for local youth.



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- नायब सिंह

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	30	230	60	₹ 170	73.9%
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Priyanka's poll debut

Congress takes right call to field her from Wayanad

THE Congress' encouraging performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections has prompted former party president Rahul Gandhi to retain the Raebareli Lok Sabha seat in Uttar Pradesh and vacate the one in Wayanad, Kerala. His sister, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who was appointed Congress general secretary in 2019, will make her electoral debut in the Wayanad bypoll. The grand old party, which had been reduced to a nonentity in UP, made a comeback in the 2024 parliamentary polls in alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP). The Congress bagged six seats, including the Gandhi family bastions of Raebareli and Amethi. Priyanka is believed to have played a key role in helping the party win the two prestigious seats, especially Amethi, where Rahul had suffered a shock defeat in 2019.

It is obvious that the Congress wants to build on the gains made in UP and actively assist the Akhilesh Yadav-led SP in dislodging the ruling BJP in the 2027 Assembly elections. Rahul's long-term presence in the state is a must to energise the party rank and file. For the record, the Congress had hit a new low in the 2022 Assembly polls, winning just two seats in the state with the highest political stakes.

Having made major inroads into the South in recent years, the Congress has chosen a presumably easy seat for Priyanka. The Congress-led United Democratic Front swept the Lok Sabha polls in Kerala, winning 18 of the 20 seats, even as the BJP managed to open its account. Both the BJP and the CPI have trained their guns on Rahul, alleging that he did not inform voters of Wayanad beforehand about his plan to contest from two constituencies. Nevertheless, the Congress is confident that the electorate of this constituency will send another Gandhi to Parliament, that too a first-timer, thus strengthening the resurgent Opposition.

NCERT row

Deletions, tweaks in textbooks problematic

PERIODIC revision of learning material is par for the course. How the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is going about it is problematic, ill-advised and smacks of narrow-mindedness. It's not without reason that revisions in the Class XII political science textbook have led to a hue and cry. Questions are bound to be raised over the strange logic of whitewashing contemporary events, skipping uncomfortable moments in India's history and choosing to ignore incidents of violence and protest. Two political scientists have sought the removal of their names as authors, saying the textbooks are politically biased, academically indefensible and pedagogically dysfunctional. The NCERT has rejected accusations of saffronisation of school curricula, but the intent behind making the changes must remain open to scrutiny. It's a bizarre argument, for instance, that teaching about riots can create violent and depressed citizens.

Amid the ongoing row, the NCERT director has said the words 'Bharat' and 'India' could be used interchangeably in the textbooks. According to him, a discussion on the issue is useless. A panel had recommended replacing 'India' with 'Bharat' in all textbooks last year. The debate on the issue was triggered in 2023 when the G20 invites were sent in the name of 'President of Bharat'. The last word on the issue is yet to be heard.

Not mentioning Babri Masjid but referring to it as a three-domed structure, pruning the section on Ayodhya, omission of the Gujarat riots — the tweaks in the textbooks violate the fundamental premise of education, which is to inculcate critical thinking. Denying essential reading material is a disservice to students. It's not just during the past 10 years that textbook revisions have sparked controversy. The difference now is the lack of informed and forceful debates on matters of such significance. That, hopefully, might change.

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1924

All-India Congress Committee meeting

Everything goes to show that the forthcoming meeting of the All-India Congress Committee will be one of the most important in the history of that body and of the Congress. The agenda is not only interesting but also exciting. Some of the subjects included in it are so contentious that it will be an agreeable surprise if the discussions will be carried on without an excess of heat or even bitterness whether on one side or the other. There are, for instance, the resolution of which notice has been given by certain Hindu members from the UP and which records dissatisfaction at Mr Mahmood Ali's alleged speeches at Aligarh and Lucknow about Mahatma Gandhi and calls upon him either to explain the matter or to resign his office of President forthwith; and the counter-proposition of another UP member reposing confidence in Mr Ali's leadership. It is inconceivable that these propositions can in the present conditions of Hindu-Muslim tensions be discussed in a calm atmosphere, and since the matter is not one which involves any great question of principle or policy, one hopes with all one's heart that Gandhi will succeed in persuading the contending groups of members to drop the subject. This ought not to be a very difficult matter, seeing that the second proposition is put forward only as an amendment to the first, and that the first will have no legs to stand upon if Gandhi will rise in his place and say, as he is sure to do if the resolution is actually moved, that he sees nothing objectionable in the references made or alleged to have been made to himself by Mr Ali.

Opportunity beckons as oil prices soften

Any reduction in the import bill will bring relief as it helps in bridging the fiscal deficit



AS the new government prepares for its first Budget, it will have an unexpected bonus of global oil markets remaining bearish. It was earlier expected that geopolitical tensions and supply cuts imposed by OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) Plus would lead to prices firming up, but this has fortunately not happened. Instead, the markets are subdued and the prospect of a Gaza peace agreement as well as slowing world demand has brightened chances of a moderate price scenario continuing for the rest of 2024.

The impact of international crude oil prices on the Budget is considerable given the sizeable outgo of foreign exchange on crude oil purchases from abroad. Any reduction in the import bill will bring welcome relief as it helps in bridging the fiscal deficit, which is set to drop to 5.1 per cent in 2024-25. The cost of imports in 2023-24 was estimated at \$132.4 billion, slightly lower than the \$157.5 billion spent in 2022-23. The shrinkage was largely due to the fall in average oil prices over the past two years, along with some savings on account of buying Russian crude at discounted rates.

The outlook on the oil front had in April been rather dismal. At the time, crude prices had shot up to \$90 per barrel for the benchmark Brent crude after having been below \$80 since January. The spike occurred due to an escalation of the West Asia crisis, with Iran launching strikes against Israel. Prospects looked dim then for any improvement in view of deepening



BEARISH: It is a favourable time to bring petroleum products under the GST ambit. ISTOCK

ing geopolitical tensions as well as the determination of OPEC Plus to expand production cuts. In the case of the former, the West Asia conflict initially had little impact on oil markets, but the attacks of Yemen-based Houthi rebels on merchant shipping had created ripples. There were also concerns that oil supplies from the region could be affected in case there was a disruption of shipping through the key choke point of the Strait of Hormuz. Any blockage at this point, which accounts for the bulk of crude movement from the region, could have affected India's oil shipments.

The situation has eased somewhat in recent months, though merchant shipping going through the Suez Canal is still affected by the depredations of the Houthi rebels supporting the Palestinian cause. For the time being, crude oil movement is continuing without any serious disruption. There is even a glimmer of hope that efforts to reach a pause in the Israel-Hamas conflict could conceivably succeed. As for OPEC Plus — the cartel which now includes Russia and its allies — it announced voluntary output cuts by members

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amounting to 2.2 million barrels per day (bpd) last year in a bid to prop up the market. These are being phased out from October this year. This is much earlier than anticipated, thus ensuring that the bearish market trends will continue at least for this year. OPEC Plus, however, retains the mandatory production cuts on members, amounting to 3.66 million bpd up to 2025. The early phaseout decision, along with reports of lower demand in the world's biggest

oil importer, China, has strengthened the softening trend in oil prices. Besides, output from non-OPEC producers is rising rapidly and oil inventories are growing further. This includes the US, Canada, Brazil and Guyana. The result is that oil prices are now in the range of \$80-83 per barrel, much lower than earlier anticipated for this year. This is a far cry from last year's prediction by Goldman Sachs that crude would touch \$100 by the end of 2024. Current price trends are at variance with earlier forecasts. For a country like India, this is a huge relief as it imports over 85 per cent of its fuel requirements. The moderation in world prices will ensure that retail prices of products like petrol, diesel and liquefied petroleum gas are contained at existing levels. This is critical to keep inflationary pressures in check as any hike in rates, especially of diesel, has a cascading effect on the economy. It also must be recognised that petroleum products, being out of the ambit of the Goods and Services Tax (GST), are viewed as the perennial cash cows to shore up state government revenue.

The Karnataka government, for instance, has just hiked retail rates of petroleum products, evidently in a bid to boost revenue. A look at the levies on these products by various states is illuminating as it shows high tax levels. Most states impose a value-added tax, while others like Karnataka and Kerala levy sales tax on petrol and diesel. The exclusion of alcohol and petroleum products at the time of launching GST was based on the premise that sufficient revenue may not be available from the new tax to meet the states' needs. These two areas which provide enormous revenue were thus kept in the hands of the state governments which were concerned at the time about GST providing sufficient resources for their developmental schemes. Karnataka, for instance, is obviously in need of funds to finance new welfare programmes. Taxing petroleum products is the easy way out to raise these much-needed funds. But the situation has altered dramatically since GST was launched in 2017, with revenue inflows rising rapidly over the past two years. These reached a peak of Rs 2.1 lakh crore in April. Concerns over adequate revenue are obviously misplaced now with the buoyancy in GST collections. Clearly, it is time for crude and petroleum products to be brought under the fold of this countrywide tax. The final decision lies with the states in the GST Council, but the Central Government will also have to bite the bullet and push for the inclusion of petroleum. This will ensure that taxation policies related to this critical fossil fuel are implemented in a uniform manner throughout the country. It will also enable the formulation of overarching policies that will prioritise the country's strategic interests on the energy front. The fact that global oil markets are softening right now makes it a favourable time to go ahead with such a move.

Oil and gas are commodities, and the more we use them the more the price goes up. — Thomas Friedman

The mesmerising golden shower

RASHMI OBEROI

THE perfect antidote to a hot, sunny day is being dazzled by shimmering golden 'chandeliers' magnificently bestowing their bounty on us. In case these golden blossoms have not charmed you yet, it is never too late to take notice of the golden shower tree (*Cassia fistula*) — commonly known as the Indian Laburnum or *amaltas*.

If you look around, you will notice that this medium-sized deciduous tree blossoms in all its glory mostly in the scorching heat. The flowers are canary-yellow and arranged in tapering bunches. It is a popular ornamental tree worldwide and apparently has many medicinal properties. The tree is native to India and other countries in South and Southeast Asia. *Cassia fistula* is both the national tree and national flower of Thailand — it is called '*ratchaphruek*' in Thai and the blossoms are commonly referred to as '*dok khun*'. Its yellow flowers symbolise Thai royalty.

As the sweltering summer drags on, the tree becomes even more attractive. During my early morning walks, the path to the park is adorned with exotic shades of golden and yellow. A profusion of golden yellow flowers in full bloom, accompanying you on your walk, is not only a treat for the eyes but also lifts your spirits in a spectacular way. Most areas of my town have parks. The walking paths are vibrant with *amaltas* and *gulmohar* swaying on delicate branches that provide a natural canopy. The blooms evoke a feeling of gold being showered from the treetops, and hence the name.

This tree also revives memories that are dear to my heart. I spent my childhood in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where my father was posted as the military attaché for four years in the early 1980s. Our neighbours down the lane became our dear friends — more like family. Theirs was my second home and I used to spend hours with the Chandrans either in their personal library or on their swings set up under the boughs of a beautiful laburnum tree. Up, up and away we swung with the golden petals showering down on us. I took my children back to our home away from home in 2009 so that they could see and experience an important part of my cherished childhood.

Now that the new government has taken charge and voters are hopeful of improved governance, I am reminded that adapting to adverse conditions is our second nature. The golden shower tree blooms in difficult circumstances — when the heat is unbearable, when the rays of the sun are direct and when the atmosphere is dry.

Sometimes, adversity can create perfect conditions for us to grow. To bloom, to put in our best and shine. Indeed, nature is a great teacher.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Invest to upgrade rail infra

Refer to 'Bengal train tragedy': the mishap throws the spotlight on persistent problems like human error; track defects, maintenance lapses and obsolete signalling systems. No human error should ever result in a loss of lives. The railway personnel must undergo proper training, and rigorous standards must be established to prevent such tragedies. It is not appropriate to lay the blame for the tragedy on junior employees. A thorough probe should be carried out so that accountability can be fixed at all levels. The government must prioritise investment in advanced technology to upgrade rail infrastructure and bring the safety mechanisms on a par with international standards.

K KUMAR, PANCHKULA

Prioritise safety of passengers

The editorial 'Bengal train tragedy' has rightly argued that taking steps to prevent train mishaps should be the top priority of the Railways. Passenger safety must take precedence over the glitz and glamour of modern and ultra-fast trains. The huge funds being set aside by the government for grand rail projects should instead go towards putting in place mechanisms like Kavach, the train collision avoidance system, to avert another rail disaster. A human error or deficiency in safety mechanisms must not claim more lives.

SURESH DHIMAN, JAGADHRI

Mitigate anthropogenic factors

With reference to the editorial 'Nature of things', north India has been reeling under a scorching heatwave for months now. The contribution of man-made factors like deforestation and concretisation to climate change and its repercussions cannot be denied. While the groundwater level is depleting, the temperature is shooting up. It is high time that the authorities concerned stepped in to address the issue. Planting more trees and announcing lockdown restrictions in the summer are necessary to check air pollution, which is a factor responsible for global warming.

AVINASH GOYAL, CHANDIGARH

India must tread carefully

India's remarkable economic ascent after liberalisation has positioned it as a global pow-

erhouse, necessitating robust regional alliances for sustained security and growth. But the spectre of China's expansionism looms, compelling India to fortify its frontiers and foster ties with Gulf nations. Strategic initiatives like the Chabahar port and the International North-South Transport Corridor underscore India's commitment to regional stability and connectivity despite Pakistan's obstructionist stance. Meanwhile, the American media's criticism of what it sees as the curtailment of free speech in India strains India-US ties. India must navigate these geopolitical currents with astute diplomacy and unyielding resolve to safeguard its interests and uphold its sovereignty.

SARGUNPREET KAUR, MOHALI

Rahul's big comeback

Apropos of the report 'Priyanka settles for Wayanad seat for maiden poll plunge'; even Rahul Gandhi's worst detractors must concede that he has managed to rise like a phoenix from Raebareli. Having chosen to retain the UP seat, he reckons that a welcome tailwind that the Opposition alliance could generate in the state would produce a greater electoral thrust for his party down the line. Priyanka's decision to contest the Wayanad seat vacated by Rahul, may spark a row about dynastic politics — a phenomenon that is prevalent across party lines. But after a decade that saw the ruling dispensation at the Centre take radical decisions, dynastic politics may once again find favour with the public.

R NARAYANAN, NAVI MUMBAI

Tide over the water crisis

Many parts of India have been grappling with a shortage of water. It is high time that the matter be taken seriously. Wasteful use of water can prove fatal for many. The scarcity of water has been aggravated to the extent that residents in some areas are craving a single drop of it. It won't be an exaggeration to say that a scarcity of water could prove destructive for the entire biosphere. Punjab is one of the states that have faced the problem. Crop diversification can help ease the crisis.

DAVINDER PAL CHAND, GURDASPUR

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Five constraints on revival of Punjab's economy



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PUNJAB's regression in economic development has continued unabated over the past four decades. The slow-growing economy has serious consequences, such as the fall in the state's ranking in terms of per capita income, high unemployment rate, mass migration, degradation of environmental indicators, agrarian distress and rural suicide. The revival of Punjab's economy has been constrained by several interrelated factors. If the remedial measures are implemented, Punjab can again provide exemplary economic leadership.

The first constraint is the production structure. Compared with other performing states of India and the newly industrialising East Asian countries, Punjab's economy is predominantly agricultural both in terms of contribution to the State Domestic Product (SDP) and the share of the workforce deriving its livelihood from farming. The lack of required interlinkage

between the sectors prevents the realisation of increasing returns to scale, which is essential for high rates of economic growth.

It has been long realised that Punjab's economy is overemphasising agriculture and requires both transformation of the economy and of the farm sector itself. The suggested strategy has received resistance due to overdependence of the Centre on Punjab for the food security of the country. The state government and farmers have attempted diversification of agriculture, but the attempt failed due to reliance on markets which could not absorb the bulk of the new commodities produced in the absence of suitable processing, manufacturing and marketing facilities. The consequence is Punjab's fixation with wheat-paddy rotation, and this has resulted in depletion of groundwater and biomass burning that has generated a further constraint on the sustainability of the Punjab model of economic development. The diversification of Punjab's economy in general and the agriculture sector in particular requires joint efforts of both the state and Union governments. They need to incur one-time 'switching cost' for building new infrastructure and an enabling environment. The will of the political leadership can overcome this constraint.

The second major con-



WORRISOME: Deficiency of human capital as well as investment is a major area of concern. TRIBUNE PHOTO

straint is the dysfunctionality of the fiscal policy. It was in the mid-1980s that the revenue-surplus state turned revenue-deficit for the first time. It was the peak period of turmoil in Punjab when most of the organisations and institutions turned non-functional, including the revenue collection machinery, along with the cost of deployment of Central security forces. This was a double burden on the public exchequer and the state government resorted to borrowings. Despite three decades of elected governments without a break, Punjab has gone deeper into debt. The state has accumulated more than Rs 3.51 lakh crore debt (47 per cent of the debt-to-GSDP ratio). Out of the total borrowings, nearly 92 per cent go to

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service the debt. The committed expenditure exceeds the revenue collected by the state government. Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, it was realised that the Centre could incur higher fiscal deficit but it restricted state government from borrowing. With both restrictive fiscal rules for the state government and dynamic taxes in the hand of the Centre, the former has a limited capacity to raise resources for meeting the needs of development finance. However, the increasing burden of irrational subsidies such as power subsidies has made the fiscal policy dysfunctional.

The third significant constraint is the result of non-economic factors, such as the use of religion for political purposes and the identity issues that

disturb the peace that is desirable for long-term private investment in economic activities. This trend of crowding out private investment started in the mid-1980s and has continued till date. The industrial towns of Mandi Gobindgarh and Batala provide evidence of de-industrialisation and pulling out of investment from other industrial centres of Punjab as well. A complementary reason for the deficiency of investment in Punjab is that it has a long border with Pakistan; more often than not, India-Pakistan relations have not been normal, thus disincentivising both domestic and foreign investment in the state. The low gross fixed capital investment of 14 per cent of the GSDP in 2023 sums up the state of affairs.

The fourth major constraining factor is the deficiency of human capital. It is counterintuitive to the historical fact that Punjabis possess great entrepreneurial and leadership skills. Over the past four decades, both educational and health organisations suffered because of a lack of public investment. The proliferation of profit-oriented but low-quality private educational and health institutions has created a mismatch between the skills in demand in the business sector and low-skilled human capital produced in the state. The migration of relatively better skilled and financial resource-based human capital to West-

ern countries has further perpetuated the deficiency of human resources required for new economic avenues such as information and communication technology.

Last but not least is the dysfunctionality of development and the lack of decentralisation of developmental institutions. The developmental institutional framework is controlled by vested interests—a gridlock of police-bureaucracy-political elites. Policy-making, implementation and evaluation have been concentrated in the hands of groups that have maximised their interests and indulged in mass-scale rent-seeking behaviour, besides promoting a wide variety of mafia, involved in the illicit drug trade and illegal sand mining. This has reduced opportunities for private investment to flourish in Punjab, thus hastening the exodus of precious human and capital resources from the state. Taken together, the five constraints have created a formidable challenge for the revival of Punjab's economy. Public policy should address these constraints for the sake of vibrant, sustainable and inclusive development. A 'business as usual' approach of the state government has made the situation go from bad to worse. Sincere efforts with a holistic public policy approach involving all stakeholders, including the diaspora, can turn the tide.

Beware of China's attempt to assume leadership of Asia-Pacific



LT GEN ANIL AHUJA (RETD)
FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF
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A MID concerns over the emergence of a 'rules-broken' international order, replacing the "taken for granted, insufficiently protected and barely modernised rules-based order", the 21st Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier defence summit, was held in Singapore from May 31 to June 2. This annual dialogue brings together defence ministers, senior officials and non-governmental stakeholders to discuss the most pressing challenges in the Asia-Pacific region.

The most-watched participants this year included Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, who delivered the keynote address, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin and the new Defence Minister of China, Admiral Dong Jun, who was appointed in December last year, two months after his predecessor, Gen Li Shangfu, was formally removed.

The challenge set forth for the participants by Sir John Chipman, Executive Chairman, International Institute

of Strategic Studies—a co-organiser of the event (along with the Singapore Government)—was to find a unique way to build a rules-based order in the Asia-Pacific, amid the complex realities presented by the "interplay of economic statecraft and military strategy". Within the region, there is an ongoing major power contestation and a progressive drift towards a unipolar Asia, oblivious to the reality that power alone cannot decide the rules by which this region is governed or integrated.

Despite the backdrop of a sombre and bleak global and regional security environment, the messaging by the Chinese Defence Minister and his accompanying delegation of Generals was far from 'reassuring'. The glaring contrast between the words and deeds of China was evidenced best by the stark difference between the 'prepared' text of the speech of Admiral Dong and his answers to the questions raised (though most were left unanswered). In addition, members of the Chinese delegation posed provocative questions to prominent speakers. Such coordinated aggressive behaviour, which is not usual in global security dialogues, gave the impression of a 'pack of wolves' being present at Shangri-La, an ironic contrast to this mythical paradise.

The most significant observation was that China seemed to have unilaterally usurped the mantle of leadership of Asia-Pacific, articulating its



IN FULL GLARE: The recent Shangri-La Dialogue has highlighted to the world a facet of China's behaviour that India has experienced for a long time. REUTERS

own concerns, disguised as the voice of the region. Admiral Dong said that while different countries had different security interests and goals, China has a 'leadership' role. He also said: "We will not allow anyone to bring geopolitical conflicts or any war, whether hot or cold, to our region." The efforts to displace the US in the Indo-Pacific and create an uncontested, unipolar, Sino-centric Asia and disregard for the centrality of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) were more than evident.

The harshest words, though, were reserved for Taiwan, termed the "core of China's core interests". Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te, who took over in May, is viewed by China as a 'separatist'. Referring to his statements as a 'betrayal of China and their ancestors', Admiral Dong

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warned: "They will be nailed to the pillar of shame in history." Reiterating confidence in the People's Liberation Army's capabilities to deter Taiwan independence, he added, "Anyone who dares to separate Taiwan from China will only end up in self-destruction." The threat of use of force for the capture of Taiwan was not even attempted to be disguised.

The Dragon's belligerent actions in the South China Sea, particularly against the Philippines, were sought to be justified by dubbing all facts, other than the Chinese 'facts', as 'a fabricated and false narrative'. In a severe criticism of the July 2016 award of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in favour of the Philippines, Admiral Dong accused the country of enforcing the 'illegal arbitration award'. He

described it as "blackmailing others (China) under the guise of international law". Claiming Beijing's great restraint in the face of infringements and provocations, he warned that it would backfire.

The questions fielded by Admiral Dong's delegation members seemed an extension of the predetermined script. A Major General confronted President Marcos, stating that the Philippines' behaviour in recent times risks ruining the long-earned, long-lasting regional peace and that the Philippines seems to be disregarding the other party's (China's) comfort level. Likewise, a Senior Colonel asked the US Secretary of Defence, "Is the US planning to build a NATO-like alliance system in the Asia-Pacific region?" adding, "The east border expansion of NATO has led to the Ukraine crisis. What implications do you think the strengthening of the US alliance system in Asia-Pacific will have on the region's security and stability?"

Other references to China's disruptive behaviour included Zelenskyy's assertions that Beijing was attempting to sabotage the global peace summit in Switzerland by pressuring countries not to attend. Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles raised concerns over China's strategic partnership with Russia, its escalatory behaviour in Asian waters and airspace, incursions against Taiwan, activities against the Philippines in their territorial

waters and interference with Australian navy operations in Korea. Through these illustrations, he raised doubts about the role that China intends to play as a global actor.

The unusually belligerent behaviour of the Chinese delegation at the Shangri-La Dialogue does raise concerns over the Dragon's role in the Indo-Pacific, particularly for its neighbours. There are indications that India must take note of: China's usurping of the leadership role in Asia and attempts to coerce the nations seeking alternatives; an undisguised attempt to create a Sino-centric unipolar Asia and undermining the centrality of ASEAN; the propensity to create fabricated historical narratives and discredit established international institutions like the Permanent Court of Arbitration (established in 1899); and the willingness to use the military for furthering its perceived national interests.

The recent Shangri-La Dialogue has highlighted to the world a facet of China's behaviour that India has experienced for a long time. While India maintains the desire to improve its relations with China, the latter must remain mindful of Indian interests and aspirations. For India, the border issue is not just a small part of bilateral military relations, as the Chinese would have us believe. It is the issue that must be resolved for a mutually stable neighbourhood and to ensure that 'Galwans' and 'Yangtzes' do not occur again.

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“समर्पित श्रम और सृजन कौशल के धनी श्रमिक भाई देश व प्रदेश के विकास में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दे रहे हैं। हरियाणा सरकार का सदैव प्रयास रहा है कि हम इनकी मूलभूत जरूरतों के साथ-साथ इन्हें आधुनिक सुविधाएँ भी उपलब्ध करवाते रहें।”
- नायब सिंह



“सरकार का मार्ग 'श्रम की गरिमा', 'आत्मनिर्भर श्रमिक' और 'गरीबों का कल्याण' है।”
- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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E-TENDERING
OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 13/2024-25 DATED 18.06.2024

Open tenders through E-tendering are invited on & behalf of President of India by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 Hrs or the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1	30-Elect/IT-26/2024-25	Electrical Work in connection with Repairing/reconditioning of various make 6.5 kW regulated battery charger (input 415 V, 3 Phase, 50 Hz, Output 110 V/50 Amp) of LHB coaches laying defective at Chandigarh depot in Ambala Division.	Rs. 1217011.40	Rs. 24400.00	02 Months	09.07.2024

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligible documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway only well before & upto 15.00 Hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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Notice Inviting Tender

Sr. DEE/TRS/LDH acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No 2024-25-03. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto closing date 15.07.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall not be considered. Bidders are allowed to make payments against this tender towards cost of tender document and earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDRs etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (₹)	Cost of tender form (₹)	Date & time of submission of tender	Earnest Money (₹)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
2024-25-03	Fabrication, Supply, Fitment and commissioning of Safety Guard Assembly Safety Bracket and protection Guard for drain valve for compressor Model RR20100CG of 3 Phase loco	₹ 833,393.88/-	NIL	Upto 15.07.2024 15.00 Hrs.	16700/-	12 Months	15.07.2024 at or after 15.00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 230-Elect/TRS/LDH/WC/Safety Guard/OT/2024-25/03 Dated: 18-06-2024

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HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project (Phase II), JICA-ODA District Project Management Unit
Agriculture Complex, Mandi, Distt. Mandi (H.P.) — 175001 (E-mail: dpmcdp-man-hp@nic.in)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online bids are invited for the following works from eligible contractors/firms duly registered with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag in appropriate class and latest renewal thereof. Terms & conditions/other documents can be downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>. For further queries/details, please contact 01905-235210.

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to Tender (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	Time Allowed (Months)
1	C/o Flow Irrigation Scheme Rogri Khad to Mahor Gaad at Village Dhudli Nalla, G.P. Kamand, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi (H.P.)	1063800/-	22000/-	1500/-	12
2	C/o Flow Irrigation Scheme Kalehad to Katsula at Village Katsula, G.P. Katsula, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi (H.P.)	2415000/-	44000/-	1500/-	12
3	C/o Flow Irrigation Scheme Jarai Khad to Samrahan at Village Samrahan, G.P. Dhandal, Tehsil Kotli, District Mandi (H.P.)	1468800/-	29500/-	1500/-	12
4	C/o Flow Irrigation Scheme Gamoti Khad to Rathol at Village Rathol, G.P. Bati, Tehsil Bati, District Mandi (H.P.)	1286900/-	28000/-	1500/-	12
5	C/o Flow Irrigation Scheme Bhadamu to Gijhu at Village Bhadamu & Mamel, G.P. Bhadamu & Mamel, Tehsil Karsog, District Mandi (H.P.)	4225500/-	71000/-	1500/-	12

Key Dates:

Sr. No.	Description	Key Dates
1	Date of online publication	15.06.2024, 1700 Hrs.
2	Document Download start and end date	15.06.2024 from 1700 Hrs up to 24.06.2024, 1700 Hrs.
3	Bid submission start and end date	15.06.2024 from 1700 Hrs up to 24.06.2024, 1700 Hrs.
4	Pre-Bid Meeting	20.06.2024, 1100 Hrs.
5	Physical submission of i) EMD and ii) Cost of tender documents and other Technical/Eligibility Documents.	18.06.2024 from 1000 Hrs up to 01.07.2024, 1030 Hrs.
6	Date of Technical Bid opening	02.07.2024, 1100 Hrs.

Sd/- District Project Manager, HPCDP (Phase-II), JICA-ODA, Mandi, District Mandi (H.P.).

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O/o THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KARCHHAM DIVISION, HP.PWD. BHABANAGAR
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Phone No. 01786-292897

e-Precurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HPPWD., Bhaba Nagar, District Kinnaur (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the undermentioned works from the eligible class of approved Contractor/Firms registered with HPPWD., for the works as detailed in the table:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	E.M.D.	Cost of tender	Eligible class of contractor	Time Period
1	C/o Balance work of Govt. High School Building at Bat, Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- C/o Building portion including site development and providing W.S. & S.J.). (Deposit Work)	88,98,480/-	1,80,000/-	2,000/-	Class-C	Eighteen Months
2	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of CHC Building Bhabanagar in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work and finishing work thereof.)	35,19,692/-	70,500/-	1500/-	Class-D	Eighteen Months
3	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Building Sangla in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work, retrofitting work and finishing work thereof.)	46,06,090/-	92,200/-	2000/-	Class-D	Eighteen Months
4	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Building Chagaon in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work, retrofitting work and finishing work thereof.)	56,96,838/-	1,14,000/-	2000/-	Class-C	Eighteen Months
5	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of CHC Building Sangla in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work and finishing work thereof.)	39,48,388/-	79,000/-	1500/-	Class-D	Eighteen Months
6	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of CHC Building Nichar in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work, retrofitting work and finishing work thereof.)	22,11,955	44,300/-	500/-	Class-D	Twelve Months
7	Improving disaster resiliency and retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Building Katgaon in Distt. Kinnaur (HP). (SH- Dismantling and demolishing work, retrofitting work and finishing work thereof.)	60,01,961/-	1,20,000/-	2000/-	Class-C	Eighteen Months
8	C/o Alternateroute from HPPWD., Store Sdding to Chaura via Bara Kamba Km. 0/00 to 3/600 (SH- F/C 5/7 mtr. wide road at R.D. 0/435 to 0/690).	32,52,034/-	65,000/-	1500/-	Class-D	Four Months
9	Improvement/widening of Karchham, Sangla, Chhifal Road Km. 0/00 to 18/00 in Distt. Kinnaur HP. (SH- Improvement/ widening of road, C/o C.D. works, C/o R/Wall, B/Wall, PCC road side drain, P/L MT works and providing and fixing "W" metal beam crash barrier and road safety features Km. 0/00 to 18/00) under CRIF. (Job No. CRIF-HP-2021-22/176).	14,91,22,682/-	29,82,500/-	12,000/-	Class-A	Eighteen Months

Start Date of downloading Bid: 15.06.2024, 10.00 A.M. for each
End Date of submission of Bid: 21.06.2024, 8.00 P.M. for each

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the Deptamental website www.hptenders.gov.in. The bids shall be opened on **28.06.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HP.PWD., Bhaba Nagar by the authorized officer.

Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HP.PWD., Bhabanagar.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
HP.PWD Division, Ghumarwin, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) — 174021
Tel. 01978-255281, E-mail id: ee-ghu-hp@nic.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rates tenders on PWD form 6 & 7/8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, H.P.P.W.D. Division, Ghumarwin on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the eligible contractor/firms of appropriate class for the following works as per detail given below. The important key dates of tenders are as under:-
Date of receipt of application for the tenders = 26/06/2024
Date of issue/sale of tender forms = 27/06/2024
The tender which will be received on 28/06/2024 up to 11.00 A.M. shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives who may like to be present. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment as shown below (Non-refundable) during the working hours on 20/06/2024. The earnest money in shape of NSC/Deposit at call/Time deposit in any Post Office/Nationalized bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of undersigned must accompany with each application. The conditional tenders and tenders received without earnest money will be rejected. The tenders will be kept open for 45 days. The undersigned reserved the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Time Period
1	Special repair on PHC Pand Block Ghumarwin, Distt. Bilaspur (H.P.) (SH- C/o B/wall back side of building)	426927/-	8500/-	350/-	Two Months
2	C/o link road from Harizan Basti Mundkhar to Paplah & Khungan Mohra km 0/00 to 3/780 (SH- C/o of B/wall at RD 3/255 to 3/270)	403644/-	8100/-	350/-	Two Months
3	A/R & M/O HPWD Rest House Ghumarwin (SH- Repair of set No. 06 and 07)	396408/-	8000/-	350/-	Two Months
4	A/R & M/O HPWD Rest House Ghumarwin (SH- Repair of set No. 06 and 07)	197391/-	4000/-	350/-	Two Months
5	C/o circular road at Ghumarwin of various legs etc. km 0/0 to 0/500 (SH- C/o Cement concrete pavement at 0/00 to 0/100)	361974/-	7500/-	350/-	Two Months
6	Restoration of rain damage on link road to Village Bum km 0/00 to 1/00 (SH- C/o of Breast wall at RD 0/075 to 0/090)	158638/-	3200/-	350/-	Two Months
7	Restoration of rain damage on Ladhyan to Barota via Lehri Srail km 0/00 03/270 (SH- C/o B/wall at RD 0/820 to 0/832 & R/wall at RD 0/820 to 0/830)	386359/-	8000/-	350/-	Two Months
8	C/o Jol to Hardevi road km 0/00 to 1/500 (SH- C/o U-shape drain at RD 1/200 to 1/500 and RCC NP2 pipes)	495867	10000/-	350/-	Two Months
9	C/o link road from Water Supply Tank to Harizan Basti Dakri Chuwari (SH- C/o earth filling at RD 0/365 to 0/400 and 0/405 to 0/430)	99492/-	2000/-	350/-	Two Months
10	Repair and maintenance on various road under Bharari Sub-Division (SH- Repair of pothole Bum Jahu road km 0/045 to 0/085, 0/250 to 1/100 and 1/795 to 2/810), Bum Dipper Hatwar road km 1/300 to 2/00	348696/-	7000/-	350/-	Two Months

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-
1. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reasons.
2. The Tender forms will not be issued to those contractors, whose performance is not found satisfactory.
3. The GST, EPF, EMD, Cost of tender forms and copy of enlistment should be accompanied with the application.
4. The application without documents will not be entertained.
5. Proxi application will not be entertained.
6. The contractors should have executed two similar types of works 1/3 of each amount put to tender.

For & on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
Executive Engineer

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Tender No	Name of Work	App Cost (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Completion Period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
251-Elect/T-19-2024-25	Provision of On Grid solar power plant at Station/Service buildings at different locations over Firozpur Division.	2,11,64,272.00	2,55,800.00	04 Months	05.07.2024 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

No. 251-Elect/T Notice No. 14-Elect/2024-25 Dated: 18.06.2024

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1	DHVN HISAR	IN-HOUSE REPAIRING OF 25, 63 & 100 KVA ALUMINIUM WOUND CRGO CORE DAMAGED DTS	14.06.2024 06.07.2024	18.52 CRORES	www.dhvn.org.in	8813999434 coo@dhvn.org.in
2	DHVN HISAR	INSURANCE OF MOVEABLE COMBUSTIBLE & NON COMBUSTIBLE STOCK INVENTORY ON BEHALF OF DHVN FROM GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES REGISTERED WITH IRDA FOR FIRE INSURANCE INCLUDING STP COVERAGE AND THEFT BURGLARY SEPARATELY DECLARATION POLICY OF 2 NO CENTRAL STORES 15 NO DIVISIONAL STORE 7 NO TRANSFORMER REPAIR WORKSHOPS & 3 NO MAT LABS OF DHVN	18.06.2024 18.07.2024	46630.73 LACS	www.dhvn.org.in	9812301228 dgmstock@dhvn.org.in

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Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB REWARI	WORK CONSTRUCTION OF 03 NO. LINK ROADS (GROUP-II) IN KOSLI CONSTITUENCY:- 1) DEHLAWAS TO NANGAL MUNDI RAILWAY STATION (ROAD ID 7968), 2) KHERI TO GOTHERA (ID NO. 11933) AND 3) RAMGARH TO FATHEPUR DARGA (ID 11934) + 1 WORK	07.06.2024 02.07.2024	3.64 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416384454 xe@hsamb.rewari@gmail.com
2	HSAMB REWARI	CONSTRUCTION OF L/R FROM VILLAGE CHELAJWAS TO DHANUNDA (ID-10519) IN ATELI CONSTITUENCY. + 1 WORK	11.06.2024 28.06.2024	3.58 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416384454 xe@hsamb.rewari@gmail.com
3	HSAMB REWARI	CONST. OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE GUDHA TO KAKRALA (ID NO. 11219) AND SHORE TO BAHALA (ID NO. 9100) (G-1) IN ATELI CONSTITUENCY DISTT- M/GARH + 3 WORKS	12.06.2024 28.06.2024	6.44 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416384454 xe@hsamb.rewari@gmail.com

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TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HVPNL	132 KV AIS SUBSTATION GAIB NAGAR	12.06.2024 26.07.2024	EMD 41.72 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
2	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 01 NO. 100 MVA 220/132 KV T/F WITH 160 MVA 220/132 KV T/F AT 220 KV SUB STATION. HVPNL ROHTAK - FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OIL TANK AND RADIATOR FOUNDATION WITH CTR ONLY (CIVIL WORKS ONLY)	12.06.2024 02.07.2024	4.26 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
3	HVPNL	AUGMENTATION OF 220KV SUBSTATION SAMPLA FROM 2X 100MVA 220/132KV TRANSFORMERS TO 3X 100MVA 220/132KV TRANSFORMERS IN FY 2021-22 - FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OIL TANK AND RADIATOR FOUNDATION WITH CTR ONLY (CIVIL WORKS ONLY) (ROHTAK)	12.06.2024 02.07.2024	4.28 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN
4	HVPNL	EXECUTION OF WORK FOR PROVIDING 01 NO. 33KV LINE BAY TO ACCOMMODATE 33KV BAKHLI LINE AT 220KV S/STN. HVPNL NEEMWALA. APPROVAL CODE 383528* ESTIMATE NO. HVP/2023-24/8606(KURUKSHETRA)	12.06.2024 20.06.2024	2.01 LACS	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 PRO@HVPN.ORG.IN

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CORRIGENDUM

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/IT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL
1	HVPNL	2024_HBC_357988_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 24/CWR/2023-24 DATED 23.02.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO.07, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 02.07.2024 (13.00 HRS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
2	HVPNL	2024_HBC_357996_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 26/CWR/2023-24 DATED 23.02.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO.07, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 02.07.2024 (13.00 HRS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
3	HVPNL	2024_HBC_360359_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 27/CWR/2023-24 DATED 27.02.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO.06, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 02.07.2024 (13.00 HRS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
4	HVPNL	2024_HBC_357912_1/E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO. 25/CWR/2023-24 DATED 23.02.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO.07, THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 02.07.2024 (13.00 HRS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
5	HVPNL	NIT NO. 02/CWD-VOI-XVII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED 05.06.2024 ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2024_HBC_372969_1	DATE OF OPENING BID 14/06/2024 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 21/06/2024 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in
6	HVPNL	NIT NO. 01/CWD-VOI-XVII/HVPN/2024-25 DATED 05.06.2024 ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2024_HBC_372966_1	DATE OF OPENING BID 14/06/2024 (11:00 HRS) LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 21/06/2024 (13:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hvpng.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpng.org.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	PWD B&R HISAR	CONST. OF SPORTS GROUND AND BEAUTIFICATION BY LANDSCAPING AND OTHER WORKS IN DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR GOVT COLLEGE AT DABWALI IN DISTT. SIRSA (REPLACEMENT OF CCTV CAMERAS ONLY)	13.06.2024 26.06.2024	12.56 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662225651 pwd-eeed-hissar@hry.nic.in
2.	DIRECTOR GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED BLEACHING POWDER	15.06.2024 15.07.2024		https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570121 supplies@hry.nic.in
3.	DIRECTOR GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS HARYANA	PURCHASE OF ISI MARKED POLY ALUMINIUM CHLORIDE IN POWDER FORM	15.06.2024 15.07.2024		https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570121 supplies@hry.nic.in
4.	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONSTRUCTION OF C.CONC. FIRNI WITH IPB AT VILLAGE - PREM NAGAR, BHOCK AND DISTRICT - BHIWANI + 8 WORKS	11.06.2024 28.06.2024	1082.6 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
5.	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONST OF FIRNI WITH IPB IN VILLAGE- NAKIPUR, BLOCK- LOHARU, SCHEME- HRDF + 2 WORKS	08.06.2024 28.06.2024	300.36 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
6.	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	648 CONST. OF PHIRNI AT VILLAGE DHANI RIWASA BLOCK TOSHAM DISTT. BHIWANI + 26 WORKS	08.06.2024 24.06.2024	1883.27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
7.	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CM CONST. OF LADO PARK AT VILLAGE DULHERI BLOCK TOSHAM DISTT BHIWANI + 1 WORK	11.06.2024 21.06.2024	72.14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664243927 prexeeng.bhw@hry.nic.in
8.	PANCHAYATI RAJ BHIWANI	CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTER AT VILLAGE KHARAK KALAN BLOCK AND DISTT BHIWANI	10.06.2024 20.06.2024	61.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664243927



Congress workers pay homage to West Bengal train accident victims in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

68 'consequential' train accidents per year in last decade

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
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NEW DELHI, JUNE 18 Sixty-eight (68) "consequential" train accidents had taken place annually during the 10 years (2014-24) of the Modi regime. In the previous decade ruled by the UPA, the average number of consequential train accidents was 171 per year, Railway Ministry sources said today.

A "consequential" train accident, according to the Indian Railways, includes those with serious repercussions, including injuries, loss of life, rail traffic disruption and damage to railway property. The Kanchanjunga Express accident on Monday—that led to the loss of 10 lives—has been attracting a lot of criticism from the opposition parties who have been accusing the government of paying attention only to fancy projects like the Vande Bharat Express and neglecting basic safety issues.

The Congress today demanded resignation of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for the train accident and said he had no moral right to continue as a Minister. "Unless you fix responsibility, how do you expect the government to run," Congress spokesperson

Toll rises to 10 in WB

'CONSEQUENTIAL' TRAIN ACCIDENT

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Supriya Shrinath said in a press conference here today.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge asked the government that why work for installation of the anti-collision device 'Kavach' was not expedited after the Balasore train tragedy last June that claimed the lives of 296 persons. Railway Ministry sources, however, claimed that there has been a steep decline in the number of consequential train accidents. While 473 "consequential" train accidents took place in 2000-01, only 40 such train accidents took place in 2022-23, they said.

They also added that 'Kavach', the anti-collision device that was certified in 2019, is a very complex system. It involves six major sub-systems. "At this point of time, the work is progressing on 3,000 km route," the sources said.

Shah, Nadda ask Maha, Jharkhand leaders to ready poll blueprints

ADITI TANDON
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

The BJP central leadership on Tuesday directed core teams of Maharashtra and Jharkhand to start preparing for the Assembly elections due later this year and ruled out any change of guard in the crucial western state of Maharashtra.

BJP chief JP Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired meetings of core committees of both the states in the Capital today. After the meeting Maharashtra Deputy CM Devendra Fadnis said stock was taken of the Maharashtra Lok Sabha losses and course corrections and a decision was taken to prepare ahead with NDA partners on the upcoming state elections.

Asked if the meeting decided on Fadnis' resignation offer after the party's poor show in parliament polls Union minister Piyush Goyal said: "There will be no change of guard in Maharashtra. We are preparing for state elections." From Jharkhand core committee, state BJP chief Babul Marandi said the leadership had asked for a blueprint of the Assembly poll to be ready.

NCERT can't be blamed for NEET fiasco: Saklani

AKSHEEV THAKUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and National Testing Agency (NTA) are at loggerheads over a wrong answer of a physics question that was asked in the NEET-UG examination.

Of the 67 candidates who got a perfect score (720/720) in the 2024 NEET-UG results announced by the NTA, 44 were given grace marks for getting an answer to the physics question wrong. NCERT director Dinesh Prasad Saklani in Mysuru dismissed the NTA's claims that the wrong answers chosen by the medical aspirants in the examination were based on an incorrect reference in their old Class XII NCERT science textbook.

While addressing the media at the Regional Institute of Education of NCERT in Karnataka's Mysuru district, Sak-



NCERT director DP Saklani

lani said: "The revised textbooks of NCERT are available in both print and online format. The NCERT is in no way responsible for grace marks fiasco in NEET UG-2024. We do not know why textbooks printed before 2020 were being referred to. There is no truth in the claim made by the NTA."

In the NEET-UG exam, a multiple choice question on atoms was based on two statements. The first said: "Atoms are electrically neutral as they contain equal numbers of pos-

itive and negative charges." The second statement said: "Atoms of each element are stable and emit their characteristic spectrum."

The options were as follows: One: First is correct but second is incorrect; Two: first is incorrect but second is correct; Three: both first and second statements are correct; Four: both statements are incorrect.

On May 29, the NTA released its provisional answer key which showed that the first option is correct. However, students challenged the answer key on the grounds that an old version of the Class XII NCERT textbook inaccurately states that "atoms of each element are stable" while the new book states atoms of "most" elements are stable.

Due to this discrepancy, the NTA said it gave grace marks to all students who marked the third option correct which stated that both statements 1 and 2 are correct.

41 airports get hoax bomb calls

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

From Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport to Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore International Airport, several airports across the country on Tuesday received bomb threat emails, prompting security forces to remain on high alert.

Officials confirmed that as many as 41 airports across India received bomb threat emails on Tuesday.

The series of threats began with a Dubai-bound plane receiving a bomb threat via email, ahead of its take off from the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi. The plane, which had 286 passengers from Chennai, was thoroughly checked by security personnel. The flight was scheduled for departure around 10.30 am on Tuesday, officials said.

Following inspection, the officials found no bomb and the threat turned out to be a

Threat e-mail has forces on their toes

hoax. The flight was then cleared to proceed to its destination. Then in Rajasthan, a thorough investigation was conducted by security agencies at Jaipur International Airport after it received a bomb threat email. The threat email was received by the airport management, following which police and the CISF searched the premises.

Bihar's Patna Airport was the next such facility to receive a bomb threat via email, following which the authorities conducted an extensive search and security was also beefed up. This mail, too, turned out to be a hoax.

Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore International Airport also received a bomb threat via email on Tuesday, following which security was beefed up at the complex.

If late, avail half-day leave: Govt to staffers

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

Directing all ministries and departments to strictly implement the Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance system, the Union Government has said half-day leave would be deducted for each day of late attendance.

"It has been observed that despite clear instructions, several employees are not registering their attendance in the biometric attendance system and some of the employees have been coming late on a regular basis," a memorandum issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) to all government organisations this week states.

"Habitual late attendance

and early leaving of office should be viewed seriously and be essentially discouraged. Strict action against the defaulters may be initiated under the Government of India rules," the memorandum added. Data relating to punctuality and attendance of employees should also be taken into account while considering them for important assignments or training programmes.

As per the memorandum, half-day's casual leave should be debited for each day of late attendance, but late attendance up to an hour, on not more than two occasions in a month, and for justifiable reasons may be condoned by the competent authority. — TNS

1,225 tourists rescued from rain-hit Sikkim

GANGTOK, JUNE 18

In its second day of rescue operation, the Sikkim administration today evacuated 1,225 tourists from Lachung and nearby areas of Mangan district which was hit by a series of landslides and rain last week leaving at least six people dead, an official said.

The evacuation of the remaining tourists, said to be a few hundreds, will be carried out on Wednesday if the weather permits as six helicopters are on standby at Bagdogra airport in neighbouring West Bengal, ADM Vishnu Lama said. The administration had rescued 64 tourists on Monday and brought them safely to the district headquarters Mangan. — PTI

Kharge, Rahul to meet for 4-state elections next week

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

A day after the BJP announced in-charges for the poll-bound Haryana, J&K, Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the Congress on Tuesday announced that Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge would hold strategy meetings with senior leaders of these states.

The two Congress leaders will meet Jharkhand Congress leaders on June 24, Maharashtra leaders on June 25, Haryana on June 26 and J&K on June 27.

"Carrying forward the momentum in our favour, we are dedicated to ensuring a handsome victory in the state elections," Congress general secretary KC Venugopal announced on X. — TNS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala – 147001
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in

TENDER ENQUIRY No. 1/2024-25 Dt. 13.06.2024

Hiring of One No. vehicle (5 Ton LCV Canter) for the office of AEE S/D Grid Construction PSPCL Mohali for one year (The vehicle not more than 4 years old).

Last date & time for Sale of Tender Doc : 25.06.2024 up to 16.00 hrs.
Last date & time for receipt of Tenders : 28.06.2024 up to 12.30 hrs.
Opening of tenders : 28.06.2024 at 13.00 hrs.
Cost of Tender document : Rs. 1180/-

Detailed NIT/specification/terms and conditions may be downloaded from PSPCL website (www.pspcl.in).

Corrigendum, if any, will not be published in newspaper, as such the website may be visited regularly for any update.

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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Notice No. 18 (2024) Dated 18-06-2024

Executive Engineer (Electrical), Punjab Mandi Board, S.A.S. Nagar invites tender from eligible bidders for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of chiller type HVAC Plant at Head Office, Punjab Mandi Bhawan, Sector-65 A, S.A.S. Nagar and Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of 640 HP VRV/VRF type HVAC Plant at Kissan Bhawan, Sector-35 A, Chandigarh for Financial Year 2024-25.

Closing Date & Time 02-07-2024 11:00 AM
For Details login to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note:- Detail information and all documents of tenders and Corrigendum/Addenda etc. will be uploaded on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Electrical)
Punjab Mandi Board, SAS Nagar.

DPR/Pb/34682

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala – 147001 (Punjab)
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 02/2024-25 Date: 14.06.2024

Senior Executive Engineer, Operation Mohali invites open tender for hiring of 1 No. Outsourced vehicle for use in Sub Division Technical 1 Mohali. Tender related specifications can be collected from the office of Operation Division Mohali on dated 17.06.2024/Timing 10.00 a.m. till dated 29.06.2024 timing 02.00 p.m.

Various firms can submit tender in the Division Mohali Office till 29.06.2024.

Note: Any type of changes, if done would be published in the newspaper.

DPR/Pb/34665 C330/24

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DISTRICT HEALTH SOCIETY, KAPURTHALA
EMANELMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from the interested Medical Officers for empanelment at Aam Aadmi Clinics in Distt. Kapurthala. The details of empanelment is as tabulated below:-

Sr. No.	Post Name	Empanelment fee	Date, Time & Place of Interview
1.	Medical Officer (MBBS)	Rs. 50/- per patient attended with minimum assured guarantee of 50 Patients per day	25.06.2024 at 10:00 a.m. onwards Civil Surgeon Office Kapurthala

For Educational Qualifications, terms & conditions of empanelment please contact to the office of Civil Surgeon Kapurthala on any working day up to 24.06.2024 (05:00 p.m.)

Sd/- Civil Surgeon, Kapurthala

DPR/Pb/34659

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/ Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/ Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Time)	Amount/ EMD (Approx.) in Rupees
1	HSAMB BHIWANI	ANNUAL REPAIR OF LINK ROADS IN DADRI CONSTY., GROUP-1, DISTT. CH. DADRI (I.D. H-475, 476, 488, 493, 494, 495, 500 AND 521) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 + 4 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 21.06.2024	28.96 LACS

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL : 01664242782 eebhwni2024.hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocedurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/40/26883/V31/4

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/ Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/ Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Time)	Amount/ EMD (Approx.) in Rupees
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	NEW AND ADDITIONAL WORKS REQUIRED FOR REPAIR DAWARA AT NH-9, MC HISAR + 10 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 26.06.2024	5.21 CRORES
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS BITUMEN ROAD IN SECTOR 15 WARD NO 16 MC HISAR + 12 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 05.07.2024	1533 CRORES

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL : 01662-237001 xennchisara@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocedurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/40/26883/V31/4

HOLIDAY HOME SOCIETY (REGD.)
INDIRA HOLIDAY HOME, SECTOR-24B, CHANDIGARH
Advertisement

Bids are invited to run Parking inside the premises of Indira Holiday Home, Sector-24B, Chandigarh on License basis from 01.07.2024 to 30.06.2025. Open auction in this regard will be held on 26.06.2024 at 11.30 AM at Indira Holiday Home, Sector-24B, Chandigarh. The detail is available at our websites www.indiraholidayhome.com, www.indiraholidaypreparatoryschool.com & also at website <https://chdsw.gov.in> of Social Welfare Directorate U.T. Chandigarh.

Joint Secretary
Holiday Home Society (Regd.)
-cum- Director, Social Welfare,
U.T. Chandigarh.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
BID No. ETENDEREE/PWSSD/ROPAR/18/2024/DATE: 14.06.2024

Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., ROPAR on the behalf of Chief Executive Officer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Board, Chandigarh invites online bids for the following:-

Sr. No.	Items	Quantity
1	Drilling and Deve. of 1 No. Twell of size 300mm x 200mm up to 300 Mtr. depth. complete in Ward No. 9 at Kharar	Rs. 35.52 Lacs 03 Months
2	—do— W. No. 18 at Kharar	Rs. 38.18 Lacs 03 Months

Closing Date & Time → 01.07.2024 up to 03.00 p.m.
For details login to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

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

DPR/Pb/34701

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Reference No. 14 Dt. 18/06/2024

The Department of Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites online bids for Tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for Renovation and upgradation of Health and Wellness Centre at Jamsar (Phase-1) Distt Jalandhar.

Closing Date & time: 28.06.2024 (12.00 A.M)
For details login to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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

Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),
Punjab Mandi Board,
Jalandhar

DPR/Pb/34686

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp/ Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/ Tender	Opening Date Closing Date (Time)	Amount/ EMD (Approx.) in Rupees
1	HSAMB JIND	PROVIDING, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF 2 NOS. PIT TYPE WEIGH BRIDGES IN ADDITIONAL GRAIN MARKET AT UCHANA + 2 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 24.06.2024	2.80 CRORES

WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH.: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>
NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/E-MAIL : 01681252003 eejind37.hsamb@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocedurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PRDH/13/2025/40/26881/13/14

OFFICE OF THE MEMBER SECRETARY, HARYANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, INSTITUTIONAL PLOT NO. 09, SECTOR-14, PANCHKULA
Advertisement No. 01/2024/MS/HALSA Dated, Panchkula, the 19.06.2024

Applications along with resume are invited for 08 posts of Chairperson, Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) from the candidates who have held the post of District and Sessions Judge or Additional District and Sessions Judge or Judicial Office higher in rank than that of a District Judge.

Similarly, applications along with resume are invited for 04 posts of Members, Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services) from the candidates having adequate experience in any of Public Utility Services as defined in Section 22-A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Applicant should be below 65 years of age. The number of posts of Chairperson and Member are likely to be increased/decreased.

The selected candidates can be appointed/transferred anywhere in the State of Haryana.

Last date for submissions of application is 09.07.2024 till 05.00 PM.

For details pleased visit <https://hslsa.gov.in/> Link Latest News.

Sd/-
Member Secretary,
Haryana State Legal
Services Authority, Panchkula.

PRDH/11/2024/11/30/2025/26892/31/4

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
Tender Notice Reference No. 20/PWSSB D-1/BTI Date: 14.06.2024

The Department of **PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD** invites online bids for the followings works:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Work	Quantity
1.	O&M 5 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (MBBR Tech.) at Maur Mandi for 09 months (As per DNT)	1 Job

3rd Attempt

Closing date & Time : 27.07.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.
Date of Opening : 27.07.2024 at 16:00 hrs.
For details login to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Pb. W/S & Sew. Div. No. 1,
Bathinda.

DPR/Pb/34684

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Online Percentage rate bids are re-invited on behalf of the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh from the OEM/Specialized agencies dealing in similar type of jobs in two bid systems (Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid).

NIT No. PGMEnggRAC/2024/233
Name of Work: SITC of DX COI AHU and Ductable AC Units at Level-4, DOTC, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Estimated Cost Rs. 48.27 lacs
Earnest Money Rs. 96540/- or EMD Exemption Certificate for MSE/MSME

Period of Completion Three months
Last date and time of submission of bid 26.06.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.
Date and time of opening of Eligibility-cum-Technical Bid 27.06.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

The original EMD or EMD exemption certificate for MSE/MSME as scanned & uploaded shall be deposited physically by all the intending bidders in the office of H.E (RAC) as per above schedule failing which the bid shall be treated as invalid. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in/eprocure/app and official website of the PGIMER www.pgimer.edu.in. Press notice is also available on www.eprocure.gov.in. Contractors are requested to get their firm registered on the website www.eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app for participating in e-tendering process. (Helpdesk for registering 9988447883).

DI-4583 HOSPITAL ENGINEER (RAC)

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
(A State Govt. Undertaking)

DETAILED TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.-CEKZ-DEP-03/2024-25 (E-TENDER cum reverse Auction MODE ONLY)

HPSEBL acting through Chief Engineer (Op) Kangra Zone, HPSEBL, Dharamshala invites online bids through e- reverse bidding mode (Techno-Commercial and Financial) from eligible bidders which are valid for a minimum period of 180 days from the date of opening

1. RFP documents may be downloaded from Tenders Himachal Pradesh site <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

Name of work:-Tender for providing SOP to Milk Processing Plant at Dhadwar (Part-II) Aug of 2x10 MVA + 1x5 MVA to 3x10 MVA Sub-Station Sidhpur in Electrical Section Bagli Under ESD No.12, Dharamshala.

Sl. No.	Estimated cost (Put to Tender)	Rs. 1,12,44,000 Crore (Rupees One Lac Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Only)
2.	Earnest Money Deposit to be Submitted	Rs. 1,12,500/- (Rupees One Lac Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Only)
3.	Bid Document Fee to be submitted	Rs. 2360/- (Rupees Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty only)
4.	Published Date	20th June, 2024 at 16:00 Hrs.
5.	Pre-Bid Meeting	24th June, 2024 at 11:00 Hrs.
6.	Submission of Clarification, if any	-----
7.	Clarification/corrigendum to be uploaded on the CPPP Portal	-----
8.	Bid Submission Start Date	20th June, 2024 at 17:00 Hrs.
9.	Bid Submission End Date	25th June, 2024 at 16:00 Hrs.
10.	Technical Bid Opening Date	26th June, 2024 at 12:00 Hrs.
11.	Financial Bid Opening Date	Will be communicated later.
12.	Date of Reverse Auction	Will be communicated later.

2. Bids shall be submitted online only at Tenders Himachal Pradesh web site: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Bidders are advised to follow the instructions provided in the Instructions to the Bidders for the e-submission of the bids on line through the Tenders Himachal Pradesh web site: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Bid documents may be scanned with 100 dpi with black and white option which helps in reducing size of the scanned document.

3. Not more than one bid shall be submitted by one Bidder. Under no circumstance will father and his son(s) or other close relations who have business relationship with one another (i.e. when one or more partner(s) /director(s) are common) be allowed to bid for the same contract as separate competitors. A breach of this condition will render the bids of both parties liable to rejection.

4. Bidder who has downloaded the RFP from the Tenders Himachal Pradesh website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>, shall not tamper/ modify the RFP form including downloaded price bid template in any manner. In case if the same is found to be tampered/ modified in any manner, Bid will be completely rejected and EMD would be forfeited and Bidder is liable to be banned from doing business with HPSEBL.

5. Based on queries received from prospective bidders, if required, HPSEBL may amend the RFP/issue corrigendum. Bidders are advised to visit again Tenders Himachal Pradesh website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> at least 3 days prior to closing date of submission of RFP for any corrigendum/ addendum/amendment.

(Er Ajay Gautam),
Chief Engineer (Op) KZ,
HPSEBL, Dharamshala.

Save Energy for Benefit of self and Nation

The armed wings of Hamas and Islamic Jihad said fighters confronted Israeli forces in combat zones with anti-tank rockets and mortar bombs, and have in some areas detonated pre-planted explosive devices against army units. Israel's ground and air campaign was triggered when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct 7, killing around 1,200 people. — Reuters

Palestinian health officials said one man was killed in the morning by Israeli fire on the eastern side of Rafah. Medics said they believed many others had been killed

The Israeli military said it was continuing "precise intelligence-based activity" in Rafah, killing many Palestinian gunmen over the past day in close-range combat and seized weapons. The air force struck dozens of targets across the Gaza Strip in the past day, it added. In the central Gaza Strip, two separate Israeli air strikes on two houses killed 17 Palestinians.

After 50 yrs, man gets Rolex watch 'eaten' by cow
LONDON: Thanks to a metal detectorist, a 95-year-old British farmer's prized Rolex watch, which he believed was eaten by a cow, has been reunited with the timepiece half a century later. James Steele said he lost the watch in the early 1970s when he "suddenly realised" its bracelet had broken. "The cow could have eaten it with a mouthful of grass, the vet said," Steele said. Now, a metal detectorist has given back the watch to the owner after finding it on his land. [PH](#)

LONDON: An India-born brain trauma expert and professor of anaesthesia at the University of Cambridge has been conferred with one of the high honours by Britain's King Charles III for "services to neurocritical care". Prof David Krishna Menon, Head of Division of Anaesthesia at the University of Cambridge, was conferred with a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by the 75-year-old monarch in his annual Birthday Honours list over the weekend. ☐

The bill now needs the pro forma endorsement of King Maha Vajiralongkom, followed by its publication in the Government Gazette, which will set a date within



120 days when it becomes effective. Thailand will become the third place in Asia, after Taiwan and Nepal, to allow same-sex marriage. The marriage equality bill,

Putin was met at Pyongyang's airport by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, according to the news agencies, RIA-Novosti and Interfax. Putin, making his first trip to North Korea in 24 years, said

He said the countries would continue to "resolutely oppose" what he described as Western ambitions "to hinder the establishment of a multipolar world order based on justice, mutual respect for sovereignty, considering each other's interests." — AP

 Office of Executive Engineer Jaisinghpur Division HPPWD Jaisinghpur Himachal Pradesh Works Department Jaisinghpur – 176095 Phone No. 01894-228030 email ee-jaihpwd-hp@gov.in e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)				
The Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division, HPPWD, Jaisinghpur on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on percentage rate of following work from the eligible and approved Contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD:				
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost in Rs.	Earnest Money	Time Limit
1	Maintenance of Banuri to Saliana road KM 2/50 to 4/500 (Sub Head:- Providing and laying tack coat, MSS and profile correction with WBM-G-II KM 2/500 to 3/000, 3/00 to 4/000 and 4/000 to 4/500) (PMGSY road)	42,66,98/-	85,350/-	Two months
Cost of tender form: 2000/- Starting date for downloading of bid: 20.06.2024 Deadline for submission of Bid: 26.06.2024				
The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website https://hptenders.gov.in . The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reasons. (On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh) Sd/- Executive Engineer Jaisinghpur Division, HPPWD., Jaisinghpur. HIM SUCHANA OIA ANAND JAN SAMPARK No. PW/JDTA/Online Tender/NTT/2024-25-1004-26 Dated:- 10.06.2024 DPR/HP/193				

The Chief Engineer (SZ) HPPWD Shimla on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T/Railways/Other State Govt./Central Govt. Agencies. Non registered bidders may submit bid, however, the successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of Distt.	Package No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lacs) Excluding 18%GST		Total Cost (in Lacs)	Bid Security
				Const. Cost	Maint. Cost		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
1	Shimla	HP-09-354	C/o Balance work of Dhara Kokoi Khangteri Road km 0/0 to 7/720 (SH:- C/o R/B walls CD works, PCC Drain, PCC parapats, logo Sign Board M/T , KM Stone etc. and five years routine maintenance under pkg. HP09-354)	297.75	51.17	348.92	6.98
2	Shimla	HP-09-355	C/o Balance work Sungri Nasari Road km 0/0 to 5/380 (SH:- C/o R/B walls CD works, PCC Drain, PCC parapats, logo Sign Board M/T, KM Stone etc. and five years routine maintenance under pkg. HP09-355)	96.31	29.77	126.08	2.52

8. **Period of Completion on:** 365 days for each
1. Date of release of invitation for bids through e-procurement **17.06.2024.**
2. **Cost of bid** from cost of Bid form **Rs. 5000/- (non-refundable)** in shape of Demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Rohru.
3. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** - The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website **www.pmsgsyenders.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to registered in the website which is free of cost. For submission the bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one the authorised certifying authorities (CA) Aspiring bidder who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMSGSY may obtain the same from the website: **www.pmsgsyenders.gov.in**.
Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering bidders already processing the valid digital signature issued from authorised CAs can use the same in this tender.
*** Non registered bidders may submit bids:** The successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
4. **Submission of original documents:** The bidders are required to submit (a) Original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) Original Bid Security in approved from and (c) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of clause 4.4B(i) (ii) ITB with Superintending Engineer 14th Circle HPPWD Rohru address and detail of office where to be submitted on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by registered post or by hand.
5. **Last date/Time for receipt of bid through e-tendering** last date/time for receipt of bids through e-tendering on dated **08.07.2024 up to 6:00 p.m.**
6. The site for the work is available.
7. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore bids must be submitted online on website **www.pmsgsyenders.gov.in**. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at **11:00 A.M. on 9 July, 2024** in the office of Superintending Engineer 14th Circle HPPWD Rohru by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.
8. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the bill of quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.
9. All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.
10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.
11. To qualify for a package of contract made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any update, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

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Sebi slaps penalty on Hexa Tradex

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Markets regulator Sebi today

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Markets regulator Sebi today levied penalties totalling Rs 35 lakh on OP Jindal Group's firm Hexa Tradex Ltd, its promoters and directors for flouting delisting norms and other disclosure rules.

The regulator slapped fines within the range of Rs 2.5 lakh on Hexa Tradex, its chairperson Raj Kamal Aggarwal, Ravinder Nath Leekha, Vinita Jha, Girish Sharma, and Pravesh Srivastava. —PTI

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast, heatwave conditions in North-West India are expected to abate from June 20.

In response to the increased electricity demand and to ensure adequate power availability across the country, the Ministry of Power has implemented a series of measures to meet the highest ever peak demand of 250 GW during the ongoing summer season. The ministry has estimated that peak demand can touch a level of 260 GW during this season.

MUMBAI, JUNE 18
Delhi airport operator DIAL on Tuesday said it has launched a self-service mechanism, enabling passengers to drop in their luggage, collect tags and print boarding passes to complete the check-in process in less time.

The new one-step quick baggage drop solution reduces the check-in process to just 30 seconds from one

Technically, on a daily basis, the Bank nifty has bro-

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
India has become the largest market for Nestle globally for its instant noodles and soup brand Maggi and the second largest for chocolate wafer brand KitKat, according to the latest annual report of its local subsidiary.

Besides, the India market with a high double-digit growth has become one of the fastest growing markets for Nestle, it added.

Nestle, which sells its popular instant noodles under brand Maggi and prepared dishes and cooking aids here, sold over 6 billion servings of Maggi during FY24, the Nestle India report said. — PTI

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Fitch Ratings on Tuesday raised India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent, from 7 per cent projected in March, saying elevated consumer confidence will drive spending, besides increased investments.

In June update to its global economic outlook report Fitch said it expects inflation to decline to 4.5 per cent by end of this year and RBI to cut policy interest rates by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent.

"We expect the Indian economy to expand by a strong 7.2 per cent in

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Net direct tax collection grew 21 per cent to Rs 4.62 lakh crore so far this fiscal on higher advance tax mop-up, the income tax department said on Tuesday.

The first instalment of advance tax, which was due on June 15, showed collections rose 27.34 per cent to Rs 1.48 lakh crore.

This includes Corporation Tax (CIT) at Rs 1.14 lakh crore and Personal Income Tax (PIT) at Rs 34,470 crore. The net direct tax collection of Rs 462,664 crore (as of June 17, 2024) includes CIT at Rs 180,949 crore and PIT (including Securities Transaction Tax) at Rs 281,013 crore, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement. — PTI

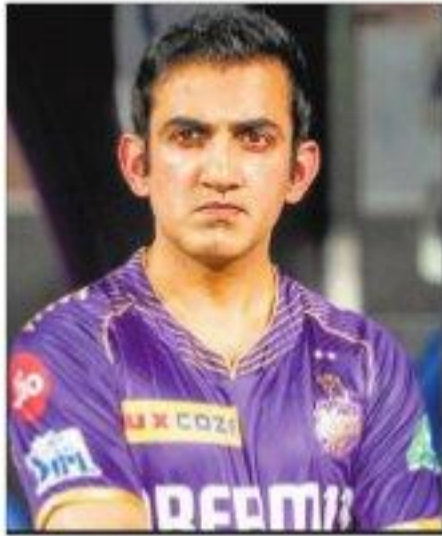
FY24/25 (an upward revision of 0.2 pp from the March GEO)," Fitch said in its global economic outlook report. Investment will continue to rise but more slowly than in recent quarters, while consumer spending will recover with elevated consumer confidence, it said.

Fitch's estimates are in line with that of RBI which earlier this month projected Indian economy to expand 7.2% in the current fiscal. —PTI

Gambhir interviewed, set to be named India coach

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Former India openers Gautam Gambhir and WV Raman were today interviewed by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) for the national team's head coach's position. The interviews took place over a zoom call with Gambhir, Raman and CAC head Ashok Malhotra attending it virtually. "Yes, Gambhir appeared for the interview with the CAC. One round of discussions happened today. There is another round expected tomorrow," a

BCCI source said. "Raman was interviewed after Gambhir. It was also on zoom. He also gave his presentation on his vision and road map on Indian cricket. The interview went for around 40 minutes. There were some initial questions by the committee before they looked at the presentation," the source informed. Gambhir is believed to be the only candidate who is in contention and the announcement of his selection is a mere formality, which could happen in the next 48 hours.



“Gambhir appeared for the interview with the CAC. One round of discussions happened today. There is another round expected tomorrow” ABCCI source

“Former India opener Gautam Gambhir was interviewed by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee on Tuesday. FILE

The specifics of his interaction with CAC chairman Malhotra and his colleagues Jatin Paranjpe and Sulakshana Naik were not immediately

known. Both Paranjpe and Naik are based in Mumbai. The discussion, it is believed, was focussed on the road map he has in mind for

the next three years, which will feature three ICC tournaments across formats. There is an Apex Council meeting today evening and it is understood that BCCI secretary Jay Shah will apprise the members of the coach selection process before the final announcement is made. The 42-year-old Gambhir recently guided Kolkata Knight Riders to the IPL trophy as the team's mentor. Current India coach Rahul Dravid will be stepping down at the end of the team's T20 World Cup campaign. — PTI

Sharma, Bhullar make Paris cut

OLYMPICS QUALIFYING

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar will be teeing off for India at the Golf National course in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, come the Paris Olympics. The international federation today revealed its Olympics qualification list, with Sharma ranked 48th and Bhullar 54th. Both golfers will make their Olympics debuts. Aditi Ashok (24th rank) and Diksha Dagar (40th) are likely to make the cut for the women's event when the final list is



Shubhankar Sharma and Gaganjeet Bhullar (left) qualified with Olympics ranks of 48 and 54, respectively. FILE

announced on June 24. "It's a dream come true obviously. I have been preparing for this day for a while now," Sharma said.

"We have a very good and experienced team. All are playing solid golf at the moment and that's a good sign," he added. — PTI

BRIEFLY

NEW DELHI
Arjun Erigaisi wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial Chess title
Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi came up with another superb performance to clinch the title after a final round draw against local hopeful Manuel Petrosyan in the Stepan Avagyan memorial chess tournament in Jermuk, Armenia. Arjun, the highest rated player here, tallied 6.5 points out of a possible nine in the 10-player round-robin tournament. The victory also meant that Arjun's steady climb continued and he is now at 2778 in live rating points, taking him to world No. 4.

BENGALURU
India eye 2-0 series-winning lead against SA
India will expect their top-order batters to produce a tiered effort against South Africa in the second women's ODI here on Wednesday in their quest for an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series. India have a 1-0 lead in their hand, courtesy a 143-run win in the first game.

CHENNAI
Chennaiyin FC rope in young forward Gurkirat
Talented young forward Gurkirat Singh has been roped in by Chennaiyin FC as their eighth signing for the upcoming season of the Indian Super League. The 20-year-old from Punjab, who is known for his ability to operate on the left side, has joined the Marina Machans from Mumbai City FC on a two-year deal. AGENCIES

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USA VS SOUTH AFRICA
STAR SPORTS 8PM
EUROS
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12:30AM (THU)
SONY SPORTS

India prepared for fast lane

Captain Rohit says players ready for hectic Super 8 schedule

BRIDGETOWN, JUNE 18
India captain Rohit Sharma conceded that the T20 World Cup's Super 8 stage is going to be a "little hectic" but his players are prepared for the grind as there is "real keenness" among them to do "something special". India will open their Super 8 campaign against Afghanistan on June 20, followed by games against Bangladesh (June 22, Antigua) and Australia (June 24, St Lucia). "Once we play our first game, we are going to play the next two in the span of three-four days," Rohit said. "It is going to be a little hectic but we are used to all of this. We travel and play a lot so that is never going to be an excuse," the 37-year-old added.

The Indian team had an extended practice session on Monday with senior players like Virat Kohli and Rohit spending more-than-usual time in the nets. "There is real keenness in the group to go and do something special. That's a good way to start the second stage. It clearly shows that everyone wants to make a difference and we take our skill sessions quite seriously," Rohit said. "There is something to achieve in every skill session that you do," he added. The Indian team endured hostile batting conditions during the US leg due to the drop-in pitches used by the organisers. Rohit said the Caribbean leg brings with it a sense of familiarity and his team would look to make the



India's cricketers during a practice session in Barbados; BELOW: Coach Rahul Dravid inspects the pitch. ANI



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most of it. "We have played a lot of games here. So, everyone understands what one needs to do to get the result in

our favour. Everyone is looking forward and are quite excited as well at the same time," Rohit said. — PTI

Pooran turns on the power

GROS ISLET: West Indies left-hander Nicholas Pooran combined elegance with power to score 98 with eight sixes and propel his team to a 104-run win over Afghanistan in the final first-round match of the T20 World Cup. Pooran was run out by a direct hit on the stumps by Azmatullah Omarzai attempting a second run in the final over as West Indies amassed 218/5, the highest score of the competition. In reply, Afghanistan reached 114 from 16.2 overs although the result was academic as both teams had already qualified for the Super Eight round. Pooran, in his other role as wicketkeeper, took a spectacular leaping catch. Brief scores: West Indies: 218/5 in 20 overs (Pooran 98; Naib 2/14); Afghanistan: 114 all out in 16.2 overs (Zadran 38; McCoy 3/14, Hosein 2/21). REUTERS

“I had to take responsibility. In West Indies, people want four and sixes. You can't do that every time but when conditions allow you should capitalise” Nicholas Pooran

98 Pooran smashed the highest individual score of the edition



Stimac warns AIFF of legal action if dues not cleared within 10 days

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Terming his sacking "unilateral", former India football coach Igor Stimac today threatened to file a lawsuit against the national federation in the FIFA Tribunal if it fails to clear his dues within the next 10 days. Stimac lashed out at All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey and accused him of breaching his contract multiple times. The Croatian also held him squarely responsible for the Indian team's failure to progress beyond the second round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. Stimac said his stint in India left him with serious health problems and he never wants to hear from the AIFF again. "I kindly ask you to immediately, but not later in next ten (10) days, organize payment to me for this termination of the contract without just cause in the amount which will represent a residual value of my employment contract that was prematurely terminated from



In the absence of a severance clause in his new contract signed on October 5, 2023, if the AIFF is required to pay the entirety of Stimac's remaining contract value, it will amount to Rs 6 crore. FILE

AIFF side..." Stimac said. "This amount should represent the remaining value of my employment contract prematurely terminated by the AIFF, in accordance with Article 6 of Annex 2 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players. "Otherwise, I will start proceedings against the AIFF before the competent FIFA Football Tribunal and file a

lawsuit," he added. Stimac was on Monday removed as the head coach of the team, the AIFF terminating his contract exactly a year before it was to expire in the wake of the side's ouster from the World Cup Qualifiers despite getting a relatively easy draw. The 56-year-old Stimac, who has been at loggerheads with Chaubey for a while now, blasted the AIFF in a notice for removing him from the post without "just cause". "Publishing something like this (his termination) prior to reaching the conversation with me is blatantly unprofessional and unethical," Stimac said. Stimac, who was appointed as the head coach in 2019, was given an extension until 2026 by the sport's apex body in October last year. In the absence of a severance clause in his new contract signed on October 5, 2023, if the AIFF is required to pay the entirety of his remaining contract value, it will amount to a whopping Rs 6 crore. — PTI

Celtics beat Mavs for record 18th NBA title

BOSTON, JUNE 18
One of the first people to congratulate Boston Celtics star Jayson Tatum on winning the NBA championship was his 6-year-old son. "He told me that I was the best in the world," Tatum said. "I said, 'You're damn right I am.'" Tatum certainly looked like it on Monday night, recording 31 points and 11 assists as Boston locked up its league-record 18th title with a 106-88 blowout of the Dallas Mavericks in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. Tatum also had eight rebounds while Jaylen Brown added 21 points, eight boards and six assists for Boston, which celebrated the 16th anniversary of its 17th title by completing a 16-3 playoff run. The Celtics knocked off the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2008 Finals, and those two franchises shared the NBA record with 17 championships apiece entering Monday. Brown was selected the Finals MVP, an award named after Celtics legend Bill Russell, after averaging 20.8 points, 5.4 rebounds and five assists. — Reuters

Mbappe suffers broken nose in tough win

DUESSELDORF, JUNE 18
France delivered a 100th victory for manager Didier Deschamps as they edged a tenacious Austria side 1-0 in their opening Group D match at Euro 2024 on Monday but it came at a cost as talisman Kylian Mbappe suffered a broken nose. It was by no means a vintage performance and France required an own goal by Austria defender Max Wober shortly before half-time to secure the three points that put them level with the Netherlands whom they face next on Friday. However, three years after bowing out of Euro 2020 in the last-16 to Switzerland on penalties, France offered enough evidence to suggest they will be go much deeper in Germany with returning midfielder N'Golo Kante pulling off a magnificent performance. It proved a decidedly mixed night for captain Mbappe though as he was left still searching for his first goal in a European Championship after some



France's Kylian Mbappe after suffering an injury during their match against Austria. AP/PTI

glaring misses and was substituted late on with blood oozing from his nose after an aerial clash. He left the stadium in an ambulance to undergo X-rays and the French Football Federation later confirmed he had broken nose and would have a mask made. "He's got a really bad

nose," said Deschamps. "We'll have to wait and see, the medical staff are dealing with it. We'll have to see what's going to be done and then how long it will take. It's very bad news for us tonight," he added. "Obviously, the French team with or without him, this is not the same thing. I hope he can be there," added Deschamps, whose record

now stands at 100 wins, 30 draws and 24 losses in his near 12 years at the helm. In his 80th game for Les Bleus, Mbappe's wing wizardry broke Austria's resistance in the 38th minute when he dribbled past three defenders and cut back a cross which the unfortunate Wober could only head past goalkeeper Patrick Pentz. — Reuters

Joint doctrine for cyberspace ops out

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan today released the joint doctrine for 'cyberspace operations'. The CDS and the three service chiefs today held the Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) meeting where this was released.
"This doctrine lays emphasis on understanding military aspects of cyberspace operations and provides conceptual guidance and conduct of operations in cyberspace," the Ministry of Defence said.
"The joint doctrine is a key-stone publication that will guide commanders in conducting cyberspace operations in today's complex military operating environment," the Ministry said. Development of joint doctrines is an important aspect of jointness and integration, a step which is being actively pursued by

TO GUIDE COMMANDERS

The joint doctrine will guide commanders in conducting cyberspace operations in today's complex military operating environment. Ministry of Defence

the Indian armed forces.
Cyberspace operations add to the traditional domains of warfare of land, sea, and air. "Cyberspace has emerged as a challenging domain in modern warfare. Unlike territorial limits in the domains of land, sea, and air, cyberspace is a global common and hence has shared sovereignty," the MoD said. Hostile actions in cyberspace can impact the nation's economy and the nation's ability to defend itself. — TNS

Pannun issue taken up during NSA's visit to India: White House

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
The White House soft-pedalled the extradition of Indian Nikhil Gupta from the Czech Republic to a US prison, but acknowledged that the issue was discussed during meetings US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan held with top foreign policy and security officials here on Monday.
"I don't have more to add on the conversations that Jake's having. He's still over there having these conversations. But the main focus of his visit, as I said, was to look for ways to deepen the US-India bilateral relationship, particularly when it comes to emerging technology," said White House spokesperson John Kirby in response to questions on Gupta,



'GUPTA TO NOW FACE JUSTICE IN US COURT'

Washington: Nikhil Gupta, an Indian national accused of being involved in a murder-for-hire plot against a Sikh extremist in New York, will now face justice in an American courtroom, Attorney General Merrick Garland has said, asserting that the US will not tolerate attempts to "silence" or "harm" its citizens. PTI

Nikhil Gupta being extradited to the US from Prague. PTI

ta, accused of involvement in a murder-for-hire plot against Sikh separatist Gurbhag Singh Pannun.
Though the White House appeared to play down the issue, the US authorities permitted the release of visuals from a high-security tarmac

that showed a blurred image of Gupta being escorted to a waiting aircraft by New York Police Department personnel. The visuals appeared a day Sullivan and his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval met to focus on cooperation in critical technologies and a day before

the Indian Government permitted a US Congressional delegation to meet the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala. Brought before a court in New York, Gupta has pleaded not guilty to the charges. His next court appearance will be on June 28.

Rajnath chairs meet on Parl strategy, Speaker's post discussed

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is deputy leader of the House in Lok Sabha, on Tuesday chaired a meeting of senior ministers and some allies to deliberate on the strategy for the upcoming Parliament session. Sources said discussions also centred on probable candidates for the election of the Lok Sabha Speaker and Deputy Speaker's post.
Union ministers S Jaishankar, Manohar Lal Khattar, Bhupender Yadav, Piyush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan, Kiren Rijiju, Annapurna Devi, JD (U)'s



(Clockwise from top) Union Ministers S Jaishankar, Piyush Goyal, Virendra Kumar and Manohar Lal Khattar arrive at the residence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

ALLIES COMFORTABLE WITH MODI'S CALL

The BJP has reportedly asked allies to suggest potential candidates for the Speaker's post. However, the allies have said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call on the matter would be acceptable

Rajiv Ranjan Singh and LJP's Chirag Paswan attended the meeting. The names Bhartruhari Mahtab, a seven-term MP who recently joined the BJP and Andhra Pradesh BJP chief D Purandeshwari who won from the Rajamundry Lok Sabha seat in Andhra Pradesh were on

the table, with sources saying the discussions are not final. The LS Speaker's election is scheduled for June 26. The session begins on June 24 and will see newly elected MPs take oath on the first two days. The BJP is also learnt to have asked other allies to suggest potential candidates for the Speaker's post with all allies today saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call on the matter would be acceptable. Once the BJP reaches an agreement on a potential LS Speaker election candidate, Rajnath Singh is likely to engage the Opposition also in order to build consensus on the issue.

US Congressional delegation 'targets' China on autonomy for Tibet; Beijing expresses concern

AJAY BANERJEE

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 18
A high-profile US Congressional delegation on a visit here and the Speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile, on Tuesday, "targeted" China on the issue of autonomy for Tibet. Reacting to the US delegation's visit to Dharamsala, China said it was "gravely concerned" and asked the US to honour commitments that it made to Beijing on the issues related to Tibet of not having any contact with the Dalai Lama group and stop sending the 'wrong signal' to the world.
The delegation, which includes former US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, is scheduled to meet Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama here on Wednesday. The meeting will be at the main Buddhist temple in this hill town.
Speaking in the House of the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile, Michael McCaul, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the US House,



The US delegation at the Tibetan Parliament-in-exile in Dharamsala on Tuesday. ANI

in reference to tomorrow's meeting, said: "We have many things to talk... there has been a major shift in the US policy towards Tibet and its right to self-determination. We believe people in Tibet have the right to self-determination."
Referring to the Tibetan Parliament, he hoped "this temple of democracy is back in Tibet". Speaker of Tibetan Parliament Khenpo Sonam Tenphel said: "Your (the panel) visit has sent

a strong message to China." He thanked the US delegation for passing the Bill called the 'Tibet China Dispute Act', also referred to as 'Resolve Tibet Act', which seeks to resolve the Tibet issue as per international norms under the negotiated settlement.
Geogory Meeks 'Ranking member', US House Foreign Affairs Committee, praised Pelosi on pressing members to pass the Bill. In Beijing, when

asked about the US delegation visiting the Dalai Lama, China's foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said "the 14th Dalai Lama is not a pure religious figure, but a political exile engaged in anti-China separatist activities under the cloak of religion".
Lin added that the US must honour the commitments made to China on issues related to Tibet and "stop sending the wrong signal to the world".

'Ready for talks, Dalai Lama's vision shows way ahead'

DHARAMSALA, JUNE 18

Tibetan Parliament-in-exile Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering Teykhang on Tuesday said "we are ready for a dialogue for autonomy. We can keep our culture, religion, education, environment, health and language, and China can deal with defence and foreign affairs."
The "Middle way" policy is the vision of the Dalai Lama. The Central Tibetan Administration — the 45 member elected body — is committed to it, she added. It says Tibet would remain part of the People's Republic of China, but Tibetans would have meaningful autonomy.
On being asked if the CTA was looking to restart the stalled dialogue with China, she said: "We would want a political person to be on board when the dialogue process restarts with China." — TNS



A bridge collapses into the Bakra river in the Sikti block area of Araria in Bihar on Tuesday. PTI

Newly built bridge collapses in Bihar days before inauguration

PATNA, JUNE 18

A portion of a newly constructed bridge over the Bakra collapsed in Pararia village of Bihar's Araria district on Tuesday, a police officer said. No casualty was reported, he said.
The bridge, constructed by the state government, was yet to be inaugurated and

In March, similar mishap over Kosi left 1 dead

opened to public as approach roads to the bridge were not constructed. The bridge connects Kursa Kanta and Sikti areas of Araria district. Amit Ranjan, Araria SP said,

"A portion of a newly constructed bridge over Bakra river has collapsed. Officials have reached there to examine the matter." The cause of the incident is not yet known, he added. In March, an under-construction bridge over the Kosi river collapsed in Supaul district, leaving one person dead and 10 others injured. — PTI

Indian worker dies at bridge site in Maldives

MALE, JUNE 18

An Indian worker died after he collapsed during maintenance work on a major bridge in the Maldivian capital, the police said on Tuesday, the second worksite accident in the country involving an Indian national since May.
The police only identified the deceased as an Indian national

but did not disclose any further details. According to the news portal Sun.mv, the worker collapsed during the repair work he was carrying out on the Sina-male Bridge on Monday night after he got dizzy. He was taken to a private hospital in Hulhumale but he was already dead when he was brought in, the police said. — PTI

MoD asks UK for 9 Jaguars, spares to help maintain fleet

VIJAY MOHAN

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

The Ministry of Defence has approached the UK for the transfer of nine Jaguar aircraft that are now no longer in service with the European country, along with a cache of spares, to make up for attrition in the Indian Air Force (IAF).
The Jaguars, which equip six squadrons, form a crucial element of the IAF's deep penetration strike capability and tactical reconnaissance. Some of these aircraft have also been modified for the maritime role with anti-ship missiles.
The IAF is seeking the airframes of five single seater GR-



1 version and four twin-seat T2 variants decommissioned by the Royal Air Force, along with about 150 different types of spare parts, sources said. The sale and transfer of the airframes and spares would be

facilitated by UK's Defence Equipment Sales Authority and once the deal is finalised, these would be shipped to the Air Force Station, Ambala, where two Jaguar squadrons, No.5 'Tuskers' and No.16

SERVICEABILITY CAUSE FOR CONCERN

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■ In 1979, 40 aircraft were imported from the UK followed by licence manufacture of 150 jets by HAL. The IAF has about 115 Jaguars. Their serviceability is a cause for concern due to non-availability of spares
'Bulls', are based.
Earlier, as an offset of the Rafale fighter jet deal, the IAF had received 31 decommissioned airframes along with a few engines and a large number of critically needed spares

from France, which were moved to the Gorakhpur airbase, where two other squadrons are based. Jamnagar is the third operating base for these aircraft.
Most of the airframes would be used for cannibalisation so that optimum squadron serviceability can be maintained. Production of the Jaguar has long ceased and at present the IAF is its sole operator, with other users — France, the UK, Oman, Nigeria and Ecuador — having retired them.
In 1979, 40 aircraft were imported from the UK followed by licence manufacture of 150 aircraft by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. At present, the IAF has about 115 Jaguars in

service, but according to reports their serviceability is a cause for concern due to obsolescence, non-availability of spares. Over the past decade, the IAF's Jaguar fleet has been undergoing modernisation and upgrade to enhance its operational capability. With this, sources said the fleet is expected to remain in service for another 15 years.
A few years ago, the IAF began re-equipping the Jaguar with the DARIN-III advanced navigation and attack avionics suite, and earlier this year, initiated another project to re-equip the fleet with new generation close combat air-to-air missiles, transport platforms as well as cruise missiles and UAVs.