



Medha Patkar gets five-month jail in defamation case

NEW DELHI: A court on Monday sentenced activist Medha Patkar to five months of simple imprisonment in a 23-year-old defamation case lodged by Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena when he headed an NGO in Gujarat. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 10 lakh on Patkar. She has been given one month to file an appeal against the order. — TNS

Under new laws, first FIR over bike theft in Gwalior

NEW DELHI: Hours after the Delhi Police claimed they filed first FIR under provisions of the new criminal code Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Home Minister Amit Shah clarified the first case was about a bike theft registered in Gwalior at 10 minutes past midnight. He said the Delhi case against a street vendor was dismissed after an investigation. — TNS

Rahul takes 'not Hindus' dig at BJP in Parl, PM calls it attack on community

In maiden speech as LoP, Cong MP accuses ruling party of spreading violence, hatred

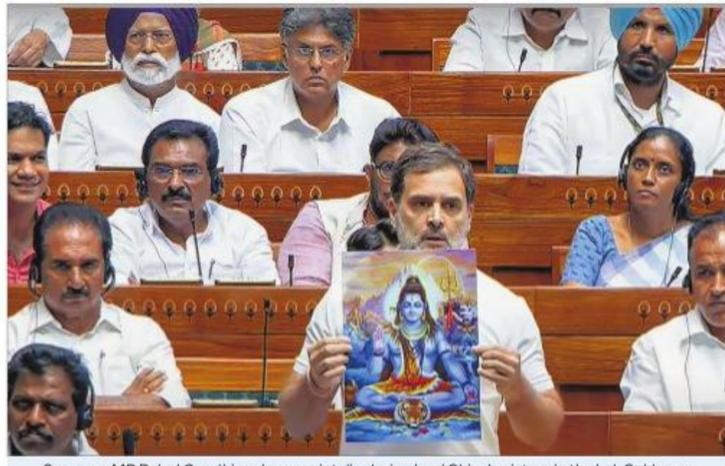
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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi today launched a blistering attack on the BJP in the Lok Sabha, saying the leaders of the ruling party "were not Hindus as they were spreading fear and hatred" round the clock, in a statement that drew massive protests from the treasury benches that accused the opposition leader of calling the entire Hindu community violent.

Armed with a picture of Lord Shiva, Rahul, in his maiden speech as the Leader of the Opposition, said the Lord symbolised fearlessness, tolerance and forgiveness, and that the "BJP leadership should espouse these feelings". He said the ruling party "should not instil fear among sections of the society" and instead work for the betterment of the country with the spirit of tolerance, as espoused by Lord Shiva.

Rahul's speech saw interventions from Prime Minister Narendra Modi twice while several Union Ministers too intervened, seeking authentication of his com-



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi makes a point displaying Lord Shiva's picture in the Lok Sabha. PTI

ments on the "failure" of the Agniveer scheme, "lack of compensation" to the residents of Ayodhya whose houses and shops were demolished for building the temple and "denial of" MSP legal guarantee to farmers. Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Bhupender Yadav and Kiren Rijiju intervened during Rahul's almost

two-hour-long speech, during which he blamed the Centre for its "all-out assault" on the Constitution. Led by the PM, the treasury benches accused the Congress MP of insulting all Hindus. This was after Rahul, armed with a copy of the Constitution and photos of religious figures, launched a fierce attack on the BJP and its ideological mentor RSS,

claiming "neither of them truly represented all Hindus". "If you look at Lord Shiva's image, you will know that Hindus can never spread fear and hatred. But the BJP spreads fear and hatred round the clock. All religions and all our great men talk about non-violence and fearlessness, but those who call themselves Hindus only talk about violence, hatred and

INVOKES LORD SHIVA TO TARGET RULING PARTY

Rahul invoked Lord Shiva to target the BJP, saying, "If you look at Lord Shiva's image, you will know that Hindus can never spread fear and hatred. But the BJP spreads fear and hatred round the clock. Aap Hindu ho hi nahin" (you are not Hindus)."

KHARGE REMARKS ON RSS EXPUNGED

Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in RS, slammed PM Modi for his poll speeches and attacked the RSS over its functioning. House Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar expunged most of his remarks, saying the RSS "is working for the nation".

NIA okay with Rashid taking oath as MP, court to pass directions today

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 1

Jailed Kashmiri leader and newly elected MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, is likely to take oath on July 5 after the NIA on Monday gave its consent before a special court in Delhi. Additional Sessions Judge Chander Jit Singh will pass an order on the matter on Tuesday.

Rashid, 56, a former MLA from the Langate Assembly constituency in Kupwara district, contested as an Independent MP from Baramulla in the recently held Lok Sabha elections and won by a huge margin.

Last month, he moved the court seeking interim bail, or custody parole to take oath as an MP in Parliament. On June 22, a special court had adjourned the matter and asked the NIA to file its response.

The NIA counsel said Rashid's oath-taking should be subject to some conditions like not speaking to the media. He also said Rashid, who was in Tihar Jail, must complete the process within a day.



Sheikh Abdul Rashid

PROBE AGENCY'S RIDERS

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jail authorities on the matter. While Rashid's counsel had cited AAP leader Sanjay Singh being granted custody parole to take oath as a Rajya Sabha MP, the court noted that Rashid's charges were different. The current session of Parliament is scheduled to end on July 3. Procedures allow MPs to take oath in the Speaker's chamber even when Parliament is not in session. Ex-CM Omar Abdullah, whom Rashid defeated in the elections, said even as Rashid might take oath as an MP, he would not be able to work as the representative of the people of

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Akali leaders Prem Singh Chandumajra, Bibi Jagir Kaur, Surjit Singh Rakhra and others during their meeting with Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh in Amritsar on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Crisis in SAD deepens, dissidents submit apology letter to Akal Takht

Seek atonement for 'mistakes' that led to party's debacle

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AMRITSAR, JULY 1

Dejected by the alleged "autocracy" in the Shiromani Akali Dal, a group of dissident Akali leaders today approached Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh with their written "admission of mistakes" and sought atonement for being part of the SAD regime during its two terms between 2007 and 2017.

In the letter, they mentioned four major "mistakes" that led to the party's debacle, politically and religiously. The Jathedar accepted the letter, but reserved his verdict. Later, the leaders, including Prem

PAID 'COURTESY VISIT' TO AMRITPAL'S PLACE

Before visiting Akal Takht, SAD dissidents visited Jallapur Khera, native village of pro-Khalistan leader and Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh, who is in jail. Akali leader Chandumajra said the visit was apolitical. "It was just a courtesy visit," he said; the Jathedar accepted the apology letter, but reserved his verdict.

Singh Chandumajra, Surjit Singh Rakhra, Parminder Singh Dhindsa, Bibi Jagir Kaur, Gurpartap Singh Wadala, Sucha Singh

Chhotepur, Sarwan Singh Phillaur, Karnail Singh Panjauli and Manjit Singh, stood in front of Akal Takht and performed "ardas" for penance. Before visiting Akal Takht, some of them also visited Jallapur Khera, the native village of self-styled pro-Khalistan leader and newly elected MP from Khadoor Sahib Amritpal Singh, who is in the Dibrugarh jail under the National Security Act.

Amritpal's mother Balwinder Kaur said four Akali leaders, including Chandumajra and Wadala, had come to congratulate them on Amritpal's election as an MP. CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

Kejriwal moves HC against CBI arrest; hearing today

NEW DELHI, JULY 1

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday moved the Delhi High Court challenging his arrest by the CBI and his subsequent custody in a corruption case linked to the Delhi excise policy 'scam'.

Kejriwal's petition is listed for hearing on Tuesday before Justice Neena Bansal Krishna. He is currently in judicial custody, facing charges of corruption and money laundering.

The Delhi CM was placed under the CBI custody for three days starting June 26 by Vacation Judge Amitabh Rawat, who held that the arrest was not illegal at this stage but cautioned the CBI against "overzealousness". On June 29, Vacation Judge Sunena Sharma remanded Kejriwal in judicial custody till July 12, as the CBI did not seek his further remand.

The CBI had examined Kejriwal in Tihar Jail on June 25. The Delhi CM has been lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with a money laundering case investigated by the ED linked to the excise policy. His statement was recorded hours after the Delhi HC stayed the bail granted to him in the PMLA case. On June 26, after obtaining court permission, the CBI formally arrested Kejriwal. — TNS

Called out, IOA members shun Paris travel perks

The Tribune IMPACT

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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

Indian Olympic Association officials have decided not to avail perks they cleared for themselves for travel and stay during the Paris Olympics. The decision came during an executive meeting here today, a week after The Tribune highlighted how 12

HAD DOUBLED ALLOWANCE TO \$300

IOA executive council had doubled DA for 12 members to \$300 for 5-day stay in Paris; players' perks remained same at \$50. They have now decided not to take DA, business class tickets or other perks from IOA; will instead share 4 all-access venue cards

executive council members would get \$300 per day—around Rs 25,000—each in dearness allowance for their five-day stay in Paris. The council members unanimously decided not to

take the allowance, business class tickets or other perks from the organisation for the Games. They will now travel at their own expense. The members were further to be paid 1,000 euros—near-

ly Rs 90,000 per day—for the duration of their trip. In contrast, the Indian athletes were to draw only \$50 per day each from the IOA for stay. After an uproar, the council members decided to let go of the perks and emoluments, but have demanded an NOC (National Olympic Committee) card, an all-access permit for the Games venues. The catch, however, is India has been CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

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No relief for power consumers, fuel surcharge to continue till December

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

There is no relief in sight for lakhs of power consumers in Haryana in the run-up to the October Assembly elections as the Power Department has decided to continue the fuel surcharge adjustment (FSA) of 47 paise per unit till December 2024.

The FSA, which was being levied from April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, will continue to be levied on the non-agricultural consumers and consumers consuming less than 200 units per month for six months more.

A circular issued by the Chief Engineers of the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) said the "existing FSA @47paise per unit on various categories of power



WHAT IS FUEL SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT

The fuel surcharge adjustment is effected to recover the amount incurred by the power distribution companies in arranging additional electricity supply through short-term agreements

consumers will continue till December 2024".

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term agreements. Meanwhile, the Congress reacted sharply to the continuation of the FSA by the BJP Government. "The continuation of the FSA at a time when there is a virtually power

DECISION UNJUSTIFIED, ANTI-PEOPLE

"The continuation of the fuel surcharge adjustment (FSA) at a time when there is virtually a power crisis in the state in the wake of long unscheduled power cuts is unjustified and anti-people. A temporary provision like levy of the FSA should be perpetuated to put additional burden on the common man."

BB Batra, CONGRESS CHIEF WHIP

common man," asserted BB Batra, Congress chief whip in the Haryana Assembly.

However, sources claimed that the levy of the FSA was in accordance with various rules and regulations framed by various statutory bodies, including the power regulators—the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC). The state government recently announced relief for the power consumers by abolishing the minimum monthly charges, the sources claimed.

It may be noted that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced the abolition of minimum monthly charges for domestic power consumers last month. This would mean that the people of the state would receive bills based solely on the number of units of electricity consumed.

8% pay hike for 1.2L hired by Kaushal Rozgar Nigam

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today announced an 8 per cent hike in salaries of 1.2 lakh employees of Level 1, 2, and 3 categories engaged through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited (HKRNL).

As per the announcement, the salaries of these employees would be hiked with effect from July 1, 2024.

The Chief Minister made this announcement today during a meeting with various labour unions and HKRNL employees, accompanied by Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh.

MLAs Mohan Lal Badoli, Sitaram Yadav, and Laxman Singh Yadav were also present in the meeting. The Chief Minister said employees have been engaged transparently under the HKRNL. There are 71,012 employees in level 1, 26,915 in

CATEGORY-WISE RAISE

■ In category-1 districts, level-1 staff will get ₹18,400 to ₹19,872, level-2 employees ₹21,650 to ₹23,382, and level-3 employees ₹22,300 to ₹24,084

■ In category-2, level-1 employees will receive ₹16,250 to ₹17,550, level-2 employees ₹19,450 to ₹21,600, and level-3 staff ₹20,100 to ₹21,708

■ In category-3, level-1 employees will get ₹15,050 to ₹16,254, level-2 employees ₹18,300 to ₹19,764, and level-3 employees ₹18,900 to ₹20,412

level 2, and 21,934 in level 3.

He said reservation benefits have been given to the Scheduled Caste and Backward Class youth among the employees hired under the Nigam.

Saini said during the Congress government's tenure,

contractual employees hired under outsourcing policies part-1 and part-2 were being exploited. Contractors neither provided EPF benefits nor ESI benefits to the employees. Additionally, employees did not receive any benefits under labour fund schemes, and contractors could terminate these employees at their will.

The Chief Minister said to protect the employees from exploitation, the state government created a system and formed the HKRNL. Today, employees are receiving salaries on time along with EPF and ESI benefits. Now, the required skilled manpower for any department or private establishment is supplied through the Nigam, he said.

During the meeting, it was informed that the hike will be effective from July 1, 2024.

₹44 cr for paediatric units' upgrade

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

With an aim to enhance paediatric care across the state, CM Nayab Singh Saini has sanctioned Rs 44.1 crore per annum to strengthen the 12-bedded paediatric units already estab-

lished in district hospitals. Disclosing this, Health Minister Dr Kamal Gupta said these 12-bedded paediatric units were initially set up under the Emergency Covid Response Package Phase-II. — TNS

Cong plans protest over closure of Shambhu border

NITISH SHARMA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

AMBALA, JULY 1

Amid the ongoing standoff between the state government and the farmer unions, the Congress has decided to hold a dharna in Ambala on Thursday over the issue of closure of the Shambhu border.

The Shambhu border has been closed since February 10 as the farmers haven't been able to proceed towards Delhi. As a result, local traders and shopkeepers in Ambala City and Ambala Cantonment markets have been affected adversely.

Extending support to both farmers and traders, the Congress is trying to woo both the communities as the Assembly elections are approaching and the party wants to maintain the momentum gained in the Lok Sabha elections. The Congress will stage a dharna at Kalka Chowk on Thursday in Ambala City.

Ambala Congress leader Vinod Dhiman said: "As the government hasn't been showing any concern towards the plight of local traders and farmers, we have decided to come forward and raise the matter. The farmers want to go to Delhi to raise their issues with the Central Government and they have nothing to do with the state government. We fail to understand the reason behind stopping

TRADERS' DHARNA TOMORROW

The Wholesale Cloth Market Association will soon meet Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini over the issue again. Association president Vishal Batra said: "The traders have also decided to hold a three-hour dharna 'Shambhu Kholo, Yapar Bachao' on Wednesday. We request the state government to get the issue resolved at the earliest."

farmers here at the Haryana-Punjab border. The state government should let the farmers go from here, as due to the blockade of the Shambhu border, the cloth market of Ambala City and other markets are incurring heavy losses."

Congress leader Nirmal Singh, who will lead the dharna, said: "Traders have been continuously approaching us to help reopen the border. The Congress has decided to raise the issues of farmers and traders by staging a dharna. We will take up the issue strongly." Meanwhile Vishal Batra, president of Wholesale Cloth Market Association, said "We are in touch with the government and have decided to meet Haryana Chief Minister soon to raise the issue again. The traders have also decided to hold a dharna on Wednesday."



Patients and staff at the Civil Hospital in Hisar on Monday had a harrowing time as the city witnessed the first spell of rain. PHOTO: ASHOK KUNDU

Hisar Civil Hospital inundated after rain

DEEPENDER DESWAL
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HISAR, JULY 1

The rainy season gives a harrowing time to patients and staff at the Civil Hospital in Hisar which is located in a low-lying area adjoining the historic Hisar-e-Firoza fort along the Bus stand road in the town.

With 72.6mm rainfall recorded in the district early today, the bowl-shaped location of the civil hospital gets filled with rainwater. Though the rainwater got drained after some time, it remained stagnant in patches on the campus.

When this correspondent visited the Civil Hospital today, the Civil Surgeon's office was found inundated even after 12 hours of rain last night. Though the water was drained out by installing electric motors from the main campus, patients, their atten-

PROBLEM WITH SEWERAGE

"There is a problem with sewerage as it takes time to drain out water. PHED officials have assured us of repairing it at the earliest. There is a proposal to put in place a drainage system for speedy disposal of rainwater." Dr Sapna Gahlawat, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, HISAR

dants and even the hospital staff had a tough time on muddy floors to their respective rooms inside the building. Hospital staff members expressed concern over the problems that poured with the first major spell. "Thinking what is likely to follow as the monsoon season proceeds is harrowing for us as well as the patients. The drainage system gets overwhelmed with a couple of spells. It becomes difficult to drain out the rainwater, which enters the building as well", said an employee.

Set up in 1957, the campus and the main building of the

Maharaja Agrasen Civil Hospital is about three feet below the main Hisar-Sirsa road. Unfortunately, additional construction or even elevation of the hospital building is not possible due to the adjoining Hisar-e-Firoza fort, which is an Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected site. As per the ASI norms, no construction is allowed in a specific radius around the ASI protected building.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Sapna Gahlawat said last night's rain had completely inundated the campus of the hospital. "Though the rainwater has

been drained out from the main campus with the help of electric motors, we are bound to face more problems during the monsoon season," she said.

The CMO the issue had been raised with the (PHED) department concerned time and again, but to no avail. "There is a sewerage problem as it takes time to drain out water. PHED officials have assured us of repairing it at the earliest. There is a proposal to put in place a drainage system for speedy disposal of rainwater, which is still in the pipeline," the CMO said.

However, the district administration wants the Civil Hospital shifted from the present site. "The district administration has identified about 22 acres on the Hisar-Delhi bypass. Further action will be taken on getting sanction from the government," said Chetna Choudhary, District Revenue Officer.

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Nod to free renal, liver transplants upto ₹3L under CM scheme

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

To improve healthcare accessibility in Haryana, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has authorised an initiative, called the Mukhya Mantri Muft Ilaj Yojana (MMMIY), which will provide eligible patients with free renal and liver transplantation services of up to Rs 3 lakh.

The CM has also approved the creation of a specialised fixed renal and liver transplant package of Rs 3 lakh under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana — Ayushman Bharat (PMJAYAB) initiative. Health Minister Dr Kamal Gupta stated today that the state government is devoted to healthcare reform and patient welfare. With this initiative, identified individuals will be able to obtain essential renal and liver transplants at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) in Rohtak without worrying about high expenditures. — TNS



Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar (R) takes charge as GOC of Kharga Corps.

Lt Gen Pushkar takes over as GOC of Kharga Corps

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

Lt Gen Rajesh Pushkar today took over as the General-Officer-Commanding (GOC) of the Kharga Corps, the Army's premier strike formation, at Ambala. Prior to this, he was serving as Director General Territorial Army at Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Army).

An Armoured Corps officer, he is an alumnus of the

National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, and the National Defence College, New Delhi.

In a career spanning 35 years, he has commanded an operational area, a strategic independent armoured brigade and an infantry division in western sector. — TNS

Power outages hit industries in F'bad, output dips up to 95%

BIJENDRA AHLAWAT
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JULY 1

The rains may have brought a relief from the heatwave, but these have also disrupted the power supply in several areas.

The situation in industrial areas is worse with many units facing 8-10 hour outages. The Industrial Model Township (IMT), carved out by HSIIDC, is one of the pockets that have suffered the most due to recurring faults and breakdowns, resulting in disruption of the production, some even reporting up to 95 per cent decline in manufacturing.

Though officials blame the power outages on underground cables and a tardy pace of repair, harassed entrepreneurs resorted to protest recently to move them. IMT Industries Association president Pramod Rana said the relief came after long on Sunday, when some alternative arrangements were made by



A power sub-station of the DHBVN in Faridabad. FILE

the department to deal with the issue. "The inadequate supply of power to the industry has become a perennial problem. The situation may aggravate further or improve marginally, but it is far from satisfactory," says Rajive Chawla, president, Integrated Association of Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises of India. Claiming that eight to nine hours of power disruption has become a routine for the past three months, he said uninterrupted supply continued to remain a dream

and the main demand of the industry. Suresh Chander Garg, an industrialist, said the department needed to focus on maintenance and upkeep of the transmission system.

The first downpour on the morning of June 28 resulted in power outages. The supply remained disrupted between 6 and 10 hours in many areas of the city. Naresh Kakkar, SE, DHBVN, said the disruption in power supply could be due to breakdown or faults in the network due to various reasons.

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Basmati sowing begins, state targets 40% increase in area

Govt decides to ban 10 insecticides from July 15 to meet export quality

RUCHIKA M KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

With basmati sowing beginning today, Punjab is targeting an increase in area under basmati paddy by nearly 40 per cent this year.

The Agriculture Department's plan is not just to increase the area under basmati, but increase in area using water and labour-saving Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technique. This year, the state is targeting basmati sowing through DSR on one lakh hectare.

Director Agriculture Jaswant Singh said farmers in the basmati belt of Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar and Tarn Taran were adopting DSR for PUSA 1509 variety. "This year, the total area to be sown using DSR will go up to 2 lakh hectares, up from 1.72 lakh hectares last year. The area under DSR sowing technique is already 90,000 hectares in non-basmati varieties. The remaining target will be achieved through basmati



Women sow paddy in a field near Patiala on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

'PESTICIDE-FREE BASMATI'

Last year, the state Agriculture Department had conducted an experiment in Chogawan block of Amritsar by cultivating a "pesticide/insecticide-free basmati". The results of the pesticide residue level in the crop is awaited from Punjab Biotechnology Incubator. The reports will determine the success of the experiment and its replication across the state

SOWING OF PUSA VARIETIES

Sowing has started for basmati PUSA varieties 1509, 1847, 1121, 1718 and PB 7 in the basmati belt of Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Tarn Taran, Amritsar and parts of Ferozepur, Fazilka and Hoshiarpur. Basmati varieties are also grown in small patches in other districts of the state

cultivation," he added.

As per department figures, the area to be brought under basmati paddy is 10 lakh hectares, up from 5.96 lakh hectares last year. With basmati fetching farmers a good price last year — this paddy variety is not procured by the government — it is being hoped that the area would go up. In 2023, basmati fetched an average price of Rs 3,800 per quintal, though at many places in Punjab, it sold for over Rs 5,000 a quintal. A year prior to that, the returns were not as good — merely Rs 2,700-3,000 per quintal.

To ensure that the basmati quality remains excellent for export, by keeping the pesticide residue level within acceptable range, the state government has decided to ban 10 kinds of insecticides, namely, acephate, buprofezin, chloropyrifos, hexaconazole, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, proflenofos, imidacloprid, carbendazim and triazotol. The ban on its sale, distribution and use will come in force from July 15.

In sultry weather, netas' wives out to woo voters for Jalandhar bypoll

DEEPAKAMAL KAUR
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

JALANDHAR, JULY 1

A stylish, yet simple Punjabi suit. Crisp starched-dupatta over the head and hair pulled back into a neat bun. A charismatic appeal on their faces and folded hands — the signature style of wives of Punjab's big netas slugging it out in the hot and humid weather in the narrow lanes of Jalandhar West, with one thing on their mind: ensuring the victory of their parties in the July 10 byelection.

Dr Gurpreet Kaur, wife of CM Bhagwant Mann; Amrita Warring, wife of Punjab Congress chief Amrinder S Raja Warring; and Sunita Rinku, ex-councillor and wife of former Jalandhar MP Sushil Rinku, are out to sway votes in congested mohallas in favour of the AAP, Congress and BJP, respectively.

While their husbands are involved in strategic planning, discussions and handing out duties to party workers, these 'Mrs Politicians' have taken the charge on the ground and are going door to door. But they don't want to be seen merely as their husband's proxies, for they are aware that they are crowd pullers, have impressive oratory skills, can strike a chord, and even have the power to overshadow them in future.

"If spouse politicians like Preetneet Kaur have earned nationwide prominence, I too aspire for it. Whenever the Women Reservation Bill gets implemented, we stand a 33 per cent chance," says



Amrita Warring, wife of MP Amrinder Raja Warring; and (below) Gurpreet Kaur, wife of CM Bhagwant Mann, campaign in Jalandhar.



nothing as such, for now. I want to concentrate on Jalandhar West and give my best for the party here." Dr Gurpreet Kaur, who was an AAP volunteer even before her marriage, too, does not spell out her political ambitions. "I am helping my husband. Like him, I am a loyal soldier of the party, and wherever the party gives me duty, I will work to the best of my ability."

Farmers block NH over move to acquire land

ARCHIT WAITS
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MUKTSAR, JULY 1

Anticipating that the Centre is set to acquire land after the reserves of potash, a mineral used in fertilisers, was found in their village in a study conducted by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in 2019, farmers of Kabarwala, Kattianwali and Sarawan Bodla villages in the Lambi Assembly segment today held a protest outside the tehsil complex at Malout and blocked the national highway for over an hour demanding a good price for their land.

According to the Indian Minerals Yearbook-2019, published by the Indian Bureau of Mines in May 2021, a reconnaissance survey for potash, gypsum and associated sulphates was taken up in Muktsar and Fazilka districts during 2018-19.

The farmers claimed that they had received information through some Revenue Department officials that the drawing of land to be acquired was being undertaken. "We met local MLA-cum-Agriculture Minister Gumeet Singh Khuddian

Demand suitable relief for potash-rich agricultural land

yesterday, who spoke to the DC in this regard and told us that if the Centre wanted to acquire the land, it would do so," said Jugraj Singh, a farmer and vice-president of the Punjab Kisan Union.

"The Central government will make a hefty amount by digging out potash from here. It should compensate us accordingly. Our land is the most fertile in the district and we are seeking Rs 125 crore an acre. We have heard that the nearly 800 acres at Kabarwala, 200 acres at Kattianwali and 150 acres at Sarwan Bodla are being earmarked for the mining of potash," he stated.

Muktsar DC Harpreet Singh Sudan said, "The Centre has just sought a preliminary report of the total area as some minerals were found in a survey. We can give in writing to the farmers that, as of now, there is no proposal to acquire their land, but can't say anything about the future."

NHAI moves HC for resumption of toll plazas

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 1

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court claiming that the "forcible seizure" of toll plazas and stalling of fee collection operations has caused an estimated loss of Rs 113.21 crore to the Central exchequer.

Seeking directions to Punjab and its functionaries for the resumption of the toll plazas located within the state, the NHAI also told the Bench that repeated encroachments by the protesters was also creating serious law and order problems. It said certain anti-social elements/miscreants under the garb of the protest were



Farmer unions hold a protest at the Ladhawal toll plaza in Ludhiana. FILE PHOTO

extorting money from the toll plaza staff. "All these facts were brought to the notice of the district administration and the police authorities. Howev-

er, no action has been taken till date," it added. The application, filed by the NHAI through its project director Lichhman Ram, stated that the high court, in

its order dated January 12, 2023, had directed the state and its DGP to provide adequate security and make safety arrangements, "in terms of the State support

agreement to safeguard the property of the NHAI, so that the trespassers do not take over the remaining toll plazas and normalcy might be restored."

Appearing before Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj's Bench, NHAI counsel and senior advocate Chetan Mittal submitted the matter was disposed of after the DGP (Law and Order) filed affidavits dated February 15, 2023, and July 12, 2023, stating under oath that the directions had been issued to the field units for meticulous compliance with the high court order and to provide adequate safety and make security arrangements to safeguard the property/toll plazas of NHAI operational in the State of Punjab.

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Locals, tourists see red as weatherman gets orange alert wrong

SUBHASH RAJTA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JULY 1
Sita Ram Verma, an apple grower at a village near Shimla, is quite upset with the weather department. "I have been postponing fungicide spray in my orchard for the last three days as the department had issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rain for June 29-30 and July 1. However, there has hardly been any rain over the last three days," he said.



Tourists and locals stroll on the Ridge in Shimla on Monday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: LALIT KUMAR

Likewise, several people, particularly tourists, either put off or altered their commuting plans in view of a warning of localised flooding of roads, landslides and occasional reduction in visibility, said Gaurav Thakur, a travel agent. The orange alert had been quite off the mark as only light to moderate rainfall was experienced at isolated places, he said.

Surender Paul, Director, Meteorological Centre, Shimla, said, "At times, the weather

forecast system tends to overestimate precipitation in hilly areas due to orographic conditions. It mainly happens during the slow monsoon conditions, which is the case at present."

Mahesh Palawat, vice-president of private forecast agency Skymet, agrees with Paul. "Compared to the plains, predicting weather with high accuracy is tougher in the hills, mainly due to the fre-

quent change in wind direction. The forecast model sometimes fails to capture micro movements, leading to a variation in the forecast and the actual weather," he said. Be that as it may, the fore-

cast shouldn't be as wrong as it was over the last three days, argued Gaurav. "The alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall was for isolated parts, which means 25 per cent of the areas likely to be affected by the

TOUGHER IN HILLS

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Mahesh Palawat, VICE-PRESIDENT, SKYMET

alert. We can, however, look into the possibility of mentioning the places most likely to be affected by the alert so that people of other places are not affected," said Paul.

He added the weather forecast accuracy could be improved if more observatory points were set up. Incidentally, the department has issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places tomorrow as well.

Tell people what you have done for Hamirpur district: BJP to Sukhu

OUR CORRESPONDENT

HAMIRPUR, JULY 1

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu should tell people what he has done in the past 18 months for the district instead of seeking votes by playing with the sentiments of the voters, said Randhir Sharma, Naina Devi MLA and state BJP spokesperson, while addressing mediapersons here today.

Randhir alleged that the Congress government had failed on all fronts and pushed the state into a financial crisis. He added that the Chief Minister should tell people about his achievements. "The state government has failed to fulfil guarantees that the Congress had made before the 2022 Assembly elections," he said.

The spokesperson said that the Congress government was pushing the state towards bankruptcy, as it was left with no funds to pay pension, salaries, gratuity and other dues of the employees and the pension-

ers. He added that Congress government had closed a number of government institutions like government college at Galore, Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission and the sports complex proposed at Didwar Tikkar opened by the previous BJP government.

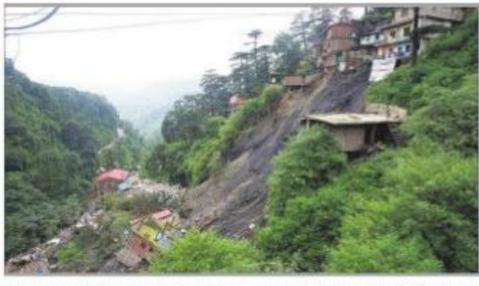
He said that the Chief Minister was claiming that the Congress government had released the Mahila Samman Nidhi grant but there was no provision in the Budget. He added that the Chief Minister had accepted that the state was reeling under a financial crunch. The Congress had promised to give 300 units of free power but nothing of the sort had happened.

Randhir alleged that fearing that their candidate could lose in the Hamirpur byelection, Congress leaders and workers had resorted to hooliganism. He added that there was gross violation of the election code of conduct and the BJP would report these issues to the Election Commission of India.

'State highly disaster prone': Govt seeks ₹5K cr for road, bridge maintenance

PRATIBHA CHAUHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

SHIMLA, JULY 1
The government has sought additional Rs 5,000 crore from the Central Government for the maintenance of roads and bridges during disasters in the state and a separate disaster risk index (DRI) for hilly states considering their high vulnerability to natural catastrophes.



VULNERABLE TO 25 TYPES OF HAZARDS

Himachal is vulnerable to 25 of the 33 types of hazards identified by a high-powered committee; the state is more vulnerable to landslides, earthquakes, avalanches, cloudbursts and floods due to glacial lake outburst

<<A landslide-hit area at Krishna Nagar ward in Shimla. FILE PHOTO

The Himachal Government, in a representation made to the 16th Finance Commission, has pointed out that a uniform DRI cannot be applied to hill states like Himachal, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and other Northeastern states as the risk index here is higher than in other parts of the country. The state government has questioned the criteria being adopted for fund allocation for disaster management and sought

enhanced allocation keeping in view the high risk vulnerability of Himachal.

The state government has also sought Rs 5,000 crore over and above the routine grants for maintaining road connectivity, especially during disasters. The explanation given is that the loss of the relatively young Himalayas and frequent rainfall along with severe climatic conditions have increased the requirement of the main-

tenance of roads, bridges and other infrastructure.

It has been pointed out that Himachal is vulnerable to 25 of the 33 types of hazards identified by the high-powered committee constituted by the Union Government in 2005; the state is more vulnerable to landslides, earthquakes, avalanches, cloudbursts and floods due to glacial lake outburst.

"During the monsoon last year, Himachal witnessed

unprecedented devastation as 500 lives were lost and damage to the tune of Rs 9,700 crore was caused. Besides, infrastructure and the tourism sector suffered extensive losses," say officials.

The impact of climate change and global warming is also manifesting itself by way of the formation of more moraine dammed glacial lakes and supra glacial lakes, leading to a threat of lake bursting and floods. Most

parts of Himachal fall in the high seismic zones IV and V, making many areas vulnerable to earthquakes. It has also been pointed out that as per GSI Landslide Susceptibility maps for Himachal, about 50 per cent of the total geographical area falls in the 'high susceptible' category.

Considering the high geological hazard vulnerability of Himachal, the 15th Finance Commission had recommended an allocation of Rs 250 crore for the state in 2021-26 period at the rate of Rs 50 crore per annum. This was done for managing landslides and seismic risk in the state. Himachal has urged the 16 Finance Commission to take a considerate view of the large-scale damage being caused due to landslides and cloudbursts and enhance this allocation from Rs 250 crore to Rs 1,250 crore.

HC sets aside HPU selection process for PhD admission

SHIMLA, JULY 1

The HP High Court has set aside the selection process adopted by Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) for admission to the Ph.D programme in physical education for the academic session 2023-24.

Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua passed the order on a petition filed by 10 candidates challenging the process adopted by the university on the ground that the entrance test for admission to the Ph.D programme in the Department of Physical Education was not in consonance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D Degree) Regulations, 2022.

The court held that "the entrance test conducted by the university for admission to Ph.D (physical education) was not in consonance with the UGC Regulations, 2022." However, the court allowed the HPU to hold a fresh process in accordance with the law.—OC

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Dry weather hits Kangra tea production in May, June

LALIT MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

DHARAMSALA, JULY 1
The tea crop in Kangra has suffered massive damage due to a drought-like situation in May and June. According to sources, tea farmers of Kangra are alleging crop losses ranging from 40 per cent to 60 per cent due to the drought-like conditions in the district in the past two months. Some of them allege that tea farming may become unsustainable in the Kangra valley due to climate change and scanty rainfall in the region.



Workers pluck tea leaves at a garden in Dharamsala. PHOTO: KAMAL JEET

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The production of Kangra tea has fallen to just 8 lakh kg per year from 17 lakh kg per annum recorded in 1998

The said production is just 0.01 per cent of the total 90 million kg production tea in the country

Due to high temperatures and low rainfall, the tea plantations in the region have been scorched

Some of the tea growers allege that tea farming may become unsustainable in the Kangra valley due to climate change and scanty rainfall in the region

garden in May and June, though it is the peak harvest season. The situation is bad for small tea farmers, who may lose their entire year's income due to dry and hot weather. The government does not allow tea farmers of Kangra to practise anything but tea farming," he adds.

Kangra tea has its a unique geographical indicator (GI), which the Euro-

pean Union also recognises. Though the Indian Government had granted the GI tag to Kangra in 2005, it was only last year that the European Union recognised it.

According to experts, the production of the plant has fallen to just 8 lakh kg per annum against 17 lakh kg per annum recorded in 1998. The said production is just 0.01 per cent of the total 90 million kg production tea in the country.

With just 8 lakh kg of produce, the tea cannot be promoted on a commercial scale in any of the markets. The area under tea plantation in Kangra district has fallen to just about 2,000 hectares as compared 4,000 hectares at one time. The low yield and the lack of initiative among local tea farmers are responsible for low production of the tea, according to experts. At present, the average yield of the plant in the district is 230 kg per hectare.

However, at the country-level, the average yield of tea is 1,800 kg per hectare.

PM SHRI KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA NO. 2, RCF, HUSSAINPUR, KAPURTHALA

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Local parties seek Er Rashid's release

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 1

As the National Investigative Agency (NIA) on Monday gave its consent to allow jailed Kashmiri politician Sheikh Abdul Rashid, alias Engineer Rashid, to take oath as Member of Parliament, several political parties in the Valley have demanded the release of the jailed leader.

"Relieved to know he's been allowed to take oath as MP but his imprisonment itself is an utter travesty of justice in the first place," People's Democratic Party chief and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said on Monday.

"GOI (government of India) must release him immediately along with countless other Kashmiri men languishing in jails," she wrote on X.

She said, "It's a shame that Engineer Rashid has been behind bars since 2019 on baseless charges."

Rashid's lawyer Vikhyat Oberoi confirmed to *The Tribune* that NIA provid-

Kashmir-centric parties welcome NIA's consent for his oath-taking as MP



RELEASE OTHER KASHMIRIS TOO

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ed its consent during Monday's hearing in the bail plea case filed by Rashid. The court is now expected to pass its verdict on Tuesday.

J&K Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari welcomed the development related to NIA's permission for oath-taking of MP-elect from Baramulla Lok Sabha seat Er Rashid.

"This was long due which finally has seen its realisation, much to the joy and satisfaction of the electorate, spanning in lacs, in North Kashmir," he wrote on X.

NIA's counsel on Monday said oath-taking of Rashid be subject to some conditions like his not speaking to the media. Bukhari, how-

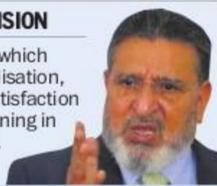
ever, said "restricting the MP-elect from interacting with the media is worrisome and not a healthy sign for democracy."

Former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said even as Rashid might take oath as an MP, he would not be able to work as the representative of the people of Baramulla in Parliament. Rashid threw a big surprise after he defeated former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah by a margin of over two lakh votes. Salman Nizami, chief spokesperson of the Democratic Progressive Azad Party led by former Congress stalwart Ghulam Nabi Azad also demanded the release of Rashid.

"Finally, Eng Rashid will

LAUDATORY DECISION

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take oath in Parliament. NIA has given its consent to permit him to take oath on July 5 in Parliament. He has won with a huge number of votes. We welcome this step. Democracy is still alive. Now he must be released," Nizami wrote on X.

In 2019, when Article 370 was revoked in Jammu and Kashmir, Rashid was summoned by NIA to New Delhi and was arrested in an alleged money laundering case related to terror funding. Rashid has been lodged in the Tihar Jail since then.

Last month, on June 22, a special court in New Delhi had asked the NIA to file its response regarding the plea, and had adjourned the matter. Several leaders in

the valley have regularly demanded the central government allow Rashid to take oath as MP and the government respect the mandate of the people.

On June 24, his name was called during the oath-taking ceremony in the parliament. However, he wasn't administered the oath as he could not get bail. Rashid, 56, a former MLA from the Langate Assembly constituency in Kupwara district, contested as an Independent MP from Baramulla in the recently held Lok Sabha election and won with a huge margin. Last month, he moved the court seeking interim bail, or custody parole to take oath as an MP in the Parliament.

Tourism Dept invites T20 winning team

SRINAGAR, JULY 1

The Tourism Department of Jammu and Kashmir has invited the T20 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team to visit the Union Territory as part of the celebrations. "Congratulations to Team India on winning the T20 World Cup 2024!! We welcome our champions to visit Jammu and Kashmir to continue the celebrations! It would be an honour to host you in the crown of Incredible India," the department said in a post on its official X handle. India lifted the T20 World Cup after a 17-year gap, beating South Africa by seven runs in the final on June 29. —PTI



Hold public darbars for displaced KPs: BJP

JAMMU, JULY 1

The BJP's Jammu and Kashmir unit on Monday demanded the UT administration organise public darbars for the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community to address their grievances and issues.

The L-G's administration has issued a 28-day calendar for public darbars in each of the twenty districts of Jammu and Kashmir to be conducted by senior administrative officers, including the administrative secretaries, beginning July 3.

"The deputy commissioners will oversee the organisation of these darbars and ensure widespread publicity well in advance within their respective districts," read the General Administration Department's order.

Former legislator and BJP spokesperson GL Raina said they demand public darbars be held in the camps for the displaced community "as they face the double challenge of not belonging to any specific district". Over 70,000 displaced Kashmiri Pandits are living in at least five migrant camps and non-camps in Jammu district.

Raina highlighted that while they reside within the territorial limits of one district in the Jammu region, they encounter issues related to their original districts in the Kashmir Valley.

"In such a scenario, separate darbars conducted by the administrative secretaries would enable them to voice their concerns inclusively," the BJP spokesperson told media-persons here.

Expressing optimism about the administration recognising the necessity of this initiative, Raina expressed hope that it would be successful in addressing their concerns effectively.

"A fresh roster has been published detailing the schedule of the administrative secretaries from different departments specifying the dates and locations for the public darbars," the BJP leader said. —PTI

CCTVs to be installed at all temples in Reasi district

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JULY 1

Three more persons have been detained in a case pertaining to vandalism of a Hindu temple in Reasi as pressure mounted on the Police Department after many social and religious organisations called for a shutdown in the district on Monday. 12 people were detained earlier in the case.

The authorities have now decided to install CCTV cameras at all Hindu temples to avoid any such incident in future. Reasi SSP Mohita Sharma told the media the administration had taken a decision to install CCTV cameras inside all the temples in the district to avoid such instances in the future and to deter the miscreants.

Normal life was hit as a shutdown was witnessed in Reasi with protest demonstrations against the district administration and the police demanding the arrest of the accused in the case

ACT OF VANDALISM

- 15 persons detained in temple desecration case till now
- A shutdown was observed in Reasi with protest demonstrations against the district administration
- The district is sensitive as both, Hindu and Muslim, communities have a significant population

immediately. She said that those involved in the crime would be booked under the Public Safety Act.

12 people were detained till Sunday by the Reasi police in the case and three more were picked for questioning on Monday.

The place of worship was found vandalised by a visitor in a village in the Dharmari area on Saturday evening, sparking tension and protests.

The police registered an FIR under relevant sections of law and formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT)

headed by a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) level officer to identify the accused.

Angry locals were seen burning tyres during the bandh call for which adequate police deployment was also made so that the situation did not turn violent. The district is sensitive as both, Hindu and Muslim, communities have a significant population here. A large number of agitated people also assembled at Zanana Park in the town and took out a march towards the nearby Thapa Chowk, demanding stern action against the culprits who committed the cowardly act. Reasi District Magistrate Vishesh Paul Mahajan visited the protest site and tried to pacify the protesters, assuring that stern action would be taken against the culprits.

He assured that such incidents would not be tolerated and the culprits would be identified and action would be taken against them.

Security forces nab militant aide in Sopore

OUR CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, JULY 1

Security forces apprehended a suspected terror associate in the Sopore area of Baramulla district, officials said on Monday.

The J&K Police, army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel set up a joint checkpoint at Machipora in the Bomai area of Sopore late on Sunday. "During checking, a vehicle coming from Bomai towards Machipora was intercepted. The driver tried to flee but the alert party apprehended him," the officials said.

The apprehended accused was identified as Waheed ul Zahoor, a resident of the district's Rafiabab area, they said.

Two Turkey-made pistols, three magazines, 41 rounds, a silencer, two China-made grenades and materials for making improvised explosive devices were seized from the vehicle, the officials said and added a case had been registered.

Lawyer's murder: Police remand of JK HC Bar Association ex-chief extended

JAMMU, JULY 1

The police remand of Mian Abdul Qayoom, former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, was extended by six days by a designated NIA court in Jammu on Monday.

The 76-year-old accused, a prominent figure in Kashmir associated with the All Party Hurriyat Conference, was taken into custody by the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

Qadri, a human rights expert, was fatally shot at his residence in September 2020. During the court proceedings, third Additional District and Sessions Judge (TADA/POTA) Jatinder Singh Jamwal in his two-page order noted, "After considering the rival submissions of the parties, perusal of the latest entries in the case-diary and giving thoughtful consideration to the matter, it is noticed that investigation of the case...is still at an initial stage."

"Therefore, his further

QAYOOM ARGUES HIS CASE HIMSELF

■ The accused, who chose to argue the case himself, resisted the extension of period of police remand on the grounds that it was on January 20 that he was summoned by the investigation agency in the case and thereafter he regularly attended, as also fully cooperated, the investigation of the case till he was arrested "without any justification."

■ The prosecution argued that the accused was not cooperating fully with the investigation

Former president of J&K High Court Bar Association, Srinagar wing, Mian Abdul Qayoom being escorted out of the court. PTI



detention in the custody of the police is imperative as the investigation agency is required to be afforded an opportunity to elicit all the possible information from the accused for further progress of the investiga-

tion," he said.

Qayoom, who has over 40 years of experience as a practising lawyer, opposed the extension of his police remand. He raised concerns about his health conditions, stating he required

regular medical care including insulin dosages. Despite his resistance, the court granted the extension of his police remand until July 6, directing adequate medical care for the accused. —PTI

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10-day summer vacation announced for Kashmir schools

SRINAGAR, JULY 1

Amid rising temperatures in the Kashmir valley, authorities have announced 10-day summer vacation for all schools up to senior secondary level from July 8, officials here said on Monday.

The order to this effect was issued by the Education Department late on Sunday, the officials said. "All government and recognised private schools falling in Kashmir Division shall observe summer vacations with effect from 08.07.2024 to 17.07.2024. Online guidance shall be available for students, if required," the order read.

According to the Indian Meteorological Department's website, the Kashmir Valley has witnessed higher than usual temperature this summer.

On Sunday, the mercury rose to 32.7 degrees Celsius, which was 3.1 notches above the season's normal, the India Meteorological Department said.

The minimum temperature last night was 21.8 degrees Celsius, higher by 4.5 degrees Celsius for this time of year, it added. —PTI

NIA okay with Rashid taking oath...

Baramulla in Parliament Rashid has been in custody since August 2019 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for his alleged involvement in the terror-funding case. His name surfaced during the probe of Kashmiri business-

man Zahoor Watali, who was arrested for allegedly financing terrorist groups and separatists in the Kashmir Valley.

The NIA had earlier filed a chargesheet against several individuals, including Kashmiri separatist leader Yasin

Malik, Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Hafiz Saeed and Hizbul Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin in connection with the case. Meanwhile, several parties in the Valley have demanded the release of the jailed leader. (With PTI inputs)

Crisis in SAD deepens, dissidents...

Chandumajra said the visit to Amritpal's place was apolitical. "It was just a courtesy visit," he said. He said at Akal Takht, they sought penance for the "mistakes" committed during the SAD regime. "We also sought 'chardikala' (wellbeing) and the revival of the lost glory of the SAD that has come from 'arsh to farsh' (from top to bottom)," he said.

In December 2023, during the 103rd foundation day of the SAD, Sukhbir had apologised at Shaheed Baba Gurbaksh Singh Ji Gurdwara located on the premises of Akal Takht. Owing the responsibility for his party's failure to arrest the perpetrators of sacrilege during its regime, he had stated that due to "pressure", the SAD government was forced to refer the matter to the CBI, which too remained inconclusive. Former SGPC president

Bibi Jagir Kaur clarified that the Sikh "rehat maryada" (tenets) demands that the request for forgiveness has to be submitted before Akal Takht only.

"We followed proper Sikh maryada, submitted an apology letter to the Akal Takht Jathedar. Now, it is up to him to take a call. He will decide whether to give us forgiveness or impose tankha (religious punishment)," she said. She said they were compelled to approach Akal Takht after their objections over "controversial moves" did not go down well with the SAD leadership.

"We had requested the senior leadership numerous times to seek penance at Akal Takht but it was not ready to bend. It resulted in inviting the ire of the 'quom' (Sikh community)," she said. In the joint letter, the rebels specifically held Sukhbir

responsible for the inappropriate decisions.

They mentioned the exoneration of Sinsa dera chief Gurmee Ram Rahim in the case of his "blasphemous bid to impersonate" Guru Gobind Singh in 2007 and the SGPC's move to justify the pardon by releasing media advertisements worth Rs 90 lakh from Guru's "golak".

They also referred to a series of 2015 sacrilege incidents at Burj Jawahar Singh Wala and Bargarhi in Faridkot and the firing incidents at Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan that claimed two innocent lives. They said these cases could not be pursued properly. They said a tainted IPS officer, who was infamous for fake encounters of Sikh youth, was elevated to the top post of the state police. Besides, "justice was never delivered" to victims in fake encounter cases.

Called out, IOA members shun...

granted only six all-access cards. Two of these have been extended to the Sports Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), while the remaining four will be shared amongst the council members. The budget for the Games has been cleared with a few other changes. Apart from the athletes who win medals, their coaches are now in line to get cash awards.

While individual athletes will get Rs 1 crore, Rs 75 lakh and Rs 50 lakh for winning gold, silver and bronze medals, respectively, at the Games, coaches who assist them stand to receive Rs 25 lakh, Rs 15 lakh and Rs 10 lakh, respectively.

IOA treasurer Sahdev Yadav clarified the decision against taking perks was "unanimous". "We have been made to look bad, as though we have done something wrong. These perks are required as council members are not paid since it is an honorary position," Sahdev told *The Tribune*. "Nonetheless, while clearing the budget for the Games, all of us have decided not to take DA or other perks from the IOA. Everyone, including IOA president PT Usha, will bear their own expenses," he added.

Rahul takes 'not Hindus' dig...

respect the post of the Leader of the Opposition, which is held by Rahul Gandhi. The jeers over Modi's comments were mainly due to the Opposition's constant accusations that the Centre was trying to subvert the Constitution, a charge the BJP has trashed.

"It feels nice... BJP people are repeating 'Jai Samvidhan' after me," Rahul quipped. The Congress MP began his speech by claiming a "full-scale and systematic assault on the idea of India... the Constitution... and on people who resisted the attack on the Constitution". "Many opposition leaders were personally attacked and some are still in jail," he said.

Home Minister Amit Shah sought an apology from Rahul for "hurting the feelings of crores of people who took pride in identifying themselves as Hindus". However, Rahul retorted that he was speaking only about the BJP, and not the entire Hindu society. "The BJP, RSS or Modi are not the entire Hindu society," he said. He also targeted the Centre over the PM's "silence" on Manipur violence, NEET controversy and the "failure" to give MSP to farmers. "The government called farmers terrorists," Rahul said, referring to the farm strike against the now-scrapped three controversial laws. Rahul alleged that the BJP government had targeted minorities, who had always stood "like a

rock" with the nation. Referring to Modi's much-criticised comment on not having been born biologically, the Congress leader said the PM took decisions like demonetisation and introducing GST after "getting divine signals".

When Speaker Om Birla asked Rahul to maintain the dignity of the House, the Congress MP said, "I respect your words as the Speaker is the custodian of the House. You should not bend before anybody (referring to Birla bowing while greeting PM Modi on being ushered to the Speaker's chair after his re-election to the post)... We will listen to what you say, but there should be fairness in the House."

Later, at a hurriedly convened press conference, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and BJP Rajya Sabha member Sudhanshu Thrivedi criticised Rahul's speech, accusing him of belittling the post of the Leader of the Opposition. They said Rahul made an "extremely irresponsible speech" that inflicted a "grave insult on Hindus by linking them to violence and spreading falsehoods".

Vaishnaw claimed the nation had been left "distracted" by Rahul's statement against Hindus and declared that he had used the word "violent" for Hindus.

People asked not to visit forest areas near LoC

MENDHAR/POONCH, JULY 1

People living near the LoC (Line of Control) in the Mendhar sector of Poonch district have been asked not to visit forest areas wearing shawls or blankets during night hours to avoid any untoward incident, an official said.

However, they were asked to seek prior permission from the Army or police unit concerned in case of an emergency, an order issued by Mendhar Sub-divisional Magistrate Imran Rashid Kataria said. The order was issued after the Army raised concern over some civilians visiting the forest areas or fields wearing shawls or blankets during night hours.

"The general public is hereby informed that no person shall visit or roam in the forest areas during late night hours from 9 pm to 4 am wearing shawls or blankets without seeking prior permission from concerned Army or police authorities in order to avoid any mishap/untoward incident," the order reads. Various security agencies often launch search operations in the forest areas along the LoC during odd hours in order to combat anti-national activities by miscreants. —PTI



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New criminal laws

Clarity & transparency hold the key amid chaos

THE three new criminal laws came into effect on Monday amid a verbal duel between the ruling BJP and the main Opposition party, the Congress. The former described the laws as a symbol of India's progress and resilience, while the latter accused the government of getting them forcibly passed in Parliament after the suspension of 146 MPs. The Congress has declared that the INDIA bloc will not allow such 'bulldozer justice' to prevail in the parliamentary system. The government has repeatedly stressed that these statutes — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam — will give priority to providing justice and protecting rights, arguably in contrast to the draconian colonial laws which laid emphasis on penal action. However, the Opposition is not convinced. Nor are some legal experts, who have raised concerns over possible misuse of the laws.

There are also apprehensions about a surge in litigation in the form of appeals seeking re-evaluation of the existing cases (registered before July 1, 2024) or a review of the new legal framework. Even as a chaotic rollout is only to be expected, the government will find itself under increasing pressure to pay heed to suggestions made by various stakeholders and consider amendments to fine-tune the laws. Calls to scrap the statutes altogether will also get shriller.

The push for reforms to replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act seems well-intentioned, but it will be an onerous task for the BJP-led government — now a shadow of its former all-powerful self — to get everyone on board. Implementing the new laws is a huge challenge for law enforcement agencies, judicial officers and legal professionals. Litigants, too, will have to confront new complications. Clarity and transparency hold the key to reducing uncertainty as well as confusion. The powers that be will have to work very hard to prevent the fiasco of the three farm laws, which were repealed after a year-long protest by farmers.

New Army Chief

Gen Dwivedi has his work cut out

Continued focus on modernisation has been listed among the top priorities of Gen Upendra Dwivedi, the 30th Chief of the Army Staff. The Vice Chief since February, he takes over from Gen Manoj Pande, whose tenure, in an unusual move, was extended by a month. Gen Dwivedi has pointed to a faster induction of new technology and greater emphasis on self-reliance, amid the rapidly changing geopolitical landscape. Acknowledging the unique security challenges, he has given an assurance of the Army's capability and readiness. As the standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh lingers on, the Army Chief's immediate concern will be to tackle the spike in terror attacks in the Jammu region. He had, as the Northern Army Commander, effected major deployment changes in the area bordering Pakistan.

Theaterisation plans and structural reforms, being overseen by the Chief of Defence Staff, remain a work in progress. Elaborate consultative mechanisms are time-consuming, and so they should be. It is vital to ensure there is no forced acquiescence. The envisaged synergy between the Army, Air Force and the Navy has to be a natural progression of shared goals and purpose. To actualise it, the role of the Service Chiefs becomes critical. Demands of a higher percentage of Agniveer retention at the end of four years have found resonance in political circles, particularly after it became a major election issue recently. How concerns over the Agnipath recruitment scheme are handled by Gen Dwivedi will be keenly watched.

Gen Dwivedi, who was commissioned into the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles in 1984, is an alumnus of the Sainik School at Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. He and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi studied together. That's a comforting coincidence for the armed forces fraternity.

ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

The Tribune.

LAHORE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 1924

Victory and defeat

WE venture to think that it would be entirely wrong to think of the result of the most momentous session of the All-India Congress Committee ever held in terms of the victory of one party or the defeat of another. In reality, it is permissible for both parties to claim victory of one party or the defeat of another if they are so minded. Mahatma Gandhi and those who went into the lobby with him can say that although they have not had all that they wanted, they have certainly had much, that even what they have failed to get in form they have succeeded in getting in substance, that the All-India Congress Committee has definitely shown that in spirit it is still Gandhi-ite in the sense of sharing or professing to share all his leading ideas. On the other hand, it is equally open to CR Das and Pandit Motilal Nehru to claim that the essence of Mahatma Gandhi's resolutions was their penalty clauses, that at any rate it was those clauses to which they themselves had offered the most determined opposition and that, therefore, the abandonment of those clauses was a clear triumph for them, a triumph which was the more signal and complete because so many among the Mahatma's professed adherents went with them in this matter and that the Mahatma himself was forced to admit that as regards those clauses, he had no real majority. But the very fact that each of the two parties can thus claim victory for itself shows that in this matter, victory and defeat are deceptive terms, that what has taken place in reality is neither a victory nor a defeat but a real and honourable compromise, in which each party has given something to the other not out of its weakness but out of its strength, in order that the two may live and work together.

The churn in the global liberal order

Public disillusionment is being shaped by the inequitable benefits of globalisation



KC SINGH
FORMER AMBASSADOR AND
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THE Lok Sabha elections have set the stage for a series of critical elections globally. The Iranian presidential election was held on June 24 to find a successor to President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash in May. With none of the candidates getting at least 50 per cent of the votes, there will be a run-off between the top two contenders.

In France, after his party's rout in the European parliamentary elections, President Emmanuel Macron ordered a domestic parliamentary election. Huge gains by the far-right National Rally party of Marine Le Pen are being projected. The two-phase polls will end on July 7.

The UK is also poll-bound after Indian-origin Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak ordered early parliamentary elections. A massive win for the Labour Party after 14-year Tory rule is foreseen, with Keir Starmer tipped to be the PM.

The most significant election is of the US President in November. The opening debate between President Joe Biden and his predecessor Donald Trump was held by CNN on June 27. An incoherent and defensive Biden faced a glib and dissimulating Trump. They sparred over the economy, immigration, abortion and the Ukraine and Gaza wars.

This churn in established democracies, the ascendancy of far-right parties in Europe, the possibility of Trump's re-election and Iran throwing up another conservative President raise questions about the state of the liberal democratic order. In 1989, Francis Fukuyama wrote in *The*



RUN-OFF: Conservative candidate Saeed Jalili is a top contender in the Iranian presidential race. REUTERS

National Interest that the world faced the 'end of history'. He later explained that with the Berlin Wall's fall in November 9, 1989, change appeared inevitable in the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations. The Western model of a liberal democratic state tied to the market economy appeared universally acceptable.

However, liberal democracies across all continents appear challenged today. Public disillusionment is being shaped by globalisation's inequitable benefits and immigration-induced xenophobia, feeding the rise of far-right parties. In India, populist and majoritarian politics has been moulded by bigotry and jingoism.

The scenario is complicated by the wars in Ukraine and Gaza. The Indian poll results brought relief to the G7 nations. The democratic recession in India and the repressive use of agencies against the Opposition have elicited criticism from the Western media and even by parliamentarians. But the lure of Indian markets and the Indian role as a counterweight to China compelled foreign leaders to hold their noses and engage India transactionally. The BJP's loss of parliamentary majority and dependence on allies, at least theoretically, is expected to

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restore constitutionalism. But the ruling party's initial moves, like the renomination of Om Birla as the Speaker despite his poor record, has dampened hopes.

President Biden is in the damage-control mode after his disastrous performance in the debate with Trump. The Iran-China-Russia axis would have observed this as well as the increased possibility of Trump's return. Russian President Vladimir Putin would take solace in Trump reiterating his ability to end the Ukraine war quickly. That implies acceptance of the status quo by Ukraine. European Union (EU) states would also brace for turbulent trade and strategic ties with a Trump-led US. There is speculation that if

French President Macron's gamble goes awry, he may resign. Le Pen has moderated her party's stand on some issues, compared to her more radically right-wing father's views. She is even endorsing military support to Ukraine. However, her party remains sceptical about the benefits of the EU. After the Brexit blow by Britain in February 2020, another exit or even a debate about it would weaken the group.

The Conservative Party is projected to lose the July 4 British parliamentary elections. If elected, the Labour Party will inherit a weak economy and post-Brexit disillusionment. But its leader Keir Starmer has moved the party to the political centre, like Tony Blair in the 1990s. Labour has announced a 'free to go' for a Free Trade Agreement with India. It advocates 'progressive realism' in foreign policy. It seeks a new geopolitical partnership with the EU and an increase of the defence budget by 2.5 per cent, besides strengthened nuclear deterrence. It recalls that it was Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in the post-World War II Labour government of Clement Attlee who helped create NATO and Britain's nuclear deterrence. In the Iranian presidential

election, the sole reformist candidate, approved by the Guardian's Council, is Masoud Pezeshkian. He was the health minister in the government of reformist President Mohammad Khatami (1997-2005). Opposing him are conservative politicians Saeed Jalili, a former nuclear negotiator, and Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Iranian parliament.

Pezeshkian's candidature is being attributed to Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's worry over mere 48 per cent voting in 2021, when late President Raisi had won the election. The Iranian voters may be denied a real choice with politically vetted candidates, but they can express their disapproval of the Islamic regime by avoiding voting. The elected President's legitimacy is more crucial than ever before due to the economic stress faced by the people due to Western sanctions. Huge crowds at polling booths late in the evening indicated revived public interest in the political contest.

Pezeshkian led in the first round, with Jalili second. In the runoff, the third candidate's votes will shift to Jalili because both are supported by conservatives. The same happened in the 2005 presidential election when Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was trailing in the first round and then won in the second one as the conservative votes consolidated. Iranian people can sometimes surprise the Islamic regime by voting for reform.

Even Fukuyama would concede that three-and-a-half decades after his 'end of history' pronouncement, the global liberal order is challenged by a realignment of some of the old players. Instead of the Soviet Union, it is the China-Russia-Iran axis and North Korea now. India is still doing a balancing act between the two sides in a neo-Cold War, as demonstrated by PM Modi's upcoming visit to Russia. The difference is that maintaining equidistance is more difficult as China, which is inimical to India's rise, is co-leading one side. The BJP must register the June 4 message of the people. India's enemies are abroad, not at home.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

There is no indispensable man in a democracy. — Harry Truman

The stories around building a house

ATUL JOSHI

IT is everybody's dream to own a house, even though constructing one involves challenges. When my father embarked on this path some 45 years ago, I was a school kid. Being a teacher, he did not have a big income or the family's financial support. Taking a loan was the only option. A princely sum of Rs 55,000 was approved. My parents decided to take the plunge. In short, it was an audacious attempt and a potential tightrope walk.

I vividly remember my little contributions to that effort. Cement then used to be rationed and was available only on permits issued by the district administration. My father had to apply for the release of the scarcely available cement bags, stand in long queues at government offices to collect the permit and then present it to an approved cement store. This hard-earned essential would then be loaded on to a horse cart to be transported to the construction site. Since our under-construction house was way out of the city limits, there was a risk of cement pilferage. Therefore, I was made to sit on the horse cart as a diminutive guard. I enjoyed many such rides while apparently protecting the precious consignment.

At the site, I would keenly observe the workers. I was amused to learn that the cement and sand mixture was called *masala*. Till then, I was only aware of the *masala* my mother used for cooking. I learnt a couple of other new words. One that caught my fancy was *binnu*. This essentially was a head ring, made of a rolled-up jute bag or cloth, which they used as a cushion while carrying construction material on their heads. I often joined the workers in using the *durnut*, a handheld heavy pounding instrument for levelling the ground. I did enjoy being a part of their team, while my father had his daily trysts with managing the ever-burgeoning expenses.

Once, a tyre of my father's scooter got punctured. The vehicle was his constant companion. The spare wheel was completely worn out and unusable. We pushed the vehicle to the neighbourhood repair shop. The mechanic ruefully looked at the tyre tube, which bore multiple puncture marks. His laconic advice was telling: 'If one doesn't have adequate means, one should not venture into constructing a house!' My father acknowledged his earthly wisdom with an understanding glance, while I looked admiringly at him for his courage and resilience.

Last month, I decided to sell that house since it had fallen into disuse after the death of my father many years ago. While the negotiations were being finalised, I suffered from an intense, heart-wrenching feeling of severance. The buyer wanted to raze the house to the ground and build it anew. I realised that another story was in the process of being written, and that story would be someone else's.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Team India on top of the world

India's triumph in the T20 World Cup is a testament to the team's resilience and determination. After a string of disappointments in previous tournaments, India has finally emerged victorious, proving that they are a force to be reckoned with in the world of cricket. The finale was a thrilling conclusion to a tournament that saw its fair share of ups and downs. From Virat Kohli's triumphant return to form to Suryakumar Yadav's spectacular catch, the match was filled with moments that will be etched in the memory of cricket fans forever. India's win is not just a victory for the team; it is a reflection of the country's love for the sport. As the team celebrates its well-deserved win, we can't help but feel a sense of pride and joy.

GAGANPREET SINGH, BY MAIL

A game of uncertainties

Apropos of the editorial 'Worthy championships'; cricket is a game of glorious uncertainties. As the players prove their mettle on the field, millions of fans remain on edge until the last minute. There are highs, and there are lows. The India vs South Africa final was a grand spectacle, right from the beginning till the nail-biting end. The Indian team has buried the ghosts of its loss to Australia in the 50-over World Cup held in November last year. Kudos to the players!

BM SINGH, AMRITSAR

Tall claims washed away in rain

With reference to the editorial 'Airport roof collapse'; all claims of world-class infrastructure made by the government have been washed away by the rain. It remains to be seen if any action will be taken against the officials who were in charge of the projects. An investigation is in order to determine if corruption is to blame for the lapses in the construction and maintenance of the airport building. The tragedy calls for the intervention of PM Narendra Modi. All the talk of zero tolerance to corruption will ring hollow if the culprits go unpunished.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES, MUMBAI

Rein in anti-social elements

Refer to the report 'Bajrangji booked for instigating mob in Faridabad'; it is a matter of grave concern that cow vigilante Bittu Bajrangji — who had earlier been arrested for his role in escalating tensions during the Nuh riots — attempted to disturb harmony again. It points to the fact that he may be enjoying political patronage and that the law enforcement agencies did not deal with him stringently. The failure to rein in anti-social elements like him has adversely affected the law and order situation across the country. The rise in incidents of mob violence and lynching needs to be taken seriously. Ordinary, law-abiding citizens must not bear the brunt of lawlessness.

SHARANJIT SINGH, CHANDIGARH

Need an equivalent of Sec 377

Refer to the front-page lead story 'IPC makes way for Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, curtain on British-era laws'; stringent punishment for heinous crimes is welcome. Under the new rules, those convicted of the rape of a minor girl or organised crime could receive the death penalty. However, since Section 377 of the IPC was struck down as unconstitutional in relation to sexual intercourse between consenting adults in 2018, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) lacks its equivalent. There should be a specific provision in the BNS to protect men, women and animals from unnatural offences.

RANI DOGRA, PATHANKOT

SAD in throes of leadership crisis

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has been in decline ever since it parted ways with the BJP. Successive defeats have pushed it to the brink of collapse, sparking rebellion within the regional party of Punjab. Under the leadership of Sukhbir Singh Badal, the Akalis suffered a humiliating rout in the 2022 Assembly elections. Ten of the 13 party candidates lost their security deposit in the recent General Election. It shows that the party, which was in power in Punjab for two consecutive terms starting in 2007, has lost touch with the electorate. As SAD faces a leadership crisis, many of its supporters turn to other parties.

KARNAIL SINGH, KHARAR

Biden's debate fiasco deals a blow to his campaign



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HERE are wars raging in Gaza and Ukraine, and tensions are running high around Taiwan and the Philippines. You may not believe it, but perhaps the gravest crisis that the world may face could be in the US, which is looking like it could elect a narcissist, liar and convicted felon as its President this November.

Millions of Americans saw President Joe Biden on debate night on Thursday, delivering his answers in a hoarse, faltering voice, slack-jawed and struggling to string his thoughts together. The performance has set off alarm bells ringing across the world. Instead of focusing on his substantial achievements as the President, we have been forced to look at the issue of his age.

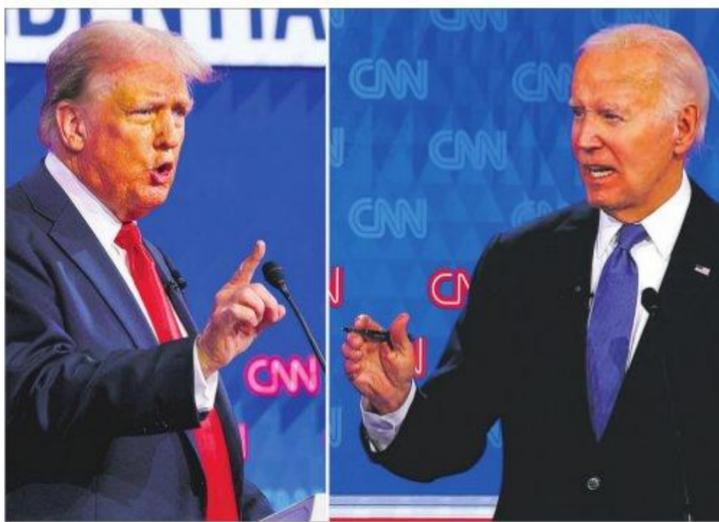
Biden's aides had hoped that the debate would help steady their somewhat slow-moving campaign. Instead, it may have undermined it completely. Since then, there

have been calls by prominent voices for Biden to step aside to enable a younger candidate to take his place.

Debate disasters are not new. But what makes this a first-class crisis is the fact that it could propel Donald Trump back into the White House. Almost all the commentary noted that Trump's attacks on Biden were often false and mostly misleading. But all he had to do was be Donald Trump. The damage was done to Biden by himself.

Given his felony convictions, other looming cases and his history, Trump is unfit to be the President of the US. But he is what we will get, given the current circumstances. Biden supporters believe that the President has the opportunity to make up for the fiasco by improving his performance in the next debate in September. But given that things are going his way, why would Trump want any further debates?

Just 14 hours after the debate, Biden addressed a campaign rally in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was forceful, confident and landing hard political punches on Trump and the Republicans. Unlike in the debate, he gave categorical and clear outlines of his positions on abortion, immigration, taxes and race. But does this suggest



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that Biden could still turn things around? It's too early to say.

Over the years, the Biden team has carefully managed his sleeping hours, his walk to the Marine One helicopter and his climb aboard aircraft to mute concerns over his age. But the debate performance last week has shattered the efforts to show Biden at his best. Insiders say that Biden performs best between 10 am and 4 pm. But the debate began at 9 pm and went on till 10.30 pm.

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Biden accepted at the Raleigh rally that his debate performance was poor. "I know I am not a young man. I don't walk as easy as I used to. I don't speak as smoothly as I used to. I don't debate as well as I used to," he told the crowd. But that is precisely the point: age is a factor.

As of now, his allies are publicly supporting him. This includes his former boss, ex-President Barack Obama, and a clutch of potential candidates who could replace Biden were he to step aside — Transportation Secretary

Pete Buttigieg, Governors JB Pritzker of Illinois, Gavin Newsom of California, Wes Moore of Maryland and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan.

One major advantage is that the debate happened in June, when four more months are left for the elections. In terms of the US presidential election cycle, it is early, and it offers an opportunity for Biden to turn things around. Other events can and will take place in the US and around the world until November, dulling the impact of Biden's debate performance last week. Large numbers of Americans simply do not focus on elections until a week or two before polling. You can be sure, though, that Republicans will use videos of Biden's performance to keep memories of the debate alive through attack ads.

Biden versus Trump is all about the election. And despite poor polling numbers, Biden still has a fighting chance to beat Trump. But the debate performance has thrown a bright light on the issue of Biden's age and raised doubts about whether he is capable of managing the presidency till 2029, when he will be 86.

This central question, which is linked to the important decision on whether he should step aside for another

candidate, demands answers, and soon. The Democratic National Convention will be held in August, and Biden could well show the electorate in the coming month that he is indeed fit to continue. But if he is unable to do so, the delay would make it difficult for the party to find another candidate to take over the campaign and win.

The Democratic Party rules make it almost impossible to replace Biden at the top of the ticket unless he voluntarily steps aside since most of the 4,000 estimated delegates are pledged to him already.

Biden could step aside, even while endorsing an alternative. But the issue would inevitably divide the Democrats at a crucial time when they need to be united not just for the presidential campaign but for the elections to the entire House of Representatives, one-third of the Senate, several governorships and state legislatures.

The Democrats are hoping they can retain their Senate majority and win the House of Representatives as well. Both Houses have slim majorities, and the races there are almost as important as winning the presidential poll. The problem they now face is that the presidential worries could also adversely affect these other important elections.

Agnipath scheme has led to an acute shortfall in manpower



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ANY systemic transformation that relies on 'after the fact' mechanism to rectify errors is inherently flawed. The Agnipath scheme stands out as one such example. The scheme was ceremoniously rolled out two years ago. Touted to transform the recruitment process of 'personnel below officer rank' (PBOR), it has sought to cut down the burgeoning pension bill and ensure a youthful profile of other ranks in the armed forces.

The scheme has faced resistance from young aspirants passionate to join the armed forces. Periodically, it has been in the news and, of late, there is a strong demand across the spectrum for its holistic review.

The Agnipath idea draws from the 'Tour of Duty' (ToD) concept, which is widely prevalent in Western armies to overcome the shortage of optants for the military service. It was Gen Bipin Rawat, then Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who conceived the idea of intro-

ducing ToD in our armed forces. The original plan was to test-bed the proposal by recruiting small numbers. However, the scheme was apparently pushed through unilaterally. It is evident from the reported disclosures in the book *Four Stars of Destiny* by a former Chief of Army Staff, Gen MM Naravane, where he describes the scheme as a 'bolt from the blue' for the three services.

Currently, under the scheme, Agniveers in the age group of 17.5 to 21 years and with Class XXII qualification are recruited for a period of four years after six months of training. Only 25 per cent of them are to be retained and re-enrolled for a period of 15 years on fresh terms of service, with entitlement to pension and post-retirement benefits. Those released are to be given a severance package — Seva Nidhi — of Rs 10 lakh.

The total number of defence pensioners is about 24.62 lakh; of them, armed forces veterans constitute around 19 lakh and civilians 5.62 lakh.

Going by the figures of 2022, when the Agnipath scheme was introduced, the defence budget was Rs 5,25,166 crore, of which the pension outlay was Rs 2,07,132 crore. While the share of defence personnel stood at Rs 1,19,696 crore, the civilian component was Rs 87,436 crore, the latter



ADVERSE IMPACT: Agniveers feel that those released will bear the stigma of being discards. ANI

accounting for a disproportionate 40 per cent share of the pensionary budget.

The adverse impact of the scheme is evident from the fact that individuals seeking an honourable career in the armed forces, many in keeping with family traditions, are now looking for alternative avenues, with the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) being the top choice. I have witnessed this trend in my home state of Punjab. There is also a general feeling among the Agniveers that those released will bear the stigma of being discards and not be seen as proud veterans. Given the high rate of unemployment, particularly among the youth, the released Agniveers are unlikely to get a decent job; the idea of lateral placement

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into the CAPF is far-fetched.

Recently, there were two instances of Agniveers who made the supreme sacrifice while deployed in operational areas. Their kin were entitled to only a lump sum compensation as against those of the regular soldiers who are eligible for full pension. This discrimination stands out as a serious anomaly.

In the units today, there are two categories of soldiers: the regulars and the Agniveers. There is an unhealthy competition and obvious stress among the Agniveers in their quest to qualify for retention. It is indeed detrimental to the camaraderie and esprit de corps, the bedrock of unit culture and regimentation, the cutting edge of our

armed forces as against the better-equipped adversaries. Incidentally, the performance of 'tourist soldiers' has been found wanting — be it Americans in Vietnam and Afghanistan, Israelis in Gaza and troops in the Russia-Ukraine war. Even the Chinese army conscripts have performed poorly in Ladakh during the ongoing standoff.

Agnipath has led to an acute shortfall in manpower; while the yearly retirement count is around 70,000, the Agniveer intake is just 42,000. With 25 per cent retention, the deficiency is set to grow further. The recruitment of Gorkhas has taken the maximum hit as 60 per cent of the manpower of 39 Gorkha battalions comes from 'Nepal Domicile Gorkha'. The Nepal Government's rejection of Agnipath has serious implications. Chinese overtures to recruit Gorkhas can't be ruled out. Indian youth joining foreign militaries is a worrying trend; the case in point is the recent reports of some persons lured to join the Russian army.

There are reports that the Agnipath scheme is under review and there is likelihood of an increase in the percentage of retentions and extension of the years of service for the Agniveers. Given that the scheme suffers from serious drawbacks, minor tweaking isn't going to serve a worthwhile purpose. It is prudent that the previous system be

fine-tuned, making the recruitment process more scientific and stringent. The fallacy of bringing down the age profile from around 32 to 26 does not hold ground as fitness encompasses both physical and mental health. It takes six-seven years to produce an all-round soldier; besides individual ruggedness tends to peak towards the late 20s and early 30s. Incidentally, the fitness of the CAPF personnel who are manning the disputed borders with median age over 42 years has never been questioned.

The pension bill can be considerably reduced by resorting to rightsizing of the armed forces and defence civilian organisations. For example, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has a strength of around 30,000 alongside 10,000 contractual workers and 50-odd labs. The recent recommendations of the Vijay Raghavan Committee to restructure and downsize the DRDO is a step in the right direction. A similar exercise is required for the 41 ordnance factories, employing around 80,000 workers.

The resilience of a system lies in its ability to undo a wrong. Hope the military hierarchy will scrap the Agnipath scheme in the larger organisational interest, setting aside all other considerations.

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No. KSC/L/CEO/2024-25/167 Dated: 01.07.2024

Karnal Smart City Limited (KSC/L) invites online tender for the work mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Department	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	Start Date & Closing Date/Time	Amount Rs. in Crore (Approx.)	Website of the Department	Nodal Officer Contact Details/E-mail
1	KARNAL SMART CITY LIMITED (KSC/L)	Construction of Smart Road Sector 33 Under Smart City Mission, Karnal (2nd Call)	26.06.2024 & 08.07.2024 02.00 p.m.	1.99 (Excluding GST)	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	GM, KSC/L E-mail: smartcitykarnal@gmail.com

Tender Ref. No/Tender No: 2024_HRY_383675_1

The detailed Tender Notice and Tender Document can be seen on website: <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> and downloaded online from the portal <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> by the Firm/Individuals registered on the portal.

Sd/- GM (Engg. & Tech.), Karnal Smart City Limited, Karnal.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Tender Notice Reference No. 08/2024/LG/MC/NABHA

The Department of Local Govt. Punjab (M.C. Nabha) invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Various items supply under SBM	1

Closing date & time: 22.07.2024 at 02.00 p.m.
For details logon to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- President, Municipality Council, Nabha. DPR/Pb/35176

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Bid No. E-Tender-MC Kharar/2024-2025/1311 Date: 28.06.2024

Municipal Council has invited tenders of amount 20.80 Lacs from Societies/Contractors/Firms. The details and terms & conditions and any future Corrigendum can be seen on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. The tenders can only be filled on above website.

Schedule of Date and Time:-

Last Date & Time for filling the Online Tender	Date & Time for opening the Technical Bid
Date: 23.07.2024, Time: 10.00 a.m.	Date: 23.07.2024, Time: 11.00 a.m.

Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Kharar. DPR/Pb/35168

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Chg., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites bid through E-Auction for which detail is as under-

Sr. No.	Category & Details	E-Catalogue No.	Name of Station	Date & Time for E-auction
1	Operation & Maintenance (O&M) contract for normal Pay & Use toilets at 05 stations.	UMB-PnU-02-2024	Shimla (PF No.-1A), Bathinda (PF No. 5/7), Saharanpur (PF No 4 near open passenger waiting hall), Yamunanagar Jagadhri (Circulating Area) & Rajpura (PF No 1)	11.07.2024 at 11:00 hrs

For participation in E-Auction process or for any other information related to E-Auction leasing process, visit www.ireps.gov.in 1980/2024

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हिमाचल प्रदेश स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड,

धर्मशाला-176213

क्रमांक: हि.शि.बो(41) पुस्तक मुद्रण शाखा/2024-5374 दिनांक 28.06.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

हिमाचल प्रदेश स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा शैक्षणिक सत्र 2025-26 के लिए पाठ्य पुस्तकों की छपवाई (प्रिंटिंग) के लिए कागज की आपूर्ति हेतु भारत में स्थित बांस/लकड़ी/एग्रो पल्प की वर्जिन पल्प (मैकेनिकल रहित पल्प) से निर्मित 80 जी.एस.एम. भारयुक्त मिल एवं बोर्ड वाटर मार्क कागज की बोर्ड के पेपर गोदाम अम्ब, जिला ऊना, हि.प्र., एन्सीआर दिल्ली/जालंधर (पंजाब)/चंडीगढ़/हिमाचल में बोर्ड द्वारा चयनित मुद्रकों को आपूर्ति हेतु कागज मिलों से एतद्वारा प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक ई-निविदाएं दिनांक 01.07.2024 से 22.07.2024 अपराह्न 18.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदादाता टैंडर प्रपत्र बोर्ड की वेबसाइट hpbos.org पर देख सकते हैं एवं वेबसाइट <https://hptenders.gov.in> से डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड कर सकते हैं। इस दशा में निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क ₹ 20000/- का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट जो सचिव, हि.प्र. स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्ड, धर्मशाला को देय हो, तकनीकी निविदा के साथ प्रस्तुत करना होगा।

हस्ता./- सचिव।

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HP CITY TRANSPORT & BUS STANDS MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SHIMLA-4

Tel Nos. 0177-2656883 Fax No. 0177-2653987 Mob:- 09418467376
E-Mail: bsmdasml@gmail.com

No: HP BSM&DA/EE/(2) 2024-2025 Tender Vol-IV

E-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Chief Executive Officer, HP City Transport & BSM&DA, Tutikandi Shimla-171004 on behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bids on item rates, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible Government contractors/Firms registered with HP PWD, CPWD, MES and Railways who deal with fabrication/installation of porta cabins with Civil & Electrical works.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed
1	Construction of HRTC Crews rest rooms at Rajghat Delhi (INDIA) (SH- Construction of prefabrication porta cabin with floor size 30.05x10.05, ht.3.66 mts l/c, water supply and sanitary installation, septic tank and two tier beds, internal & external Electrical installation etc.)	81,89,412/-	1,14,400/-	2360/-	90 Days

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-
The Bid documents are available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HP PWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidder already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

4. Key Dates:-

Sr. No.	Dates of online publication	3-07-2024
2	Document Download Start and End Date	4-07-2024 18:00 HRS up to 16-07-2024 10:30 HRS
3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	4-07-2024 18:00 HRS up to 18-07-2024 10:30 HRS
4	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Documents	18-07-2024 11:00 HRS
5	Date of opening of Technical Bid	18-07-2024 11:30 HRS
6	Date of opening of financial Bid	To be intimated later on.

5. Tender Details:-
The Tenders Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.
i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information."
ii) Cover 2: shall Contain "BOQ / Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

HIMACHAL PRADESH

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Electrical Division No. II, HPPWD, US Club, Shimla — 1 on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system in single cover system, for the works as mentioned below from the eligible and approved contractors/ firms registered with HPPWD (Electrical) department in appropriate class. The bidder shall have to fulfill the criteria as specified in **Technical Qualification Criteria (TQC) at page No. 158 of GCC (Last page)** available online in tender document.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time	Cost of Form
1.	AMC of two No. passenger cum bed elevators installed in medical college and surgical Block-C at IGMC Shimla for the year 2024-25.	Rs. 3,02,520/- only	Rs. 6100/-	One year	Rs. 350/-
2.	AMC of three No. passenger cum bed elevators installed in Block-D, Block-E & Cancer Hospital at IGMC Shimla.	Rs. 4,51,644/- only	Rs. 9100/-	One year	Rs. 350/-
3.	AMC of one No. 13 passenger stretcher elevator installed in Auditorium building at IGMC Shimla for the year 2024-25.	Rs. 2,11,776/- only	Rs. 4300/-	One year	Rs. 350/-
4.	AMC of one No. 26 person capacity bed cum passenger elevator for Trauma Centre between level 2167 to 2191 Machine No. 15320 Shimla for the year 2024-25. (w.e.f. 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025).	Rs. 1,54,872/- only	Rs. 3100/-	One year	Rs. 350/-

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates:

Sr. No.	Date of Online Publication	01.07.2024, 17:00 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	01.07.2024, 17:30 HRS up to 08.07.2024, 17:00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	01.07.2024, 17:30 HRS up to 08.07.2024, 17:00 HRS
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid.	09.07.2024, 11:30 HRS

4. Tender details:
Tenders documents for the work will be uploaded in single cover where Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents, Eligibility Information, GCC and BoQ" where contractor will quote percentage rate."

5. Submission of original documents: The bidders are required to upload the scanned copy of cost of tender towards the cost of bid document and (b) upload scanned copy of bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents as mentioned in the tender documents and GCC page No. 158 (last page of GCC) on e-tender portal as specified in Key dates under Sr. No. 3. The successful bidder shall have to submit the original documents physically with the concerned authority before letter of award of work. In case any uploaded scanned copy of any documents is found to be false / forged at any stage, the bidder shall be debarred for tendering in HPPWD in future as per his affidavit / undertaking submitted along with his bid.

6. Bid opening details: The bids shall be opened on 09.07.2024 at 11:30 Hrs in the office Executive Engineer Electrical Division No. II, US Club, HPPWD Shimla — 1 by the authorised officer.

7. If it happens to be holiday on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue and no separate notice will be given in this regard.

8. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer-inviting tender 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 bid updates, the employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

10. The competent authority on behalf of Governor of H.P reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason.

11. Registration with HP Sales Tax is essential. If the bidder is not registered and found to be the lowest bidder he is supposed to register him on award of work. He shall submit the sales tax paper to the employer, before any payment is made to him.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, HPPWD, US Club, Shimla — 1
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

DPR/HP/490

HIMACHAL PRADESH

JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Anni, District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through online process:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Esti-mated cost	Earnest Money	Time limit	Cost of Form
1	Restoration of Rain damages in FIS Kail Kuhl in GP Gadej in Nirmand Block Distt Kullu (HP) (SH- Cutting in hard rock in Kharabagra for construction of main channel and Hiring of L&T for removal of slips).	376512/-	7530/-	4 Months	250/-
2	Restoration of Rain damages to FIS Bayal Kuhl in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH- C/o CC lining of field channel at RD 2090 to 2135 = 52 mtrs and C/o PCC B/wall = 10 mtrs.).	404255/-	8085/-	4 Months	250/-
3	Restoration of Rain damages to FIS Bayal Kuhl in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH- C/o CC lining of field channel at RD 1040 to 1080 & RD 1280 to 1320 = 80 mtrs and C/o PCC B/wall).	472272/-	9445/-	4 Months	250/-
4	Water quality monitoring & surveillance under NRDWP/JJM programme under Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH-Deployment of 1 No Lab. Assistant for JS Sub-Division Anni).	281630/-	5633/-	6 Months	250/-
5	Aug. of WSS Shamoh Jagher Gaura Gawal in GP lot Shilli & Ghaloo in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH- C/o Retaining wall at filter unit at Khni Khopri).	309901/-	6198/-	2 Months	250/-
6	Aug of WSS Karshagaad Digerh in CV Bishladhar in Anni Block Distt Kullu H.P. (SH- C/o Retaining wall front and back side for protection of pump house at Suhai Khad).	402178/-	8044/-	2 Months	250/-
7	Restoration of Rain Damages in FIS Kail Kuhl in GP Gadej in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu H.P. (SH- C/o Main Channel, top slab = 2600 to 2625 = 25 mtrs.)	499966/-	9999/-	4 Months	250/-
8	Providing Water supply Scheme for the Dried up Sources due to C/O RHEP to the villages of GP Bari, Tunan, Poshna, Bahwa, Kharga, Kushwa and Gadej in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH- Laying, Joining and Testing of GI pipe 125 mm dia at RD 2440 to 3140 = 700 Rmt. and RD 4020 to 4440 = 420 Rmt. with Butt welding.). Job-I	459752/-	9195/-	2 Months	250/-
9	Providing Water supply Scheme for the Dried up Sources due to C/O RHEP to the villages of GP Bari, Tunan, Poshna, Bahwa, Kharga, Kushwa and Gadej in Nirmand Block Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH- Laying, Joining and Testing of GI pipe 125 mm dia at RD 10 to 300 = 300 Rmt. and RD 1700 to 2330 = 630 Rmt. with Butt welding.). Job-I	381758/-	7635/-	2 Months	250/-
10	Restoration of Rain Damages to FIS Kurpan Kuhl in Nirmand Distt. Kullu (H.P.) (SH- C/o CC lining of Channel at RD 2620 to 2630 and C/o Breast wall at RD 2620 to 2630 = 10 mtrs.).	384838/-	7697/-	4 Months	250/-
11	Aug of WSS Rishia Mishta and Shodha Nallah in Anni Block Distt. Kullu (HP) (SH- Provisioner barbed wire fencing with MS angle from poles around civil work) JJM	249100/-	4982/-	4 Months	250/-

1. Last date of submission of tender 06.07.2024 up to 4.00 P.M. and opened on dated 08.07.2024 up to 12.30 A.M.
2. Last date of sale of tender form Divisional Office- 06.07.2024 up to 04.00 P.M.
The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www.hpih.org or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Anni.
DPR/HP/482 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

GOVERNMENT OF UT JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER POLICE

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PHQ J&K JAMMU/ SRINAGAR

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

TWO COVER SYSTEM

e-NIT No.EE-PCD/PHQ/28/2024-25 Dated:-29-06-2024

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs)	Earnest Money (EMD) (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of Tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1.	Remodelling/ Up-gradation of Residential blocks (D, E, F, G, H, I, J & K) at Armed Police Complex Zewan Srinagar.	530.76	5000.00	1061520/-	550 working days	16-07-2024	"A"

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of TS = Sanctioned
Position of funds = Available

Sr. No.	Date of Publish of Tender Notice	01-07-2024, 14:00 P.M
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 01-07-2024, 14:30 P.M to 15-07-2024, 4:00 P.M
3.	Bid submission Start Date	05-07-2024 From 09:00 A.M
4.	Bid Submission End Date	15-07-2024 upto 4:00 P.M
5.	The Earnest Money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/ Sgr.	As per time specified in SBD.
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	16-07-2024 at 11:00 A.M in the Office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar in presence of S. E. PW(R&B) Circle South Srinagar.
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in as per above schedule:
Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploading softcopy and short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

1.1 Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date and also indicating the name of work duly crediting to 0055 MHA (Revenue) uploading a same copy of treasury challan/receipt & in case of firms / agencies outside the UT of J&K the cost of tender shall be submitted in the shape of demand draft (DD) of any nationalized / scheduled Bank pledged to Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division PHQ J&K Jammu/Srinagar. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD pledged to Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division Jammu/Srinagar and relevant documents of L1 must be submitted to the Ex. Engineer Police Construction Division PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar within 5 days after opening of price bid.
(The Date of Treasury Challan/Demand Draft must be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date).

1.2 All bidders have to submit Earnest money, as part of the Bid, earnest Money mentioned in column no. 05 of NIT.

2. All the bidders have to submit Earnest money in the shape of CDR/FDR in favour of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar shall be valid for minimum 6 months or more, after the last date of receipt of bids.
2.01 Earnest Money:- The earnest money deposit (EMD @ 2% of advertised cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR of the successful bidder (L1) shall be released, only after defect liability period (i.e.12 months), the DLP shall be calculated from the date of successful completion of the work on the satisfaction report of Engineer incharge.
11. Any item of work not advertised in the rate list but found necessary during execution of work should be got approved by the competent authority before proceeding further beyond the allotment and payment for the same shall be made on sanctioned schedule of rates and LMR with contractor's overall appreciation/depreciation.

No: -PCD/PHQ/2024-25/2827-35
Dated: 29-06-2024
DIPK-2179/24

Sd/- Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/Sgr.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HSAMB REWARI	SPECIAL REPAIR OF LINK ROADS FROM VILLAGE TAJPUR TO ATELI (ID 615), CHAPRA SALIMPUR TO GUWANI (ID 843), GARHI TO RATTA (ID 846), BHLWARA TO NAWDI MOR (ID 8462) AND KAPOORI TO DHANA (7436) IN ATELI CONSTITUENCY, DISTT. MAHENDERGARH UNDER WORK PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2024-25. + 8 WORKS	21.06.2024 08.07.2024	12.98 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416384454 xensamb.rewari@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/60/27337/314

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/ AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) in Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION	CONSTRUCTION OF 37,884 MTS CAPACITY GODOWNS, CC ROADS, LABOUR HUT, TOILET, GUARD ROOM AND CONVERSION OF 15246 MTS CONVERTIBLE PLINTHS INTO COVERED GODOWNS ETC WITH ARCH-SHAPED GALVALUME SHEET ROOFING 1.09 MM THICK AND E.I. WORK AT FSD CAMPUS MEHWALA (DISTT. FATEHABAD). +41 WORKS	26.06.2024 12.07.2024	52.27 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722587200 secyhwco@hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL
1	HVPNL	NIT NO. 108 EPC-D-108/PD&C DATED 14.03.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO. 3:EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 08.07.2024 UP TO 17:00 HRS & 28.06.2024 (FOR PUBLISHING)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
2	HVPNL	QDP NO. 1448 NIT NO 1328 DATED 15.03.2024	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UP TO 08.07.2024 UP TO 17:00 HRS.	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3	HVPNL	NIT NO. 107 EPC-D-107/PD&C DATED 13.03.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO. 3:EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 08.07.2024 UP TO 17:00 HRS & 28.06.2024 (PUBLISHING)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4	HVPNL	NIT NO. 106 EPC-D-106/PD&C DATED 13.03.2024	CORRIGENDUM NO. 3:EXTENSION IN DATE OF ONLINE SUBMISSION OF BIDS UP TO 12.07.2024 UP TO 17:00 HRS & 28.06.2024 (FOR PUBLISHING)	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/90/27334/314

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	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/CORP/ AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ E-MAIL
1	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTICIPATION IN E-BIDDING PROCESS ON STAR AGRI BAZAAR AND NEML PORTAL ON 16TH JULY 2024 FOR SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	CLOSING DATE 16.07.2024	10000/- AS PER THE CONTRACT NOTE	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpk@gmail.com
2	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	SHORT TERM E-TENDER FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITY ITEMS FOR THE HAR-HITH RETAIL PROJECT OF HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED ON 16TH JULY 2024 FOR SUPPLY TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS/DC WAREHOUSES WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	02.07.2024 16.07.2024	10000/-	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpk@gmail.com
3	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	SHORT TERM E-TENDER FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF FORTIFIED MUSTARD OIL & FORTIFIED SUNFLOWER OIL FOR THE HAR-HITH RETAIL PROJECT OF HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED ON 16TH JULY 2024 FOR SUPPLY TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS/ DC'S WAREHOUSES WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	02.07.2024 16.07.2024	10000/-	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpk@gmail.com
4	HARYANA AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED	EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARTICIPATION IN E-BIDDING PROCESS ON STAR AGRI BAZAAR AND NEML PORTAL ON 16TH JULY 2024 FOR SUPPLY OF FORTIFIED MUSTARD OIL & FORTIFIED SUNFLOWER OIL TO HAICL SPECIFIED DELIVERY POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF HARYANA	CLOSING DATE 16.07.2024	10000/- AS PER THE CONTRACT NOTE	http://www.haic.co.in	0172-2561305 haicpk@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in PRDH/13/2025/91/0027358/314

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN Rupees	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD/ CORP/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	BEAUTIFICATION OF PARK BY LANDSCAPING WITH HORTICULTURE WORKS AND LAYING OF EPDM AND SBR OVER WALKING TRACK NEAR H.N. 230 MDC SECTOR 4, WARD NO. 2, PANCHKULA.	26.06.2024 11.07.2024	39.88 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722583695 xencmcp@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	DEVELOPMENT AND REJUVENATION OF POND IN VILLAGE SUKETRI, WARD NO-1 MC PANCHKULA. + 1 WORK	25.06.2024 11.07.2024	1.37 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01722583695 xencmcp@gmail.com
3	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA	REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR HIRING OF AGENCY FOR MAINTENANCE AND HOUSEKEEPING OF OLD AGE HOME SITUATED AT SECTOR 27 UNDER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PANCHKULA. RECALL	24			

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Recruitment Notice Reference No. _____

Applications are invited for the following posts in the department of Rural Development.

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Remuneration in Rs.
1.	Aspirational Block Fellow	01	55000/- Per Month

Last Date & Time : 08-07-2024 by 05:00 PM.
For details logon to : www.gurdaspur.nic.in.

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the recruitment notice shall be published on the above Website.

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner (D) Gurdaspur.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITE APPLICATION

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur Division Invites applications for allotment of halt contract for sale of tickets for the following stations:-

Name of wok	Address of the office & date from which application forms will be available.
1. Allotment of Halt contract at (1) Salla Khurd (2) Bolina Doaba (3) Ghallu (4) Sham Chaurasi (5) Khatkar Kalan Jhanda Ji (6) Jajon Doaba (7) Garshankar (8) Malupota (9) Dudwinda Railway Halt Stations over Firozpur Division.	Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Firozpur. Date 01.07.2024 to 01.08.2024

5. Northern Railway's web site: www.nri.in

The notice for inviting application forms and other related information is also available on the official web site of Northern Railway www.nri.in

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NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India

Community Centre, Sector 51, Model Jail, Chandigarh

WANTED IN NIA CASE NO. 03/2024/NIA/DLI



Cash Prize: Rupees 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs)

Satwinder Singh alias Satinderjit Singh alias Goldy Brar son of Shamsher Singh resident of House No. 970/2, Adesh Nagar, Street No. 3, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, India. (Suspected to be based in Canada or USA)

Any information leading to the arrest of the above mentioned absconding accused may be given to NIA Control Room. Informer will be rewarded with Rs. 10 lakhs and his identity will be kept secret.

WhatsApp: +91-8585931100, Telephone No.: 011-24368800, Email ID: info.nia@gov.in (NIA Hqs, New Delhi)

Or

WhatsApp/Telegram: +91-7743002947, Telephone No.: 0172-2682901 & 0172-2682900, Email ID: info-chd.nia@gov.in (NIA Branch Office, Chandigarh)

CBC 19133/11/0012/2425

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA

Community Centre, Sector 51, Model Jail, Chandigarh

WANTED IN NIA CASE NO. 03/2024/NIA/DLI



Cash Prize: Rupees 10,00,000/- (Ten Lakhs)

Gupreet Singh Dhillon alias Goldy Rajpura son of Sukhjinder Singh resident of Rajpura, Patiala, Punjab, India. (Suspected to be based in Germany or Portugal)

Any information leading to the arrest of the above mentioned absconding accused may be given to NIA Control Room. Informer will be rewarded with Rs. 10 lakhs and his identity will be kept secret.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

e-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-14/UMB-2024-25 DATED 01.07.2024

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

Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1. Name of Work: (01) Repairs to water supply in rail vihar colony by replacing corroded/trusted pipe line in the section of SSE/W/RV/UMB under Sr.ADEN/UMB & (02) Extension of RSO office at out pit at Ambala Cantt Station in the section of SSE/ Works-M/UMB under ADEN/UMB	32,06,744	64,100	04 Months	25.07.2024
2. Name of Work: (01) Provision of Synthetic Basketball court in Railway Stadium, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt & (02) Provision of drainage system and resurfacing of tennis court in railway stadium in the section of SSE/W/RV/UMB under Sr.ADEN/UMB	69,16,320	1,38,300	04 Months	25.07.2024
3. Name of Work: Special Repairs of staff Quarters under the Jurisdiction of under ADEN/UMB	69,16,320	1,38,300	06 Months	25.07.2024
4. Name of Work: Dewatering & desilting of sumpwells of RUB/LHS/Bridges in the section of Sr.DEN-I/UMB	54,45,544	1,08,900	08 Months	25.07.2024
5. Name of Work: Provision of additional waterway of span 2x2.5m at km 47/1-2 in MNPR-RPAR in the section of SSE/W/RPAR under ADEN/SIR	2,02,75,528	2,51,400	09 Months	25.07.2024
6. Name of Work: Special repairs of staff quarters and officers rest house Chandigarh under the jurisdiction of Sr. ADEN/CDG.	49,50,484	99,000	06 Months	25.07.2024
7. Name of Work: Daily inspection of track to prescribed standard as per IRPW/LWR manual (Monsoon weather patrolling) or as directed by engineering incharge or his representative for safe and satisfactory running of trains in the section of ADEN/SML	19,87,675	39,800	03 Months	25.07.2024

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/ Payment Gateway payment only. 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.nri.in

Sd/- Secretary
Haryana Staff Selection Commission

JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA

POJEWAL DISTT. S.B.S. NAGAR (PB)

TENDER NOTICE

The date for Tender of AMC Computers & CCTVs, Hair Cutting, Cleanliness of Sewerage Tank & Sale of Scrap for the year 2024-25 is extended. The tender documents containing requirement, specifications and terms & conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned on any working day w.e.f 02.07.2024 to 22.07.2024 from 9.00 AM to 11.00 AM. The cost of each tender form will be Rs.200/- (non refundable). Tender forms with full details can also be downloaded from vidyalaya website <https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/sbsnagar/en/home/>. The last date for the receipt of sealed tenders alongwith requisite earnest money in the office of Principal JNV, Pojewal is 22.07.2024 (Monday) up to 4.00 PM through Registered Post only. The tenders will be opened by the VPAC on 23.07.2023 (Tuesday) at 11.00 AM in the office of Principal, JNV, Pojewal, Distt. S.B.S.Nagar (Pb). Other Term & Conditions will remain same as per the previous tender notice dated 05.06.2024.

DI-5951 Sd/- PRINCIPAL

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

Bays No. 67-70, Sector- 2, Panchkula-134154

(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Declaration of Revised Result for the posts of Scientific Staff Group-C Forensic Science Laboratory of various categories in Police Department against Advt. No. 5/2023

This is for information of candidates that in accordance to Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court judgment dated 31.05.2024 in LPA No.1037 of 2023, upheld by Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 24.06.2024 in SLP (C) No.13275-13277 of 2024 and in view of clarification dated 21.03.2024 of Police Department, Haryana for the post of Scientific Staff Group-C Forensic Science Laboratory of various categories in Police Department against Advt. No. 5/2023, Cat. No.1 to 16, the Commission has revised the result for the above said posts as below. The revised result has been prepared solely on the basis of written examination marks without giving any weightage of socio-economic criteria and the same has been shown category wise and Roll Number wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket

GROUP - GROUP - 1	Cut Off	
Post - Senior Scientific Assistant (Biology) (Cat. 1)	69.35	
SC		
5234001758		
Post - Senior Scientific Assistant (SOC) (Cat. 2)	82.65	
UR		
5234001191	5234001392	
SC		
5234000793		
BCA		
5234001345		
EWS		
5234000644		
UR ESM		
5234001817		
Post - Senior Scientific Assistant (Serology) (Cat. 5)	81.7	
UR		
5234000174		
EWS		
5234000853		
Post - Scientific Assistant (Serology) (Cat. 6)	80.75	
SC		
5234001730		
BCB		
5234001770		
Post - Scientific Assistant (SOC) (Cat. 7)	70.3	
SC		
5234000127	5234000537	
UR ESM		
5234001063	5234001314	
Post - Scientific Assistant (Biology) (Cat. 8)	79.8	
UR		
5234000032	5234001479	5234001929
SC		
5234000139	5234000748	
BCA		
5234001515		
EWS		
5234000506		
UR ESM		
5234000703		
Post - Scientific Assistant (Chemistry) (Cat. 10)	78.85	
UR		
5234000670		
BCB		
5234001619		
UR ESM		
5234001042		
Group - Group 2		
Post - Senior Scientific Assistant (Documents) (Cat. 4)	75.05	
UR		
5231000030	5231000709	
SC		
5231000714		
BCA		
5231000141		
EWS		
5231000692		
UR ESM		
5231000461		
Post - Senior Scientific Assistant (Ballistic) (Cat. 3)	67.45	
SC		
5231000556	5231000661	
BCA		
5231000165		
EWS		
5231000553		
Post - Scientific Assistant (Ballistics) (Cat. 9)	66.5	
SC		
5231000715		
BCA		
5231000198		
Group - Group 3		
Post - Laboratory Assistant (Biology) (Cat. 14)	72.2	
SC		
5233000213	5233000941	
BCA		
5233002304		
EWS		
5233002321		
Post - Laboratory Assistant (Serology) (Cat. 15)	78.85	
SC		
5233001374		
EWS		
5233000369		
Post - Laboratory Assistant (Documents) (Cat. 13)	91.2	
UR		
5233000501		
SC		
5233001908		
BCA		
5233001774		
EWS		
5233000443		
Post - Laboratory Assistant (Ballistics) (Cat. 12)	84.55	
UR		
5233001011		
EWS		
5233000536		
Post - Laboratory Assistant (Chemistry) (Cat. 11)	84.55	
UR		
5233000288		
EWS		
5233000786		
Group - Group 4		
Post - Dark Room Attendant (Cat. 16)	90.25	
UR		
5232000361		

NOTE:-
1. The result declared on dated 14.03.2024 stands cancelled.
2. The result is subject to the outcome of ongoing court cases, if any.
3. While due care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of any inadvertent/technical error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
4. The candidates selected as above are advised to report for joining as soon as they get an intimation regarding the same from the nodal authority of their allocated department.
5. The result is available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in.

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

BATHINDA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

B.D.A Complex, Bhagu Road, Bathinda

Tender Reference No. DE(H)/BDA/2024/201

dated: 01-07-2024

Divisional Engineer (H), BDA, Bathinda invites online bids for the work of "Maintenance of Horticulture work on approach road Phase 4 and 5, Ring Road Phase 2, park adjacent to Old PUDA Office and supply of material for BDA Office Complex at Bathinda for period 01.08.2024 to 31.03.2025."

Closing date and time:- 12-07-2024 at 01:00 PM.
For details logon to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above mentioned website only.

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD

(Irrigation Wing)

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No. 3/BR/2024-25

Name of Office: Sr. Executive Engineer, BR SC & Plant Design Division, BMBB Sundarnagar, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)-175019

Name of Work: Providing 1 No. Moving Boat for trash Clearance from BR. (Including all levies Taxes)

Last date and time for on-line bid submission: 23.07.2024 up to 12:30 P.M.
Date and time of on-line opening of Tender: 24.07.2024 at 3:30 P.M.

Cost of Tender form : Rs. 2360 (Rs. Two Thousand Three Hundred & Sixty only) Approx. Cost : Rs. 72.80 Lac.

The detailed NIT may be seen on BMBB Website www.bmbb.gov.in and e-tender.gov.in

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ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੋਟੀਨ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਕਾਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਸਹਿਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ (ਕੋਟਿਨ 1000/- ਰੁ.) ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਕਾਰੀ ਦਿਨ (ਸਿਵਾਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁਕਰਵਾਰ ਤੱਕ) ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 9.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ (ਕਾਰਾ ਨੰ. 23)। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਨਿਤੀ 08.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮ 5.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਿਤੀ 10.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.30 ਵਜੇ ਕਾਰਾ ਨੰ. 1 ਏ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਇਸ ਦਿਨ ਅਚਾਰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਫੁੱਟੀ ਐਲਾਨ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੋਠਾਸ਼ੀ ਦਿਨ ਖਿੱਚੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਇੰ., ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਰੱਦ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਇੰ., ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ।

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ਦਫਤਰ ਵਾਈਕੋ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਪੇਂਡੂ ਵਿਕਾਸ)-ਕਮ-ਵਾਈਕੋ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਾਮ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਟਰ (ਨਰੋਗਾ), ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਚੰਦ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ, ਸਰਦਰ ਡੇਰ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਨਿਤੀ 08.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਲਗਾਤਾਰਤਾ ਵਿਚ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨਗਰ ਲਈ ਅਧੀਨ ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਦਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਾਮ ਦਾ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਸਾਲ 2023-24 ਦਾ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਆਡਿਟ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਚਾਰਵਾਨ ਡਰਾਅ ਤੋਂ ਸੀਲਬੰਦ ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਨਿਤੀ 21.06.2024 ਨੂੰ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਨਿਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਵਾਧਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਚਾਰਵਾਨ ਡਰਾਅ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਵਾਈਕੋ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਪੇਂਡੂ ਵਿਕਾਸ)-ਕਮ-ਵਾਈਕੋ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਾਮ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਟਰ ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨਗਰ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੇ ਨਮ 'ਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਅਤੇ ਦਫਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਨਿਯਮਤਾਬਤ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਨਿਤੀ 10.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 12.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਲਈਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਇਹ ਕੁਟੇਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਨਿਤੀ 10.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਚਾਰਵਾਨ ਡਰਾਅ, ਜੋ ਹਫ਼ਤਾ ਹੋਣਗੀਆਂ, ਦੀ ਹਫ਼ਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹੋਰ ਜਾਗੂਰੀ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਸਹਿਤ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਆਡਿਟ ਦੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ www.patiala.nic.in ਉੱਤੇ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹਨ।

ਸਹੀ/- ਵਾਈਕੋ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ (ਪੇਂਡੂ ਵਿਕਾਸ)-ਕਮ-ਵਾਈਕੋ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਾਮ ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਟਰ (ਨਰੋਗਾ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

DPR/Pb/35141

PUNJAB AGRO INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED

Plot No. 2A, Sector 28A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160 002 | Ph: 0172 5074211 | www.punjabagro.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited (PAIC), invites e-tender for hiring of Housekeeping agency for cleaning and sanitation work at PAIC, Head Office, Chandigarh on a payment of Rs. 2000/- per tender (non-refundable).

Name of the work	Tenure	Earnest Money
Hiring of Housekeeping Agency for cleaning and sanitation work at PAIC, HO, Chandigarh	1 year (extendable)	Rs. 20,000/-

Last date for submission of bids: 29.07.2024 04:00 PM
Opening of technical & financial bids: 30.07.2024 11:30 AM & 31.07.2024 11:00 AM respectively

The Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (DNIT) etc. can be obtained/downloaded from e-tender website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>. Corrigendum, if any, will be issued on website only www.punjabagro.gov.in & eproc.punjab.gov.in.

CIN No. U5129CH966SC002630 General Manager

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

Short Term Tender Notice Reference No. 07/2024/LG/MC/NABHA

The Department of Local Govt. Punjab (M.C. Nabha) invites online bids for the following:

Sr. No.	Item	Quantity
1.	Various items supply under SBM	12

Closing date & time: 08.07.2024 at 02.00 p.m.
For details logon to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- President, Municipal Council Nabha. Sd/- Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Nabha.

DPR/Pb/35177

PUNJAB STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Website: www.pscst.punjab.gov.in

Punjab Government Initiative under Ghar Ghar Rozgar

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the following post to be filled up on contractual basis:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Number of Vacancies	Remuneration per month (in Rs.)
1.	Project Assistant-I	1	Rs. 20,000 + 16% HRA

Last Date & Time : 16.07.2024 till 17.00 p.m. IST
For details logon to : www.pscst.punjab.gov.in
NOTE: Any corrigendum(s) to the recruitment notice shall be published on the above website.

DPR/Pb/35145 Incharge (Admn.)

PUNJAB STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Website: www.pscst.punjab.gov.in

Punjab Government Initiative under Ghar Ghar Rozgar

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited for the following post to be filled up on contractual basis under project Punjab State Climate Change Knowledge Centre Phase-II:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	Number of Vacancies	Remuneration per month (in Rs.)
1.	Project Assistant (General Category)	1	23,200/- (20,000+16% HRA)

Last Date & Time : 16.07.2024 till 17.00 Hrs. IST
For details logon to : www.pscst.punjab.gov.in
NOTE: Any corrigendum(s) to the recruitment notice shall be published on the above website.

DPR/Pb/35144 Incharge (Admn.)

वन विभाग हिमाचल प्रदेश

एकीकृत विकास परियोजना, जिला परियोजना अधिकारी, नाहन (हि.प्र.)
दूरभाष नं. 01702-292813 ई-मेल dponhn@gmail.com
वेबसाइट : www.hpdp.org

एकीकृत विकास परियोजना जिला परियोजना अधिकारी, सिरमौर नाहन (हि.प्र.) द्वारा वर्ष 2024-25 में सहायक परियोजना अधिकारी नाहन, पांचवटा, गुजराड के अंतर्गत कार्य क्षेत्र में चयनित विभिन्न श्रम पंचायतों को विभिन्न गतिविधियों जैसे वृक्षारोपण का रखरखाव, प्राथमिक जल संधारण संयोजन संरचना, मुदा व जल संरक्षण एवं माथ्यामिक जल अवसंरचना के प्रस्तावित कार्य संबंधित निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाएंगी। जिसकी विस्तृत जानकारी परियोजना की वेबसाइट : www.hpdp.org, पर उपलब्ध रहेगी। अतः इच्छुक व पात्र आवेदकों (परियोजना में पंजीकृत) से निवेदन है कि वह उपरोक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहे व अपनी निविदाएं निर्धारित समय अर्थात् के भीतर प्रेषित करें।

जिला परियोजना अधिकारी, एकीकृत विकास परियोजना, सिरमौर स्थित नाहन हि.प्र.।
दूरभाष नं. 01702-292813.

DPR/HP/123

ई-नीलामी/ई-टैडर विज्ञापन

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मास जुलाई, 2024 में हरियाणा वन विकास निगम के विभिन्न काष्ठ बिक्री सेल डिपुओं में विभिन्न प्रजातियों की लकड़ी की ई-नीलामी की विधियां निर्धारित की गई हैं तथा विभिन्न महाप्रबंधक, हरियाणा वन विकास निगम द्वारा वृक्षों के कटाई, पौलीथीन बैग, फर्नीचर, बारवाड वायर व इसी प्रकार अन्य कार्यों के ई-टैडर जारी किए जा रहे हैं। जिसका पत्र विवरण हरियाणा वन विकास निगम की वेबसाइट www.hfdce.gov.in पर 'पब्लिक नोटिस' व 'ई-टैडर नोटिस' मैनुअल आइटम में उपलब्ध है। सूचित किया जाता है प्रत्येक लॉट/बैच की नीलामी अवधि 3 मिनट रहेगी व अनिश्चित समय 20 सेकंड के 7 स्लॉट रहेगी। सभी इच्छुक खरीदार बोली संबंधित भाग लेने/पूर्ण जानकारी Website:- hfdceaction.co.in से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। और ई-टैडर के लिए पूर्ण जानकारी Website:- e-tender.hry.nic.in से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

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प्रबंध निदेशक,
हरियाणा वन विकास निगम,
पंचकुला।

PRDH/1188/11/6/2/2025/2733/1/3/3/4

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK/NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN LACS	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Fazilka	Renovation of Badha Community Hall (Guest House) in Fazilka, Distt. Fazilka (Under District Mineral Foundations Funds)	02.07.2024/ 18.07.2024	17.46 THOUSAND	9779266057 eewss.divfazilka@yahoocom
2	Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. 2, PWD (B&R) Branch, Amritsar	Upgradation of T 01-Patti to Hanke Khaira Road Via Kulla Manihala Jai Singh Viala, Block Patti in District Taran Package No PB 22-027,			

Oppn raises NEET-UG irregularities in RS



TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
Congress president and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday raised the issue of examination paper leaks during the debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President's address in Upper House. He demanded a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the paper leaks.

"NEET-UG paper leak, cancellation of NEET-PG examination and UGC-NET paper leak have put the future of over 30 lakh students at stake. Their parents are concerned. The government does not convey the measures taken



LoP in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge speaks in Parliament in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

and when we raise the issue that has affected millions of students, they say we only create uproar for the sake of disrupting Parliament proceedings," Kharge added.

He said that the Centre must also look into the vested interests responsible for the repeated paper leaks.

"There have been 70 paper leaks in the past seven years jeopardising the future of two crore youngsters," Kharge said.

He pointed out that initially, the Centre denied any paper leaks in the NEET-UG examination and "gave a clean chit to the National

Testing Agency".

"The Haryana's school centre where questions were raised over NEET-UG score is connected to a BJP politician. There are thousands of NEET coaching centres in Kota. Is someone putting pressure to not have discussion on this

FUTURE AT STAKE

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Mallikarjun Kharge, CONG CHIEF

issue? I don't know. There are several vested interest groups in this," he added.

DMK MP Tiruchi N Siva also raised the issue of irregularities in the NEET exam. "Lakhs of students have been put to trouble. We are asking the government why this happened," he said.

Power sans responsibility: Anurag attacks Rahul

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
Leading the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address, BJP MP Anurag Thakur launched a blistering attack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of enjoying

"power without responsibility" and questioned his commitment to parliamentary proceedings as the LoP Thakur, representing Hamirpur, congratulated Gandhi on becoming the Leader of Opposition but

quickly shifted to criticism, saying, "Will he (Rahul Gandhi) be able to sit in Lok Sabha now? He will have to sit till late like Prime Minister Modi. Absentee landlordism won't work now." — TNS

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

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERING (E-Tender Mode only)

ON LINE TENDER is hereby invited by the undersigned, for & on behalf of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4, from the experienced/reputed Bidders / Joint venture firms / A Co-operative Society of Retired Employees of HPSEB Ltd. for the below mentioned work on the prescribed formats:-

BID No.	Name of work	Amount put to Tender	Earnest Money @1%	Time for Completion	Cost of Tender Documents	Sale of Tender Documents	Submission of Tender online	Opening of Techno-commercial Bid
HC-JI-DSE-Tendering Job No-01-2024-25	E-Tender for Shifting of 11KV HT Line on single pole str. using AB cable crossing over the residential buildings in Ambuja Chowk, Shiv Mandir, Darlaghat market and several houses in Electrical Section Darlaghat under Electrical Sub-Division, HPSEB, Darlaghat. T.S. No: AED-98/2023-24. (WBS No: - D- 23-1626) (Deposit) (On Partial Turnkey Basis).	₹ 15,03,950/- Only	₹ 15,039.50/- Only	Three Months	₹ 500/- only (i.e. ₹ 90/- + @18% GST ₹ 590/- only)	02.07.2024 to 13.07.2024 upto 05:00 PM	15.07.2024 upto 16:00 PM	16.07.2024 at 11:30 AM
HC-JI-DSE-Tendering Job No-02-2024-25	E-Tendering on turnkey basis for providing 3 phase LT line for proposed Himuda Colony at Dharampur in (E) Section Dharampur-1 under ESD HPSEB, Dharampur. T.S. No. 65/2023-24. WBS No. D-23-1984. Name of Scheme: - Deposit Work.	₹ 32,07,801/- Only	₹ 32,078.01/- Only	Three Months	₹ 1000/- only (i.e. ₹ 180/- + @18% GST ₹ 1180/- only)	02.07.2024 to 13.07.2024 upto 05:00 PM	15.07.2024 upto 16:00 PM	16.07.2024 at 11:30 AM

The detailed tender notification can be viewed/downloaded free of cost from the web site <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

(Er. Vinod K Verma),
Superintending Engineer,
(OP) Circle, HPSEB, Solan.

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NEET retest result out, none gets perfect 720

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
The National Testing Agency (NTA) today announced the results of the NEET-UG retest that was conducted on June 23, with none of the 813 students who appeared in it achieving a perfect score of 720.

The retest was conducted for 1,563 students who were earlier given grace marks as "compensation for time lost" during their examination on May 5.

As many as 67 candidates had scored 720 marks, among them six who had got grace marks. After the withdrawal of the grace marks, the count of toppers came down to 61. Five of the six students took the retest, but none could again achieve the score of 720.

After the retest, a student whose rank was 14,622 with 670 marks saw it revised to 14,598. Another student whose score with grace marks was 719 saw it decline to 620.

The 813 candidates had appeared at seven centres in

After grace marks' denial, toppers down to 61

Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana and Meghalaya. In Chhattisgarh, 311 of the 602 students eligible for the retest didn't turn up. In Haryana, 494 students were eligible, but only 287 took the exam. In Meghalaya, 234 of the 464 students took the retest. Two students were eligible in Chandigarh and one in Gujarat, but none turned up.

The NTA said the students who skipped the retest would be awarded their old score minus the grace marks. The NEET-UG counselling will begin on July 6.

Meanwhile, the result of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET)-UG, which was to be announced on June 30, stands delayed. The NTA, which was supposed to release the answer key of the exam, has not released it yet. — TNS

BJP wants Mamata to quit over 'lawlessness'

SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
The BJP on Monday sought resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after a video surfaced of a man administering brutal "justice" to a runaway couple in a West Bengal village.

The video shows a hefty man beating up the couple with a clutch of soft bamboo sticks. A crowd can be seen watching the spectacle by forming a circle around the beating spot. When the woman doubles up and collapses in a corner, she is lifted by her hair by one from the crowd and pushed at the centre again for further assault.

Addressing a press conference here, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia questioned Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's commitment to justice and governance. Bhatia also alleged that the perpetrator was a leader from Banerjee's Trinamool Congress. "Law and order have collapsed in West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee should resign forthwith as she is unable to ensure the safety and security of citizens," he said.



Mamata Banerjee

AI summit to focus on knowledge exchange

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
India is hosting a two-day (July 3-4) artificial intelligence (AI) summit that aims to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange with India firmly committed to ethical and inclusive growth of this new-age technology.

To be held in New Delhi on July 3-4

Called the 'Global India AI Summit', it will be hosted in New Delhi as India is the lead chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, which is hosting the summit, said it would provide a platform for leading international AI experts from science, industry, civil society, governments, international organisations and academia to share insights on key AI issues. — TNS

Bansuri's 1st LS speech evokes memories of Sushma Swaraj

NEERAJ MOHAN
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
In a moment that resonated deeply within the halls of Parliament, Bansuri Swaraj, the newly elected BJP MP from New Delhi, made her debut speech in the Lok Sabha channeling the spirit and style of her late mother, former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj.

Bansuri's address was not just a political statement but seemed to be an emotional homage. The atmosphere in the Lok Sabha was charged with nostalgia as Bansuri began her speech with the words "Adhyaksh ji," reminiscent of the powerful openings her mother was known for. Observers couldn't help but draw comparisons



Bansuri Swaraj. PTI

between the two.

During her speech, Bansuri extended gratitude to the party and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for the opportunity to speak on the motion of thanks for the President's address, presented by Anurag Thakur. Bansuri highlighted the government's achievements over the past decade, emphasising the consistency

between its words and actions. "For the first time in a decade, we have a government whose deeds match its promises," she proclaimed.

She lauded the abrogation of Article 370, the construction of the grand Ram Temple, the introduction of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the implementation of One Rank One Pension (OROP).

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

BID No. E-Tender-MC Kharar/2025-2025/1310 Date: 28.06.2024

Municipal Council has invited tenders of amount 234.61 lacs from Societies/Contractors/Firms. The details and Terms & Conditions and any future Corrigendum can be seen on the website <https://proc.punjab.gov.in>. The tenders can only be filled on above website.

Schedule of Date and Time:-

Last Date & Time for filling the Online Tender	Date & Time for opening the Technical Bid
Date: 23.07.2024 Time: 10.00 a.m.	Date: 23.07.2024 Time: 11.00 a.m.

Sd/- Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Kharar.

DPR/PB/35167

NOTICE

Sealed Quotations under TWO BID System (Technical and Financial) are invited for conducting sports meets at Regional, National, SGFI level Sports & Coaching camp etc. in their premises from approved/affiliated Universities/Institutes of Higher Learning (IITs/NITs etc.) Sports Universities situated in Punjab/Chandigarh.

The Tender Document is available on the website of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Regional Office Chandigarh i.e. <https://rochandigarh.kvs.gov.in/>. The last date of submission of Tender/Bid in KVS, Regional Office, Chandigarh is 23.07.2024 up to 02:00 pm.

Deputy Commissioner,
KVS, RO Chandigarh

DI-5981

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DEE/G/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders (www.ireps.gov.in) against below titled Tenders. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only.

Tender No.	Name of work	App. Cost. (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Completion period	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
251-Elect-T/21/2024-25	Electrical work C/W Lowering and lifting of submersible pumps and rewinding/repairing of defective submersible pumps motors for Jammu and Udhampur zone of Firozpur Division for 2 years.	32,65,038.78	65,300.00	24 Months	23.07.2024 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in
251-Elect-T/22/2024-25	Electrical work in c/w Provision of 03 Nos. Deep Borewell including pipe line, pumphouse for station and colony at Jammu Tawi Railway Depot & Electrical work in c/w Replacement of abandoned pumps with 9 Nos type-II gang quarters at Raya Morh in between section VJPJ-BBMN for the gang 14 P.J VJPJ Stn.	30,26,690.18	60,500.00	6 Months	23.07.2024 after 15:00 Hrs.	www.ireps.gov.in

251-Elect/T/Notice No. 16-Elect/2024-25 Dated: -01.07.2024

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E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Executive Engineer, NH, HP.PWD, Theog on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate basis in electronic tendering system for the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Deadline for submission of Bid	Earnest Money	Cost of Form
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SCOREBOARD			
INDIA 1ST INNINGS 603/6 dec	Bowling	O	M R W
SOUTH AFRICA 1ST INNINGS 266	Renuka Singh	10	1 30 0
SOUTH AFRICA 2ND INNINGS	Sneh Rana	40	12 111 2
L Wolvaardt not out 93	Pooja Vastrakar	16	7 35 1
A Bosch lbw b Sharma 9	Deepthi Sharma	45	10 95 2
S Luus b Kaur 109	Rajeshwari Gayakwad	30.4	12 55 2
M Kapp lbw b Sharma 31	Shafali Verma	3	1 7 1
D Tucker c Rodrigues b Rana 0	Hammanpreet Kaur	10	0 31 1
N de Klerk b Gayakwad 61	INDIA 2ND INNINGS		
S Jafta c Shubha b Rana 15	S Satheesh not out		13
A Dercksen lbw b Vastrakar 5	S Verma not out		24
T Sekhukhune run out (Gayakwad) 6	Extras:	0	0
M Klaas b Shafali 2	Total (0 wickets, 9.2 overs)	37	
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Passing Test with flying colours

CHENNAI, JULY 1
India were made to wait a tad longer for the winning moment by centurion Laura Wolvaardt but crossed the finish line in style as they won by 10 wickets on the fourth and final day of the one-off women's Test against South Africa here today.

India were required to chase a modest 37 after bowling out South Africa for 373 in their second innings and the hosts accomplished the task in 9.2 overs without losing a wicket. India had declared

their first innings at 603/6. The opening duo of Shubha Satheesh (13 not out) and Shafali Verma (24 not out) steered their side home comfortably.

This is India's second 10-wicket triumph in Tests after a scoring a similar win over the Proteas at Paarl in 2002.

After putting up 266 in their first innings, South Africa fought well through ton-up Wolvaardt (122 off 314 balls) and Sune Luus (109 off 203 balls) in their second innings.

However, they could only

India overcome resilient South Africa to win one-off Test by 10 wickets

delay the inevitable. Resuming at the overnight score of 232/2, and trailing India by 105 runs, Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp appeared to be in good touch.

The former brought up her maiden Test century, also becoming the first woman batter to score a Test, ODI and T20I tons in the same year.

However, Kapp was soon trapped leg-before by Deepthi Sharma for 31, while Sneh Rana ousted Delmi Tucker for a duck as the tourists slipped to 266/4.

With work to be done for the South Africans to take the lead, Wolvaardt tried to anchor the innings but was dismissed for 122 when Rajeshwari Gayakwad trapped her in front to

reduce the visitors to 281/5. But the Proteas marched on and went past the 300-run mark, their highest team total in Tests against the Indians. The previous best was the 266 that was made in their opening innings here.

South Africa needed less than 50 runs to take the lead at this stage. Nadine de Klerk and Sinalo Jafta stuck together until the lunch break and they were 302/5 then.

However, in the post-lunch session, Jafta retired hurt due to cramps as the visitors

sent Anne Dercksen to join De Klerk. But Dercksen departed for five, falling to Pooja Vastrakar with SA trailing by 27 runs.

Although South Africa closed in on taking a lead, they struggled to get the partnerships going.

The next stand was worth 14 runs between De Klerk and Tumi Sekhukhune before the latter was run out for six. Jafta returned to bat but could add just nine more runs and departed for 15 and they went to tea at 336/8. — PTI



Reassured India never had doubts about winning

Spinner Sneh Rana said India were always confident of closing out the match despite the South African fightback in the second innings of the one-off Test here today.

"Despite their early domination, India had to wait till the fourth and final day of the Test for the eventual 10-wicket victory.

"Are you demotivating us? (chuckles) We had positive vibes throughout (the match) and it never did cross our minds that South Africa was taking the game away from us," Rana said in the post-match press meet.

"The match was always inclined towards India. We kept believing that we could take a wicket anytime, and that's exactly what happened," she added.

Rana said it was all about keeping calm when the South Africans were offering resistance. "There will be phases during Tests when the opposition will build partnerships. But to keep ourselves calm and keep our minds going, we chirped and

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Sneh Rana bagged 10 wickets in the match for 188 runs, the second-best Test bowling figures by an Indian in Tests after former pacer Jhulan Goswami's 10/78

cracked jokes among ourselves which helped in keeping us awake," she said.

She didn't get too deep into the pitch talk. "Conditions were difficult (for the bowlers), but you get more or less similar conditions everywhere nowadays," she added. — PTI

3/3
India have won all three Test matches under Harmanpreet Kaur's captaincy. She is the first woman to win their first three Tests as captain



“They did not give us an easy win and we had to work hard for it. Credit goes to Smriti and Shafali who set up a platform for us. Everyone in the team, they contributed well with the bat. The way we fielded, it was not easy to field for so many overs. Hats off to our bowlers, especially our spinners.
”
Harmanpreet Kaur, INDIA CAPTAIN

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Laura Wolvaardt brought up her maiden Test century, also becoming the first woman batter to score a Test, ODI and T20I tons in the same year



BRIEFLY

BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)
Champions stranded in West Indies due to hurricane
The victorious Indian cricket team remains stranded in Barbados after a Category 4 hurricane hit the Caribbean islands here in the wee hours today, delaying its departure back home by at least another day. The Rohit Sharma-led side has stayed put in a five-star hotel since its triumph over South Africa on Saturday.

GLENDALE (ARIZONA)
Mexico out of Copa America after drawing with Ecuador
Mexico were eliminated from the Copa America after a 0-0 draw against Ecuador, who advanced to the quarterfinals Sunday night after avoiding a penalty in stoppage time thanks to a VAR review.

NEW DELHI
Neeraj Chopra opts out of Paris Diamond League?
Olympic and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has opted out of this Sunday's Paris Diamond League, citing the adductor niggle that has been troubling him for the past couple of months, according to a report.

Jacob backs team to secure medal in Paris

DEEPANKAR SHARDA
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CHANDIGARH, JULY 1
While most athletes were mingling amongst themselves and with friends and families, the members of the Indian men's 4x400m relay team were standing in one corner, busy discussing the previous evening's mixed relay final in the National Championship in Panchkula.

The India A quartet of Muhammad Anas, Jyothika Sri Dandi, Muhammad Ajmal and Kiran Pahal had won gold while breaking the national record. However, the effort was not enough for India to book a spot at the Paris Olympics.

"We didn't run well. It was not as expected. Some members of the team had upset stomachs and the race was tiring," said Amod Jacob, who was part of the India B team



Amod Jacob says if the relay team enters the final, it will surely bring an Olympics medal home. FILE PHOTO

alongside T Santhosh Kumar, R Vithya Ramraj and Subha Venkatesan.

While the mixed team missed out, the men's relay team will be carrying the hopes of the nation at the Paris Olympics. India, silver medalists at the Asian Games, had obtained the Paris quota at the World Athletics Relays in Bahamas in May.

The quartet of Muhammed Anas Yahya, Muhammed Ajmal, Arokia Rajiv and Jacob had clocked a season's best 3:03.23 to finish behind

USA in the Olympics Qualifying Round 2.

"We have a month to prepare for the Paris Olympics," said Jacob. "Being under pressure always pushes us to perform well and win medals. The competition will surely be tough and we are carrying high medal hopes. As a group, we are very well prepared. If we enter the final, we are surely bringing an Olympics medal home," he added.

Jacob said that team was a close-knit unit. "Perhaps, we are the only batch of athletes in the athletics contingent who are staying together most of the time. We are very well aware of each other's secrets, shortcomings and positive attributes. On the track, we are a close-knit group. In Paris, it will be all about clicking at pressure moments," he said.

Not India, Singapore will host Gukesh-Liren World C'ship tie

NEW DELHI, JULY 1
India's efforts to secure a home World Championship match for D Gukesh were dashed today with Singapore pipping Delhi and Chennai to claim hosting rights for the premier chess contest which will pit the youngest challenger in the history against defending champion Ding Liren of China.

The Tamil Nadu government and All India Chess Federation (AICF) had submitted separate bids to FIDE, the world chess body.

The match, which will offer a prize money of \$2.5 million, will be held between November 20 and December 15 this year.

"After reviewing the bids and inspecting all potential host cities for their venues,

Praggnanandhaa misses against Wesley
BUCHAREST: Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa yet again squandered promising position to settle for a draw against American Wesley in the fifth round of the Superbet Chess Classic as none of the five boards produced any decisive result here. The lead positions remained unchanged with Fabiano Caruana of the United States still ahead on 3.5 points, enjoying half-a-point lead over World Championship challenger D Gukesh and Praggnanandhaa. French duo of Alireza Firouzja and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia and Wesley share the third spot on 2.5 points each. — PTI

amenities, event programs, and opportunities, the International Chess Federation has selected Singapore as the host of the World Championship Match," FIDE stated.

The 17-year-old Gukesh had scripted history by winning the Candidates in April to become the youngest ever challenger to the world title, bettering legendary Garry Kas-

TURIN
Gimay first Black African to win a Tour de France stage
Eritrea's Biniam Gimay became the first Black African rider to win a stage on the Tour de France when he prevailed in a reduced bunch sprint at the end of the third stage today. Gimay, who was already the first Black African to win a stage at the 2022 Giro d'Italia, timed his effort to perfection to beat Colombian Fernando Gaviria and Belgian Arnaud de Lie, second and third respectively. AGENCIES



Spain's Nico Williams after making it 3-1 against Georgia. REUTERS

Spain end Georgia's fairytale run

DUISSELDORF, JULY 1
Spain enjoyed almost total control of Sunday's Euro 2024 win over Georgia and were now looking forward with confidence to a quarter-final against Germany, coach Luis de la Fuente said.

Spain came back after conceding an own goal to beat Georgia 4-1 in their last-16 tie at the Duesseldorf Arena and were praised by their coach for an efficient performance.

Goals from midfielders Rodri and Fabian Ruiz brought Spain back into the game after Robin Le Normand's own-goal in the 18th minute had given Georgia a shock lead. Nico Williams and Dani Olmo took the game out of Georgia's reach with two more goals late.

"I think we controlled the game at all times with brilliant stages of play against an opponent that defended real-

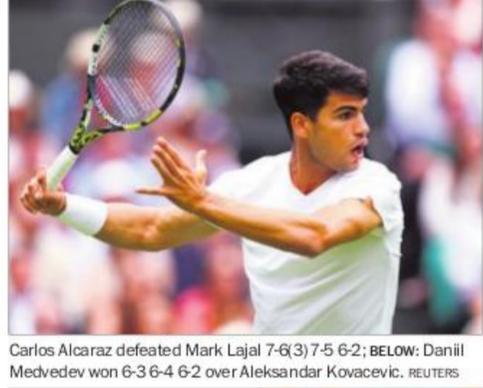
Alcaraz gets off the mark with gritty win

LONDON, JULY 1
Third seed Carlos Alcaraz endured an early test in his Wimbledon title defence but the Spaniard quelled the challenge of Estonian qualifier Mark Lajal 7-6(3) 7-5 6-2 and moved into the second round today.

The 21-year-old, bidding to add a fourth Grand Slam trophy to his cabinet after his maiden French Open triumph last month, dropped serve midway through a high-quality opening set before battling back to clinch it in a tiebreak.

Lajal broke Alcaraz again early in the next set but the dreadlocked world No. 269 was unable to make the advantage count and his opponent broke back to love immediately before pouncing again in the 11th game.

With the momentum having swung, Alcaraz continued to reel off the points for a two-set lead and raised his game further in the third to break with a superb backhand crosscourt winner and he



Carlos Alcaraz defeated Mark Lajal 7-6(3) 7-5 6-2; BELOW: Daniil Medvedev won 6-3 6-4 6-2 over Aleksandar Kovacevic. REUTERS

never looked back. "He played a good match, surprised me a bit because I didn't have the chance to see him play a lot. He has a great level, he's really young, my age," Alcaraz said.

Fifth seed Daniil Medvedev strode confidently and cheerfully into the second round with an assured 6-3 6-4 6-2 win over American Aleksandar Kovacevic on his favourite Court One. — Reuters

DAY 1: HIGHLIGHTS
RUUD BEATS BOLT
Norwegian eighth seed Casper Ruud eased past Australian qualifier Alex Bolt 7-6(2) 6-4 6-4. Canadian former semifinalist Denis Shapovalov beat Chilean 19th seed Nicolas Jarry 6-1 7-5 6-4.



A BREEZE FOR SAKKARI
Greek ninth seed Maria Sakkari (in pic) served five aces as she brushed aside American qualifier McCartney Kessler 6-3 6-1 to reach the second round.

JAISMIN BLOOMS
French Open finalist Jasmin Paolini beat Sara Sorribes Tormo 7-5 6-3. The seventh seed will face Greet Minnen in Round 2.

TODAY ON TV
EUROS
ROMANIA VS NETHERLANDS 9:30 PM
AUSTRIA VS TURKEY 12:30 AM (WED)
SONY SPORTS

'Justice was never fully served': V-P Dhankhar on Kanishka bombing



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NEW DELHI, JULY 1

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar today recalled the June 1985 bombing of the Air India Kanishka aircraft as "one of the darkest days in the fight against terrorism".

Both Houses of Parliament observed a moment of silence on Monday in memory of the 329 victims, including 22 Indian citizens, when a bomb in the aircraft exploded mid-air.

"Two Air India aircraft flying out of Canada were targeted by terrorists. A total of 329 innocent people lost their lives when Air India-182 Kanishka was blown up mid-air off the coast of Ireland by Sikh terrorists not long after

Both Houses observe a moment of silence in memory of 329 victims



Jagdeep Dhankhar

it took off from Montreal en route to India, killing all passengers and crew members on June 23, 1985," he said.

"Regrettably, justice was never fully served..." said Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar as the Upper House observed a moment of silence.

"Two others were killed as another major catastrophe was narrowly averted in Japan," Dhankhar said, referring to the death of two ground crew as they were handling baggage from another Air India flight from Canada. The

bag was intended to be placed in another Air India flight, AI 301, headed to Bangkok and Delhi but it exploded prematurely.

"The incident is a grim reminder of why the world must adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards terrorism and violent extremism. Such acts can never be condoned or justified," Dhankhar said.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X, "Today, the Rajya Sabha observed a moment of silence in memory of victims of AI 182 'Kanishka'." The Rajya Sabha also paid homage to world leaders who died recently, including Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Tanzania's former President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and Malawi's Vice-President Saulos Klaus Chilima.

The Upper House also expressed condolence to victims of a devastating fire in a housing complex for foreign workers in Kuwait on June 12 that killed 46 Indian nationals.

Justice within 3 yrs of FIR; hope for reduction in crime: Shah

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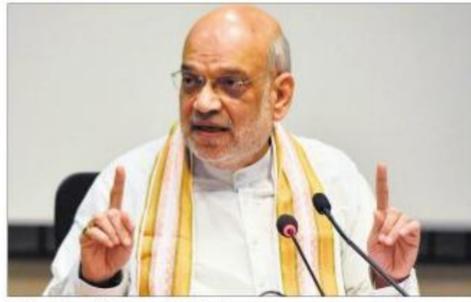
NEW DELHI, JULY 1

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday that justice would be delivered up to the level of the Supreme Court in all cases within three years of the registration of an FIR under the new criminal laws.

Addressing a press conference after the new criminal laws were implemented, Shah expressed the hope of a reduction in crime in future as 90 per cent conviction was expected under the new laws.

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) came into effect on Monday. The new laws replaced the British-era IPC, CrPC and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

"Justice can be received up to the level of the Supreme Court within three years of the regis-



Union Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a press conference. ANI

tration of the FIR," he said. The Home Minister said with the implementation of the three criminal laws, India would have the most modern criminal justice system in the world.

Shah rubbished the charge of the Opposition that the legislations were passed by Parliament after hundreds of members were suspended from both Houses, claiming that these were extensively

being spread that the laws were passed after the expulsion of MPs.

The Home Minister said the "expelled members" still had an option to come to the House and participate in the discussion to express their views. "After 77 years of Independence, the criminal justice system is now completely 'swadeshi' and embedded in Indian ethos," he said.

"I want to tell people in the Opposition to rise above politics and support this development," he said, adding that the Centre was also open to change of names of the new laws. Shah said the first case under the new laws was about a motorcycle theft registered in Madhya Pradesh's Gwalior at 10 minutes past midnight.

Shah clarified that the new laws did not give more powers to the police and the remand period would remain 15 days only. (With inputs from PTI)

IN BRIEF

Waterfall tragedy: Body of 1 missing child found

PUNE Rescue teams on Monday morning recovered the body of one of the two missing children, who along with three other family members got swept away at a waterfall near the Bhushi Dam in Pune's Lonavala area, officials said. Search was on for the other missing child, they said. On Sunday, a group of persons got swept away by the gushing water caused by intense rainfall in the region. **PH**

PM mourns Lankan Tamil leader's death

COLOMBO: R Sampanthan, a veteran Sri Lankan politician and a moderate Tamil leader, who relentlessly pursued a life of peace, justice and dignity for Tamil nationals in the island nation, passed away on Sunday night. "My deepest condolences to the family and friends of veteran TNA leader R Sampanthan," PM Narendra Modi posted on X on Monday along with a picture of his meeting with the Sri Lankan Tamil leader, EAM S Jaisankar also condoled Sampanthan's death on X. **PH**

Crocodile's day out



A crocodile spotted on a road after a river swelled following rain at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra on Monday. **PH**

ASSAM FLOOD SITUATION GRIM

Guwahati/Dibrugarh: The flood situation in Assam turned grim on Monday with over 6.44 lakh people affected in 19 districts, an official bulletin said. At least eight rivers were flowing above the danger mark, with the Brahmaputra breaching its highest flood level at Nematighat in Jorhat district, it said. **PH**

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Will equip force with latest weapons: Army Chief

NEW DELHI, JULY 1 Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi on Monday said the Army is facing "unique operational challenges" and that the geo-political landscape is changing rapidly with technology evolving at a "very fast pace".

He said, "It will be my endeavour to ensure that the Indian Army is always ready to operate in the full spectrum of conflict, maintaining complete synergy with the Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and other

stakeholders." The Army Chief said, "The geo-political landscape is changing rapidly and technology is evolving at a very fast pace." On the challenges, he said, "The Indian Army faces a unique operational challenges to remain prepared for threats and distinctive requirements." He said, "It was crucial that we continuously equip our soldiers with state-of-the-art weapons and technology." — TNS



Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi inspects the guard of honour.

Despite diversities, India is one: RSS chief Bhagwat

GHAZIPUR, JULY 1 Despite its differences, India has functioned as one nation for thousands of years and this unity was apparent whenever it faced attacks from Pakistan or China, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said Monday at the launch of a book on war hero Abdul Hamid.

The event was held at Ghazipur's Dhamapur vil-

lage, where Hamid was born. The soldier was posthumously bestowed with the Param Vir Chakra for his bravery during the India-Pakistan war in 1965. The RSS leader said whatever might appear from the outside, "love and devotion for the country is prevalent everywhere". "Despite all differences, India has been functioning as one country for thousands of years," he said. — PTI

Australia doubles foreign student visa fee in migration crackdown

SYDNEY, JULY 1 Australia said on Monday it had more than doubled the visa fee for international students, the latest move by the government to rein in record migration that has intensified pressure on an already tight housing market.

From July 1, the international student visa fee has risen to A\$1,600 (\$1,068) from A\$710, while visitor visa holders and students with temporary graduate visas are banned from applying onshore for a student visa.

"The changes coming into force today will help restore integrity to our international education system, and create a migration system which is fairer, smaller and better able to deliver for Australia," Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil said in a statement.

Official data released in March showed net immigration rose 60 per cent to a record 5,48,800 people in the year to September 30, 2023.

OZ FAR MORE EXPENSIVE THAN US, CANADA

From July 1, the international student visa fee has risen to A\$1,600 (\$1,068) from A\$710. The rise in fee makes applying for a student visa for Australia far more expensive than in competing countries such as the US and Canada, where they cost about \$185 and C\$150 (\$110), respectively.



than in competing countries such as the US and Canada, where they cost about \$185 and C\$150 (\$110) respectively. The government said it was

also closing loopholes in visa rules that allowed foreign students to continuously extend their stay in Australia, after the number of students on a sec-

ond or subsequent student visa spiked by over 30 per cent to more than 1,50,000 in 2022-23.

The latest move follows a raft of actions since late last year to tighten the student visa rules as the lifting of Covid-19 curbs in 2022 boosted annual migration to record levels.

English language requirements were tightened in March, while the amount of savings in international students need to get a visa was raised in May to A\$29,710 (\$19,823) from A\$24,505, the second increase in about seven months.

Universities Australia CEO Luke Sheehy said the government's continued policy pressure on the sector would put the country's position of strength at risk. "This is not good for our economy or our universities, both of which rely heavily on international student fee," Sheehy said in an emailed response.

International education is one of Australia's largest export industries and was worth A\$36.4 billion to the economy in the 2022-2023 financial year. — Reuters

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