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Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a ceremonial guard of honour on his arrival in Vienna, Austria, on Wednesday. Austrian Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer is also seen. AP/PTI

## It isn't time for war, innocent losing lives: Modi in Austria

Delhi, Vienna to boost ties in infra, energy, AI sectors

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**NEW DELHI, JULY 10** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday reaffirmed that "this is not the time for war" as he held "fruitful" talks with Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer, the two leaders discussing in detail the ongoing global disputes, including Ukraine and West Asia conflicts. Modi, who arrived in Vienna

from Moscow on Tuesday night on a two-day visit, said the loss of innocent lives was unacceptable. "Chancellor Nehammer and I have discussed in detail the ongoing conflicts around the world, whether it is the conflict in Ukraine or the situation in West Asia. I have said before that this is not a time for war. Problems cannot be solved on the battlefield. The loss of innocent lives, anywhere, is unacceptable,"

Modi said in a joint statement along with Nehammer. The Chancellor said they had "very intensive talks about the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine". "It is particularly important to get to know India's assessment and to understand it and familiarise India with the European concerns and worries," he said.

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EDIT: MODI IN MOSCOW

## India strategic partner, can use ties with Russia to end war: US

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**

A day after PM Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, the US has asked New Delhi to use its longstanding relations and urge Moscow to end the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Addressing the media in Washington, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said, "We believe India's longstanding relationship with Russia gives it the ability to urge President Putin to end his brutal war — an unprovoked war in Ukraine."

**MODI'S VISIT GAME-CHANGING, HISTORIC. RUSSIAN ENVOY**

Jean-Pierre was also asked if the US was concerned that India, as a US ally, might be actually aiding Russia either intentionally or unintentionally. The White House spokesperson responded, "India is a strategic partner with whom we engage in full and frank dialogue, including their relationship with Russia. We think it's critical that all countries, including India, support efforts to achieve an enduring and just peace when it comes to Ukraine. It is important for all our allies to realise this."

Separately, the US State CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## Open Shambhu border in a week, HC tells Haryana

Asks protesting farm unions to maintain law and order

**SAURABH MALIK**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**

More than five months after the "unlawful sealing of the border between Haryana and Punjab" to prevent farmers from "protesting peacefully" came under the judicial scanner, the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday directed the state of Haryana to open the Shambhu border on an experimental basis to prevent inconvenience to the general public. For the purpose, the Bench set a week's deadline.

Taking note of the barricades at the Khanauri border in Sangrur district, the Bench asserted that it was apparent that the "lifelines of the state of Punjab" were blocked following mere apprehension, while "the cause has dwindled". As such, it would be in the general public's interest that "the state of Haryana now does not continue to block the highways for all time to come".

The Bench of Justice Gurmeet Singh Sandhawalia and Justice Vikas Bahl also CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



The Shambhu border in Patiala has been lying closed since mid-February. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAJESH SACHAR

## Farmers welcome court orders, say will decide next course soon

**MOHIT KHANNA**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**PATIALA, JULY 10**

After the Punjab and Haryana High Court directed the Haryana Government to remove the barricades at the Shambhu border near Ambala within a week, farmers, who have been camping there since February 13

**HOPE PERCEPTION AGAINST US WILL CHANGE**

"The high court orders have laid bare the truth and shown the world who had blocked the highway. We hope the directions of the court also change people's perception now. Gurammeet Singh Mangal, BARMER LEADER

when their "Dilli Chalo" march was halted, maintained that the orders had proved they had not closed the highway. CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## Kyiv thanks Indian students for help in rescue efforts

**KYIV, JULY 10**

Indian medical students studying in Ukraine assisted local doctors and rescue workers following a devastating attack on a children's hospital in Kyiv, Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has said.

The ministry expressed heartfelt gratitude, emphasising that the students, through their dedication and actions, exemplified shared values of humanity and the sanctity of life.

The incident occurred amid heightened tensions, where the hospital, a crucial lifeline for children in the region, came under fire. "Indian students who study medicine in Ukraine helped our doctors and rescuers after Russia's attack on a children's hospital in Kyiv. Thank you to those who share the values of life," said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a post on X. —ANI

## CBI works under Centre, WB Govt's suit against its 'misuse' maintainable, says SC

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**

Holding that the CBI worked under the Centre, the Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that the West Bengal Government's original suit against the probe agency registering cases despite withdrawal of general consent under Section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment (DSPE) Act, 1946, was "maintainable".

"In our considered opinion, the contentions raised by the defendant (Union of India) do not merit acceptance...The preliminary objection is, therefore, rejected," a Bench of Justices BR Gavai and

**NO CONTROL OVER AGENCY, UNION GOVT CLAIMED**

Amid allegations of misuse of central agencies, the Centre had on May 2 asserted that the CBI was not under its "control" and that it couldn't supervise the probes by it.

The top court rejected Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's argument that the CBI was an independent agency

Sandeep Mehta said. The Bench, however, clarified that the findings were for deciding preliminary objections and would have no bearing on the merits of the suit.

Amid allegations of misuse of central probe agencies against opposition leaders, the Centre had on May 2 asserted before the top court that the CBI was not under its "control" and that it couldn't supervise the registration

of FIRs or probes by it. However, after analysing various provisions of the DSPE Act, it said, "We... find that the very establishment, exercise of powers, extension of jurisdiction, the superintendence of the DSPE, all vest with the Government of India."

The top court rejected Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's argument that the CBI was an independent agency. "In our view, the CBI

is an organ or a body which is established by and which is under the superintendence of the Government of India in view of the statutory scheme, as enacted by the DSPE Act," it said.

"If the powers and jurisdiction of the members of the DSPE are to be extended to any area, including railway areas, in a state not being a Union Territory, the same cannot be done unless the Central Government passes an order in that regard," it noted.

Holding that the West Bengal Government's plaint disclosed a cause of action, the Bench posted the matter for framing of issues on August CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## 'Dump stilt+4 policy', Speaker flags RWAs' concerns to CM

Residents to meet on July 14 to chalk out protest strategy

**GEETANJALI GAYATRI**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**

Coming out in support of the Resident Welfare Associations which are opposing the stilt-plus-four-floor construction policy in residential areas, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta has urged the state government to either stall its implementation or restrict it to new sectors.

The development comes at a time when the Haryana State HUDA Sectors Confederation, an association of 268 Resident Welfare Associations, is slated to hold a state-level



Stilt-plus-four-floor residential houses in Panchkula. RAVI KUMAR

meeting on July 14 to chalk out the course of the protest. The Speaker's "recommen-

dations" given in writing to CM Nayab Singh Saini have CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## Bypoll over, but CM to spend 2 days a week in Jalandhar

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**

The bypoll in Jalandhar is over, but Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will continue to spend two days a week in Jalandhar, which he claims is his "second home".

His Officers on Special Duty (OSDs) as well as his wife Dr Gurpreet Kaur will also go there to keep the connect with the people of Doaba intact. "I have given my word and will ensure that for twice a week, the government will run from Jalandhar," Mann told *The Tribune*. "My new house will always be open for the public. They can come and air their concerns and I assure them that these will be resolved immediately," he added. **INSIDE**



People queue up to cast their vote at a polling station in Nalagarh on Wednesday. PTI

## At 65%, hot seat Dehra gets cold response; 79% voting in Nalagarh

**PRATIBHA CHAUHAN**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**SHIMLA, JULY 10**

The polling for the three Assembly bypolls of Dehra, Nalagarh and Hamirpur today was peaceful with Nalagarh in Solan district registering the highest voter turnout of 79.04 per cent.

The voters sealed the fate of the three Independent

Stakes high for CM as electors seal his wife's fate

**COUNTING FOR BYELECTIONS ON JULY 13**

|          | 2024  | 2022  | 2017  |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Turnout  | 79.04 | 81.84 | 83.89 |
| Nalagarh | 79.04 | 81.84 | 83.89 |
| Hamirpur | 67.70 | 72.15 | 68.52 |
| Dehra    | 65.42 | 71.39 | 70.19 |

legislators who resigned within 15 months of being elected in the 2022 Vidhan

Sabha poll to seek a re-election on the BJP ticket. CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## 55% vote in Jalandhar; high drama over BJP's 'outsider' catch, freebies

**DEEPAKAMAL KAUR**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**JALANDHAR, JULY 10**

Even as tempers flared in the run-up to the Jalandhar West byelection, the polling passed peacefully today with a turnout of 55 per cent.

High drama was witnessed at the start of the day when BJP candidate Sheetal Angural allegedly caught an AAP volunteer from Bathinda working at a polling booth. Angural chased the volunteer for some distance before finally catching him in the washroom of a house. He then handed the volunteer over to the police for lodging a case. The BJP leader subsequently went live on Facebook to warn AAP against engaging "outsiders".

Jalandhar MP and former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi alleged that AAP workers had set up booths within 50 metres of



BJP candidate Sheetal Angural catches hold of an AAP volunteer from Bathinda at a polling booth in Jalandhar on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

polling stations, violating the Election Commission's norm of 200 metres. Channi visited one such polling station in Basti Guzan and asked the police to relocate the AAP booth to the requisite distance. Rivals accused AAP workers of violating the code by moving door to door in several localities, allegedly ferry-

ing voters to polling stations for free in e-rickshaws.

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring followed his pre-announced plan and sat through the day in the waiting lounge at the office of the Commissioner of Police, taking down complaints from CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

## Muslim women also entitled to maintenance under CrPC: SC

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**

A Muslim woman can seek maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) as it was applicable to all married women irrespective of religion, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

In separate but concurring judgments, a Bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih rejected a petition filed by Mohd Abdul Samad challenging the Telangana High Court's order to him to pay an interim maintenance of Rs 10,000 a month to his divorced wife.

The top court rejected his argument that the provisions of Section 125, CrPC, did not prevail in light of the enactment of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986. **BACK PAGE**  
EDIT: SC ENSURES EQUALITY

## Congress may launch poll campaign today

BHARTESH SINGH THAKUR  
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CHANDIGARH, JULY 10  
Haryana Congress is going to launch a programme regarding the Vidhan Sabha poll campaign at Chandigarh on July 11.

Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and state president Uday Bhan will be present and the event can see the launch of poll slogans.

"The Vidhan Sabha poll campaign will be launched on July 11," said a senior party leader on condition of anonymity.

A press conference at the Congress office in Chandigarh has been organised for the event. A "chargesheet" against the state BJP government will also be released on the occasion, as revealed by party sources.

Sources have informed that a crucial meeting between party strategist for Maharashtra and Haryana polls, Sunil Kanugolu, and Hooda will also take place on the same day.

Kanugolu is credited with Congress victories in Karnataka and Telangana state polls.

### HOODA TO TAKE PART

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■ The event can see the launch of poll slogans

■ A press conference at the Congress office in Chandigarh has been organised

"A programme regarding Vidhan Sabha poll will be launched. We will reveal it on July 11," confirmed state party president Uday Bhan. "We are launching a programme regarding the Vidhan Sabha poll. There is a possibility of launching slogans," said former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

With anti-incumbency as its main plank, the Congress seems to be in pole position ahead of the Vidhan Sabha poll. Despite the BJP and Congress each winning five seats in the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections, the INDIA bloc not only received a higher vote percentage but also led in 46 Assembly segments, compared to the BJP's lead in 44 segments.

## Non-BJP, non-Cong '3rd Front' taking shape ahead of state poll

PRADEEP SHARMA  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

A non-BJP, non-Congress "Third Front" is shaping up ahead of the October Assembly elections in Haryana.

The INLD and BSP will announce their alliance in Chandigarh tomorrow. "Efforts are on to bring like-minded parties together to take on the BJP and Congress," a senior INLD leader told *The Tribune*.

Rampal Majra, INLD's state president, said the non-BJP and non-Congress parties should strengthen the INLD-BSP alliance. The regional parties, led by the INLD, would be in a better position to safeguard Haryana's interests as both the Congress and BJP had failed to watch the state's interests during their respective regimes, Majra said.

The INLD has been a strong votary of the "Third Front". While the SAD had been a traditional ally of the INLD in Haryana, the party is open to a "strategic"

### INLD, BSP to forge alliance today

#### JOIN HANDS, OTHER PARTIES TOLD

“The non-BJP and non-Congress parties should strengthen the INLD-BSP alliance to take on the national parties. Regional parties, led by the INLD, will be in a better position to safeguard Haryana's interests as both the Congress and BJP have failed to do so.” Rampal Majra, INLD STATE CHIEF



alliance with other outfits across Haryana in the Assembly elections — touted to be a direct contest between the BJP and Congress in the backdrop of both parties winning five Lok Sabha seats each in the recent parliamentary poll.

The Haryana Jansewak Party of Independent MLA (Meham) Balraj Kundu, the Loktantra Suraksha Party (LSP) of former BJP MP Raj Kumar Saini, besides the CPI and the CPM, are the prominent outfits that could be a part of the alliance.

The JJP, which ended its

over four-year-old alliance with the BJP in March, is unlikely to join any alliance spearheaded by its parent party, the INLD, though it had announced that it would not ally with the BJP.

Meanwhile, the AAP — technically a part of INDIA bloc — is yet to take a call on an alliance, despite the fact that Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda had reiterated that the party did not need one. During the recent Lok Sabha elections, the AAP had contested the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha seat as part of

### WOONG JATS, DALITS

The INLD-BSP alliance is targeting Jat (25%) and SC (20%) voters. Though the Jats and Dalits have never voted en masse for any party, during the recent LS elections, these sections had reportedly rallied around the Congress, giving it five LS seats. The INLD considers peasantry, especially the Jats, its vote bank while the BSP traces its support base to Dalits



AAP's senior state vice-president Anurag Dhanda interacts with mediapersons in Kurukshetra on Wednesday.

## People feeling insecure under BJP's regime in state, alleges Dhanda

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### LAW & ORDER HIT

“The situation can be gauged from the fact that even policemen and BJP leaders are not secure under BJP's rule. Recently, a policeman was killed and on Monday night, a firing incident was reported at a BJP leader's house in Ladwa. There have been incidents in Rohtak and Hisar too.” Anurag Dhanda, SENIOR STATE VICE-PRESIDENT, AAP

KURUKSHETRA, JULY 10  
Aam Aadmi Party's senior state vice-president Anurag Dhanda today said the law and order situation had deteriorated in Haryana and people were feeling insecure under the BJP's rule.

Speaking to mediapersons, Anurag Dhanda said, "A ransom gang is active in seven districts of Haryana and in some cases, the victims don't even approach the police as they are afraid of losing their lives."

"A sense of panic has gripped businessmen, senior officials and high-profile people. The government has failed to find the main gang behind the firing incidents and the ransom calls. The Chief Minister hasn't been able to control the situation and there is no full-time Home Minister in the state," he added.

Targeting the CM, Dhanda, said, "Anil Vij has the experience of the Home Department but the Chief Minister doesn't want to make him the Home Minister due to his personal insecurity. The government should ensure the security of people of Haryana, otherwise they will ensure that the BJP's rule comes to an end."

About the preparations for the upcoming Assembly elections, Anurag said, "The party is ready to contest the elections in all 90 Assembly segments of Haryana. A Jan Samvad programme has been launched to discuss the local issues and get to know about the problems of the people. Soon, the party will start holding rallies to intensify party's election campaign."

AAP has emerged as the third alternative after the BJP and the Congress in Haryana and we are confident that the people of Haryana will form the AAP government in the Assembly elections."

Replying to a query, he said, "The BJP has changed its CM and the state president but it will not help the party in the elections. Resentment is brewing among the BJP leaders because senior leaders are being ignored. The BJP is trying to use different communities for its vote bank but the people of Haryana are aware of the BJP's tactics."

AAP state vice-president Balbir Singh said, "The BJP government has been making announcements just to misguide the public. Corruption is rampant in the government departments. The government should take action against the corrupt officials and save the state from being looted."

AAP's district president Vishal Khubber and other leaders were also present on this occasion.

## This election may see many a 'son-rise'

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HISAR, JULY 10

Assembly elections are three months away and it's time for a number of 'son-rises' in Haryana politics.

Now, dynastic politics is not only about the three Lals — Devi Lal, Bhajan Lal, Bansi Lal — and Hooda in Haryana. A number of political leaders, especially ministers, MPs and MLAs in both parties — the ruling BJP as well as the Congress — are gearing up to launch their daughters and sons in the political battleground in the upcoming Assembly elections.

In the ruling BJP, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh has made it clear that his daughter Aarti Rao will make her political debut in Haryana politics this election. "She has been seeking

ticket from the BJP since 2014. She is leading a social organisation Insaf Manch and has been active in social life. She is keen to make political debut and will contest the election," he said.

In the Congress, Hisar MP Jai Prakash is confident about the debut of his son, Vikas Saharan, in politics with this election. "Vikas has been active in electoral management and has been in the field. He will apply for party ticket from Kalayat Assembly constituency in Kaithal district," Jai Prakash informed *The Tribune*.

Rao Dan Singh's son Akshat Rao who is a leader in Youth Congress is also among ticket aspirants.

In the Congress, former Speaker Kuldeep Sharma is hoping for ticket for his son

Chanakya Sharma from Ganaur or Rai in Sonapat district and former Union Minister Birender Singh is pitching for his son Brijendra Singh from Uchana in Jind district.

Former Home Minister Sampat Singh too is trying for Congress ticket for his son Gaurav from Nalwa in Hisar. Bansi Lal's grandson Anirudh Chaudhry had staked his claim for the Congress ticket from either Badhra or Tosham in Bhiwani district.

In Rohtak and Sonapat districts, Congress former MLA Anand Singh Dangi's son Balram Dangi and former Baroda former (late) MLA Krishan Hooda's son Jeeta Hooda are among the aspirants from Mehram and Baroda segments. Congress Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala's son

Aditya Surjewala and Rai (Sonepat) MLA Jai Tirath Dahiya's son Ravish are also active in their respective segments.

BJP leaders are also not far behind in this respect. Besides Rao Inderjit who is vocal in demanding ticket for his daughter, sons of Bhiwani — Mahendragarh MP Dharambir Singh, former MP from Sonapat Ramesh Kaushik and former minister Rambilas Sharma are also nursing political aspirations.

Kiran Choudhry obviously will aspire for ticket for her daughter Shruti Choudhry who is a former MP. Former three-time MLA from Sonapat Devi Dass' grandson Tarun and former MP Kishan Singh Sangwan's son Pradeep Sangwan are also aspirants for Congress ticket.

## Jolt to Congress, Sonapat Mayor to join BJP today

MUKESH TANDON  
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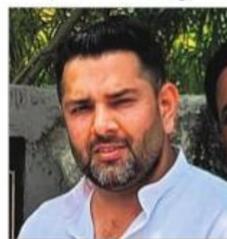
SONEPAT, JULY 10

In a setback to the Congress just ahead of the Assembly poll, Nikhil Madaan, first Mayor of Sonapat, will join the BJP on Thursday in Delhi along with his supporters.

The Mayor will join the BJP at Haryana Bhawan in the presence of former Chief Minister and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and newly appointed BJP's state president Mohan Lal Badoli.

The decision of the Mayor came to the fore just a day after the BJP appointed Rai MLA Mohan Lal Badoli as the BJP's state president.

Madaan had become the first Mayor of Sonapat town after winning the mayoral poll



Nikhil Madaan

on Congress ticket in 2020. He had defeated the BJP-JJP coalition candidate Lalit Batra by a margin of 13,817 votes in the MC poll, which had been held for the first time after municipal council Sonapat was upgraded to a Municipal Corporation by the then Congress government in 2015. Madaan was considered to be an aide of Rohtak MP Deepender Hooda.

## Act tough against criminals, CM Saini tells Police Dept

CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today instructed police officers to ensure law and order in the state. He emphasised on taking strict action against criminals, particularly gang networks.

The Chief Minister was chairing a review meeting of senior officers of the Police Department regarding the law and order situation in the state here today. The Chief Minister, while

taking a tough stance on incidents of crime including ransom, said the presence of police in the field should be such that it creates fear among criminals and they do not come out of fear.

The CM instructed the police to take decisive action against criminals within a week to curb criminal incidents. He added that he would personally review the crime rate in another meeting with the Police Department after this period. — TNS

## 65% teachers on poll duty, academic work takes a hit

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TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

FARIDABAD, JULY 10

Over 65 per cent teachers of government primary schools in Faridabad district have been engaged in election-related duties. This has adversely affected the teaching work in a majority of the schools, it is alleged.

As several teachers of government schools, including Model Sanskriti Schools, have been assigned the work of Booth Level Officer (BLO) for updating the voters' list for the upcoming state Assembly elections, it has affected the academic schedule as most of the teachers remain unavailable for classroom teaching, claim sources in the Education Department.

It is alleged that over 65 per cent of the teaching staff of government primary schools have been assigned the non-academic duties. The district has around 235 primary schools with a strength of 50,000 students.

"Engagement of teachers in non-teaching assignments has been a cause for concern as it not only hinders the teaching work, but also leads to teaching staff spending their time and energy on work not related to their field," said a teacher on the condition of anonymity.

Claiming that it has also led to decrease in the strength of students in primary schools over the years, as the parents prefer private



A classroom of a government primary school in Faridabad.

schools in view of such problems, he said adding that teachers are unable to complete the syllabus and provide revision work in time. Teaching work of over two months has already been lost this year in the wake of the recent Lok Sabha elections, it is claimed.

"With the assignment of BLO's work to teachers, they are unable to give time to the teaching work for most part of the academic session," says Chatar Singh, president, district unit, Haryana Primary Teachers Association. He said the teachers needed to be spared from the non-academic

duties if the quality of education in government schools was to be improved.

"The non-academic work, which includes field visits and door-to-door surveys, has been a hurdle in completing the academic course in time," says Raghu Vats, a member of the teachers association. He said while the schools are already facing shortage of teaching staff, the loss of classroom studies was a major concern.

Ashok Kumar, DEO, said poll-related work is assigned to teachers as a part of the policy of the state government.

## State-level panels can't order imprisonment till death: HC

SAURABH MALIK  
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CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that state-level committees lack the power to order imprisonment till the last breath for an inmate. The court held that such an order, passed by the panel, contravenes a Supreme Court judgment.

Amid calls by the apex court and rights organisations for changing the mindset to make jails reformatory and rehabilitative, the high court also asserted that the environment inside prisons was not conducive to reform. Justice Sandeep Moudgil asserted it was, as such, necessary that the prisoners came out of jail for a short period at regular intervals.

The assertion came as Justice Moudgil allowed a petition filed against the state of Haryana and other respondents by an inmate, whose prayer for premature release was rejected and an order was passed saying he would remain in jail till his last breath.

Justice Moudgil asserted: "The committee did not have any power to prescribe the capital and alternate punishment or to alter the punishment given by the trial court and it is not open to court, inferior to the High Court and the Supreme Court, while awarding sentence of life imprisonment, to provide for any specific term of incarceration, or till the end of the



### COURT'S OBSERVATION

“Environment inside prisons is not conducive to reform. It is necessary prisoners come out of jail for short period at regular intervals.” HC Bench

convict's life."

Justice Moudgil also asserted life convicts would be eligible for release into society once they had served a sufficient period of time in prison "to mark the seriousness of their offences." The law provided for executive remissions, which was completely based on discretion. Such prudence was, in turn, based on the guidelines framed at the state level. "As an effective alternative to the death penalty, imprisonment and specifically life imprisonment has been favoured by the legal systems," the Bench observed.

Justice Moudgil added crime was an outcome of a distorted mind and jails "must have an environment of hospital for treatment and care." As such, imprisonment was for reforming an "anti-social" personality into a social person. Imprisonment was for correction and not for the

destruction of personalities.

In his detailed order, Justice Moudgil observed the primary objective underlying premature release was the reformation of offenders, and their rehabilitation and integration into society. At the same time, the protection of society from criminal activities was required to be ensured.

The two aspects were closely interlinked. Incidental to it was the conduct, behaviour, and performance of prisoners while in prison. "These have a bearing on their rehabilitative potential and the possibility of their being released by virtue of remission earned by them, or by an order granting them premature release. The most important consideration for the premature release of prisoners is that they have become harmless and useful members of a civilised society," Justice Moudgil added.



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING OBJECTIONS REGARDING REVISION OF BUILDING PLAN FOR THE PROJECT NAMED "SANCTUARY 105"/ "1000 TREES" LOCATED AT SECTOR 105, GURUGRAM BEING DEVELOPED BY M/S 1000 TREES HOUSING PVT. LTD.

It is for the information of allottees of Project "Sanctuary 105"/ "1000 Trees" being developed by the promoter M/s 1000 Trees Housing Pvt. Ltd. The project pertains to License No. 127 of 2012 dated 27.12.2012.

It is further informed that the Director, Town and Country Planning Department has approved the revised building plan of the project vide Memo No. ZP-863/AD(VK)/2023/15187 dated 22.05.2024 after receiving consent of 2/3rd of existing allottees of the colony as per the provision of policy dated 24.04.2023.

As per the provisions of Section 14(2)(II) of the Real Estate (Development and Regulation) Act, 2016 any alteration or addition in the sanctioned plan within the project requires written consent of at least two third of the allottees. The promoter has submitted the written consent of 45 allottees out of 67 which is more than two third of the total number of allottees.

The relevant plans, sanctions, consent, and documents of application are available in the office of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram which can be seen by any concerned on any working day during office hours i.e., 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. up to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for filing of objections, if any. Anyone concerned having any objection w.r.t to the consent given by them, may register before the authority in person on 22.07.2024 at 11:00 am and appear his/her objections thereto.

Given under the approval of the Authority and its seal.

Dated: 11.07.2024

Sd/-  
Secretary,  
Haryana Real Estate Regulatory  
Authority, Gurugram.



# 4 PCPNDT team members arrested taking ₹70K bribe

**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 10 The Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested four persons of a joint Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technicians (PCPNDT) team from Haryana and Punjab after they were caught red-

handed while taking a bribe of Rs 70,000. These suspects along with other officials and private persons have been accused of having formed an inter-state nexus to take bribes for illegal ultrasound sex determination tests from various clinics running in Punjab and Haryana.

# AAP welcomes HC's decision on Shambhu border

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 10**  
The Aam Aadmi Party has welcomed the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to open the Shambhu border where farmers have been sitting on a dharna for the past several months. The party said all demands of the farmers were justified so the Centre should consider fulfilling their demands instead of stopping them on the border. On Wednesday, senior leader and spokesperson of the Aam Aadmi Party Punjab Neel Garg said before becoming the Prime Minister in 2014, Narendra Modi had said he would waive the entire debt of the farmers and make a law on the MSP as per the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission. But Modi went back on his promise, so the farmers were forced to go to Delhi, he said. He said when Modi had announced to repeal the farm laws, even at that time, he had declared that a committee would be formed on the MSP and work would be done towards making it legal, but till date he had not fulfilled it. If the Modi government had implemented the MSP legally in two years, then the farmers would not have to go to Delhi again.

# Fake arms licence racket busted, Sewa Kendra staffer among 8 held

Six licences, seven pistols, Aadhaar cards, laptop, printer and scanner seized by cops

**PK JAISWAR**  
**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**  
**AMRITSAR, JULY 10**  
The police today claimed to have busted a fake arms licence racket operating from the Tam Taran Sewa Kendra with the arrest of eight persons, including one of its employees. The police seized six fake arm licences, Aadhaar cards, seven pistols, revolvers, a double-barrel rifle and a laptop with details of forged documents. They also seized a printer and scanner from the suspects. The development came a day after a similar racket was busted by the Tarn Taran police on Tuesday.



**HAD CHARGED ₹1.5L**  
■ The accused used to charge ₹1.5 lakh with ₹5,000-₹10,000 as commission for a photostat shop owner and ₹10,000-₹20,000 as commission for a Sewa Kendra employee  
■ The development came a day after a similar racket was busted by the Tarn Taran police on Tuesday  
◀ Fake arms licences, pistols, a scanner and a printer were seized by the police on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

among those arrested. Baljit used to tamper with the identities to create fake documents. Among others arrested are six licensees who used fake documents, including Aadhaar card, to show themselves as residents of Tarn Taran to get fake licences issued. They are Kanwardeep Singh, Abhay Kumar, Manpreet Singh, Rohit, alias Lobhi, Harinder Singh and Ballu, all residents of Amritsar. The racket was busted following the interrogation of a person Ballu, alias Bablu, of Anngarh, who was arrested on April 9 in an attempted murder case. He disclosed that he and Kanwardeep owned fake licensed weapons. During verification, it was found that these were issued from the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tarn Taran, but it was not reflected

in the official record. Ranjit Singh Dhillon, Police Commissioner, said a case was registered on June 11 while five fake arms licenses — Abhay of Sultanwind Manpreet of Amritsar, Kanwardeep and Rohit of Amritsar, all shown as residents of Tarn Taran, were arrested on June 12, while, Harinder, a resident of Sadar Tarn Taran, was nabbed on July 2. The accused used to charge Rs 1.5 lakh with Rs 5,000-10,000 as commission for a photostat shop owner and Rs 10,000-Rs 20,000 as commission for a Sewa Kendra employee. On Tuesday, the Tarn Taran police seized 24 fake arms licences and arrested three persons — Pawandeep Singh, Shamsheer Singh and Gurmeet Singh — in the case while Raghav Kapoor of Jaspal Nagar and Suraj Bhandari are absconding.

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED**  
(A State Govt. Undertaking)  
**CORRIGENDUM - I (e-Tendering Mode only)**  
The date of submission and opening of tender specification no. HPSEBL/CEG/WP-122 (Shaba 22 Bucket Runner-II) 2024-25-01 for "Providing Tungsten Carbide hard coating by HP-HVDF coating method of the existing Coated Forged Fabricated Pelton runner (with coating) having 22 buckets for the 3x40 MW Bhabha HEP" is hereby extended as per the following schedule:-  
• Last date and time of online bid submission Up to 22.07.2024 (2.00 PM)  
• Date of opening of Techno-commercial bid (Part-I) 23.07.2024 (1.00 PM)  
The detailed tender notification can be viewed/downloaded from website <http://www.hpseblenders.gov.in>. Corrigendum to the NIT, Tender documents, clarification have been posted on aforesaid website. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.  
"Save Energy for the Benefit of Self & Nation" Chief Engineer (Generation), HPSEBL, Sunder Nagar. (Sanjay Kaushal)

**सार्वजनिक सूचना**  
इस सूचना के माध्यम से साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रार्थी राजेश अग्रवाल पुत्र स्व. श्रीमती सरोज गुप्ता निवासी 35, टैम्बर गार्डन नवदीपक प्रीत नगर, अंबाला छावनी से मुक्त स्व. सरोज गुप्ता पुत्री स्व. श्रीमती गुप्ता के कानूनी वारिस को रिजर्व्ट जरी करने के हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र पर हस्ताक्षरों के साथ प्रार्थना पत्र को प्रार्थी के प्राथमिक पत्र व संलग्न हस्तक्षेप व रिजर्व्ट फॉर/नंबरदार/पत्रकार अनुसार मुक्त स्व. सरोज गुप्ता पुत्री स्व. श्रीमती गुप्ता के निम्नलिखित कानूनी वारिस है :-  
1. राजेश अग्रवाल - पुत्र (Rajesh Aggarwal)  
2. अशोक अग्रवाल - पुत्र (Ashok Aggarwal)  
3. नीती गुप्त - पुत्री (Neeti Gupta)  
4. अर्जुन गुप्त - पुत्र (Arjun Gupta)  
यदि इस तरह किसी व्यक्ति को कोई अधिकार है तो वह तत्काल अंबाला छावनी के कानूनीय में प्रमाणित के 15 दिन के अंदर-अंदर आदि दर्ज करवा सकता है। यदि प्रार्थी इस दि. में सूचना किन्हीं भी समय गलत पाई जाती है तो प्रार्थी कानूनी रूप से दंडित को पात्र 177 व अन्य संबंधित कानूनी के तहत दण्ड का भीषण होगा।  
नायब तहसीलदार, अंबाला छावनी।  
DI-6958

**RELIANCE**  
11th Floor, North Side, R-Tech Park  
Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East) Mumbai-400063  
**ASSET RECONSTRUCTION POSSESSION NOTICE** For immovable properties (See Rule 8(1))  
Whereas, the Authorised Officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited acting in its capacity as Reliance ARC 068 Trust vide Agreement dated 30.03.2022 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 26.02.2024 calling upon the borrower and guarantors to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.  
The borrower and guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on 08.07.2024.  
The borrowers and guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subjected to the charge of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited for the amount and interest thereon.  
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section 8 of Section-13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.  

| Borrowers/Guarantors  | Amount (Rs)   |
|---|---|
| 1. M/s Pank (Through its Prop.- Mr. Sumit S/o Lal Singh Panwar) | Rs. 27,96,416.01 p(Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen and Paise One Only) as on 31.01.2024 |
| 2. Mrs. Vidya Devi W/o. Lal Singh Panwar                        |   |
| 3. Mr. Dheeraj Kumar S/o. Hari Chand                            |   |

Description of the properties mortgaged  
All that Part and parcel of the Shop No. 206 of 18 sq. yards covered area 162 Sq. Ft. Without ground and Upper roof rights along with common stair part of property No. 330EBI, Rishi Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana, Registered under sale deed no. 985 dated 29.04.2015 in the name of Mrs. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Lal Singh, Boundaries:- On The North by - Shop No. 205, On The South by - Shop No. 207, On The East by - Road of Rishi Nagar Colony, On The West by - Door of Shop and common Balcony/Rasta.  
All that Part and parcel of the Shop No. 208, measuring 16.30 Sq. Yards, Having covered Area of 146 Sq. ft. Without ground and upper roof rights along with common stair part if Property No. 330EBI, Rishi Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana, registered under Sale Deed No. 984 dated 29/04/2015 in the name of Mrs. Vidya Devi W/o Sh. Lal Singh Panwar, Boundaries:- On The North by - Balcony/Rasta door of shop, On The South by - Property of other, On The East by - Rasta / Gallery and then Shop No. 207 & 206, On The West by - Shop No. 209.  
Sd/- (Authorised Officer)  
Place: Sonapat Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited

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**DEMAND NOTICE**  
Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited ("AIL") (Resulting Company pursuant to the demerger of lending business from Reliance Commercial Finance Limited ("RCFL") to AIL vide NCLT order dated 10.05.2024) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder, in the books of AIL, in accordance with the directives relating to asset classification issued by the National Housing Bank, consequent to the Authorised Officer of AIL, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice.  

| Sr. No. | Loan No./Name of the Borrower/Address   | Co-Borrower and Guarantor Name Director Name | NPA DATE   | Date of Demand Notice | Outstanding Amount   | Loan Amount   |
|---------|---|--|------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 1       | RLALKL00039914<br>1. Jitender Kumar H No 146 Pura Patil, Badanpur 93 Jind Narwana, Jind, Haryana Zip:126152 Also At: Shaheed Bhagat Singh Physical, Academy VIII Kalayat Kaithal, Kathal, Haryana Zip:136117 Also At: Comm Prop. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Academy, Kalayat Distt Kaithal, Haryana Zip:136117    | 2. Bhagwana Ram                              | 03.02.2019 | 21-Jun-2024           | Rs. 53,27,888.00 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight Only) | Rs. 24,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Only)               |
| 2       | RLALAMB00015939<br>1. Shakuntla Devi H No 130/30 Subhash Nagar, Jind Teh Jind Distt Jind, Jind, Haryana Zip:126102 Also At: Kisan Trading Co, Anaj Mandi, Jind, Jind, Haryana Zip:126102 Also At: Resi Prop. House No-113, Situated At Ward No-27 Subhash Nagar Near Bala Ji Mandir Rohtak Road Jind-126112 | 2. Darya Singh                               | 11.10.2017 | 21-Jun-2024           | Rs. 48,12,779.00 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Nine Only) | Rs. 18,70,000.00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Only) |
| 3       | RLALAMB000357547<br>1. Sham Singh Rana 12 Chand Roop Nagar, Babypal, Babypal - 133005 Contact No :- 9992767075 Also At - Residential H.No-12, Chand Roop Nagar, Village Babypal Tehsil Distt. Ambala - 133005   | 2. Virender Singh<br>3. Santosh Sarup Singh  | 23.04.2023 | 21-Jun-2024           | Rs. 38,35,623.00 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Only)   | Rs. 30,00,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Lakh Only)                    |
| 4       | RLALAMB000365178<br>1. Balwinder Singh, Near Gurudwara-Sikahera, Kaithal Haryana - 136027 Also At - Residential House No. 749, Ward No. 4 Baba Deep Singh Colony, Dikansu Kala Tehsil Rajpura Distt., Patiala - 140401  | 2. Sukhwinder Kaur<br>3. Rathour Dairy       | 03.06.2019 | 21-Jun-2024           | Rs. 54,91,596.00 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six Only)       | Rs. 22,50,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) |

Property Address Of Secured Assets:- All that piece and parcel of Property/Plot measuring 950 sq. yards i.e. 1 Kanal-11.4 Marla bounded as :- North- Property of Kapoor; South- Gali; East- Gali; West- Property of Bhim Singh Which is 314/95550 share of 447K-1 5M land comprised in Khewat No.3, Khatoni No.4 to 17 situated at Kalayat, within limits of M.C. Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal - 136 177  
Property Address Of Secured Assets:- All that piece and parcel of Property/House measuring 200 sq. yards, House No. 113, Situated at Ward No. 27, Subhash Nagar, Near Bala Ji Mandir Jind - 126102, which is bounded as North- House of Ram Chander, South- Plot Mangt Ram; East- Street/Highway; West- House of Gopi Ram & Bhim Lohar  
Property Address Of Secured Assets:- All that piece and parcel of Property House No-12 Chand Roop Nagar, Hadbaat No. 63, Kharsa No. 33/22/2, 36/25 measuring 202 sq. yards (7 Marlas) situated at Village Babypal, Tehsil & Distt. Ambala - 133201, which is bounded as under- North- 55 Feet Bhujia and Land of other; South- 55 Feet Bhujia and Land of other; East- 33 Feet Bhujia and Land of other; West- 33 Feet Bhujia and Road 22 Feet Wide.  
Property Address Of Secured Assets:- All that piece and parcel of Property/House No. 749, Ward No. 4, situated at Baba Deep Singh Colony area of Village Dikansu Kala Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala - 140001, as per Jamabandi of the year 2013-14, comprised in Khewat/Khata No. 580/1233, Kharsa No. 401/1(3-3), total area measuring 38-08 out of which 0B-5 Biswa i.e. 250 Sq. Yds.  
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.  
Please note that under Section 13(13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.  
Dated: 11.07.2024 Place: Haryana Authorized Officer, Authum Investment & Infrastructure Limited

# Candidates demand cancellation of June 30 ADO recruitment exam

Amid allegations of paper leak, aspirants demand high-level inquiry

**SHIVANI BHAKOO**  
**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**  
**LUDHIANA, JULY 10**  
Several candidates, who took the exam for 200 posts of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) on June 30 in Patiala, have demanded a high-level inquiry into the "paper leak", claiming that after a four-year-long wait, the deserving candidates would suffer while those who were able to "manipulate" the process would benefit. The candidates have requested the government to cancel the exam and announce a fresh date. Talking to *The Tribune*, Mandeep Singh (BSc, MSc Agriculture) from Ferozepur said this time, of about 6,000 candidates who appeared, many were from Haryana and were financially sound. "We came to know that 'Set C' of the paper was leaked on the evening of June 29, and most of the aspirants from Haryana had provided blank cheques to middlemen. They were even brought to the centres late, so they would not mention or leak the paper to others. We do not stand a chance. Candidates who have given over Rs 30 lakh will get the job. We will, however, fight for justice," he alleged.

# Girl joins probe online over yoga in Golden Temple complex

Amritsar, July 10

A Vadodara-based social media influencer Archana Makwana, who had sparked a row by performing yoga in the Golden Temple complex on June 21, today joined the investigation. The Amritsar police had booked her for outraging the religious sentiments on the complaint of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). Amritsar's Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Dr Darpan Ahluwalia said, "Archana Makwana today submitted her statement online, which will be verified for further course of action." "We have received her statement through e-mail. The exact contents of her reply cannot be revealed as it is part of investigation," she said. Ahluwalia said the SGPC, too, had been conveyed about the development. "We have asked the SGPC to submit a supplementary statement over Makwana's explanation. Thereafter, verification will be done. After hearing both the sides, action will be taken accordingly," she said. Sources said Makwana, in her reply, has stated that her intent was not to hurt sentiments of the Sikhs and it happened out of ignorance. — TNS



Candidates who took the exam for the post of ADO hold a protest in Jalandhar. TRIBUNE FILE

**BLANK CHEQUES GIVEN TO MIDDLEMEN**  
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**PPSC TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS**  
"The department has made efforts to fill these posts. The PPSC has conducted this exam. If there are any allegations about paper leak, the PPSC has to look into the matter. Gurmeet Singh Khudiani, AGRICULTURE MINISTER

# JE arrested while taking ₹7,000 bribe

**ARCHIT WATTS**  
**TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE**  
**MUKTSAR, JULY 10**  
Even four days after a heavy rain submerged several parts of Muktsar district, Government Primary Smart School, Doda village, is still flooded with rainwater. A total of 348 students are enrolled in this institute, which also houses the Block Primary Education Office and an anganwadi centre. At present, the school is shut and dewatering work is still underway. The villagers said the school was situated in a low-lying area, adjacent to a pond, which overflowed and flooded the institute. The complainant had alleged that the JE had demanded Rs 10,000 for installing a transformer for round-the-clock power supply. He said the deal was fixed for Rs 7,000. Sajjan approached the VB sleuths who laid the trap and apprehended the JE while taking Rs 7,000 bribe in Fazilka. Kulbir has been booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act at the Vigilance Bureau police station in Ferozepur.

# 4 days on, govt smart school still flooded with rainwater in Muktsar

**FAZILKA, JULY 10**  
Kulbir Singh, Junior Engineer, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), was nabbed while taking bribe of Rs 7,000 from a consumer. Raj Kumar Sama, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Vigilance Bureau, Ferozepur, said, "Kulbir has been arrested on the basis of a complaint lodged by Sajjan Singh, a resident of Mandi Hazoor Singh village, Fazilka." The complainant had alleged that the JE had demanded Rs 10,000 for installing a transformer for round-the-clock power supply. He said the deal was fixed for Rs 7,000. Sajjan approached the VB sleuths who laid the trap and apprehended the JE while taking Rs 7,000 bribe in Fazilka. Kulbir has been booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act at the Vigilance Bureau police station in Ferozepur.



The waterlogged road outside Government Primary Smart School at Doda village in Muktsar district on Wednesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

# SAD's Majithia to appear before SIT on July 18

**PATIALA, JULY 10**  
The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has summoned SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia to appear at Police Lines, Patiala, on July 18. The leader has been served a notice by SIT to appear and explain his position in the drugs case registered against him by the police. Patiala (Range) DIG Harcharan Singh Bhullar-led SIT, had grilled Majithia over his financial transactions and links with those named in the drugs case. However, after the poll code came into force, SIT did not summon Majithia. Bikram Majithia was summoned on June 7 and asked to furnish questionnaires. However, Majithia had moved the court. Two days ago, a notice, issued to Majithia by SIT, was withdrawn by the state following which the petition filed by Punjab's former minister before the Punjab and Haryana High Court was rendered infructuous.

# With 65.42% polling, Dehra poised for close finish

Hoshiyar Singh's supporters, BJP workers set up separate polling booths at some places indicating sharp differences

LALIT MOHAN  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**DHARAMSALA, JULY 10**  
Dehra is poised for a close finish between Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur and BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh in the byelection held today. The constituency witnessed moderate polling of 65.42 per cent.

The Chief Minister had campaigned in the constituency for about a month and almost every state minister had visited the area but there was no clear wave in favour of the party. People kept their vote preferences secret and avoided visiting booths set up by political parties near polling stations.

Disgruntled BJP leaders hold the sway in the constituency where a lot is at stake for the Chief Minister. The Congress does not have a strong cadre base in the constituency and it had never won the seat since 2012 when it was constituted. The BJP top leadership had tried hard to persuade disgruntled party leaders but their differences with Hoshiyar Singh were too deep to be forgotten. Sources said that the victory on the seat would depend on whether BJP workers stood by Hoshiyar Singh or cross-voted for the Congress.

A survey of various polling



Voters stand in queues to cast their votes in the Dehra byelection on Wednesday. PHOTO: KAMAL JEET

booths revealed that there was a deep division between the BJP workers and the supporters of Hoshiyar Singh, who had won the seat twice as an Independent candidate. At various places, Hoshiyar Singh's supporters and BJP workers had set up seppolling booths indicating sharp differences.

Both Kamlesh Thakur and Hoshiyar Singh visited vari-

ous polling booths in the constituency and met their supporters. Kamlesh Thakur also met BJP supporters at various polling booths, earning appreciation for her good gesture. She told The Tribune at the Sakri polling booth that she had got the love and affection of the people of Dehra. She expressed confidence that she would win the byelection and said that

Dehra would get its share in power after the results are declared on July 13.

Hoshiyar Singh accused the Chief Minister of misusing the official machinery in the byelections but sounded confident of his victory.

Meanwhile, locals said that the polling remained moderate as many voters live outside the state where they work and did not come home

to vote. People came in small groups of two to three for voting and avoided even visiting the polling booths set up by the parties. Though some hardcore BJP workers were steadfast in their support to the party, others were hopeful that their long-standing problems like inadequate drinking water supply and poor power supply would be resolved if they



Dharam Chand (73) shows his inked finger after casting vote.

## KAMLESH THAKUR MEETS BJP CADRE

■ Congress candidate Kamlesh Thakur visited various polling stations and also met BJP supporters there

■ The polling remained moderate as many voters live outside the state where they are employed and did not come home to vote.

# Assembly bypolls see 70.7% voting

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SHIMLA, JULY 10

As much as 70.7 per cent voting was recorded in the three byelections in Dehra, Hamirpur and Nalagarh held today.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Maneesh Garg said polling was peaceful in all the three constituencies. Polling, which was sluggish at 15.99 per cent till 11 am, picked up and rose to 48.52 per cent at 1 pm. The poll percentage gathered pace and by 3 pm it was 58.88 per cent.

Garg said that the highest voting of 79.04 per cent was recorded in Nalagarh, followed by 67.7 per cent in Hamirpur while 65.42 per cent voting was recorded in Dehra. He said that the final figures of voting percentage would be released only after the return of all the polling parties and the scrutiny of the documents.

The CEO said apart from the voting at the polling stations in the three segments, 1,523 voters above 85 years and 348 people with disabilities (PwD) availed of the home voting facility. No untoward incident was reported during the polling.

A total of 13 candidates were in the fray, including two women candidates. Five candidates each con-

## MONITORING OF POLLING STATIONS

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tested poll in Dehra and Nalagarh while in Hamirpur three candidates were in the election fray.

Garg said that for real-time monitoring of the entire process, 315 polling stations were covered through live webcasting, which was being continuously monitored through control rooms set up at the state, district and assembly level. Six polling stations were managed by women, one by people with disabilities (PwD) and three were managed by the youth. He added that apart from this, nine model and six green polling stations were set up.

After the announcement of polling on June 10 and the implementation of the model code of conduct in Dehra, Nalagarh and Hamirpur, enforcement agencies such as the police, Income Tax, state Tax and Excise and Industry departments have made seizures to the tune of about Rs 3.40 crore.

# At 79.04%, Nalagarh records less voting than 2022 Assembly poll

AMBIKA SHARMA  
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**SOLAN, JULY 10**  
People turned out in large numbers to cast their votes in the Nalagarh byelection in Solan district today. However, the voter turnout of 79.04 per cent registered in the constituency was 2.8 per cent less than 81.84 per cent polling recorded in the 2022 Assembly elections though it was more than the around 72 per cent turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections. No untoward incident was reported and the voting remained peaceful.

The polling was sluggish in the beginning, registering a 15.99 per cent turnout by 9 am and 34.63 per cent by 11 am. However, voting gathered pace and the turnout rose to 51.59 per cent by 1 pm, 63.73 per cent by 3 pm and finally to 79.04 per cent by 6.30 pm. The final figure was 3.56 per cent less than 82.6 per cent polling registered in the 2011 byelection.

As many as 74,166 voters (37,854 men, 36,310 women and two transgender) cast their votes. Two electronic voting machines were replaced after they developed snags, said District Magistrate, Solan, Manmohan Sharma. Nalagarh has



Voters line up outside a polling station in Nalagarh.

the reputation of witnessing large voter turnouts in the Lok Sabha as well as Assembly elections.

Congress nominee Hardeep Bawa cast his vote at the Dhana booth while BJP's KL Thakur voted at the Panjera booth. They were accompanied by their families. Independent candidate Harpreet Saini exercised his right to franchise at the Rajpura booth.

Voters were seen patiently standing in queues outside polling booths with the youth especially keen to cast their

votes for the first time. Mundika, a first-time voter, cast her vote at Ramshehar while Cheenu Thakur voted at the critical polling booth of Hatda. Dharika (18) polled her vote at the Bansiwala polling booth and exhorted the youth to exercise their right to franchise. Brief showers were witnessed in the morning.

The women turnout was less in the early hours but it increased as the day progressed. Voters braved sweltering heat and humid conditions as they waited for their turn to cast their votes. The

spirit of the elderly was not dampened by the humid weather as they, accompanied by their family members, turned up at various booths.

Satya Devi (71) voted at the Dattowal booth while 80-year-old Banto Devi cast her vote at Jogo Baniyawala. Sulochana Devi (70) cast her vote at Panjhera while Gafura Devi (70) exercised her right to franchise at the Khera Nanowal booth. Suleman (81) cast his vote at Khera Nanowal and exhorted others to use the opportunity to choose their representative.

# ₹201cr allocated for milk processing plant

SHIMLA, JULY 10

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that Rs 201 crore had been allocated for the construction of a state-of-the-art milk processing plant at Dhagwar village in Kangra. Sukhu, in a statement

issued here, said that the plant was being developed in collaboration with the National Dairy Development Board and its construction was scheduled to begin soon.

"The plant will have an initial capacity of 1.50 lakh litres per day, which can be expand-

ed up to 3 lakh litres per day. This fully automatic plant aims to produce a variety of dairy products such as curd, lassi, butter, ghee, paneer, flavoured milk, khoya and mozzarella cheese," he added.

He said that the project was expected to enhance the eco-

nomical prosperity of farmers in Kangra, Hamirpur, Chamba and Una districts. "As the plant becomes operational, it is poised to bring prosperity to the dairy farming community and ensure that farmers get a good value for their produce," he added. — TNS

# Young voters elated to cast ballot for first time in Hamirpur bypoll

Voter turnout 67.72% compared to 72.14% in 2022 elections

DINESH KANWAR

**HAMIRPUR, JULY 10**  
The fate of the contesting candidates was sealed as 67.72 per cent voting was recorded in the Hamirpur byelection today. Young voters, especially girls, were enthusiastic to exercise their right to franchise for the first time to elect their representative for the Vidhan Sabha from the constituency.

The vote percentage this time witnessed a sharp dip as compared to 72.14 per cent recorded in the 2022 Vidhan Sabha elections. Ashish Sharma had won the seat as an Independent candidate in 2022 by

defeating Pushpinder Verma of the Congress by a margin of 12,899 votes.

This time, there were 76,892 electors in the constituency and 52,073 of them (27,147 women, 24,927 men and one transgender) cast their votes.

The voting started at 94 polling booths in the constituency at 7 am and continued till 7.30 pm. People preferred to vote in the evening due to heat during the morning hours.

Amarjit Singh, District Returning Officer, said that the polling was peaceful. He added voting machines would be kept under tight security and CCTV camera

surveillance.

The first-time voters were elated to participate in the festival of democracy, as they cast their votes at various polling stations in the town. Three friends — Kanchan, Kalpana and Shalu — came together to cast their votes at the Ukhali polling station. They were happy to have cast their ballots. Sonika, who cast her vote at the polling station in Bhagot village, said that she participated in the elections for the first time. She added that she would always cast her vote in the future elections as well.

Voters above 90 years of age also cast their ballots at various polling stations.

# Yellow alert issued for three days

SHIMLA, JULY 10

The Weather Department has issued a yellow alert for heavy rains with thunderstorm and lightning over the next three days at isolated areas. There will be a decrease in precipitation from July 14.

The department has warned about localised flooding on roads, waterlogging in low lying areas, and occasional reduction in visibility at places where heavy rain is recorded. The heavy precipitation could disrupt traffic, cause minor damage to kutchra roads and vulnerable structures. There is a possibility of landslides and subsidence. The department has also warned about damage to horticulture and standing crops in some areas due to inundation. — TNS

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Sons: Ajoy Philip, Late Anuj Philip and Atul Philip

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## Modi in Moscow

Focus on bilateral ties amid concerns over Ukraine

HERE are two key takeaways from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia, his first to that country since it invaded Ukraine in February 2022. One, Delhi-Moscow relations are going from strength to strength, with bilateral cooperation covering a gamut of sectors — trade, commerce, security, agriculture, technology and innovation. Two, as a responsible global player, India is not shying away from nudging even an all-weather friend to see reason. A missile strike on a children's hospital in Kyiv prompted Modi to tell Russian President Vladimir Putin that a solution to the Ukraine conflict was not possible on the battlefield 'in the midst of bombs and bullets'. The PM's statement that the killing of innocent children was heart-wrenching and painful may or may not have made Putin uncomfortable, especially since Modi's presence in Moscow was proof to all concerned that he isn't, and has not been, isolated since the start of the war. Still, Putin had the grace to appreciate Modi's effort to find ways to resolve the Ukraine crisis.

The PM's first bilateral visit of his third term also sent out a clear message to the US-led Western bloc: India will keep engaging with Russia to bolster the 'special and privileged' strategic partnership, notwithstanding the spectre of sanctions. Acknowledging this ground reality, albeit reluctantly, the US has said that it would continue to view India as a strategic partner despite having concerns over Delhi's ties with Russia.

In September 2022, Modi had famously told Putin, 'This is not the era of war.' The remark soon gained currency, though it did not persuade the warring sides to take their foot off the pedal. Instead, Putin has been drumming up support for the Russian cause with his visits to China and North Korea in recent months. Now, India has again laid stress on dialogue and diplomacy to break the Russia-Ukraine stalemate. No matter what the outcome, Delhi's pragmatic approach has ensured that neither the West nor Russia can take it for granted.

## SC ensures equality

Upholds maintenance rights for Muslim women

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday affirmed that Muslim women are entitled to maintenance under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). Justices BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih underscored the principle that maintenance is not a form of charity but a fundamental right of all married women, irrespective of their religion. The ruling comes in response to an appeal by Mohd Abdul Samad, who challenged the Telangana High Court's decision to uphold a family court's maintenance order. Samad argued that a divorced Muslim woman should seek maintenance solely under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986. However, the SC dismissed his appeal, asserting that Section 125 is a secular provision applicable to all women.

This verdict is reminiscent of the historic Shah Bano case, where the apex court ruled in favour of a divorced Muslim woman's right to maintenance under Section 125. Despite the subsequent enactment of the 1986 Act, which initially sought to limit this right, the court's recent decision reinforces the enduring applicability of Section 125. The evolution of the Act and subsequent judicial precedents have progressively expanded the maintenance rights of divorced Muslim women. The 2001 Danial Latifi case upheld the Act but extended maintenance rights beyond the *iddat* period until remarriage.

The latest ruling aligns with these developments, ensuring that Muslim women are not deprived of their entitlements. By affirming that maintenance is a right for all married women, the court has taken a significant step towards gender justice and equality in India. This ruling not only upholds constitutional principles but also strengthens the social and economic security of Muslim women, setting a precedent for future cases.

## ON THIS DAY...100 YEARS AGO

## The Tribune.

LAHORE, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 1924

## A timely appeal

WE associate ourselves wholeheartedly with the appeal which has just been issued by a number of eminent Mussalman leaders, calling upon the people of India generally and the Muslims in particular to "make the observance of the forthcoming Id an occasion for demonstrating their tolerance and brotherly goodwill towards each other". The signatories begin by referring to Mahatma Gandhi's health, which is far from good, and say that he feels even more strongly on the question of Hindu-Muslim tension than on the subject of *Charkha*, and that "if he goes out on tour, as he shortly intends to do, he is sure to break down under the strain of work, if to his arduous labour is added the poignant grief that is bound to befall if, God forbid, anything untoward happened on the occasion of the forthcoming Id." That the signatories place this consideration in the forefront of their appeal is proof at once of their devotion to the Mahatma and solicitude for his health and peace of mind and of their confidence that this devotion and solicitude is shared by their countrymen generally. That there are mischief-makers they know as well as anyone else, but they trust that "unless good sense has deserted the two communities, they will refuse to listen to the evil promptings of such men". On the general issue they hold a decided opinion, and they express it without pretended hesitation. "Our Mussalman brothers," they say, "we must ask to remember that this Id is the feast of sacrifice and commemorates an occasion when a devoted father was prepared to sacrifice his son for the sake of pleasing his Maker. We must not mix up our sacrifice on such an occasion with the satisfaction of any desire for revenge."

## India asserts its strategic autonomy

Delhi has realised that its interests are better served when its ties with Moscow are growing

YOGESH GUPTA  
FORMER AMBASSADOR

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia took place at an important juncture. The global order is going through a historic chum due to an increase in conflicts and rivalries among the major powers and new challenges arising in India's security landscape. India's northern neighbour continues to dither from withdrawing its troops from Depsang and Demchok in Ladakh, which it had occupied in recent years and is building new fortifications on the borders to exert pressure on Delhi. The cross-border terrorism aided and abetted by Pakistan is continuing to foment trouble in Kashmir. A friendly country (the US) with whom India's relations have shown great promise is now interfering in its internal affairs by shielding Sikh separatist elements on its soil and denouncing India's policy towards its minorities and its democratic polity.

It is no surprise that at a sensitive time like this, PM Modi chose to make an official visit to Russia that was long overdue. Russia has historically been a reliable partner of India, providing critical support on multiple occasions and advanced technologies in the defence, space, atomic energy and other fields when other countries had declined. It has never harmed India or ever interfered in the latter's internal affairs. PM Modi has already met President Putin 16 times (before his trip this week) in the past decade, and the two leaders enjoy excellent rapport.

India and Russia have a special and privileged strategic partnership. The PM's visit enabled him



UNAMBIGUOUS: PM Modi told Putin that Russia's war against Ukraine should be brought to an end. AP/PTI

to exchange views with Putin on important global, regional and bilateral issues. In a signal that Russia considered its relationship with India at the same level as that with China, the PM was received at the airport by Russia's First Deputy PM Denis Manturov, who is senior to the Deputy PM who had received Chinese President Xi Jinping during his visit to Russia in March last year. As a symbol of the close ties, President Putin hosted a private dinner for PM Modi on July 8 before holding official talks with him the next day.

Modi told Putin that Russia was a "such-*duk*h ka *saathi aur bharsemand dost*" (a reliable, all-weather friend) and their relationship was a household word in India. It had remained resilient in the backdrop of the prevailing complex, challenging and uncertain geopolitical situation. The PM said a solution to the Ukraine war could not be found on the battlefield; it pained him that innocent children were murdered (a reference to a lethal strike on a children's hospital in Kyiv on July 8). A peaceful solution needed to be found through diplomatic nego-

Putin used Modi's visit to Moscow to signal to China that Russia had other friends and was not dependent on Beijing.

tiations and India would provide every assistance for this purpose, he added. PM Modi is the first world leader who has told Putin in unambiguous terms in Moscow that Russia's war against Ukraine should be brought to an end.

On the bilateral side, the thrust of the visit was on strengthening food and energy security, expanding trade, investments, connectivity and seeking nuclear, space and defence technologies to boost the indigenous defence industry. The two lead-

ers set a target of achieving balanced and sustainable trade of \$100 billion by 2030, eliminating tariff and non-tariff barriers and commencing negotiations for a free trade agreement on goods. They also agreed to promote the bilateral settlement system using national currencies and find acceptable solutions for insurance and re-insurance of goods. They decided to expedite the construction of units 3-6 of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant and joint manufacturing of the nuclear power plant components. They also agreed to enhance the partnership in the use of outer space for peaceful purposes, including the human space flight programme, satellite navigation, planetary exploration and rocket engine development.

The visit of PM Modi was an assertion of India's strategic autonomy and a calculated signal to the major powers that India is a global power — it can't be pressured and has multiple options to pursue its interests. At a time when the US gathered its NATO allies in Washington to put pressure on Russia, the trip showed the world that Russia was not isolated and genuinely

enjoyed the friendship of not only countries opposed to the US (such as China, Iran and North Korea) but also strategic and non-aligned ones such as India. By carefully balancing his meetings, Modi conveyed to Washington that he had played an important role by telling Putin to end the Ukraine war quickly.

Despite a façade of a 'no limits partnership', the China-Russia relationship recently witnessed quiet rivalry as President Putin visited North Korea and Vietnam to enlist the support of these countries, whom Beijing considers its close allies. President Xi returned the favour by paying state visits to Kazakhstan and Tajikistan last week when he went to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Astana. Russia considers these countries as belonging to its sphere of influence. Putin used PM Modi's visit to Moscow to signal to China that Russia had other friends and was not dependent on Beijing.

The PM's visit sent a clear message to Washington that India would not tolerate need-less poking in its internal affairs and could use the Russia option as required. It also signalled to Beijing that it would have to pay a price for its rigid attitude on the withdrawal of troops from the remaining occupied Indian territories. Russia was by no means in Beijing's orbit and would use the India card to deal with China's overbearing attitude. President Putin has invited PM Modi to visit Russia again in October for the BRICS Summit. India and Russia can work together to reduce China's domination of BRICS and SCO and provide other options to the countries of the Global South. Modi has invited Putin to visit India next year for the India-Russia Annual Summit. India has realised that its burgeoning relationship with the US is at best transactional and its interests are better served when its ties with Russia are growing.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You can't put Russia down on its knees and hold it there because Russia will ultimately pull out. —Mikhail Gorbachev

## Wedding invitations then and now

CV SUKUMARAN

IT happened this way: After a good Sunday afternoon nap and an equally good tea, I opened the front door and was stepping out to go for a walk when I saw my neighbour from the adjacent building walking up the stairs. We greeted each other. He said: 'Well, it seems I would have missed you by a hair's breadth. In fact, I was coming to your house.'

'Okay, come in,' I said, holding the door open. 'Now that I have met you, I am not coming in,' he replied. 'I have to hand over my sister's wedding invitation card to you. She is getting married next Sunday. Please come,' he said, all in the same breath. In spite of my repeated requests, he did not come in. Quite an unconventional man, I told myself.

Some people are like that, my wife said when I told her about this. I recalled my daughter's wedding. Whomsoever we wanted to invite, we saw to it that we visited their houses to hand over the invitation cards. In fact, we had spared no effort to that end.

When I found myself alone, I took out the card from the envelope to read the details, not anticipating that a surprise would greet me. What was written very prominently in red ink at the bottom of the card was not something I had bargained for: 'Invitees: Only two persons,' it said.

'They may be conducting the wedding on a shoestring,' said my son, trying to account for the emphasis on the number of invitees. Since we were three — my son, my wife and I — one of us had to opt out. On the wedding day, my son told us that he was not interested and suggested we both go. Looking at him, my wife said, 'Since she was your classmate, it would be appropriate if you go with dad. I am not coming.' At the end, my son prevailed upon us. My wife and I attended the wedding.

On another occasion, a friend of mine, living in the same city but in a distant suburb, WhatsApped me an invitation for his son's wedding. As luck would have it, I failed to notice the digital invite. WhatsApp was in its infancy then. Not attending the wedding led to souring of our friendship. And naturally so.

In the pre-WhatsApp days, an acquaintance of mine, working in the Post & Telegraph Department, did something that was true to his calling and yet very odd. He posted his daughter's wedding invitation cards to some of his friends — all of whom were his neighbours — to save the bother of visiting them! In a tit-for-tat response, all those invitees, 15 of them, did not turn up at the wedding. What they did instead was to telegram their greetings, of course, much to his chagrin. What's worse, the gesture invoked his wife's wrath to boot!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Handle local proxies in J&amp;K

With reference to the editorial 'Kathua ambush', India's military efforts and diplomatic manoeuvres will only partially suffice as local support to ultras is the major concern. Local proxies of handlers across the border must be apprehended. With Assembly elections now only a couple of months away, fool-proof action needs to be taken to thwart terrorist activities. Electing a candidate behind bars under UAPA to the Lok Sabha recently is a case in point. Before the Assembly elections in J&K are announced, it is imperative that any chance of anti-national elements entering the fray is aborted.

LALIT BHARADWAJ, PANCHKULA

## Alternatives to rote learning

Apropos of the article 'It's time to rethink education', standardised tests often prioritise rote memorisation and factual recall over deeper understanding, critical thinking and genuine appreciation of the subject matter. On the contrary, in the humanities stream, the exploration of ideas, emotions and human experiences is central. Alternative methods of assessment, such as essays, oral presentations and portfolio reviews, may help shift the focus towards a more holistic and meaningful evaluation of a student's literary understanding. The goal of education should be to cultivate thoughtful, well-rounded individuals who can appreciate and contribute to the richness of human culture and experience.

SURAJ KATHURIA, JIND

## Man-made disasters

Referring to the editorial 'Airport roof collapse', as long as inferior construction material and poor maintenance are overlooked, tragedies like the Delhi airport roof collapse are bound to happen. India's rapid infra boom has been handicapped by scant regard for the credibility of contractors and companies, lack of regular inspections, and even shortage of qualified inspectors. Inconsistent standards and poor quality of construction material, along with outdated inspection techniques, limited budgets, not to forget corruption and conflict of interest are the main culprits. Heavy rains are the new normal and cannot be turned into an excuse.

LAL SINGH, AMRITSAR

## Expectations from Budget

Refer to news report 'India Inc demands relief for taxpayers in Budget'; we introduced several *saral* reforms to simplify the tax system but tied ourselves in knots. Having two tax regimes is confusing. The old one must be scrapped. Deposit limit in PPF accounts can be increased to Rs 2.5 lakh. Senior citizens, especially pensioners above 80 years of age, should be totally exempted from paying income tax. The facility of life insurance is not available to senior citizens when they need it the most, which should be restored. The agriculture sector enjoys tax-free income and farm loans are waived. This drains the national exchequer and taxpayers are further burdened.

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## Conservatives routed in UK

This refers to the editorial 'Labour all the way', as a result of the Conservatives' crash, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is out of 10 Downing Street. When Sunak's party elected him as the UK's first Asian-origin PM in 2022, the buzz was whether Britain had entered a post-race era. Voters rejected the Conservatives this time — was it on account of Sunak not being a white? In America, Democrats' reluctance to give the presidential ticket to Vice President Kamala Harris, also of Indian origin, seems to be racially rooted. The new UK PM, Keir Starmer, is a white, but was the first from his working-class family to go to university by availing of the National Health Service. It shows that class is as important a political identity marker as race or religion.

LAJWANT SINGH, BY MAIL

## VIP hit-and-run cases

Apropos of the news report 'Mumbai: Woman killed as BMW driven by 'Shiv Sena leader's son' hits bike', unlike the Pune Porsche accident, the Mumbai police acted swiftly and made arrests. Despite witnessing several such crashes involving 'influential' drivers, convictions are very rare. There is an entire system that connives to protect the powerful and wealthy. Young men from affluent families, driving high-powered cars under the influence of liquor, often are a part of such accidents.

PL SINGH, BY MAIL

# India needs pathway for its semiconductor goals



**DINESH C SHARMA**  
SCIENCE COMMENTATOR

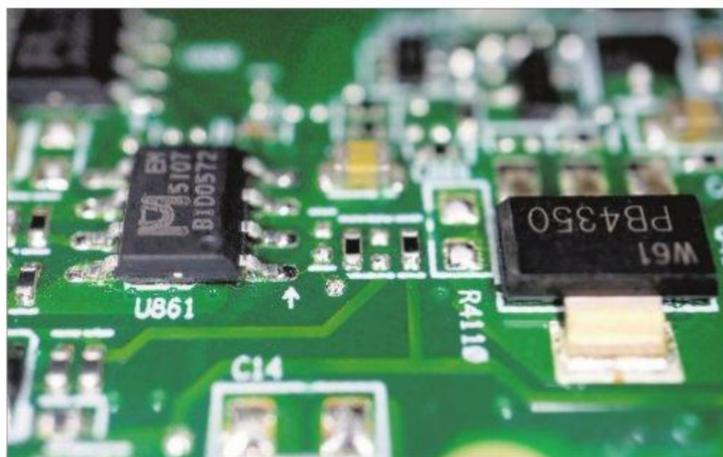
**S**OON after taking over as the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, HD Kumaraswamy made a statement while addressing workers of his party, Janata Dal (Secular), in Bengaluru. Referring to subsidies being granted to Indian and foreign semiconductor companies, he said, "One company has invested \$2.75 billion. The state and Central governments are giving a subsidy of 70 per cent to the company. How many jobs will they create? 5,000. For the 5,000 jobs that they will create, the subsidy that will be given by the state and the Centre is \$2 billion. It means for every job they are creating we are providing them a subsidy of Rs 3.2 crore."

The statement embarrassed the Central Government because the subsidy-driven semiconductor programme, euphemistically called the Production-Linked Incentive, is a pet scheme of the Prime Minister. Kumaraswamy retracted his statement the next day.

Subsidies, however, are an important element of the

India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), which was launched in 2021. Speaking on the same subject, Electronics and Information Technology Secretary S Krishnan mentioned last week that Rs 70,000 crore out of the planned Rs 76,000-crore financial incentive allotted for the development of the semiconductor industry had already been committed. While the Central Government provides a subsidy of 50 per cent to companies starting operations in the 'semiconductor ecosystem', some states are offering top-up subsidies. This way, almost 75 per cent of the cost of setting up a unit under the ISM is subsidised. The Indian initiative, according to Krishnan, is 'one of the most generous' globally. Kumaraswamy mentioned the same figures, but he looked at them from the prism of job creation, which he felt was not commensurate with the investment required. He perhaps ignored the fact that the employment generation criterion is not a factor in semiconductor manufacturing because it is highly automated.

The ISM was launched to boost semiconductor manufacturing when the world suffered a short supply of different types of chips due to disruption in manufacturing in Taiwan, Taipei and China during the Covid-19 pandemic. The disruption hit the manufacturing of cars, computers, mobile phones and a range of consumer goods globally. Everyone realised that



**NECESSITY:** Semiconductor chips go into everything — computers, cars, mobiles. REUTERS

dependence on one source for supplies was dangerous. That's when the US and Europe launched programmes to diversify the semiconductor supply chains. The ISM, too, was a response to the situation. Semiconductor chips go into everything — from computers and cars to missiles and battle tanks. They are a key driver of the global economy, much like oil. All of us consume them in some way or the other, and continued dependence on one or two sources of their supply is not sustainable. This makes semiconductor manufacturing a strategic area.

The challenge with semiconductor manufacturing is manifold — it is knowledge-driven, meaning it requires fundamental research; it is technol-

Of the \$50 billion the US has committed for the semiconductor sector, \$11 billion will be spent on R&D. We see no such focus in India.

ogy-driven, needs highly sophisticated machines for production and a special environment to operate them; and it is hugely capital-intensive. On top of that, chip manufacturing requires massive amounts of water and electricity. The daily water requirement of a mid-sized fab (as a chip manufacturing unit is called) could be as much as the whole year's supply for a town or a small city. The water should be ultrapure — way beyond the drinking water's purity and quality. This industry is a power guzzler too. Environmental issues, therefore, are as important as fundamental research, technology and investment when it comes to chip manufacturing.

The IT secretary wants more funds from the Finance

Ministry for the ISM as the Rs 76,000 crore allotted has been almost exhausted. At this stage, we don't know how much more subsidies are necessary and for how long, and for what purpose in terms of any defined outcome after five or 10 years. The US, for instance, has committed \$50 billion in government investment for the semiconductor sector and has taken a long-term view with well-defined goals and landmarks.

According to Dr Rahul Sud, a US-based semiconductor industry veteran, India would require billions of dollars of investment if it wishes to make a dent in the chip industry, which will be a trillion-dollar industry by 2030. The investment should be focused on achieving leadership in a niche area. The third phase of the China Integrated Circuit Fund, announced recently, envisages government investment worth \$47 billion to boost manufacturing in identified segments like flash memory and dynamic random-access memory. The current market for these two types of memory chips is worth \$200 billion and is projected to be \$500 billion in a few years.

In contrast, the subsidies under the ISM have gone to companies in the segments which are considered the low-end of the chip market — outsourced semiconductor assembly and test or OSAT and not in high-end silicon fabs. A semiconductor fab

manufactures high-end chips, while OSAT vendors are engaged in post-fabrication work. They cut the manufactured wafers into chips, package them and do the testing. All this work too needs a certain level of sophistication and investment, but it is not in the same league as the cutting-edge fabs. The same goes for companies like Tata Electronics, which has collaborated with Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation of Taiwan to make chips for power management, display drivers, etc. This work is at the bottom of the semiconductor chain.

There is no denying that India should have a stake in the semiconductor industry, given the economic, strategic, geopolitical and foreign exchange compulsions. However, we need a clear set of goals and vision, and the pathway to achieve them. The emphasis should be on leveraging India's advantage of having a skilled workforce in chip design, promoting microelectronics education and research and developing an industrial base. Of the \$50 billion the US has committed for the semiconductor sector, as much as \$11 billion will be spent on R&D. We see no such focus in India. On the other hand, the overall R&D kitty appears to be dwindling. The government also needs to build political consensus, like in space and atomic energy programmes, because the investments required are long-term and need continuity.

# No let-up in Beijing's coercive tactics in South China Sea



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MILITARY COMMENTATOR

**F**ROM the window of my hotel room overlooking Manila Bay, I can see Filipino fishing boats in the West Philippine Sea (WPS), which the Chinese consider a part of the South China Sea (SCS) under their 10-Dash Line claim. Chinese Coast Guard (CCG) vessels routinely intrude into the Philippine Exclusive Economic Zone (PEEZ). A new Chinese law authorising the impounding of encroaching vessels for 60 days without a trial has not been promulgated, though a 2021 law authorises the CCG to open fire at foreign vessels. These measures constitute coercion to prevent the Filipino Coast Guard from replenishing its outpost in Sierra Madre. A US landing ship tank grounded 200 miles from its shores in 1999 to declare sovereignty over the Second Thomas Shoal after the Chinese occupied the Mischief Reef and later seized the Scarborough Shoal in 2012. In 2016, the Philippines won an Arbitration Court award that rejected China's claim

under the 10-Dash Line, but Beijing has scoffed at the ruling. India is fishing in troubled waters with the sale of BrahMos missiles and by offering support to the Philippines.

The Filipino strategy is to underline that the SCS is not China's alone, like Beijing insisting that the Indian Ocean is not India's only. It is considering a new law on sovereignty to augment deterrence and pushback. But balancing economic relations with China with territorial sovereignty is vital. The WPS, like the rest of the SCS, is rich in oil, gas, minerals and fish. The June 17 incident — at least eight others have been witnessed since 2022 — involved ramming, water-cannoning and boarding of Filipino vessels by CCG sailors brandishing swords, spears and pick-axes. Eight Filipino sailors were injured, including Jeffrey Facundo, who lost his thumb. Manila newspapers are agog with hair-raising headlines about the incident, with *The Manila Times* carrying Facundo's picture minus his thumb on the front page. Since June 18, it has been carrying articles with provocative headlines: 'Philippines is under attack'; 'Chinese treachery requires a recalibrated response'; 'courage in the face of intimidation'; 'prospects of a Chinese sea invasion'. The killing of one



**MAKING A STATEMENT:** The Filipino strategy is to underline that the SCS is not China's alone. REUTERS

Filipino is a red line to invoke the 1951 Mutual Defence Treaty (MDT) with the US. But confusion prevails over the interpretation of the incident. On June 27, President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr said the Philippines "must do more" than protest, having already lodged 100 protests and an equal number of demarches. "It is not an armed attack, no gunshots were fired," he said. The Chinese tactics of medieval assaults with lethal instruments are reminiscent of the Galwan clash in eastern Ladakh in June 2020.

While Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin tried to defuse tensions, calling it a misunderstanding and an accident, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro described it

The Philippines is considering a new law on sovereignty to augment deterrence and pushback.

as an aggressive use of force. At the East-West Centre International Media Conference in Manila (June 24-28), which I attended, Filipino Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo said, "No country can claim the entire SCS," adding that a bilateral consultative mechanism on the SCS was due in July to evolve confidence-building measures as the code of conduct deliberations were inordinately delayed.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Mary Carlson, speaking after Manalo, said the US had urged China to cease harassing Philippine vessels in its EEZ and resolve disputes by international law, adding, "We see our partners being bullied in their backyards."

Meanwhile, US Deputy Secretary of State Kurt

Campbell called the destabilising action in the SCS 'worrying'. On June 28, NSA Jake Sullivan shared concerns about China's dangerous and escalatory actions with his Filipino counterpart Eduardo Ano, reaffirming US commitment to Philippine security. India noted on June 27: "We oppose destabilising unilateral action to change the status quo by force or coercion," the language it uses in commenting on its dispute with China along the LAC. The Americans have increased their presence in the Philippines, with nine military bases having deadly Typhon missile systems.

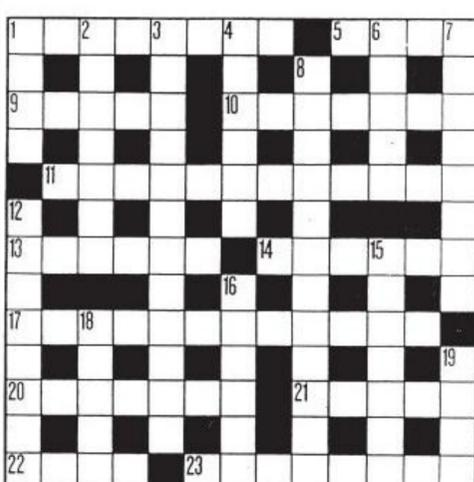
The Chinese are pursuing the Blue Dragon strategy of pushing their sovereignty over the EEZ of some ASEAN nations (Malaysia, Brunei, Vietnam and Indonesia) through intimidation and fear. Except for the Philippines, others have chosen discretion as the better part of valour and relied on trade and economic relations. Chinese spokesperson Mao Ning said: "The US should stop the Philippines' provocative actions and take practical actions to safeguard peace and stability in the SCS. The Philippines has contravened the agreement and used construction material for the grounded warship."

A senior editor present at the conference, preferring anonymity, said the Philip-

pines had three options: status quo, escalation to invoke the MDT, and dialogue. He feared dialogue, which I endorsed for maintaining status quo to replenish Sierra Madre, as Beijing insists that it be bilateral while Manila wants it under the ASEAN ambit. Sharing the Galwan experience, I advocated retaliation: the use of equipment short of firearms to inflict injuries. The army was mainly a counter-insurgency force, which had succeeded in reducing the terrorist population in Mindanao and Luzon from 25,000 during Marcos Sr's era to 1,500 today. He commended India for the sale of three batteries of anti-ship BrahMos missiles worth \$375 million in 2022 that are deployed at Luzon and will cover the Scarborough Shoal seized by China.

Four PLA Navy warships, three CCG vessels and 13 other ships that constituted the armada in the June 17 incident left the area the next day. However, on June 24, the world's largest coastal ship, CCG 5901, appeared in PEEZ; on June 30, the Chinese deployed the aircraft carrier Shandong. The Chinese are unlikely to be deterred, but are the Americans ready to invoke the MDT for a tiny Filipino shoal? Maintaining international pressure is essential to ensuring the Chinese do not control all of the SCS. Still, the Chinese are one up for now.

## QUICK CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Reaction reported from consumers (8)
- Indonesian island (4)
- Set of matching furniture (5)
- A Hungarian stew (7)
- Precedence within hierarchy (7,5)
- Uneven in quality (6)
- To numb (6)
- An expression (4,2,6)
- Weariness (7)
- Stock laid by (5)
- Plunder (4)
- Wild uncontrollable emotion (8)

### Yesterday's solution

**Across:** 1 Watershed, 8 Alibi, 9 Rampant, 10 Estate, 11 Amends, 12 Transfer, 15 Wanderer, 18 Opened, 20 Relate, 21 Savings, 22 Havoc, 23 Earthwork.

**Down:** 2 Alarm, 3 Expand, 4 Sinister, 5 Damson, 6 Giraffe, 7 Firebrand, 11 Airworthy, 13 Arrogant, 14 Enslave, 16 Entice, 17 Review, 19 Eager.

### DOWN

- Firmly fixed (4)
- Urgent (7)
- Major discovery (12)
- Convincing (6)
- Bestow (5)
- Supporter of party (8)
- Beyond hearing range (3,2,7)
- Vindictive (8)
- Feeling of hopelessness (7)
- Quick (6)
- Proportion (5)
- Notion (4)

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## CALENDAR

### JULY 11, 2024, THURSDAY

- Shaka Samvat 1946
- Aashadh Shaka 20
- Aashadh Parvishle 28
- Hijari 1446
- Shukla Paksha Tithi 5, up to 10.04 am
- Varyan Yoga up to 4.09 am
- Purvaphalguni Nakshatra up to 1.04 pm
- Moon enters Virgo sign 7.50 pm

## FORECAST

| CITY       | THURSDAY 19:27 HRS |     |
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|            | MAX                | MIN |
| Chandigarh | 37                 | 29  |
| New Delhi  | 36                 | 28  |
| Amritsar   | 38                 | 32  |
| Bathinda   | 38                 | 32  |
| Jalandhar  | 38                 | 30  |
| Ludhiana   | 37                 | 29  |
| Bhiwani    | 36                 | 31  |
| Hisar      | 38                 | 29  |
| Sirsa      | 38                 | 32  |
| Dharamsala | 29                 | 21  |
| Manali     | 25                 | 17  |
| Shimla     | 23                 | 17  |
| Srinagar   | 34                 | 19  |
| Jammu      | 36                 | 25  |
| Kargil     | 32                 | 18  |
| Leh        | 28                 | 15  |
| Dehradun   | 32                 | 25  |
| Mussoorie  | 23                 | 16  |

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# Truck driver, 50 others detained in connection with Kathua ambush

OUR CORRESPONDENT

JAMMU, JULY 10 The manhunt for terrorists responsible for the ambush in Kathua district, which resulted in the tragic death of five Army personnel, has led to the detention of a truck driver and 50 others for questioning, an official said on Wednesday.

According to officials, the truck, which was initially close behind the ill-fated army vehicles on the Machedi-Kindli-Malhar mountainous road, slowed down near Badnota village in Lohai Malhar when the terrorists opened fire from two different directions.

Suspicion has been cast on the civilian tipper driver, with authorities investigating whether he intentionally delayed the convoy by requesting a pass on the culvert.

"The role of a civilian tipper, which slowed down the speed of this convoy, has come under investigation as it is perceived that the driver deliberately asked for a pass on the culvert," an official said.

"Usually, Army vehicles are given preference in these areas but the tipper still asked



## LOCALS: TRAIN US IN SELF-DEFENCE

Residents of Badnota and its adjoining villages said they were concerned about their safety. They demanded that village defence groups be sanctioned for self-defence and to effectively tackle threats posed by terrorists

"The government should provide weapons and training to us, we are ready to fight shoulder-to-shoulder with our forces against the terrorists," Jagdish Raj, a local, said

<<Security personnel stand guard near the attack site in Kathua on Wednesday. PTI

for a pass which slowed down both vehicles," he added.

An official said Army and police personnel had been deployed in dense forests in different parts of Udhampur, Samba, Rajouri and Poonch districts. Fresh searches were launched in the Lala Chack area of Samba, Manjakote area of Rajouri and Surankote of Poonch on Wednesday morning, he added.

On Monday, terrorists had ambushed a patrol party on the

Machedi-Kindli-Malhar mountainous road near Badnota in Lohai Malhar, around 150 km from the Kathua district headquarters, killing five Army personnel and injuring many.

From the Baderwah side, security personnel were moving cautiously because of the area's challenging topography, thick foliage and natural caves, the official said. Personnel of the Army's special forces "Para" unit were also deployed to conduct surgical

operations in specific areas, he said. The official said the search teams were being supported by helicopter and UAV surveillance. In addition, sniffer dogs had been deployed and metal detectors were being used, particularly in the dense forest areas of the region. He said an NIA team had visited the scene of the ambush. Residents of Badnota and its adjoining villages said they were concerned about their safety. They demand that

village defence groups be sanctioned for their self-defence and to effectively tackle threats posed by terrorists.

"The government should provide weapons and training to us, we are ready to fight shoulder-to-shoulder with our forces against the terrorists," Jagdish Raj, a local, said. Search operations were also intensified in Doda district, where a gunfight had broken out yesterday. — With PTI inputs

# 108 kg gold smuggled from China seized near LAC in Ladakh

ARJUN SHARMA

JAMMU, JULY 10 In a major success, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) arrested two persons with 108 kg of gold that was being smuggled from China in the Nyoma sector. The suspects were arrested in the Sirigaple area close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

The ITBP said gold bars weighing 108 kg were seized from the suspects, who have been identified as Tenzin Targy (40) and Tsering Chamba (69), both residents of Hanley.

A patrolling party of the ITBP detected two suspicious persons on mules coming from the LAC side and asked them to stop on the afternoon of July 9. The team became suspicious after questioning them and searched their bags, in which the gold bars were found.

As per an official, a team of the 21 Battalion of ITBP arrested the suspects at 1:30 pm during Long Range Patrolling (LRP) in the border areas of the southern sub-sector in eastern



ITBP officials with the seized gold on Wednesday. ANI

Ladakh. The official added that inputs had been received about the smuggling.

Sources in the Army Intelligence informed that a tip-off was shared with the ITBP by the Army stationed in the area. A team of nearly 20 ITBP jawans was involved in the operation.

An official said the duo was arrested in Sirigaple, which is 1 km away from the LAC. "Initially, the suspects said they were collecting medicinal plants but later, the patrol party found huge quantity of gold and other items in their bags," he added.

The patrol party took custody of both the suspects, seized the smuggled items and left for tactical headquarters in Koyul.

# Ultras open fire at police post in Basantgarh

JAMMU, JULY 10 Terrorists opened fire at a police post in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur late on Wednesday. No one was injured in the incident.

Police officials said an exchange of fire between the police and terrorists took place near then Sang Police Picket of Basantgarh. The ultras managed to escape under the cover of darkness and dense forest surrounding the area. Officials said additional forces had been deployed to conduct a search operation in the area. — OC

# Ittija alleges her phone has been hacked by Pegasus

SRINAGAR, JULY 10 Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti's daughter Ittija Mufti on Wednesday alleged that her phone had been hacked by Pegasus spyware. She said she had received an alert from Apple informing about it.

"Got an Apple alert that my phone's been hacked by Pegasus which GoI has admittedly procured and weaponised to harass critics," she wrote on X. — OC

# India strategic...

FROM PAGE 1 Department spokesperson said, "We have been quite clear about our concerns about India's relationship with Russia. We have expressed those privately, directly to the Indian Government and continue to do so, and that hasn't changed." Meanwhile, Russia's Charge d'affaires in New Delhi Roman Babushkin today said PM Modi's visit was "historic and game-changing" considering the turbulent geopolitical environment. He said the visit was watched by the world and it was evident how significant the trip was.

# At 65%, hot seat...

FROM PAGE 1 The polling percentage in the Hamirpur seat was 67.70 per cent, almost 5.5 per cent less than the last Assembly elections in 2022.

The voters in Dehra will also decide the political fortunes of Kamlesh Thakur, wife of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Congress candidate from Dehra in Kangra district. Dehra recorded the lowest voter turnout of 65.42 per cent. In the past Assembly elections also, the polling here has normally not been very high. In 2022, the polling percentage in Dehra was 71.39 while in the 2017 elections, it was 70.19. The stakes are high for CM Sukhu as it is important for him to ensure the victory of his wife.

# CBI works under...

FROM PAGE 1 13. The final outcome of the case is likely to have wider ramifications for Centre-state relations. The West Bengal Government had in November 2018 withdrawn the "general consent" given to the CBI to conduct probes in the state.

# Reduced troop strength, rough forest terrain behind rise in militancy in Jammu

ADIL AKHZER

SRINAGAR, JULY 10 As militancy wanes in Kashmir, the locus of terrorism has now shifted to the three regions of Jammu, which have witnessed a sharp rise in the number of terror attacks in the past few weeks. From the mountains of Poonch and Rajouri, militant footprints have now spread to the Chenab region and the plains of Kathua bordering Punjab.

Behind this shift — from the urban locales of Kashmir to the dense forests of Jammu — are several reasons, including the "advantage" taken by militant groups due to the transfer of troops from Jammu to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, say experts. Security agencies had shift-

## EASIER FOR ULTRAS TO ATTACK AND FLEE

"In Jammu, the militants have the upper hand — they attack and flee into the dense forests. The approach roads in the mountain areas of Jammu are also not in a good condition." SENIOR COUNTER-INSURGENCY OFFICIAL

ed their entire focus to the Valley after the 2003 Hilkaka operations in the Pir Panjal, that had brought peace in Jammu, said an expert. Later, as the LAC witnessed rise in military activity between India and China, troops were again shifted from Jammu to Ladakh. This reduced the presence of troops in Jammu, facilitating the return of militancy, experts believe.

"There was a thinning of troops from Jammu as we moved them to the LAC. The terrorists have taken advantage of that and pushed more

Pakistanis into Jammu," Lt General (retd) Deepinder Singh Hooda, former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, told *The Tribune*.

Singh added that the militants had started looking for new places to activate their network. "While pressure remains in Kashmir, things are slowly getting better there. The elections have been held peacefully and people turned out for voting in fairly large numbers. So now, their attempt is to put pressure on Jammu," he said.

A senior counter-insurgency official said the mountains of Jammu provided a "suitable" place for the jungle warfare that the militants have bettered themselves in, especially after the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019.

"The militants experimented with this high altitude warfare in Poonch. After they were successful in causing heavy damage to the security forces and themselves being relatively safe, they replicated it in other places of Jammu," the officer said.

Differentiating between militancy in Jammu and in Kashmir, the officer said the rough terrain of Jammu and a denser forest cover provides a safe shelter to militants here, as compared to the Valley.

"In Jammu, they have the upper hand, they attack and flee into the dense forests. Whereas in Kashmir, there are a number of connected roads, in Jammu, we have approach roads in the mountain areas, which are at several places not in a good condition," he added.

"Another advantage is that a militant can sit on the top of a mountain and follow the vehicle. Then, there is a possibility that he may be getting food via drones from across the border if he is hiding near the fence," the officer said.

While in the Valley, the militants are nestled in urban areas, the isolated population in the mountains makes the flow of human intelligence difficult in Jammu, he added. Even as the Army rejects

heavy infiltration from across the border in Jammu, officials believe that several groups have successfully crossed into this side of the LoC in recent months. "New groups have apparently infiltrated because we don't have reports of any local joining from Jammu," said another senior official.

"What we have observed in the last few months — the widespread attacks and gunfights across Jammu — indicates that multiple groups are operating simultaneously," he added. The security forces, on the other hand, believe that the trend of militancy in Kashmir has shifted from the underground to the hybrid mode and the massive action by the security forces on the "terror network" in the Valley has

resulted in militants shifting the battleground to Jammu.

"The number of locals joining militancy in the Valley has come down. The number for this year so far has been only in single digits. Almost 80 per cent of the attacks in the Valley have been carried out by hybrid terrorists during the last two years," said a police officer.

Hybrid militant is a term used by the for armed men who go about their routine work and carry out attacks when ordered. Experts say that there is a need to relook the strategy for Jammu. "Additional forces, greater intelligence network, deeper connect with locals...these are some of the areas where focus is needed," said former Army Commander Hooda.

# Farmers welcome court orders, say will decide..

Farmer leader Sarvan Singh Pandher said they had learnt from the media that the high court had asked Haryana to lift the barricades. "We welcome the orders of the court even though we haven't received these yet. We have called a meeting of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha on July 16 to decide our future course of action," said Pandher.

He said the orders had proved that it was not the farmers but the Haryana Government which was blocking the border by installing barricades between the two states since February.

The highway has been closed for public transport, which has not only thrown life out of gear, but has also adversely affected business and industry in Punjab and neighbouring states. "As part

of a well-devised propaganda, the farmers were being painted as villains and solely blamed for the harassment of commuters. The high court orders have laid bare the truth and shown the world who had blocked the highway. We hope that the court's directions change people's perception," said farmer leader Guramneet Singh Mangat.

On June 23, the farmers had a face-off with local resi-

dents and traders from Ambala, who had gathered at the Shambhu border.

The next day, farmer leaders took the media to the Shambhu border and explained the ground situation. They maintained that they had not blocked the highway, rather the Haryana Government had put up barricades and stopped the farmers from marching towards Delhi.

# It isn't time for war, innocent people..

India and Austria emphasised on dialogue and diplomacy for the earliest possible restoration of peace and stability. "We are both ready to provide every possible cooperation to achieve this," Modi said, recalling the historic Vienna Congress was hosted in the hall where they stood today, and that the conference provided direction for peace and stability in Europe.

The two sides also announced an upgrade in ties to include infrastructure, renewable energy and artificial intelligence. After the meeting, PM Modi said "a blueprint for cooperation over

the coming decades had been prepared". "This is not limited to economic cooperation and investment alone. But will combine infrastructure development, innovation, renewable energy, hydrogen, water and waste management, artificial intelligence and quantum technology," he said. An agreement on mobility and migration partnership was also finalised to facilitate legal migration.

Modi's visit to Austria was the first for an Indian PM in 41 years. Austria is part of the European Union, but maintains its neutrality in terms of the US-led NATO. "We have

decided to provide strategic direction to our relationship," the PM said.

In the evening, Modi and Nehammer jointly addressed a group of leading Austrian and Indian CEOs from diverse sectors, including infrastructure, automobile, energy, engineering and start-ups. The PM called on the Austrian industrialists to explore the opportunities for high-quality and cost-effective manufacturing under the "Make in India" programme. India's economic strengths and skills and Austrian technology were natural partners for business, growth and sustainability, he said.

# Dump stilt+4 policy, Speaker flags RWAs' concerns..

come as a shot in the arm for the protesting RWAs. In his letter to the CM, the Speaker has flagged the residents' concerns over allowing such construction in residential sectors. He also mentions that a representation signed by 5,000 residents of Panchkula city was not considered, causing "gross resentment". He has said that allowing

such construction would disturb the masterplan of the city, violate the privacy of the residents, burden the existing infrastructure and lead to animosity between neighbours given the clause of "neighbour's permission" in the new policy. Gupta has also requested that either the implementation of the policy should be

withheld or limited to new sectors. Incidentally, he is also learnt to have met the CM on the issue. The confederation is of the view that if the government fails to hold back the policy, the RWAs will not shy away from campaigning against the BJP before Assembly elections.

"Last year, when the proposal first came, we got two lakh

residents to sign the representation against it. We will give this to the CM. Before our rally last year, the government announced that the policy was being kept in abeyance and constituted a committee to study its viability. We are hopeful the government will take public sentiment into account," said Yashvir Malik, convener of the confederation.

# Open Shambhu border..

made it clear that Haryana might take effective steps to enforce law and order against the protesters failing to remain within their limits. The farmers' unions taking part in the agitation were also asked to maintain law and order.

Directions were also issued to Punjab to ensure that the demonstrators gathered in its territory were duly controlled as and when required. "Both states shall endeavour to ensure that the highway at the Shambhu border is restored to its original glory".

After examining the site plan submitted by Haryana counsel Deepak Sabherwal on the closure at the Shambhu border, the Bench added that the NH-44 between the two states was apparently blocked due to the preventive measures taken by Haryana. It was leading to a "lot of inconvenience" as the

NH-44 was the lifeline for Punjab since the main traffic coming from Delhi flowed to the state from the highway, further leading to J&K.

"The diversion, which has thus been made to avoid the blockage, is apparently causing great inconvenience to the general public, which would also be clear from the affidavits filed by the states' officials themselves, apart from the daily commuters who have to take diversions of at least over 10 km on a daily basis," the Bench said.

Referring to an affidavit filed on Haryana's behalf, the Bench observed that directions had been sought from the court to the farmers' unions and their leaders to clear the national highways blocked by the agitators and to relocate the protest to the place designated by the local administration.

# 55% vote in...

party workers deployed at booths and directing them to the DC, Commissioner of Police and the Returning Officer for their intervention. Warring, however, accused the police of not acting on the complaints of alleged distribution of freebies.

Questioned about the "presence of outsiders", AAP candidate Mohinder Bhagat claimed "people from Bathinda or elsewhere may have visited Jalandhar today to see their relatives". "They were surely not working for us," he maintained. On the deployment of e-rickshaws, Bhagat said it was a "good gesture to help voters amid the scorching heat". When reminded it was a code violation, he retorted, "The (AAP) workers may have made arrangements on their own. No such facility was provided by AAP"

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| 2.                                  | UHBVN                      | CONSTRUCTION OF SLAB OVER SECURITY HUT AND DRIVER ROOM AND CONSTRUCTION OF FALLEN BOUNDARY WALL AT VIDYUT SADAN SECTOR 12 KARNAUL | 18.07.2024                       | 2.34 LACS                      | https://etenders.hrynic.in      | 935603248<br>xenciviluhbvnpanchkula@gmail.com |
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**Sd/-Principal**

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Corrigendum - 4 **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
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Name of Concerned Office: XEN- Pong Dam Division BBMB, Talwara Township, (Pb)-144216.  
Name of Work: Upgradation of Fountain in Shaheedi park at Dam Site. Tender ID 2024\_BBMB\_191503\_1 NIT No. 06/2024-25 for the work scheduled to be opened on 18.07.2024.

Estimated Cost Rs. 31,47,932.00  
Last date of receipt of tender 17.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.  
Date of opening of tender 18.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.  
The detailed tender may be downloaded from website [www.etenders.gov.in](http://www.etenders.gov.in).

514-PR-Beas Dam-4 FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LUDHIANA**  
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS (B&R Works)  
NIT No. 35/SE(TIC), dated 10.07.2024

The Department of Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (B&R) invites online double bids for "Renovation of Bus Workshop of Municipal Corporation on Tajpur road, Ludhiana" (3rd time) as per schedule given below:-  
Closing date & time: **25.07.2024 up to 05:00 PM**  
For details log on to: [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
Note:- Detail of works, other terms & conditions & tender documents any corrigendum/addendum to the tender notice shall be published on above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (TIC),  
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.

DPR/Pb/35532

**Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS, Mohali)**  
Sector - 56, SAS Nagar, Mohali  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

No. AIMS MOHALI/26/A.V/2024/4496 Dated: 10.07.2024  
E-Tenders are invited from dated 12.07.2024 for the supply of machineries on Reagent-rental basis for the Department of Biochemistry, AIMS Mohali as per the terms and conditions of the contract. Last date of submitting the bid is dated 26.07.2024. Details are as below:-  
The tender document containing detailed terms & conditions may be downloaded from the E-procurement website of the Punjab Government i.e. <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
For further details, corrigendum, addendums, clarifications, important dates, etc. concerning the project, the bidders are requested to visit the websites referred above on regular basis. No separate advertisement shall be published in newspaper.

Sd/- Director Principal, AIMS Mohali.

DPR/Pb/35538

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001  
CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
(Office of Principal/TTI, PSPCL Patiala)  
M.No. 96461-18854, E-mail: [principal-hrd@pspcl.in](mailto:principal-hrd@pspcl.in)

Tender Enquiry No. Q-652-TT/2024-25 Dated: 10.07.2024

Principal, TTI, PSPCL, Shakti Vihar Complex, Near 23rd No. Railway Crossing, Patiala invites e-tender for providing meals/catering services (As bed tea, breakfast, two times mid-session tea, lunch and dinner) to trainees at TTI, PSPCL, Patiala. For detailed NIT and tender specification please refer to <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 10.07.2024 from 10:00 A.M. onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and Addendum, if any, will be published online at <http://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

DPR/Pb/35540 C422/24

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
Tender Notice Reference No. - 32 of 2024  
The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board re-invites online bids for following work:-

| Sr.No. | Name of the Work   |
|--------|--|
| 1      | Prov. & Installing a new T/well against abandoned T/well (Moh. Langerpura) at Moh. Kainthan near Little Flower School at Dasuya (D/W)K.  |
| 2      | Prov. & Installing T/well against abandoned T/well including Const. of P.C., Machinery, CI DI Specials & all other works contingent thereto in Sabzi Mandi Chowk, Talwara (D/W). |

Note:- Important dates are as under:-  
Closing date & time: 22.07.2024 up to 04.30 p.m.  
Opening Date & Time: 23.07.2024 up to 11.00 a.m.

Note:- Other terms and conditions refer to website <http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> Corrigendum, if any will be issued on website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn., Hoshiarpur.

DPR/Pb/35522

**ਦਫਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਭੁਲੱਥ**  
**ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**

ਹਰ ਅਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਭੁਲੱਥ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਾਲ 2024-25 ਵਿਚ ਵਾਰੀਯੋਗ ਢੀਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਪਲਾਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਢੁੱਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 24.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਰੱਖੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਬੋਲੀਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ 1000/- ਰੁਪਏ ਬਤੌਰ ਬਿਆਨਾ ਰਕਮ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾਉਣੀ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਚਾਹਪਾਣ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਆ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਬੋਲੀਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਆਨਾ ਰਕਮ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਬਾਕੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਛਤਰਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮਕਾਰ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫਤਰ ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਭੁਲੱਥ ਵਿਖੇ ਵੇਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜੇਕਰ ਉਕਤ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕੋਈ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੰਮਕਾਰ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸਹੀ - ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਭੁਲੱਥ। DPR/Pb/35524

ਸਹੀ - ਕਾਰਜਸਾਧਕ ਅਫਸਰ, ਨਗਰ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ, ਭੁਲੱਥ।

**ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, KAPURTHALA**  
NEW MILITARY STATION, PO - LAKHAN KALAN, KAPURTHALA - 144601  
(AFFILIATED TO CBSE, NEW DELHI)  
MOB: 9914923104 WEBSITE: www.apskpt.in

**TENDER NOTICE**

1. Army Public School Kapurthala invites quotations for **PROCUREMENT OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS**

2. For detailed instructions refer "Downloads" Section of school website [www.apskpt.in](http://www.apskpt.in). In case of any query email at [apskapurthala@awesindia.edu.in](mailto:apskapurthala@awesindia.edu.in). School management has the right to cancel the project/procurement without any advance notice and without any compensation to the bidders. Last date & time for submission of bids **31 July 2024 (1500 hrs).**

**Sd/-Principal**

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RUPNAGAR**  
TENDER NOTICE NO: ME/AME/JE/IC FUND/ RUPNAGAR/2024/7  
Notice Inviting E-Tenders

| Sr. No | ITEM  | AMOUNT (IN LAC'S) |
|--------|---|-------------------|
| 1.     | Providing and installing of flow meter at MPS | 9.20              |

START DATE OF SALE TIME:- 10.07.2024 AT NOON 05:00 PM  
CLOSING DATE AND TIME:- 22.07.2024 AT MORNING 09:00 AM  
FOR ANY DETAILS LOG IN TO [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
NOTE:- IN CASE OF TENDER PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETED DUE TO ANY REASONS, NO CORRIGENDUM WILL PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER. DETAIL REGARDING CORRIGENDUM MAY BE SEEN ON ABOVE WEBSITE

Sd/- MUNICIPAL ENGG. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RUPNAGAR  
Sd/- PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RUPNAGAR

Sd/- A.STT. MUNICIPAL ENGG. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RUPNAGAR  
Sd/- EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, RUPNAGAR DPR/Pb/35512

**HIMACHAL PRADESH HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING AND PROCESSING CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A Government Undertaking)  
Fruit Processing Plant, Parwanoo-173220, Distt. Solan (HP)  
Email id-hpmcftp1980@gmail.com, Phone No. 01792-232351

**DATE CORRIGENDUM-II** Date: 10.07.2024

Apropos to e-tender for following input material for HPMP FPP Parwanoo, Parala & Jarol HP detailed advertisement uploaded on the Himachal Pradesh Govt. Tenders information system website <https://hptenders.gov.in>.

It is notified for the information of all concerned that in the following e-tenders ID Number, the opening date has been extended as minimum required numbers of bids not received therefore the new date in context with bids are as under:-  
Bid submission end date:- 18.07.2024 up to 11:00 AM  
Bid Opening date:- 18.07.2024 at 01:00 PM

| Sr.No | Particular                                  | e-tender ID       |
|-------|---|-------------------|
| 1     | Date corrigendum-II for Enzymes             | 2024_HPMP_89094_1 |
| 2     | Date corrigendum-II for Flint Glass Bottles | 2024_HPMP_89165_1 |

Rest of the terms and conditions will remain unchanged.  
Dy. General Manager

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**TENDER NOTICE FOR VARIOUS WORKS**  
Tender Notice Reference No. 25 dt. 09.07.2024  
The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board invites online bids for the following:-

| Sr. No. | Item   | Quantity |
|---------|--|----------|
| 1.      | Providing Tap Connections to consumers, Extension and Augmentation of Water Supply System at Anloah, District Fatehgarh Sahib for Distribution Network. Installation of Tube well and Construction of 0.5 Lakh Gallon OHSR under AMRUT 2.0 Scheme, Part-1, Phase-1 | 1        |

Closing Date and Time: up to 05.08.2024 at 03:00 P.M.  
For detail log on to: [eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
Note:- Any Corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Punjab W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2, Patiala.  
[ee2.pwssb@punjab.gov.in](mailto:ee2.pwssb@punjab.gov.in)

DPR/Pb/35529

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**BATHINDA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
BDA Complex, Bhagu Road, Bathinda  
**QUOTATION NOTICE FOR WORK OF PHOTOSTAT**

Sealed quotations are invited from approved suppliers for executing the work of Photostat for the year 2024-25 in the office of Bathinda Development Authority. Those interested may submit their quotations alongwith earnest money amounting to Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen thousand only) up to 11:00 AM on 17.07.2024. Quotations received shall be opened at 12:00 Noon on same day in the Committee Hall, BDA, Bathinda in presence of suppliers or their authorized representatives who may like to remain present. Earnest money has to be deposited in shape of demand draft favouring **Estate Officer, BDA payable at Bathinda**. Terms & conditions can be obtained from Caretaker, Room No. 111, BDA Complex, Bathinda on any working day.

Additional Chief Administrator

DPR/Pb/35531

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**Jal Shakti Vibhag**  
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Sunder Nagar on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in Two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractors/firms of an appropriate class enlisted with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag.

| Sr. No. | Name of work  | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Time of tender form    |
|---------|---|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1       | Providing LWSS Dehar and adjoining village area in Tehsil Sundernagar Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH- Providing and fixing wire mesh fencing and roofing with CGI sheet at Clarifier and pre-sedimentation tank at WTP Dehar). | Rs. 6,99,800/-       | Rs. 14,000/-        | Rs. 250/- Three Months |

Schedule of tendering:-

| 1 | Bid submission start date        | 09.07.2024 5:00 PM                       |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 2 | Bid submission end date and time | 16.07.2024 5:00 PM                       |
| 4 | Opening of Cover 1               | 18.07.2024 11:30 AM                      |
| 5 | Opening of Financial bid         | Date and place to be notified separately |

Terms and Conditions:-  
Tender documents, Terms and conditions and other instruction can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division,  
Sunder Nagar.

DPR/HP/681

**हरियाणा राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड**  
सी-11, सेक्टर-6, पंचकूला  
Ph- 0172-2577870-73, Website : [hspcb.gov.in](http://hspcb.gov.in)  
E-mail : [hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com](mailto:hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com)

**सार्वजनिक जानकारी**  
**ई-वेस्ट (मैनेजमेंट) नियम 2022 को लागू करने के सम्बन्ध में**

पर्यावरण, जंगल और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय ने अधिसूचना नं. जीएसआर 801 (ई) दिनांक 02.11.2022 को ई-वेस्ट (मैनेजमेंट) नियम 2022 को अधिसूचित किया है और यह 01 अप्रैल, 2023 से प्रभावी है। इस नियम को प्रति हरियाणा राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड की वेबसाइट के निम्नलिखित लिंक पर डाउनलोड की जा सकती है: [https://www.hspcb.org.in/content/rules/ewaste/e-waste\\_rules\\_2022.pdf](https://www.hspcb.org.in/content/rules/ewaste/e-waste_rules_2022.pdf)

ये नियम अनुसूची में सूचीबद्ध ई-वेस्ट या इलेक्ट्रिकल और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण और उस से संबंधित हिस्से, उपभोग, पुर्जे और स्पेयर इस निम्नलिखित, बिन्नी, ट्रांसफर, खरोद, नवीनीकरण, डिस्मंटलिंग, रीसाइकलिंग और प्रोसेसिंग में शामिल प्रत्येक (i) निर्माता (ii) उत्पादक (iii) नवीनीकरण करने वाले (iv) रीसाइकलिंग पर लागू होते हैं। इन नियमों के तहत इलेक्ट्रिकल और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण को 106 आइडम जिन में उनके हिस्से, उपभोग, पुर्जे और स्पेयर शामिल हैं, को सूची उपरोक्त लिंक पर उपलब्ध है।

ई-वेस्ट के (i) निर्माता (ii) उत्पादक (iii) नवीनीकरण करने वाले (iv) रीसाइकलिंग और कोई भी स्क्रैप/डिलर/टोस वेस्ट डिस्पोजल अथॉरिटी, यदि ई-वेस्ट के प्रोड्यूसर और प्रोसेसिंग के सम्बन्ध में कोई भी कानूनी गतिविधियों में शामिल पाए जाते हैं तो उल्लंघनकर्ताओं पर उपरोक्त नियमों के तहत कार्यावाही की जाएगी, जिसमें पर्यावरणीय मुआवजे भी शामिल हैं।

यह आम जनता को जानकारी के लिए है कि यदि कोई व्यक्ति, स्क्रैप डीलर, सोलिड वेस्ट डिस्पोजल अथॉरिटी, हरियाणा राज्य में अनाधिकृत तरीके से ई-कचरे को गैर कानूनी षडयंत्र, प्रोसेसिंग और बिन्नी में शामिल है, तो इसकी सूचना [hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com](mailto:hspcbhazardouswaste@gmail.com) पर को जाये, ताकि पर्यावरण को नुकसान पहुंचाने वाली गैर कानूनी गतिविधियों को तुरंत रोका जा सके।

सदस्य सचिव  
एच एस पी सी बी।

PRDH/1209/11/143/2025/27679/CI/314

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/F.S. Firzpur Division, Northern Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for Wagon cleaning work along with disposal of residue material obtained after cleaning of wagons over Firzpur Division. The details are as under: No. of Goods Shed proposed for EOI: All over the Firzpur Division. Department: Commercial Office: Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/F.S. Northern Railway, Firzpur Cantt. Name of Work: Wagon cleaning work along with disposal of residue material obtained after cleaning of wagons at Goods Shed over Firzpur Division. Scope of Work: 1. Railway will allow the licensee to clean the only open and BGN wagon at Goods shed over Firzpur Division and dispose the residue material obtained after cleaning of wagons. Cleaning of Wagons will be responsibility of the licensee. 2. No additional investment or expenses shall be made by Railway for provision of wagons cleaning. 3. The material collected after cleaning the wagons will not be dropped on the pathway. If it is found that material after cleaning from wagon is dropped on track, the cleaning of track will be done by the licensee at his own expense. 4. The left-over material from the wagons will be picked up and used by the licensee. If any licensee/authority is required by the Central/State/Local Administration for the use of the remaining material, then it will be made by the licensee. Railways will not have any liability in this regard. 5. Cleaning Time: - No additional cleaning time for wagon will be given to licensee. Cleaning activity to be done simultaneously during loading/unloading activity. There should be no conflict of interest with the loading party by licensee. The interested parties are requested to submit a hard copy of Expression of Interest (EOI) to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/F.S.FZR before or upto 15:00 hrs on 24/07/2024. For further details please visit Northern Railway website <https://ncr.indianrailways.gov.in/> or the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/F.S, Northern Railway, DRM office, Firzpur Cantt on any working day during office hours.

No. 179-C/E-auction/FZR/24 Date : 10.07.2024 2100/2024  
Serving Customers With A Smile

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
E-Mail ID - [eepwd-jha-bil@hp.gov.in](mailto:eepwd-jha-bil@hp.gov.in)  
**"NOTICE INVITING TENDERS"**

Sealed item / percentage rate tender(s) on PWD form No 6 & 7/8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer Jhandutta HPPWD Jhandutta on behalf of the Governor of HP for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors/firms of appropriate class enlisted in HPPWD as per latest instructions so as to reach in this office as per time schedule given below. The offer of the tender will be kept open for 90 days from the date of opening of the tenders. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any application / tender or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Date of receipt of application for tender form : 15.07.2024 up to 12:00 p.m.  
Date of issue/sale of Tender forms : 15.07.2024 from 02:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.  
Date of opening of tender : 16.07.2024 at 11:00 a.m.

The tender shall be received up to 10:30 a.m. on 16.07.2024 and will be opened on the same day at 11:00 a.m. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The tender form can be had from this office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on 15.07.2024 from 02:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m.

The Earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/Deposit at call/ Time Deposit /Account/ in any of the Post-Office /Nationalized Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jhandutta Division, HP-PWD, Jhandutta must accompany with each application. Conditional tender and the tenders received without earnest money will simultaneously be rejected.

**निदेशालय तकनीकी शिक्षा, व्यावसायिक एवं औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण, हिमाचल प्रदेश, सुन्दरनगर**  
**हिमाचल प्रदेश में स्थित राजकीय आई.टी.आई. में विधवाओं के लिए प्रवेश बारे सूचना**

सर्वप्रथम को सूचित किया जाता है कि तकनीकी शिक्षा विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा राज्य के राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों (I.T.I.) में हिमाचल प्रदेश को 45 वर्ष से कम उम्र की विधवा महिलाओं के लिए वर्कशिप 11 व्यवस्था में प्रवेश हेतु कई आर्बिटल को गई है, जिसके अंतर्गत वर्ष 2024-2025/2026 में 200 महिलाओं को प्रवेश दिया जाएगा। प्रवेश हेतु वर्कशिप व्यवस्था को अर्थोपिन्न प्रकार से है :-

List of 11 Identified Trades with qualification and Duration

| Sr. No. | Course Name                                   | Qualification Required  | Course Duration |
|---------|---|---|-----------------|
| 1.      | Draughtsman (Civil)                           | Passed 10 <sup>th</sup> Class under 10+2 System of education with Science and Mathematics or its equivalent | 2 Years         |
| 2.      | Electrician                                   | As above  | 2 Years         |
| 3.      | Basic Cosmetology                             | Passed 10 <sup>th</sup> Class under 10+2 System of education  | 1 Year          |
| 4.      | Computer Operator and Programming Assistant   | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 5.      | Dress Making                                  | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 6.      | Fashion Design & Technology                   | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 7.      | Sewing Technology                             | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 8.      | Stenography & Secretarial Assistant (English) | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 9.      | Stenography & Secretarial Assistant (Hindi)   | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 10.     | Surface Ornamentation Techniques (Embroidery) | As above  | 1 Year          |
| 11.     | Surveyor                                      | As above  | 2 Years         |

आवेदन प्रपत्र हिमाचल प्रदेश में स्थित किसी भी राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं या विभागीय पते पर <http://techedu.hp.gov.in/> से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।  
व्यवस्थापक एवं निदेशक को प्रवेश संस्थान में उपस्थित हैं, सब आवेदन किसी भी राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं या विभागीय पते पर <http://techedu.hp.gov.in/> से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।  
आवेदन प्रपत्र के साथ दसवीं कक्षा के प्रमाणपत्र को सत्यापित प्रतिलिपि, योग्यता-आधारित प्रमाणपत्र को सत्यापित प्रतिलिपि, यदि को मनुष्य का प्रमाणपत्र एवं यदि को मनुष्य के बच्चे पुत्र: शादी नहीं की है का प्रमाणपत्र (Affidavit) संलग्न करें।  
आवेदन शुल्क के लिए सामान्य रूप ₹. 350/- तथा एम्प्लॉय, एम्प्लॉय एवं ओबीसी ₹. 250/- आवेदन प्रपत्र के साथ हिमाचल प्रदेश के किसी भी राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान में जमा करवाएं।  
एम्प्लॉय, एम्प्लॉय एवं ओबीसी प्रमाणपत्र को वेब सत्यापित प्रतिलिपि लगाकर सुनिश्चित करें।  
चाह अथवाई अपने प्रपत्र शुल्क से भुगतान एवं अपेक्षित दस्तावेजों को संलग्न कर हिमाचल प्रदेश के किसी भी राजकीय औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान में दिनांक 23.07.2024 तक जमा करवाने सुनिश्चित करें।

निदेशक,  
तकनीकी शिक्षा,  
व्यावसायिक एवं औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण

**Confirmed that tender of above works are being called of emergent nature in exigency of public interest.**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- The tender forms will not be issued to those contractors whose performance is not found Satisfactory.
- The contractors should have executed two similar types of works 1/3 of each amount put to tender or single work of amount equal to the amount put to tender within last five years.
- GST, EPF No, Earnest Money, Tender form cost, copy of Equivalent should be accompanied with application.
- Application without all documents will not be entertained.
- Proxy Application will not be entertained.
- Payment for the works under N.I.T. shall be made as & when sufficient funds are available with the Department.
- Tender form shall not be issued to those contractors who have two or more work in hand.

**Executive Engineer, Jhandutta Division, HPPWD, Jhandutta.**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH**  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
Telephone No. 01893-220033 e-mail- [ee-nur-hp@nic.in](mailto:ee-nur-hp@nic.in)  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Nurpur Distt Kangra HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the percentage based bid in electronic tendering system from the eligible Class of Contractors registered in HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

| S. No. | Name of work  | Estimated Cost | Earnest Money | Time Limit | Cost of tender |
|--------|---|----------------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 1      | Construction of link road from Gurchal to Malera Trindi road Km 0/00 to 1/500 (SH: providing and laying wearing Grade-II and 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat from Km 1/00 to 1/400) | 549920/-       | 10000/-       | One Month  | 350/-          |
| 2      | Construction of link road from Ladoni to Ghalaon road Km 0/00 to 1/700 (SH: providing and laying wearing Grade-II 53mm to 22.45mm and 30mm thick bituminous concrete at RD 1/150 to 1/650)  | 956080/-       | 20000/-       | One Month  | 350/-          |
| 3      | Construction of link road to village Gujjan ka Talab Km 0/00 to 0/750 (SH: providing and laying 20mm thick premix carpet with seal coat from Km 0/150 to 0/750)                             | 698880/-       | 14000/-       | One Month  | 350/-          |
| 4      | Construction of link road Kherian to Jara via Khalaon in GP Kherian (SH: Construction of 2.00 mtr span RCC slab culvert at RD 0/170)  | 1004361/-      | 20100/-       | Two Months | 500/-          |
| 5      | Construction of link road Hanjan Basl Chandran (SH: Construction of 2.00 Mtr span RCC slab culvert at RD 1/525)   | 823450/-       | 16500/-       | Two Months | 350/-          |

Starting Date for downloading bid: 15.07.2024 11.00 AM for each  
Deadline for submission of bid: 21.07.2024 2.00 PM for each  
Eligible class of Contractor: C&D for each

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). Date of opening of technical bid 22.07.2024 (11:00 AM) (On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Nurpur Division, HPPWD, Nurpur  
Telephone No. 01893-220033

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O/o Addl. S.E. 400KV Sub-Station, PSTCL, Behman Jassa Singh, Distt. Bathinda Phone: 96461-18248

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is hereby informed to general public that the charge for upkeep of the following extra high voltage Lines, which are passing through Villages/Cities as mentioned below, is under the control of Addl. SE, 400KV Sub-Station, PSTCL, Behman Jassa Singh, Distt. Bathinda

- 400 KV Talwandi Sabo-Mogan/Nakodar:-**  
Banawali, Daliyewala, Kamalu, Kotli Khurd, Rajgarh, Kubbe, Maur Kalan, Maur Mandi, Bhani Churh, Rampura, Ramnagar, Kuttival Kalan, Mandi Khurd, Ranniwal, Dhadde, Balianwali, Kotda Koda, Lehra Dhooakot, Mehraj, Selbarah, Bhai Rupa, Gumti Kalan, Dinna Kangarh, Pakharwad, Dinna Sahib, Nihal Singh Wala, Patto Heera Singh, Raunta, Khote, Gholia Khurd, Burj Doona, Burj Dhalia, Chaddi, Ramuwala, Raniyan, Jhandewala, Tarewala, Moga.
- 400 KV Talwandi Sabo-Muktsar:-**  
Banawali, Chahalawali, Behniwal, Dhingh, Bhagwanpura, Jagga Ram Tirath, Shekhpura, Lelewala, Natt Baghair, Bhagwandar, Chathewala, Jiwan Singh Wala, Nasibpura, Kotshamir, Gehri Bhagi, Shergarh, Mehta, Gurusar Sehnewala, Jai Singh Wala, Kot Guru, Sangat Mandi, Ghudda, Badal, Phulo Mithi, Baho Yati.
- 400 KV TSPL-HMEL Refinery:-**  
Behman, Malkana, Gurusar, Phullo Khari, Teona, Tungewali, Gatwali, Rama Village.
- 400 KV TSPL LILO:-**  
Behman Jassa Singh, Gurusar, Kamalu, Chahlanwali, Jaga Ram Tirath.
- 220 KV Bathinda-Lehra:-**  
Bathinda City, Bibi Wala, Bathinda Cantt., Bucho Kalan, Lehra Bega, Baath, Talwalia, Lehra Mohhabat.
- 220 KV Lehra-Balakahana:-**  
Lehra Mohhabat, Talwalia, Baath, Pooala, Nathana, Nathpura, Gidderh, Ganga, Romana Ajit Singh, Ghaniya, Bajakahana.
- 220 KV Lehra-Barnala:-**  
Lehra Mohhabat, Talwalia, Kothe Dhaliali, Gurusar, Rampura City, Rampura Village, Gill Kalan, Jaid, Jethuke, Tapa, Gharhela, Tajoke, Mehta, Khudiyani, Handaya, Barnala.
- 220 KV Lehra-Maur:-**  
Lehra Mohhabat, Balianwali, Bhunder Kalan, Dhade, Khokhar, Dikh, Sooh, Pirkot, Shene Chur, Burj Dhiwan, Burj Rathi, Bhai Desa, Sukha Singh Wala, Ghuman Kalan, Maur.
- 220 KV Maur-Talwandi:-**  
Sukha Singh Wala, Ghuman Kalan, Maur, Kotli Kalan, Kotli Khurd, Kallo, Rajgarh Kube, Tahla Sahib, Maur Khurd, Sandoha, Shekhpura, Fatehgarh Nau Abad, Talwandi Sabo.
- 220 KV Mansa - Talwandi Sabo:-**  
Mansa, Thuthianwali, Bhaini Bagha, Tamkot, Burj Rathi, Bhai Desa, Kotli Kalan, Kotli Khurd, Kalia, Rajgarh Kube, Tahla Sahib, Maur Khurd, Sandoha, Shekhpura, Fatehgarh Nau Abad, Talwandi Sabo.
- 220 KV Mansa-Jhunjir:-**  
Mansa, Atta Kalan, Khiala Kalan, Bappiana, Kot Lallu, Mansa Khurd, Chakerian, Jawharke, Khara Bamala, Nangal Kalan, Kot Dharmu, Deluana, Bhame Khurd, Lakmir Wala, Sahnewali, Jhunjir.
- 220 KV Jhunjir-Sunam:-**  
Jhunjir, Sahnewali, Lakmir Wala, Bhame khurd, Deluana, Kot Dharmu, Nangal Kalan, Khara Bamala, Jawharke, Chakerian, Kot Lallu, Bappiana, Khayala Kalan, Atta Kalan, Katra Kalan, Samao, Kheewa Kalan, Kheewa Khurd, Dhepy, Hero Kalan, Biroke, Jhraon, Cheema Shahpur, Saron, Sunam.
- 220 KV Mansa-Sunam:-**  
Mansa, Bhopal, Khiala Kalan, Atta Kalan, Kotra Kalan, Samao, Kheewa Kalan, Kheewa Khurd Dhepy, Hero Kalan, Biroke, Jhraon, Cheema, Shahpur, Saron, Sunam.
- 220 KV Mansa-Refinery:-**  
Mansa, Thuthiawali, Bhaini Bagha, Khokhar Khurd, Khokhar Kalan, Sada Singh Wala, Moosa, Maanbeerian, Kallo, Daliyewala, Autan wali, Dhinghar, Bhagwanpura, Jagga Ram Tirath, Fatehgarh Nau Abad, Talwandi Saboo, Kamalu, Sangat Khurd, Gurusar, Jajal, Malkana, Phulo Khari, Rama.
- 220KV Talwandi-Maiserkhana (Railway):-**  
Talwandi Sabo, Lelewala, Jodhpur Pakhar, Bhai Bakhtaur, Maiserkhana.
- 132 KV GNTP - NFL:-**  
Bathinda City, Kheta Singh Basti, NFL area.
- 132 KV GNTP - IGC Bathinda:-**  
Bathinda City, Joganand, Bathinda Cantt., Phos Mandi, Jassi Pau Wali.
- 132 KV IGC - Maur:-**  
Jassi Pau Wali, Katar Singh Wala, Kotshamir, Kotfatta, Kot Bhara, Ram Garh Bhundath, Bhai Bakhtaur, Ghaso Kahana, Maiser

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I, Rakesh Gupta s/o Lachman Dass Gupta r/o 49-C, Street No. 3, Pamp Nagar, Patiala, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Gupta. (CL24032820)

I, Paramjit Singh Hanspal S/o Sharam Singh R/o 642, Masitgarh Gurudwara, Batala, Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143505, have changed my name to Paramjit Singh. (CL24032700)

I, Jyoti Arora w/o Verinder Bajaj r/o H. No. 60, Tribune Housing Complex, Vill. Raipur Khurd, Chandigarh have changed my name to Jyoti Bajaj. (CL24032720)

I, Surender Singh s/o Rajbir Singh r/o Vill. Dwarika, PO. Dandma, Tehl. Badhra, Distt. Charhki Dabri (Haryana) 127030 have changed my name to Surender Kumar. (CL24032736)

I, Umila Devi w/o Surender Kumar r/o Vill. Dwarika, PO. Dandma, Tehl. Badhra, Distt. Charhki Dabri (Haryana) 127030 have changed my name to Umila Kumari. (CL24032740)

I, Harmandeep Kaur Grewal w/o Atinderpal Singh Wauder r/o Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda), have changed my name to Harmandeep Kaur Wauder. (CL24032771)

I, Baldev Singh Chauhan s/o Sh. Amar Singh, r/o House No: 139, PO Tikkar, (127), Tehsil Nerwa, Distt. Shimla (HP) declare that I have changed my name from Baldev Singh Chauhan. All concern note. (CL24032774)

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of Sh. Upendra Singh Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Kalka CNR No. HRPKA0-000120-2023 Next date: 22.08.2024 Bhima Vati Vs. General Public and others Petition under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 Notice to: General Public In above titled case, the defendant could not be served. It is ordered that defendant should appear in person or through counsel on 22.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=panchkula Dated, this day of 05.07.2024. Sd/- Upendra Singh Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Division), Kalka CL24032718

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COURT NOTICES

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Amandeep Singh Civil Judge (Senior Division), Tarn Taran Next Date, Purpose of case, Orders and Judgments as well as other case information is available on http://districts.ecourts.gov.in Nirmal Singh Vs. Gurbir Singh CNR No. PBTT02-002386-2023 Next Date:- 29.07.2024 Publication issued to: 1. Gurbir Singh S/o Dalip Singh Dhariwal. 2. Rajwant Kaur W/o Gurbir Singh R/o First Address: House No. 306, Ward No. 15, Patti to Tarn Taran Road, Opposite Union Bank of India, Patti, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran. Second Address: 67-12677-63, Avenue, V3X3T3, Surey, British Columbia, Canada. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=tarnataran Dated, this day of 05.06.2024. Sd/- Civil Judge (Senior Division), Tarn Taran CL24032722

COURT NOTICES

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Sachin Yadav Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Chandigarh Gursaran Singh Gill @ Gursaran Singh Versus General Public CNR No.: CHCHO2-000314-2024 Next Date: 13.08.2024 For Grant of Probate of Will Publication issued to: General Public:- Chandigarh In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 13.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=chandigarh Dated, this day of 30.05.2024. Sd/- Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Chandigarh CL24032725

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Jaspinder Singh Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana Amarjeet Singh Versus Amarjit Kaur CNR No.: PBLD01-016877-2022 Next Date: 25.07.2024 Publication issued to: 1. Amarjit Kaur (widow), 2. Komal Singh Grewal @ Kewal Singh Grewal (son), 3. Mandeep Kaur (daughter) all R/o 17-K, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 25.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 30.05.2024. Sd/- Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ludhiana CL24032726

COURT NOTICES

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Rajvinder Singh Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana Jasveer Kaur Sidhu Vs. Gurvinder Singh Sidhu CNR No. PBLD01-020415-2019 Next Date:- 26.07.2024 Publication issued to: Gurvinder Singh Sidhu :- Bakhtawar Singh Sidhu R/o Vill. Phullanwal, Teh. and Distt. Ludhiana at present R/O 2/33311 Hawthorn AVE PO Box 10009, Abbotsford, BC, V4X 2M9, Canada. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 26.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 31.05.2024. Sd/- Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Ludhiana CL24032727

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Karanvir Singh Maju Judicial Magistrate- Ist Class, Hoshiarpur Lucky s/o Mukh Raj R/o Village Puhiran, Hoshiarpur Versus Navjot Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Village Gopalian, near Village Bham, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur. NACT/82/2024 CNR No. PBHO03-000636-2024 Next Date: 30.07.2024 Publication issued to: Navjot Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Village Gopalian, near Village Bham, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 30.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 03.06.2024. Sd/- Judicial Magistrate- Ist Class, Hoshiarpur. CL24032732

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Karanvir Singh Maju Judicial Magistrate- Ist Class, Hoshiarpur Lucky s/o Mukh Raj R/o Village Puhiran, Hoshiarpur Versus Navjot Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Village Gopalian, near Village Bham, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur. NACT/82/2024 CNR No. PBHO03-000636-2024 Next Date: 30.07.2024 Publication issued to: Navjot Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Village Gopalian, near Village Bham, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 30.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 03.06.2024. Sd/- Judicial Magistrate- Ist Class, Hoshiarpur. CL24032732

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Hira Singh Gill Addl. Principal Judge, Family Court, Garhshankar Harbans Kaur @ Simran w/o Gurjit Singh s/o Tarlok Singh r/o VPO Bullowal, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur Versus Gurjit Singh s/o Late Tarlok Singh r/o Village Bullowal, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur at present residing at r/o Naestvedgade 41, 1 TV 2100 Kopenhangan, Denmark COM/193/2019 CNR No.: PBHO03-002804-2019 Next Date: 29.07.2024 U.S. 406, 420, 494, 506, 120B of Indian Penal Code Publication issued to: Gurjit Singh s/o Late Tarlok Singh r/o Village Bullowal, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur at present residing at r/o Naestvedgade 41, 1 TV 2100 Kopenhangan, Denmark In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 12.06.2024. Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge Ist Class, Hoshiarpur CL24032733

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Sh. Karanvir Singh Maju Judicial Magistrate- Ist Class, Hoshiarpur Harbans Kaur @ Simran w/o Gurjit Singh s/o Tarlok Singh r/o VPO Bullowal, Tehsil and District Hoshiarpur Versus Gurjit Singh s/o Late Tarlok Singh r/o Village Bullowal, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur at present residing at r/o Naestvedgade 41, 1 TV 2100 Kopenhangan, Denmark COM/193/2019 CNR No.: PBHO03-002804-2019 Next Date: 29.07.2024 U.S. 406, 420, 494, 506, 120B of Indian Penal Code Publication issued to: Gurjit Singh s/o Late Tarlok Singh r/o Village Bullowal, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur at present residing at r/o Naestvedgade 41, 1 TV 2100 Kopenhangan, Denmark In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 29.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=hoshiarpur Dated, this day of 12.06.2024. Sd/- Addl. Principal Judge Ist Class, Hoshiarpur CL24032733

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Vibha Rana Civil Judge (Jr. Division), Ludhiana State Bank of India Vs. Jagmohan Singh Aujla CNR No. PBLD02-014538-2023 Next Date: 26.07.2024 Suit for Recovery of Rs. 6,14,056/- Publication issued to: Jagmohan Singh Aujla s/o Hardeep Singh Aujla R/o H.No. 121, VPO Talwandi Khurd, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana-141101. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 26.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 09.07.2024. Sd/- Vibha Rana CJJ/JMIC/RC, Ludhiana CL24032734

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Mamta Mehmi Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana Parmod Kumar Jain Vs. Davinder Kumar CNR No. PBLD02-006526-2019 Next Date: 25.07.2024 Publication issued to: 1. Rohit Kumar (son) ii. Sanjogita (widow) both r/o H.No: 140, Bari Brahma Sambha, Distt. Jammu (J and K), U.T. Being Lrs of Davinder Kumar s/o Sh. Kuljras Rai r/o H.No. 3B 4B 5B, Gali No: 1, Raman Enclave Rishi Nagar Ludhiana (Since Deceased). In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 25.07.2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=ludhiana Dated, this day of 06.07.2024. Sd/- Mamta Mehmi Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana. CL24032742

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) In the Court of Ms. Vineta Luthra Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dera Bassi Rohit Misra Versus General Public CNR No.: PBSAB0-000957-2024 Next Date: 12.08.2024 Petition U/S 8(2) (a) of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act 1956 for permission to sell 1/3 RD share i.e. 1/6th share each of the minors Ryka Rohit Misra d/o Sh. Rohit Misra and Diaan Rohit s/o Sh. Rohit Misra in residential Apartment No. A-1003, 10th Floor, Tower A, Measuring 2250 sq ft Sushma Chandigarh Grande at Vill. Bhangarh, Zirakpur and Flat No. B-5-402 in Aloha Gurugram, Sector 57, Gurgaon, Haryana. Publication issued to: General Public In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 12.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=distrcnt\_notice&district=sasagar Dated, this day of 09.07.2024. Sd/- Ms. Vineta Luthra Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Dera Bassi CL24032768

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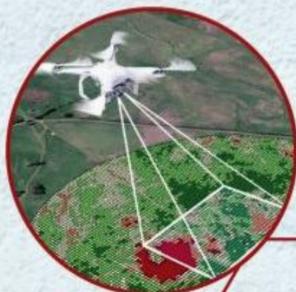
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Chief Guest

**Sh. Nayab Singh**

Chief Minister, Haryana



August Presence

**Sh. Subhash Sudha**

Minister of State, Urban Local Bodies (I.C.), Haryana

Date - 11th July, 2024

Time - 11 AM

Venue - Opposite DCP Office,  
IMT Chowk, Manesar, Gurugram



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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**Tender Reference No. XEN(SILt)/25 Dated: 10.7.2024**  
 The Department : Municipal Corporation, Amritsar  
 Closing Date and Time : Closing Date for NIT No. XEN(SILt) 26 is 22.7.2024 Time upto 5.00 PM  
 For details logon to : www.eproc.punjab.gov.in  
 Note:- Any corrigendum/addendum shall be published on the above said website only. Helpdesk No. 83608-84878  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer (Street Light) Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.  
 DPR/Pb/35509

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**Tender Reference No. 15 Dt. 10/07/2024**  
 The Department of Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar invites online bids for Tenders from eligible bidders enlisted with Punjab Mandi Board for following works Distt. Jalandhar:-  
 1. Re-construction of various roads damaged by sewerage board in Mehatpur town MC Mehatpur.  
 2. Repair of DB & CC flooring APF and Repair of roads in Purchase centre Malian Kalan, MC Nakodar.  
 Closing Date & Time : 26.07.2024 (12.00 A.M.)  
 For details Logon to : https://eproc.punjab.gov.in  
 Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Jalandhar.  
 DPR/Pb/35504

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**PUNJAB WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**  
 NIT No.: 37/PWS SB D-2/BTI Dated: 09.07.2024  
 The Department of Punjab W/S & Sewerage Board invites online bids for the following works:  

| Sr. No. | Item   | Amount in Lacs |
|---------|--|----------------|
| 1       | Providing House Service Connections by Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System at Rampura Phul Punjab, under AMRUT 2.0 Scheme   | Rs. 913.40     |
| 2       | Prov. Tap Connections to consumers, Extn. & Aug. of W/S System at Barwala for Distribution Network (AMRUT 2.0)   | 386.56         |
| 3       | Design, Build and Operation of 5.0 MLD STP, including its 5 year O&M and Rehabilitation of Existing 8.70 MLD & 3.50 MLD STP at Balamgarh Road and 5.70 MLD STP at Jallalabad Road and O&M of STPs for 5 years at Sri Muktsar Sahib, (AMRUT 2.0 Scheme) | Lumpsum        |

| Sr. No.                  | Closing date & time       | Opening date & time       | Pre Bid Meeting date and time |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sr. No. 1 (11th Attempt) | 05.08.2024 up to 11.00 AM | 05.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM | 23.07.2024 at 11:00 AM        |
| Sr. No. 2 (5th Attempt)  | 05.08.2024 up to 11.00 AM | 05.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM | 24.07.2024 at 11:00 AM        |
| Sr. No. 3 (4th Attempt)  | 05.08.2024 up to 11.00 AM | 05.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM | 25.07.2024 at 11:00 AM        |

 For detailed logon to : https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.  
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 Sd/-Executive Engineer, Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2, Bathinda.  
 DPR/Pb/35513

**HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
 Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block No. 37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009  
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**Public Notice**  
 1. In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (r) and (s) of sub-section (2) of section 181 read with sub-sections (5) to (7) of section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and as required by sub-section (3) of section 181 of the said act and Rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publications) Rules, 2005, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) proposes the draft amendment regulations i.e. HPERC (Short Term Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024.  
 The Copies of the aforesaid draft amendment regulations is available in the office of the Commission free of cost. Full text of draft amendment is also available on the HPERC's website: www.hperc.org and in the Rajpath, Himachal Pradesh published on 08 July 2024. Suggestions/objections together with the supporting material may be sent to the Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block-37, SDA Complex, Shimla-171009, so as to reach on or before 07 August 2024.  
 The suggestions/objections so filed (preferably six copies) should carry the full name and postal address; fax number and e-mail address, if any. The Commission shall not consider suggestions/objections received after the expiry of specified above date or which are found deficient in any of the above requirements.  
 By Order of the Commission  
 Sd/-  
 Secretary  
 HPERC  
 Place : Shimla  
 Dated : 10 July 2024

**JAWAHAR NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA THEOG, DISTT. SHIMLA (H.P.)**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Sealed tenders are invited from registered and reputed firms/suppliers having GSTIN/TIN for supply of Fresh Items (Vegetable, Fruits, Breads & sweets etc.), Dry ration items (Rice, atta, pulses, oils, spices etc.), Building Maintenance & Repair items, Daily Use items, Electrical Items, Washing & Ironing of uniforms, Computer/CCTV & RO AMC, water (Supply through Tanker), Hair Cutting Services, Tuck Shop Service for the year 2024-25 up to 31.07.2024. The Govt. agencies can participate in the tender process without depositing EMD and security money.  
 Tender form along with terms and conditions can be downloaded from 12.07.2024 to 01.08.2024 up to 12:00 Noon from our Vidyalya Website https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvs-school/SHIMLA/on/home/index.html. But it will be considered only on deposit of Rs. 500/- in the Vidyalya Bank Account No. 11286721718, SBI Theog, IFSC-SBIN0001075. Printed screen shot of every online payment must be attached with the tender form.  
 The tenders will be received only by Registered Post latest by 01.08.2024 up to 12:00 Noon and opened in the office of Principal JNV Theog Distt. Shimla (H.P.) on 05.08.2024 at 11:00 a.m before Vidyalya Purchase Advisory Committee. The tenderers are requested to ensure their presence on the tender opening day.  
**PRINCIPAL JNV THEOG (SHIMLA)**  
 DI-6950

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Deputy Chief Engineer/BR/Workshop, Northern Railway, Jalandhar Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-  

| S. Tender No.  | Name of work   | Approx Cost (Rs.) | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Date of opening | Bidding start date on IREPS | Cost of tender form (Rs.) | Completion of work |
|----------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| OT-15-JRC-2024 | Miscellaneous fabrication works like cutting, drilling holes, grinding, assembly of small members for full welding, allied works and CO2 Welding of different structural steel member by MIG/MAG (CO2) at Northern Railway Bridge Workshop, Jalandhar Cantt. | 1,81,45,095.00    | 2,30,700.00         | 30.07.2024      | 16.07.2024 to 30.07.2024    | 0                         | 09 Months          |

 Date & Time for submission of Tender and opening of tender: Up to 15:00 hrs. on dates shown against each and opening of tender thereafter at 15:00 hrs. on same date.  
 Website Particulars where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded: The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in  
 No.: 80-W/30/Bridges/Invitation Dated: 09.07.2024 2098/2024  
**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**OPEN TENDER NOTICE**  
 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.  

| S.No. | Name of work  | Approx. Cost (₹) | Bid Security (₹) | Period of Completion | Date of closing & Opening |
|-------|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.    | Horticulture work for upkeeping/maintenance of lawn, park etc. in the section of ADEN/UMB   | ₹49,50,493/-     | ₹99,000/-        | 12 Months            | 05.08.2024                |
| 2.    | Prov. of pf/walkway, steps, toe wall, stone pitching and other allied works of imp. Br. No. 245, 1317, 219, 242, 251, 263 on SRE-UMB sec. under ADEN/SRE. | ₹1,88,83,365/-   | ₹2,44,400/-      | 10 Months            | 05.08.2024                |
| 3.    | Phased Array Ultrasonic Testing (PAUT) for Flash Butt welds (FBW) over Ambala Division under ADEN/Track/UIMP  | ₹58,15,287/-     | ₹1,16,300/-      | 18 Months            | 05.08.2024                |

 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/ or 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.gov.in 5) GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.  
 Open Tender Notice No. NIT-16/UMB-2024-25 Dated: 10.07.2024 2102/2024  
**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**



The mangled remains of the bus after a mishap on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway in Unnao district on Wednesday. PTI

# 18 killed, 19 hurt as bus collides with milk tanker in UP's Unnao

6 of family, drivers of both vehicles among dead | ₹2L ex-gratia relief for kin

**UNNAO (UP), JULY 10**  
 Eighteen persons were killed and 19 injured when a double-decker sleeper bus headed for Delhi hit a milk tanker on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway here on Wednesday, officials said.  
 The accident took place around 5 am near Jajokit village in the Behta Mujhawar police station area. District Magistrate Gaurang Rathi said it appeared that the bus, which was coming from Motihari in Bihar, was speeding and hit the milk tanker from behind. A probe has been launched into the matter, he said. Rathi said 20 passengers who sustained minor injuries were sent to Delhi in another bus, which was carrying 60 persons.  
 Additional Director General of Police, Lucknow, SB Shi-

radkar said 14 men, three women and a child were killed in the accident. Bangarmau Circle Officer (CO) Arvind Kumar said due to the collision, both the bus and milk tanker overturned. The drivers of both vehicles were among the dead. He said the injured were rushed to a hospital and their condition was stated to be stable.  
 Glass shards and people's belongings lay scattered on the highway next to the overturned bus and milk tanker. Cranes were used to put the two vehicles back on their wheels and these were later towed away. The impact of the collision left the front portion of the bus badly mangled with one side ripped open.  
 "We were sleeping. I don't know what happened," said Mohd Shamim, a passenger

who sustained head injuries in the accident. Another passenger Dilshad, lost six of the eight family members he was travelling with. "We were sleeping at the time of the accident and woke up to find ourselves trapped inside the bus. Those who reached the spot were busy recording videos instead of helping us," Dilshad said.  
 He said the bus driver was speeding all night. Dilshad identified six members of his family who lost their lives in the accident - Ashfaq (45), Ruby (40), Gulnaz (12), Suhail (4), Sonu (32) and Soni (28).  
 Four other deceased were identified as bus driver Ekhlaj (49), milk tanker driver Sunil Kumar (35), Deepak Kumar (27) and Shivdayal (28).  
 Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath said officials had

been instructed to ensure the best treatment for the injured. "The loss of lives in a road accident in Unnao is extremely sad and heart-breaking. My condolences are with the bereaved families," he said in a post on X.  
 President Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi too condoled the loss of lives in the accident. The PM announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each for the injured. He said the local administration was extending all possible help to the victims under the supervision of the state government.  
 Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also expressed grief over the incident and urged the administration to provide all help to those affected. — PTI

# CBSE: Change in curriculum only for Classes III, VI

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
 The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Wednesday clarified that other than Classes III and VI, there is no change in the existing curriculum or textbooks. It instructed schools to continue using the same textbooks as the previous year for all classes, except for Classes III and VI.  
 "To allay any misgivings and for greater clarity, it is reiterated that for all classes other than III and VI, there is no change to the existing curriculum or textbooks. Schools are once again instructed to continue using the same textbooks for these classes as they did in the previous academic year (2023-24)," the CBSE said in a post on X. The board had given this information in March as well.  
 The CBSE has also emphasised the importance of adhering to the curriculum guidelines for Classes IX to XII, which include academic content, examination syllabi, learning outcomes, pedagogical practices and assessment guidelines.  
 Responding to reports stating that Class VI textbooks with revised curriculum would be available in two months, the CBSE said, "All Grade 6 textbooks will be

**WHAT'S NEW**  
**Class III:** Three new subjects - art education, physical education and world around us - introduced. Environmental Studies removed  
**Class VI:** Vocational education made mandatory in line with New Education Policy. In English textbook, Poorvi introduced. It contains more Indian prose. There is section on sports & wellness and culture & tradition  
 made available by the NCERT in July. The two-month deadline being referred to is incorrect. To provide adequate time to teachers and students for hands-on experiences under experiential learning perspectives and to ensure smooth transition for both teachers and students from old to new curriculum, the NCERT has already made available a month-long bridge programme in all 10 subject areas for Grade 6, which is being used for teaching at present."  
 It also clarified that title-wise demand of Class IX and XI textbooks received from Regional Production-cum-Distribution Centre (RPDC), Bangalore, has been met by the NCERT publication division and no shortage has been reported.

# Setup helpline on dengue: Nadda

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
 In the wake of rising dengue cases, Health Minister JP Nadda on Wednesday directed officials to create a 24x7 central helpline for dengue prevention and awareness,

and support for queries on symptoms, treatment protocol and help during emergency situation. States were also advised to operationalise similar helpline numbers, he said. — TNS

# Will comply with India's technology norms: German submarine maker

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
 German submarine manufacturer TKMS (Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems) on Wednesday said it was ready to comply with all transfer of technology requirements sought by India as part of its submarine deal under Project-75I, estimated to cost upwards of Rs 43,000 crore.  
 The TKMS is a partner with state-owned Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd, Mumbai, to make submarines. The joint venture of the TKMS and MDL is one of the two JV's shortlisted for the project.  
 Khalil Rahman, CEO, TKMS India Pvt Ltd, said,

"We are going to provide cutting edge technology that would include lithium-ion batteries and air independent propulsion (AIP)." The AIP allows a submarine to remain sub-merged underwater for longer periods. "Our AIP is the best in class," he claimed.  
 The transfer of Technology, which requires a deeper transfer of knowledge, is increasingly important. Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems has experience in different forms of both ToT and localisation of product. Different models have been implemented by the TKMS in Italy, Israel, South Korea, Brazil, the company said.  
 Rahman said the Mazagon

Dock Shipbuilders Ltd was the only shipyard uniquely experienced in submarine construction in India. The TKMS was initially not inclined to bid for P-75I due to its scope and complexity, but was later convinced by the German government to bid for it. The Ukraine war and change in Europe's security outlook also contributed to the German government's interest in expanding defence cooperation.  
 The company has contributed to indigenous design, autonomy in maintenance or manufacturing, development of an export industry, stronger bilateral cooperation and increased security.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inspects flood-affected areas in Lakhimpur Kheri. ANI

# 600 UP VILLAGES FLOODED; 19 DIE IN RAIN-RELATED MISHAPS

More than 600 villages in 12 districts of Uttar Pradesh were affected by floods, while 19 persons were killed in rain-related incidents in 24 hours.  
 From 6:30 pm on Tuesday to 6:30 pm on Wednesday, 16 persons were killed after being struck by lightning and two drowned. One person died after being

bitten by a snake, officials said.  
 Rain has resulted in a rise in water level in several rivers, resulting in floods in 633 villages of 12 districts. CM Yogi Adityanath visited some flood-affected areas in Lakhimpur Kheri and Pilibhit districts. He took stock of relief material being provided in these areas. PTI

# WB man thrashed on kangaroo court diktat

**HOWRAH (WB), JULY 10**  
 A businessman in West Bengal's Howrah district was allegedly assaulted and his house vandalised after a kangaroo court session was convened by a local panchayat pradhan and TMC leader to resolve his marital dispute.  
 Two persons were arrested for their alleged involvement in the incident that occurred on Tuesday, the police said.  
 The businessman, identified as Sahabuddin Sepai, had agreed to participate in the kangaroo court session to

resolve the dispute. During the session, Kandua gram panchayat pradhan and local TMC leader Khalil Ahmed confronted Sepai and abruptly left with his associates after a heated argument.  
 Soon after they left, a mob allegedly led by Ahmed beat up the man and vandalised his house, they said. "Two persons have been arrested. Efforts are on to trace other accused named in an FIR," the officer said. Ahmed claimed that he had left the session before violence erupted. — PTI

# Rahul's claim on 'overworked' loco pilots false: Govt

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
 Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Wednesday said the average duty hours duration of loco pilots was less than 8 hours in June.  
 Amid a controversy triggered by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent meeting with loco pilots in Delhi, Vaishnaw, in a statement on X, gave a point-by-point rebuttal to Rahul's allegations saying duty hours of loco pilots were carefully monitored and rest was provided after trips.  
 Rahul had alleged loco pilots were forced to work for 16 hours a day. Vaishnaw, without naming Rahul, accused the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha of spreading misinformation and doing theatrics to demotivate loco pilots. Vaishnaw said only under exigencies does the trip duration exceed the prescribed hours. — TNS

# 'Jobs now part of political debates, thanks to Cong'

**SHUBHADEEP CHOUDHURY**  
 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
 Thanks to the Congress' aggressive campaign against the Modi government, jobs have emerged as an important issue in political debates, claimed party's general secretary in charge of communications Jairam Ramesh.  
 Accusing PM Narendra Modi of systematic "bludgeoning" MSMEs and informal businesses, Ramesh said, "For all the hype and bluster of the 'Make in India' initiative, manufacturing jobs reduced to 3.06 crore in FY23 from 3.6 crore in FY16. The PM oversaw the destruction of India's manufacturing which is the country's ticket to solving unemployment problem and sustaining middle-income status."  
 Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge also recently slammed the Modi govern-

**Employment in manufacturing sector has declined: Ramesh**  
 ment over the issue. Citing NSSO's survey, Kharge said in the manufacturing sector, 54 lakh jobs were lost in unincorporated units in the seven years between 2015 and 2023.  
 "The only mission the Modi government is to keep the youth jobless," Kharge alleged, adding a recent report by IIM Lucknow also showed high unemployment among the educated and low participation of women. Sources said the barrage of statements from the Congress forced the labour ministry to issue a press release, saying the Periodic Labour Force Survey data showed an increase in Labour Force Participation Rate and Worker Population Ratio and a declining unemployment rate.

**ਪੈਸ਼ੂ ਰੋਡ ਟਰਾਂਸਪੋਰਟ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ**  
**ਬੋਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਬੋਲੀ**  
 ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਿਤੀ 16.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸਮਾਂ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਟੀ.ਸੀ., ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਆਏ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਬੱਸ ਸਟੇਂਡ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਮਾਂ ਮੰਡੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਾਲੀ ਦੁਕਾਨਾਂ/ਸਟਾਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਟੀ.ਸੀ., ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਰੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੀ ਚਾਰਜਾਨ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਉਕਤ ਮਿਤੀ, ਸਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨ 'ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਬੋਲੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਦੱਖੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਬੋਲੀ ਕੌਂਸਲ/ਅੰਗੇ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਟੀ.ਸੀ., ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਕੋਲ ਰਾਖਵਾਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਵਿਵਿਧ ਅੰਗ ਵਿਆਕਰਣੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਰਾਖਵਾਂ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਆਚਾਰ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕੰਮ ਵਾਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਫੋਨ ਨੰ. 0164-2215417 'ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ।  
 ਸਹੀ - ਜਨਰਲ ਮੈਨੇਜਰ, ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਟੀ.ਸੀ., ਬਠਿੰਡਾ  
 DPR/Pb/35497

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**Tender Reference No.: Tender No. 02 of 2024-2025**  
 The Department of : Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division  
 Gurdaspur invites Bid for Civil Work.  
 Closing Date & Time : Closing Date: 27.07.2024 Time up to 5.00 PM  
 For Detail login to : (<https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>)  
**Note:** -Any corrigendum(s)/addendum, to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
 Punjab W/S & Sew. Division,  
 Gurdaspur.  
 DPR/Pb/35526

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**e-Procurement Notice Invitation for Bids (IFB)**  
 The Executive Engineer, Daulatpur Chowk Division, HPPWD, Daulatpur Chowk - 177204 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on percentage rate in electronic tendering system in 2 covers for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved class of Contractors/Firm registered with HPPWD.  

| Sr. No. | Name of Work  | Estimated Cost | Earnest Money | Time Limit    | Cost of Form | Class of Contractor |
|---------|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1       | Up gradation on L051-T05 NMT to Mubankpur from Km. 0/0 to 3/000 Under PMGSY Package No. HP-12-163 (SH:- Routine maintenance in Km. 0/0 to 3/000) PMGSY Batch-II | 1010701.00     | 20000.00      | Thirty Months | 500/-        | C & D               |
| 2       | C/O Link Road Harijan Basti Abheypur Km 0/0 to 2/600 (SH:- C/O 10.00 Meter Span RCC Slab Culvert over Abheypur Khad at Rd 0/700) UNDER SCDDP                    | 2038290.00     | 41000.00      | Six Months    | 500/-        | C & D               |

- Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission. The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>
- The bidders are advised to note the other details of the tenders from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>

**Key Dates:**

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| 1 Date/Time of Online Publication                                  | 16.07.2024 (10.00 A.M.)                            |
| 2 Documents download Start and End Date/Time                       | 16.07.2024 (10.00 A.M.)<br>23.07.2024 (05.00 P.M.) |
| 3 Bid submission Start and End Date/Time                           | 16.07.2024 (10.00 A.M.)<br>23.07.2024 (05.00 P.M.) |
| 4 Physical submission of receipt of EMD & Cost of Tender Documents | 24.07.2024 (10.30 A.M.)                            |
| 5 Date of Technical Bid opening                                    | 24.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.                           |

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.  
 The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
 Daulatpur Chowk Division,  
 HPPWD, Daulatpur Chowk.  
 DPR/HP/677

**TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Karsog invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through offline process:-  
**Job No.1** Providing LWSS Behna Khad to Balidhar, Gawalpur, Teban, Sarahan & Sanarli in Tehsil Karsog, (SH: C/O PCC R/Wall 15 mtrs to protect the main Storage Tank at Koti Dhar), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 318741/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 6375/-, Time:- Three Months, Job No.2 PLWSS Gawalpur Teban Sarahan in Tehsil Karsog, (SH: C/O wire grate at Shakeled for restoration of PLWSS NC/C habitation of Gawalpur, Teban and Sarahan), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 371810/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 7336/-, Time:- Three Months, Job No.3 Annual Repair & Maintenance of Water Testing Laboratory Sub-Division Karsog, (SH: Running, Operation and Maintenance of Water Testing Laboratory for Six Months), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 494895/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 9898/-, Time:- Six Months, Job No. 4 Providing LWSS Behna Khad to Balidhar, Sanarli & Gawalpur Teban Sarahan in Tehsil Karsog, (SH: C/O R/Wall from RD 0 to 24 = 24 mtrs in front of Pump House), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 491294/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 9826/-, Time:- Three Months, Job No.5 Providing LWSS Behna Khad to Balidhar Gawalpur Teban Sarahan & Sanarli in Tehsil Karsog, (SH: Providing, Laying Jointing and Testing of GI Pipe 20mm dia from RD 2000 to 2500 = 500 Rmt and 15mm from RD 2500 to 3200 = 700 Rmt, RD 0 to 600 1000/0 to 1200 = 200 Rmt), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 213659/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 4273/-, Time:- Three Months, Job No.6 Operation and Maintenance of various WSS under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Karsog, (SH: Operation and Maintenance of WSS Karsog, WSS Kao, WSS Matehal Bagaila & WSS Alyad Distribution Network 3 Nos. Beldar for Six Months), Estimated Cost:- Rs. 296044/- Earnest Money:- Rs. 5921/-, Time:- Three Months Date of opening of tender 18-07-2024 at 03.30 PM.  
 1. Last date of sale of tender from divisional office 18-07-2024 upto 12:00 PM  
 2. The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hpiph.org](http://www.hpiph.org) or from office of above Executive Engineer upto date specified above.  
 Executive Engineer,  
 Jal Shakti Division Karsog,  
 Distt. Mandi HP  
 DPR/HP/686 HIM SUCHNA AVM JAN SAMPARAK

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**(INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB))**  
**(e-Procurement Module)**  
 The Executive Engineer, Chamba Division, HPPWD Chamba H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.  

| Sr. No. | Name of works   | Estimated Cost (Rs.) | Earnest Money (Rs.) | Cost of tender form (Rs.) | Class | Completion period |
|---------|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1       | 2   | 3                    | 4                   | 5                         | 6     | 7                 |
| 1       | Extension of Mangla Tapoon jeepable road km 9/855 to 12/855 (SH:- Formation cutting work at km 9/855 to 11/850)                     | 27,02,237/-          | 54,100/-            | 1,500/-                   | D & C | Six Months        |
| 2       | Construction of Kirt to Athluin road Km. 0/0 to 1/225 (SH:- Construction of Retaining wall at Rd 0/680 to 0/695 and 0/695 to 0/725) | 20,81,488/-          | 42,000/-            | 500/-                     | D & C | Two Months        |
| 3       | Restoration of rain damages on Chamba Sahoo road Km. 0/0 to 1/60 (SH:- Construction of PCC R/wall at Rd 3/222 to 3/229)             | 4,65,510/-           | 9300/-              | 350/-                     | D & C | One Month         |
| 4       | Extension of Kolka Jatkar road from Langha to Jatkar Km. 0/0 to 1/00 (SH:- Formation cutting at RD 0/0 to 0/680)                    | 30,47,975/-          | 61,000/-            | 1500/-                    | D & C | Two Months        |
| 5       | Construction of Link road to village Charjuin Km. 0/0 to 1/750 (SH:- Construction of 3.00 mtrs span RCC culvert at Rd 0/080)        | 8,54,876/-           | 17,500/-            | 350/-                     | D & C | Two Months        |
| 6       | AR & M/O Sultanpur Division road Km. 0/0 to 1/250 (SH:- Construction of PCC U-shape Drain at RD 0/0 to 0/185)                       | 5,79,160/-           | 11,600/-            | 350/-                     | D & C | Two Months        |
| 7       | Construction of Chungari to Faneta road Km. 0/0 to 1/500 (SH:- Formation cutting at RD 0/460 to 1/500)                              | 44,50,352/-          | 90,000/-            | 1500/-                    | D & C | Three Months      |

**KEY DATES:**

- Starting Date for downloading : 12/07/2024 at 10.00 AM
- Deadline for submission of Bid : 19/07/2024 at 11.00 AM
- Date of Technical bid opening : 19/07/2024 at 11.30 AM

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons thereof.  
 The Bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)  
 On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
 Chamba Division, HPPWD Chamba,  
 Pin-176310, Tel:01899-222229  
 Email:-ee-chamba@nic.in  
 DPR/HP/699

**M.L. PURI SCHOOL OF EMINENCE**  
**MULLANPUR GARIBDAS (SAS NAGAR)**  
**TENDER NOTICE FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT**  
 Invites sealed tenders from Reputed Transport Contractors to provide **Four Wheelers Transport Service for session 2024-25 with Driver and Lady Attendant** also in the Radius of 20 KM for Different Routes within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.  
**PRINCIPAL CHAIRMAN, SMC**  
**CONTACT: 70092 63140, 94646 52467**

**PUNJAB MANDI BOARD**  
**NOTICE INVITING ONLINE**  
 E-Mail-pmb.xencpat@punjab.gov.in  
**BIDS Tender Notice No: 16 Dated: 10-07-2024**  
 On The behalf of Punjab Mandi Board, Department, Executive Engineer (C), Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala invites bids from Eligible bidders:-  
 For Special Repair of Link Road Dakala-Karhali Road to Nanasu Chowk M.C. Dakala Halqa Samana (Approx: Amount 61.796 Lac)  
**Closing Date & Time: 26-07-2024 at 11.00 AM.**  
**For Detail Login to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>**  
**Note:-** Any corrigendum to the Tender Notice shall be published on the above website only.  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),  
 Punjab Mandi Board, Patiala.  
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**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਸਪਲਾਈਜ਼ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਿਟਿਡ, ਬਠਿੰਡਾ**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
 ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਸੰਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਵਿਭਾਗ : ਪਨਸਪ  
 ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਵੇਰਵਾ : ਐਲ.ਪੀ.ਸੀ. ਦੇ ਭਰੇ ਗੈਸ ਸਿਲੰਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਫਿਲੀਵਰੀ ਲਈ ਟੈਂਕੇਦਾਰ ਦੀ ਨਿਯੁਕਤੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ।  
 ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਅਯੋਜਨਾ ਰਕਮ : 50,000/-  
 ਸਕਿਊਰਿਟੀ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ : 2,00,000/- (ਸਵਲ ਟੈਂਡਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਬਿਆਨੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਭਾਵ 50,000 ਰੁਪਏ ਸਕਿਊਰਿਟੀ ਵਿਚ ਅਭਿਸ਼ਪਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।)  
 ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਖੇਤਰ : ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ  
 ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਮਿਤੀਆਂ : ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਫਾਰਮ 12.07.2024 ਸਵੇਰੇ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੋਂ 22.07.2024 ਸ਼ਾਮ 3 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਸ਼ਬਿਮਿਟ ਹੋਣਗੇ।  
 ਤਕਨੀਕੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 23.07.2024 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11 ਵਜੇ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
 ਟੈਂਡਰ ਦੇ ਸੰਦਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਵਿਸਤ੍ਰਿਤ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> ਤੇ [www.punsub.gov.in](http://www.punsub.gov.in) 'ਤੇ ਵੇਖੋ।  
 ਸਿੱਖ ਸੇਵਕ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> 'ਤੇ ਜਾਚੀ ਗੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
 Sd/- Executive Engineer (C),  
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**ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ**  
 ਹਰ ਆਮ/ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਦੀਆਂ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੀਆਂ ਸੜਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਚੌੜਾਈ ਨੂੰ 60 ਫੁੱਟ ਚੌੜਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰੀ ਘੋਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ।  
 1) ਬਾਕੋਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ (ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ)  
 2) ਮੇਨ ਟਿੱਬਾ ਰੋਡ (ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ)  
 3) ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਰੋਡ ਤੋਂ ਮੇਨ ਭਾਮੀਆਂ ਰੋਡ (ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ)  
 4) ਮੇਨ ਟਿੱਬਾ ਰੋਡ ਬਾਕੋਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ (ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ)  
 5) ਬਾਕੋਵਾਲ ਨਗਰ ਤੋਂ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਾਕੋਵਾਲ ਅਵਾਣਾ ਦੇ ਸੁਆ ਰੋਡ ਦੀ ਪੁਲੀ ਤੱਕ (ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ)  
 ਉਕਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੇਕਰ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸੁਝਾਅ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ 30 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਜ਼ੋਨ-ਬੀ, ਸਰਾਬਾ ਨਗਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇੱਥੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼/ਸੁਝਾਅ ਮੰਨਣਯੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਣਗੇ।  
 ਵੱਲੋਂ:-  
 ਨਗਰ ਨਿਗਮ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।  
 DPR/Pb/35511

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**  
**Civil Writ Petition No. 36988 of 2019 (O&M)**  
**Municipal Corporation Jalandhar** Petitioner(s)  
**Versus**  
**Gurcharan Singh and Others** Respondent(s)  
 Notice to:-  
 01. Gurcharan Singh son of Jaswant Singh, Resident of House No. 4A/2, Cheema Nagar, Jalandhar.  
 02. Baljeet Kaur wife of Gurcharan Singh, Resident of House No. 4A/2, Cheema Nagar, Jalandhar.  
 03. Jaspreet Kaur daughter of Gurcharan Singh, Resident of House No. 4A/2, Cheema Nagar, Jalandhar.  
 Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the above named respondents cannot be served under Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC in an ordinary manner so notice is hereby issued against them to appear in this Court on 27.08.2024 (Actual), personally or through some one authorised by law failing which it will be heard and decided in their absence.  
 Given under my hand and seal of this Court the 24th Day of May, 2024.  
**BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**  
 Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT (WRITS)  
 For Assistant Registrar (Wrifs)  
 DPR/Pb/35536

**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ**  
**ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੰ: 2**  
 ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਲੱਗੇ ਇਲੈਕਟ੍ਰੀਕਲ ਵੱਧਰਿੰਗ (ਕਪਿਸਟੀ 30 ਟਨ) ਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਲਈ ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰਿੰਗ (e-Tendering) ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਲੀਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ।  
 ਈ-ਟੈਂਡਰ ਭਰਨ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਮਿਤੀ : 30.07.2024  
 ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਲਾਗੂਆਨ ਕਰੋ : [www.eproc.punjab.gov.in](http://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in)  
 ਨੋਟ:- ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਲਈ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਵੇਰਵਾ (corrigendum) ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵੈੱਬਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।  
 DPR/Pb/35530 ਸਹੀ/- ਉਪ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮੰਡੀ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ-ਕਮ-ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਮਾਰਕੀਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਮਾਨਸਾ।

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
**GREATER MOHALI AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**PUDA Bhawan, Sector 62, SAS Nagar**  
**Tender Reference No.: GMADA/DE(H-1)/2024/1286-1301 Dated 09-07-2024**  
 Divisional Engineer (H-1), GMADA invites online bids for "Maintenance of plant nursery Sector-63, S.A.S. Nagar. (From 01-04-2024 to 31.03.2025)."  
 Closing date & time: 23-07--2024 at 12:00 Noon  
 For details login to: <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
**NOTE:** Any corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.  
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**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
 Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001  
 Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813  
 Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No: 96461-23609)  
**Tender Enquiry No. CCM/JIT-04, 05/2024-2025 Date: 09.07.2024**  
 The office of Sr. XEN, Civil Construction and Maintenance Division, Shakti Sadan, PSPCL, Jalandhar invites open tender for the following works:-  
 1. Repair of stubs of 66KV tower lines/Rail pole lines under O&M Division, Kapurthala. (CCM/JIT-04/2024-2025).  
 2. Repair of damaged CTS foundation using retrofitting at 66 KV Naugaja. (CCM/JIT-05/2024-2025).  
 For more details of tender of work mentioned at Sr. No. 1 please visit the official site <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> and for details of tender of work mentioned at Sr. No. 2, please visit the official site <https://www.pspcl.in> on 12.07.2024 after 12:00 Noon.  
**Note:** - Corrigendum and Addendum, if any, will be incorporated subsequently at the same website.  
 DPR/Pb/35517 C41624

**हरियाणा सरकार**

**हम किसानों को सोलर पंप की सुविधा दे रहे हैं, खेतों के किनारे सोलर पैनल लगाने में मदद कर रहे हैं और इससे अज्जदाता, ऊर्जादाता भी बन रहा है। किसान के खर्च में भी कमी आई है और उसे कमाई का एक अतिरिक्त साधन भी मिला है।**

**- नरेन्द्र मोदी**

**प्रधानमंत्री किसान ऊर्जा सुरक्षा एवं उत्थान महाभियान**

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पोर्टल पर

**11.07.2024**

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**25.07.2024**

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**अधिक जानकारी के लिए**

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अदाय ऊर्जा भवन, सेक्टर-17, पंचकूला Ph: 0172-3504085  
 ई-मेल: [hareda@chd.nic.in](mailto:hareda@chd.nic.in), Website: [www.hareda.gov.in](http://www.hareda.gov.in)

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## GLOBE TROT



A drone view shows a damaged residence in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl in Surfside Beach, Texas, US. REUTERS

## Hurricane Beryl hammers Houston, derails life

**HOUSTON:** Hurricane Beryl has plunged Houston into a state of turmoil, with widespread power outages, impassable streets and a community grappling with the aftermath of a devastating natural disaster. With no power, phone connections, gas to run cars, cancelled flights and scorching heat, Houston, the fourth-largest city of the US, has come to a standstill. PTI

## Endangered Chinese pangolin born in Prague

**PRAGUE:** A second Chinese pangolin was born in the Prague zoo in less than two years and is doing well, defying the odds and surprising park officials. The female of the critically endangered mammal was born July 1, the second Chinese pangolin born in captivity in Europe following her sister, Cone, in February last year. AP

## Israel asks Gazans to vacate city; mediators meet in Doha

DEIR AL-BALAH, JULY 10

The Israeli military urged all Palestinians to leave Gaza City and head south on Wednesday, pressing ahead with a fresh offensive across the north, south and centre of the embattled territory that has killed dozens of people over the past 48 hours.

The stepped up military activity came as US, Egyptian and Qatari mediators were meeting with Israeli officials in the Qatari capital, Doha, for talks trying to push through a long-elusive ceasefire deal with Gaza's Hamas militant group.

Israel says it is pursuing Hamas fighters regrouping in various parts of Gaza nine months into the military's devastating offensive. But heavy strikes in recent days along the length of the territory also could be aimed at hiking up pressure on Hamas in the cease-fire efforts.

Israel ordered residents of



Palestinians walk past houses destroyed in an Israeli military offensive in Khan Younis, Gaza, on Wednesday. REUTERS

northern Gaza, including Gaza City, to flee south months ago as it operated in the area. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have remained in the hard-hit north, and many Palestinians say they have nowhere to go.

Most of Gaza's 2.3 million people are crammed into squalid tent camps in central

and southern Gaza. Israel informed people in Gaza of the evacuation order by dropping leaflets urging "all those in Gaza City" to take two "safe routes" south to the area around the central town of Deir al-Balah. Gaza City, it said, will "remain a dangerous combat zone."

In the second straight night

of deadly strikes in central Gaza, Israeli bombardment on early Wednesday hit four houses in the town of Deir al-Balah and the nearby Nuseirat refugee camp, killing 20 Palestinians. Among the dead were six children and three women, said authorities at al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where the casualties were taken.

An Associated Press reporter counted the bodies. The house hit in Deir al-Balah was located inside the "humanitarian safe zone" where Israel has told Palestinians to flee for refuge.

Israel's onslaught was triggered by Hamas' cross-border raid on October 7, during which militants killed 1,200 people in southern Israel, most of them civilians. The militants took roughly 250 people hostage. About 120 are still in captivity, with about a third said to be dead. — AP

## Biden, NATO set to unveil Ukraine aid

WASHINGTON, JULY 10

US President Joe Biden and leaders of other NATO member states are poised to unveil new aid and reiterate a membership pledge for Ukraine at a summit in Washington after the US leader vowed to defend Kyiv against Russia's invasion.

A draft communique prepared for the meeting of the 32-nation alliance said the allies intend to provide Ukraine with minimum funding of 40 billion euros (\$43.28 billion) in military aid within the next year, but stopped short of the multi-year commitment NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg had sought.

The draft seen by Reuters also strengthened past NATO language on China, calling it a "decisive enabler" of Russia's war effort in Ukraine and saying Beijing continues to pose systemic challenges to Euro-Atlantic security.

Stoltenberg told reporters he expected allies will agree a

“The package would involve a new NATO command for Ukraine to provide security assistance and training, and a long-term pledge to continue and sustain support for Kyiv.”

Jens Stoltenberg, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL

“substantial” package for Ukraine and would expand other partnerships particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

He said the package would involve a new NATO command for Ukraine to provide security assistance and training, and a long-term pledge to continue and sustain support for Kyiv. NATO members have already announced the delivery of five additional Patriot and other strategic air defence systems to help Ukraine. — Reuters

## Le Pen accuses hard left of inciting 'Capitol Hill-style' protest in France

PARIS, JULY 10

French far-right party leader Marine Le Pen on Wednesday drew parallels between a hard-left politician's call for a march towards the prime minister's office and the assault on Capitol Hill by supporters of former US President Donald Trump.

The comments marked a hardening of language by Le Pen, who has framed tactical voting in Sunday's inconclusive parliamentary ballot as an establishment plot to keep her party out of power.

The left-wing New Popular Front (NFP) unexpectedly won most seats but with no



Marine Le Pen (C) with her party lawmakers. REUTERS

group having gained an absolute majority, France has been plunged into uncertainty, with no obvious path to a stable government.

"It's their assault on the Capitol," Le Pen added, in a reference to when Trump

supporters stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, in a bid to overturn his election defeat. The hard left France Unbowed, which is part of the NFP, immediately rejected her accusation.

## President Macron calls for mainstream coalition

President Emmanuel Macron today called on mainstream parties to join forces to form a solid majority in the National Assembly. "Let us place our hope in the ability of our political leaders to demonstrate sense, harmony and calm in your interest, and that of the country," he wrote. — Reuters

## Biden ally Pelosi raises doubts about his race, Clooney asks him to end campaign

WASHINGTON, JULY 10

US President Joe Biden must decide quickly whether to stay in the 2024 White House race, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a long-time Biden ally, said on Wednesday while declining to say definitively that she wanted him to run.

In an opinion piece published on Wednesday in the New York Times, Hollywood star George Clooney, a Democrat who co-hosted a fundraiser for Biden last month, withdrew his support.

Pelosi's remarks, which ignored Biden's repeated insistence that he remains in



Joe Biden

the race, suggested he could face a fresh wave of doubts from fellow Democrats.

For nearly two weeks the 81-year-old Biden has sought to stem defections by Democ-

atic lawmakers, donors and other allies worried he might lose the Nov 5 vote to Republican Donald Trump, 78, after Biden's halting June 27 debate performance.

Pelosi said on MSNBC she was encouraging her colleagues on Capitol Hill with concerns about Biden to refrain from airing them while he hosts NATO leaders in Washington this week.

"I've said to everyone: let's just hold off. Whatever you're thinking, either tell somebody privately, but you don't have to put that out on the table until we see how we go this

week," she said, describing Biden's strong remarks at the NATO summit on Tuesday as "spectacular". "We're all encouraging him to make that decision because time is running short."

In his opinion piece, Clooney wrote: "It's devastating to say it... He wasn't even the Joe Biden of 2020. He was the same man we all witnessed at the debate," Clooney wrote. "We are not going to win in November with this president. On top of that, we won't win the House, and we're going to lose the Senate." — Reuters

## B'desh, China sign 21 MoUs as Hasina meets Xi

BEIJING, JULY 10

Bangladesh PP Sheikh Hasina met President Xi Jinping and her Chinese counterpart Li Qiang here today as the two countries signed 21 agreements, MoUs and announced seven more projects.

During the meetings, both countries agreed to elevate their "strategic partnership" to a "comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership".

China will help Bangladesh economically in four ways by giving grants, interest-free loans, concessional loans and commercial loans, Xi said during the bilateral meeting with Hasina. — PTI

## BUSINESS

| USD \$ | EURO € | POUND £ | JPY ¥ | YUAN ¥ | CAD C\$ | AUD A\$ | SGD S\$ | HKD HK\$ |
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| ₹83.52 | ₹90.43 | ₹107.31 | ₹0.51 | ₹11.48 | ₹61.36  | ₹56.33  | ₹61.94  | ₹10.69   |



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NSE

-108.75  
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GOLD

₹73,200  
Mumbai (MCX)

SILVER

₹94,500  
Mumbai (MCX)

## Tata Motors, Mahindra cut SUV prices

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have cut the prices of their SUV models to boost demand. Tata Motors has revised the starting prices of its flagship SUVs, Harrier (Rs 14.99 lakh) and Safari (Rs 15.49 lakh). Mahindra & Mahindra said its XUV700's fully-loaded AX7 range now starts at Rs 19.49 lakh, a price cut of over Rs 2 lakh. — PTI

## Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 3.86% in May

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

The All-India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) saw a modest increase of 0.5 points in May, reaching 139.9 as compared to 139.4 in April. Labour Ministry data revealed today.

The main contributors to the current index increase were food & beverages, pan, supari, tobacco, and intoxicants and further clothing and footwear group.

As per the monthly compilation by the Labour Bureau, which collects retail prices from 317 markets across 88 key industrial centres nationwide, wholesale food prices have increased month-on-month in May, with official data showing that the Whole Price Index for food rose from

5.52% in April to 7.40% in May. Despite the month-on-month rise, the year-on-year inflation rate for May 2024 showed a slight moderation, standing at 3.86%, compared to 4.42% in May 2023. In April 2024, the CPI-IW also rose by 0.5 points, reaching 139.4, with a year-on-year inflation rate of 3.87%, down from 5.09% in April 2023. — TNS

## Realty sector seeks industry status, higher tax relief for home buyers

## BUDGET EXPECTATIONS

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

As Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman prepares to present the maiden budget of Modi 3.0, the real estate sector has a lot of hope from it. While the sector is looking at a robust growth in 2024, it also expects the Union Budget 2024 to play a supportive role in propelling the growth. Let's have a look at what they expect from the Union Budget:

## Grant industry status

According to real estate players, this is an appropriate time to award industry status to the real estate sector so that it can avail cheaper credit facilities from financial institutions. "Granting Industry status to real estate will attract investments and streamline regulations," said Pradeep Aggarwal, Founder & Chairman - Signature Global (India) Ltd & Chairman - Assocham National Council on Real Estate, Housing and



Urban Development. The move will benefit the economy and also will give fillip to employment generation.

## Single window system

A simplified single-window clearance system will expedite project approvals, reduce delays, and enhance overall project execution. It has been in demand by developers for many years now but they are anticipating that it would be really great if the government introduces it in the upcoming budget. This will considerably reduce delays thereby benefitting all stakeholders including the government, developers as well as end users i.e. home buyers.

## Revise GST input tax credit

Revising the GST input tax credit rules will reduce property prices and increase transparency. In addition to this, a GST waiver for under-construction properties, and incentives for private investment in affordable housing sector will be enabling.

## Tax relief to buyers

The tax relief will eventually lead to more liquidity in the hands of the buyers. The developers expect that the upcoming budget should provide greater benefits to the salaried class as they have played a pivotal role in record-high direct tax collections. One such step would be

## Hike in urban infra allocation

Increased budget allocations for urban infrastructure and lower stamp duty rates for property transactions or waiver for first time home buyer from stamp duty will stimulate real estate growth.

## Reintroduce CLSS scheme

Given the government's ongoing push for housing for all, the developers also anticipate the relaunch of the CLSS (Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme), which will boost housing demand across various segments. Also, they wish that the definition of affordable housing to include homes up to Rs 75 lakh with a larger carpet area of 90 sq meters.

## Industry body urges FM to check rising gold, silver import from UAE

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

Amid surge in imports of gold and silver from the UAE under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), All India Jewellers & Goldsmith Federation has approached Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for reevaluation and revision of concessional duty rates granted under the CEPA.

Industry insiders said the problem was not only affecting the current account deficit but also the small traders and manufacturers as the entire trade was dominated by a few players.

According to the data, between FY 2023 and FY 2024, gold and silver imports increased by 210 per cent. India's imports of gold and silver from the UAE jumped to USD 10.7 billion in 2023-24, while total silver imports stood at USD 5.4 billion.



"The main reason for this sharp increase is the import duty concession given on import of these metals from the UAE specifically concession of 7 per cent have been given on silver and 1 per cent on gold. Further the ban imposed by DGFT on import of gold jewellery from other countries has further increased imports from the UAE," said Pankaj Arora, President of the Federation.

This policy framework has led to a sharp increase in import from the UAE which had negative impact on India's trade deficit, he said.

Nitin Kedia, National General Secretary of ALJGF, said: "The UAE does not produce

gold and silver but only melts and re-melts these metals and export them. Hence, the concession given on imports are leading to revenue loss for India and this trade deficit may shift to countries which get bigger concessions than India."

He said additionally, due to higher price and high import duties, there was a possibility of abuse in the trade of gold and silver at low duty. High imports duties on gold and silver and jewellery at 15 per cent were at the root cause of problem. The jewellers requested the finance minister to reduce it to 5 per cent. "This will prevent large scale duty evasion," Kedia said.

"We have requested the Union finance minister to re-evaluate and revise the concessional duty rates granted under the CEPA to curb the surge in gold and silver imports by introducing annual quotas for silver," he said.

## Market tumbles amid selling pressure

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CHANDIGARH, JULY 10

Retail investors, who got used to seeing their portfolio going up almost every day, were in shock as benchmark equity indices came under considerable selling pressure on Wednesday.

The BSE Sensex fell 916 points intraday, before recovering some of the losses to end at 79,924.77, down 426.87 points or 0.53 per cent. Similarly, the Nifty50 hit an intraday low of 24,141 before ending at 24,324.45, down 108.75 points or 0.45 per cent.

According to analysts, the Nifty opened flat to a positive note on Wednesday in line with global markets, but thereafter the index has witnessed profit booking and remained under pressure. Finally, Nifty settled the day on a negative note at 24,324.

The BSE MidCap and SmallCap indices declined nearly 2% each intraday.

## Patanjali asked to deposit ₹50L for breach of HC order

MUMBAI, JULY 10

The Bombay HC has directed Patanjali Ayurved to deposit Rs 50 lakh for alleged breach of the HC's interim order restraining it from selling its camphor products, in relation to a trademark infringement case filed by another company.

Following trademark infringement allegations by Mangalam Organics Ltd, the HC in an interim order in August 2023 restrained Patanjali Ayurved Ltd from selling its camphor products.

A single bench of Justice R I Chagla on July 8 noted that

Patanjali, in an affidavit submitted in June, admitted breach of the earlier order granting injunction against sale of the impugned camphor products.

"Such persistent breach of the injunction order dated 30th August 2023 by defen-

dant no. 1 (Patanjali) cannot be tolerated by this court," Justice Chagla said in the order.

The bench said it would be appropriate to direct Patanjali to deposit a sum of Rs 50 lakh prior to passing of an order for contempt/breach of the injunction order. — PTI

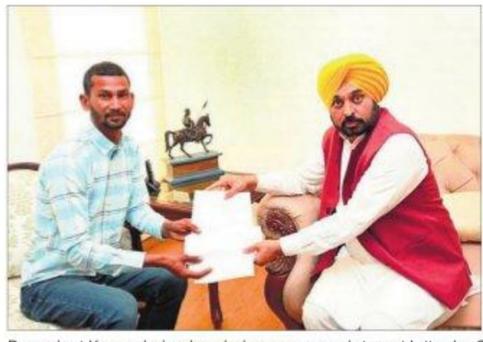
# Promised coach's job by CM, Paramjeet working as groundsman

## Atkinson's magnificent 7

**INDERVIR GREWAL**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 10  
Paramjeet Kumar's life had changed completely when he received an appointment letter from Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann early last year. Or so he thought!  
After stories went viral that former international hockey player Kumar, who had played for the junior India team, was working as a labourer at the Faridkot mandi, he was invited by the CM to his house and promised a job as a coach with the state's sports department. A month later, the CM handed Kumar the appointment letter and asked him to join as coach in Bathinda.

For Kumar, it was the stuff of dreams. But reality hit soon when the department officials objected, saying that Kumar did not fulfil the educational requirements.  
"They said that since I was not a graduate, my appointment could be challenged in court," said Kumar.  
As he did not qualify for the coach's position, Kumar was hired as a contractual groundsman in Faridkot. "I get a salary of Rs 8,000. It is not much, but they also hired my wife so we get around Rs 20,000 every month," he said.  
But Kumar is not willing to give up on his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — the 31-year-old has taken up the endeavour to complete his graduation. "Working hard"

**Kumar plans to complete graduation to meet qualification criteria**




Paramjeet Kumar being handed over an appointment letter by CM Bhagwant Mann last year; RIGHT: Kumar in Mohali on Wednesday for the trials to recruit contractual coaches. TRIBUNE PHOTOS

towards his goal, Kumar hopes the government comes good on its word when he completes his graduation. "I hope they fulfil their promise or the government doesn't change by then," Kumar said.

Till then, Kumar is also trying out for better opportunities. He was in Mohali on Wednesday for the trials

to recruit contractual coaches for the state government's planned nursery centres.  
**Lesson for young athletes**  
Kumar's plight is a lesson for young athletes, said a senior hockey coach with the Sports Department. "Most athletes don't pay attention to their studies during their playing days. They think that their sports achievements will be enough," the coach said. "But they don't factor in the possibility of injuries. They don't realise that graduation is a basic necessity. I don't blame them, most athletes do not get proper guidance," he added.  
Kumar, who trained at the NIS Patiala for five years,

has won multiple national medals. In 2007, he was selected to play at the Junior Asia Cup alongside current India team star Manpreet Singh but the tournament was cancelled. After playing on contract for many departmental teams, Kumar suffered an injury in 2012, and could never return to his highest level.  
The coach said that rather than waiting on the government's promise Kumar should try for jobs under the sports quota. "He has the accomplishments. He should get his certificates graded. He will get a government job through the sports quota. There are many openings in various departments," the coach said.

**LONDON, JULY 10**  
England were in command on 30/1 at tea after bowling West Indies out for 121 on the opening day of the first Test at Lord's today.  
Ben Duckett was the England wicket to fall, caught behind on three off the bowling of Jayden Seales, with opener Zak Crawley on 24 and Ollie Pope on one at the interval.  
Earlier, fast bowler Gus Atkinson took seven wickets for 45 runs on his debut as England dismissed the West Indies in just under 42 overs.  
Atkinson took three wickets in four balls at one point, just missing out on a hat-trick, as he recorded the best figures by an Englishman on debut. — Reuters

### BRIEFLY

**NEW DELHI**  
**Para shooters secure Games quota through bipartite rule**  
Indian para shooters Rubina Francis and Swaroop Unhalkar today secured quota for Paris Paralympics under bipartite rule, taking the total number of shooters at the Games to 10. The Paralympic Committee of India had applied for two bipartite (wildcard) spots for Rubina (women's 10m air pistol SH1), who has a world ranking of No. 2, and Unhalkar (men's 10m air rifle SH1).

**BRAUNSCHWEIG**  
**Cachin ousts Sumit Nagal from ATP Challenger**  
India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal was ousted by Pedro Cachin of Argentina 6-4 7-5 in the pre-quarterfinals of the Braunschweig ATP challenger today.

**NEW DELHI**  
**Athletics team to train at 3 sites for final Olympics prep**  
The 30-member Indian athletics team for the Olympics will train at three different venues abroad in their last leg of preparations before assembling in Paris on July 28, four days before the start of track and field competitions. The Olympic Sports Center in Spala, Poland, Antalya in Turkey and St Moritz in Switzerland are the three chosen places.

**DUBAI**  
**Suryakumar retains second spot in T20I batting rankings**  
Star batter Suryakumar Yadav stayed put on second position in the latest ICC Men's T20I batting rankings, which also features Rituraj Gaikwad. Suryakumar is placed second with 821 rating points behind Australia's Travis Head (844). Gaikwad has gained 13 places to climb to the seventh spot.

**EAST RUTHERFORD (NEW JERSEY)**  
**Messi leads Argentina into Copa America final**  
Lionel Messi scored his 109th international goal and first of the tournament, leading defending champions Argentina to a 2-0 win over Canada on Tuesday night and into the Copa America final. Julian Alvarez put the Albiceleste ahead in the 22nd minute and Messi redirected Enzo Fernandez's shot in off the face of goalkeeper Maxime Crepeau in the 51st. Messi has 28 goals in his last 25 matches for Argentina and 14 in Copa America play, three shy of the record. AGENCIES



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# Smells like team spirit

All-round show propels India to 3-1 lead over Zimbabwe; Gill hails team effort

**HARARE, JULY 10**  
Shubman Gill and Rituraj Gaikwad produced high-quality knocks before the bowlers did their part as India outplayed Zimbabwe by 23 runs in the third T20I of their five-match series here today.  
Gill (66 off 49 balls), Yashasvi Jaiswal (36 off 27) and Gaikwad (49 off 28) propelled India to 182/4 after the visitors opted to bat on a fresh pitch.  
Zimbabwe were never really in the hunt despite an entertaining effort from No. 4 Dion Myers (65 not out off 49), and ended at 159/6.  
Washington Sundar, who is likely to play a bigger role in India's T20 set-up after the retirement of Ravindra Jadeja, struck thrice while Avesh Khan took a couple of wickets.  
The fourth T20I will be played here on Saturday. After a loss in the series opener, India have restored normal service with back-to-back victories.  
After Avesh Khan bounced out opener Wessly Madhevere in the second over, the wickets kept falling for the home team. However, Zimbabwe steadied the ship after losing their first five wickets for 39 runs. The 77-run stand off 57 balls between Myers and Clive Madande (37 off 26) fuelled their innings but it was not meant to be.  
Earlier, India made some interesting selection calls. They duly inducted World Cup winners Jaiswal, Sanju Samson (12 not out off 7) and Shivam Dube into the play-



Shubman Gill returned to form with a 49-ball 66; BELOW: Washington Sundar starred with a four-for. PHOTOS: BCCI, AP/PTI

ing XI, leaving out the likes of Riyan Parag in the middle-order. As for Zimbabwe, they were poor in the field to say the least, conceding extra runs and grassing regulation catches throughout the innings.  
**Brief scores:** India: 182/4 in 20 overs (Gill 66, Gaikwad 49; Muzarabani 2/25); Zimbabwe: 159/6 in 20 overs (Myers 65\*; Sundar 3/15, Avesh 2/39).

**Remarkable effort**  
Gill hailed their "remarkable" team effort on a two-paced wicket as India got their second successive win to snatch the lead.  
"It was a crucial match for us and the way we start-



ed with batting and bowling, it was remarkable," Gill said during the post-match presentation.  
Asked if he was a little disappointed that the team

couldn't reach 200 in the third T20, Gill said: "...the wicket was a bit double-paced, the odd ball was gripping and it was not easy to hit the length ball. — PTI

**“**  
The way Zimbabwe batters played, did put pressure on us. They (Myers and Madande) did put a lot of pressure on us. We wanted to execute everything in our plans. We want to finish the series on Saturday.  
Washington Sundar, PLAYER OF THE MATCH

**31**  
India were beneficiaries of 31 runs, thanks to fielding mishaps from a stuttering Zimbabwe side

# All eyes on Gambhir's supporting cast

**NEW DELHI, JULY 10**  
The financial nitty-gritties of Gautam Gambhir's appointment as India's head coach are yet to be worked out but that's the last of his concerns" right now as he is focussed on getting a support staff of choice to prepare for the enormous challenges that await him during the three-year stint.  
On Tuesday, BCCI secretary Jay Shah officially announced Gambhir's appointment, which was on cards for a long time. However, it is learnt that his salary is yet to be finalised although it is expected to be in the same bracket as that of his predecessors Rahul Dravid and Ravi Shastri.  
"For Gautam, it was important that he took charge and salary and other stuff can be worked out as it's not going anywhere. It is similar to the case of Ravi Shastri in 2014 when he was first made Director of Cricket over head coach Duncan Fletcher," a BCCI source said. "The salary will be in the same range of Rahul Dravid," he added.  
It is understood that Gambhir will be given his own team to work with, who will also closely co-ordinate with the NCA (National Cricket Academy) coaches, who look after the pathways teams (India A and U-19) as well as the targeted players.  
**Wanted: Support staff**  
There is a lot of interest surrounding who will be Gambhir's core support staff. Abhishek Nayar, the head

**Dravid forgoes bonus amount**  
New Delhi: Former India head coach Rahul Dravid has refused to take the additional bonus amount of Rs 2.5 crore offered to him by the BCCI following the recent T20 World Cup triumph in the Americas. Dravid was offered the bonus amount following the national team's success but he was happy to settle for the due amount — Rs 2.5 crore — similar to other coaching staff. The BCCI wanted to repay Dravid by hiking his reward to Rs 5 crore, which is at par with the players. It has been learnt that the 51-year-old was happy with an equal pay check as other coaching staff. PTI

of KKR's academy and a former Mumbai stalwart has been one of the key back-room strategists for the IPL franchise. He is also known to be a life coach, who has helped players one-on-one on professional basis.  
More importantly, he is one of current captain Rohit Sharma's closest friends. Having ticked all boxes, he looks set to be one of the assistant coaches.  
It is also believed the names of L Balaji and Zaheer Khan as two prospective candidates for the bowling coach's job have been floated.  
Gambhir's first big test would certainly be Australia, where India under Shastri's tutelage had won back-to-back Test series in 2018-19 and 2020-21. — PTI

# Rybakina right on money

**LONDON, JULY 10**  
The rare sighting of the sun at this year's Wimbledon championships provided no incentive for Elena Rybakina to linger around longer than necessary on Centre Court as she ended Elina Svitolina's quarterfinal challenge with a 6-3 6-2 defeat.  
Over the course of the last



Elena Rybakina defeated Elina Svitolina in straight sets. REUTERS

**90.4**  
With her 90.4 percent win rate at the grasscourt Grand Slam, Rybakina currently has the third-best winning percentage at Wimbledon in the Open Era

ing the Serbian a walkover.  
All the fans got in return for their £200 (\$260) Centre Court tickets was one

hour and one minute of singles action.  
Giving value for money to the punters was not exactly high on the priority list for Rybakina. All the fourth seed wanted was to take the win and move another step closer to lifting the Venus Rosewater Dish for the second time in three years — the quicker the better.  
"Really pleased with the way I played today. Thank you so much guys for coming and supporting us," Rybakina told the crowd, who might have felt they had been rather short-changed despite a mixed doubles tie and a legends' match being moved to fill the gap.

**Krejckova in semis**  
Barbora Krejckova reached her first Wimbledon semifinal with a 6-4 7-6(4) win over Latvian 13th seed Jelena Ostapenko in the battle of former French Open champions. The Czech 31st seed kept her composure from the back of the court to force her opponent into 35 unforced errors as Ostapenko's bid for a second Grand Slam title since her first in 2017 unravelled on Court One. — Reuters



LAMINE YAMAL CURLED IN A GAME-CHANGING STRIKE, WHICH FLEW INTO THE TOP CORNER OF MIKE MAIGNAN'S GOAL. REUTERS

# SPAIN ARE NOT KIDDING

**MUNICH, JULY 10**  
Spain struck twice in five minutes in a pulsating first half to secure a 2-1 comeback win over France on Tuesday as a record-breaking goal from teenager Lamine Yamal and a Dani Olmo effort propelled them into the Euro 2024 final.  
The 16-year-old Yamal cancelled out Randal Kolo Muani's opener with a sublime shot in the 21st minute to become the youngest scorer in a Euro or World Cup before Olmo added another in the 25th for his third goal in the

Yamal, 16, sparks Spain's comeback vs France

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| <b>16</b><br>At 16 years and 362 days old, Lamine Yamal became the youngest scorer at Euros. The previous record was held by Swiss player Johan Vonlanthen (18 years, 141 days) | <b>13</b><br>Spain are the only team to have won all their matches and have scored 13 times, equalling a Spanish record for most goals at a European Championship |
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knockout stage.  
The Spaniards, who have won every game of the tournament so far, confirmed their favourites tag with another

display of attacking football, especially in the first half, that is a far cry from the tiki-taka passing game that earned them world and European titles more than a decade ago.  
"I'm very happy to have made it to the final," said Man-of-the-Match Yamal. "Now the most important thing is to win it. We were in a difficult moment, you wouldn't expect a goal so soon. I wanted to put it in where it went in, and I'm very happy. I'm happy and content with the victory."  
It was an anti-climactic end to France's tournament, although the 2022 World Cup finalists never lived up to expectations with a very low conversion rate that carried into the semis. — Reuters

## Landslide blocks Badrinath NH



Debris from a landslide falls on the Badrinath National Highway affecting the traffic movement in Chamoli on Wednesday. PTI

# SC: Muslim women too entitled for maintenance under CrPC's Sec 125

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NEW DELHI, JULY 10

A Muslim woman can seek maintenance from her husband under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) as it was applicable to all married women irrespective of religion, the Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday.

In separate but concurring judgments, a Bench of Justice BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih rejected a petition filed by Mohd Abdul Samad challenging the Telangana High Court's order to him to pay an interim maintenance of Rs 10,000 a month to his

### MAINTENANCE FACET OF GENDER PARITY, NOT CHARITY

“After all, maintenance is a facet of gender parity and enabler of equality, not charity. SC Bench



divorced wife.

The top court rejected his argument that the provisions of Section 125 of the CrPC 1973 did not prevail in light of the enactment of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986.

“If Muslim women are married and divorced under Muslim law, then Section 125 of the CrPC as well as the provisions of the 1986 Act are applicable. Option lies with the Muslim divorced women to seek

remedy under either of the two laws or both laws. This is because the 1986 Act is not in derogation of Section 125 of the CrPC but in addition to the said provision,” the Bench said.

“After all, maintenance is a facet of gender parity and enabler of equality, not charity,” the Bench said.

The top court said a Muslim woman illegally divorced through triple talaq was also entitled to seek maintenance from her husband as per Section 125 of the CrPC as his right was in addition to the remedy provided under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act 2019,

which entitled a Muslim woman to claim subsistence allowance from her husband.

“The provisions of the 2019 Act provide remedy in addition to and not in derogation of Section 125 of the CrPC,” it clarified. It said Section 125 of the CrPC applied to all married women, including Muslim married and all non-Muslim divorced women.

“Insofar as divorced Muslim women are concerned, Section 125 of the CrPC applies to all such Muslim women, married and divorced under the Special Marriage Act in addition to remedies available under the Special Marriage Act,” it said.

## Ready to work with India to handle situation in border areas: Chinese FM

BEIJING, JULY 10

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has expressed readiness to join hands with India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to “properly handle” issues related to the situation on the ground in the border areas, amid the protracted border row in eastern Ladakh.

In a congratulatory message to Doval on his reappointment as India's National Security Advisor and Special Representative for the India-China boundary question, Wang noted that China and India share a relationship that transcends bilateral boundaries and holds increasing global significance.

Besides being the Foreign Minister, Wang is also China's Special Representative of the India-China border talks mechanism. In his message to Doval sent on Tuesday, Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the ruling Communist Party of China, said China and India share a relationship that transcends bilateral boundaries and holds increasing global significance.

Wang noted that he is “ready to join hands with Doval to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of both countries, properly handle issues related to the situation on the ground in the border areas, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquillity in the border areas,” state-run Xinhua news agency reported on Wednesday. — PTI

## Hearing on same-sex marriage review pleas put off as SC judge recuses himself from case

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NEW DELHI, JULY 10

The Supreme Court deferred the hearing on petitions seeking review of its October 2023 verdict refusing to recognise same-sex marriages in India as Sanjiv Khanna, one of the judges on the five-judge Bench, on Wednesday recused himself from the case.

Justice Khanna, the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, was learnt to have cited personal reasons for his

### Will necessitate reconstitution of a fresh five-judge Constitution Bench by CJI Chandrachud

recusal, sources said.

Now, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud will have to reconstitute the Bench before the review petitions could be taken up for hearing.

Review petitions are generally heard “in chamber” and not in an open court by a procedure called “hearing by circulation” where advocates representing the parties are not

allowed to argue. But in exceptional cases, the top court allows open court hearing, if convinced about its need.

On Tuesday, the petitioners had urged CJI Chandrachud to allow an open court hearing on the contentious issue.

A five-judge Bench of CJI DY Chandrachud, Justice

Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Justice S Ravindra Bhat, Justice PS Narasimha and Justice Hima Kohli had on October 17, 2023 unanimously turned down petitions seeking to allow same-sex marriages under the Special Marriage Act, saying it's for Parliament to effect changes in the law for validating such unions.

Holding that there's no fundamental right to marry, the Supreme Court had refused to allow same-sex marriages in India.

## Kejriwal directly enjoyed excise 'scam' kickbacks: ED

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal “directly used” part of the alleged Rs 100 crore generated from the “kickbacks” of the Delhi excise policy “scam” by staying in a luxury hotel in Goa, the ED has claimed in its chargesheet filed against the AAP supremo.

The probe agency also said the GoM (Group of Ministers) constituted by his government in this context was a “sham”. A special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court on Tuesday took cognisance of the prosecution complaint, filed on May 17, and issued a produc-



Arvind Kejriwal

tion warrant for the jailed AAP leader for July 12.

The 55-year-old politician and the AAP have been named as accused in this seventh supplementary chargesheet filed in the case. The AA responded to the ED chargesheet saying

the BJP-led government at the Centre was hatching a “big conspiracy” against the party and that the political outfit was being finished off.

HC lists ED's plea against bail to Delhi CM for July 15  
The Delhi High Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing till July 15 on the ED's plea challenging the bail granted to CM Kejriwal in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. Kejriwal has also urged the HC to dismiss the ED's plea challenging the bail granted to him by a trial court. — TNS/PTI

## 1984 riots: Sajjan Kumar hospitalised, court defers hearing final arguments

NEW DELHI, JULY 10

The Rouse Avenue court on Wednesday deferred the hearing of final arguments in an anti-Sikh riots case against former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar as he is hospitalised.

This case pertains to the killing of a father-son duo in the Saraswati Vihar area during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. Special judge (CBI) Kaveri Baweja adjourned the hearing final arguments till July 18. His counsel Anil Kumar Sharma informed the court that accused Sajjan Kumar has been hospitalised since yesterday. On November 1, 2023, the court had recorded his statement.

The case pertains to the rioting and alleged murder of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh in the Raj Nagar area. Initially, the case was registered at the Panjabi Bagh police station. Later, the case was investigated by the Special Investigation Team

constituted on the recommendation of Justice GP Mathur's committee and it filed a chargesheet. The committee had recommended the reopening of 114 cases and this case is one of them.

On December 16, 2021, the court framed charges against Sajjan Kumar for the commission of the offences. It has been alleged by the SIT that the accused was leading the said mob and upon his instigation and abetment, the mob had burnt alive the above two persons and had also damaged, destroyed, and looted their household articles and other property, burnt their house and also inflicted severe injuries on the person of their family members and relatives residing in their house. It is claimed that during the course of the investigation, material witnesses of the case were traced out, and examined and their statements were recorded. — ANI



An illegal portion of Global Tapas Bar being demolished in Juhu. PTI

## Illegal construction at bar visited by BMW case accused razed

MUMBAI, JULY 10

The Mumbai civic body on Wednesday demolished alleged unauthorised construction and alterations at a city-based bar that was visited by the main accused in the BMW hit-and-run case hours before he rammed his car into a two-wheeler, in which a woman was killed, officials said.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) took the action against Vice-Global Tapas Bar located in Juhu suburb of the city, during which it pulled down 3,500 square feet of illegal construction, they said.

Talking about the action taken against the bar, a civic offi-

### Mihir Shah sent to police custody till July 16

cial said the BMC's K-West ward office team reached the Vice-Global Tapas Bar this morning and demolished the unauthorised construction and alterations made inside the establishment.

On Tuesday, the civic body conducted an inspection of the bar to check if any unauthorised additions and alterations were made at the facility, the official said. Before the demolition, the bar management was given a notice, he said. — PTI

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| 4                    | District Sports Officer, SBS Nagar  | Providing Refreshment/Diet of Day scholar school Wings in District SBS Nagar  | 08.07.2024/ 22.07.2024 | 66.87 THOUSAND               | 805428607 dsonshar@gmail.com                  |
| 5                    | Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, (C&M) Division, Patiala                           | Retender—Renovation of Pond at Village Duladi, Block Nabha (Convergence with MGNREGA)   | 08.07.2024/ 17.07.2024 | 1.40 LACS                    | 9815466866 xenprdpatalia@yahoo.in             |
| 6                    | Executive Engineer, Lehal Canal Division, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Patiala | Remodeling with concrete lining of Minor 1 and its VRB at RD 1244 and RD 9066 of Newada Disty.  | 09.07.2024/ 25.07.2024 | 2.02 LACS                    | 9888333983 xenileha@gmail.com                 |
| 7                    | District Sports Officer, Faridkot   | Providing Diet/Refreshment for Day Scholar Sports Wing Players  | 08.07.2024/ 29.07.2024 | 1.95 LACS                    | 9855700193 dsodfk@gmail.com                   |
| 8                    | District Sports Officer, Rupnagar   | Day Scholar wing and Residential Wing Diet for players at various Places Distt Rupnagar   | 08.07.2024/ 22.07.2024 | 1.62 LACS                    | 6280463208 dsotopar76@gmail.com               |
| 9                    | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Faridkot                   | Constn. Of 50 bedded CCB at Govt. GSSMC, Faridkot (PM-ABHM)   | 09.07.2024/ 12.08.2024 | 24.44 LACS                   | 9887606887 eepdfdpwb@gmail.com                |
| 10                   | Senior Medical Officer, Inch: Civil Hospital, Phillaur (Jalandhar)                    | Contract of Canteen   | 14.07.2024/ 21.07.2024 | 5.00 THOUSAND                | 9814101901 phrnrhm1@gmail.com                 |
| 11                   | Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch, Jalandhar Cantt     | Construction of Tehsil Complex With Fard Center & without Patwar station (G+2 Storey) at Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar. (Amount 6,09,70,485/-)  | 11.07.2024/ 31.07.2024 | 12.19 LACS                   | 9888800501 eecd1jalpdpwb@gmail.com            |
| 12                   | Executive Engineer, Abohar Canal & Ground Water Division, WRD, Abohar (Fazilka)       | 1)Sp/3rd Third Party Independent Techno-Financial Audit for the work: Project for Reconst. of various Disty by concrete Lining and other works in Abh Canal. 2) Repair and Renovation of all J-series Quarters from 1 to 20 in C. C. Abh      | 09.07.2024/ 24.07.2024 | 2.00 Percent                 | 9417582955 xenaboharcanaldivisionwr@gmail.com |
| 13                   | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Hoshiarpur                 | Dismantling of Building at toll plaza lachowal at hoshiarpur  | 10.07.2024/ 23.07.2024 | 21.00 THOUSAND               | 9855076068 eepdhsrupwdpb@gmail.com            |
| 14                   | Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Ludhiana  | Construction of Water Storage Tank for Drip Irrigation System of Village Raigarh Tehsil Payal, Distt. Ludhiana at Center of Excellence Floriculture, Doraha, Department of Horticulture (Punjab)  | 17.07.2024/ 17.07.2024 | 20.00 THOUSAND               | 8194933611 dswc.dswc.ludhiana@punjab.gov.in   |
| 15                   | Anandpur Sahib Foundation, Punjab, Chandigarh   | Lease out of Parking Lot at Virasat-e-Khalsa, Sri Anandpur Sahib  | 12.07.2024/ 19.07.2024 | 50.00 THOUSAND               | 9876714007 engineering@khc.org.in             |
| 16                   | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, Sangur                     | Restoration of road out on 3 nos. Roads in MC Sunam.  | 10.07.2024/ 25.07.2024 | 1.00 LACS                    | 9888079005 xenprovincialsangur@yahoo.com      |
| 17                   | Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Sangur                        | Prov & Installing New Deep TWell Size 250mmx200mm i/d upto 200 mtr. BGL with reverse rotary rig against failed tubewell at W/S Scheme Kular Khurd Block & Distt. Sangur.  | 11.07.2024/ 25.07.2024 | 19.03 LACS                   | 7382900000 xenphsangur@yahoo.in               |
| 18                   | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, PWD (B&R) Branch, SAS Nagar                  | Upgradation and renovation of SDM Office at Sri Chamkaur Sahib  | 10.07.2024/ 25.07.2024 | 9.88 LACS                    | 97799-7008 ee.pd.moh.pwd@punjab.gov.in        |
| 19                   | District Sports Officer, Tarn Taran   | Providing diet to School Sports Day Scholar and Residential Wing Players for year 2024-2025   | 11.07.2024/ 25.07.2024 | 1.89 LACS                    | 9872319204 dsotarnaran1@gmail.com             |
| 20                   | Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 2, Amritsar                | Tubewell, Civil Work, Repair of OHSR at W/S Scheme Timmowal, Block Jandiala Guru, Distt. Amritsar (Under PIDB Programme)  | 11.07.2024/ 22.07.2024 | 1.56 LACS                    | 9888784300 ee_rws_2_asr@yahoo.co.in           |
| 21                   | Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib)    | REPAIR OF EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SAHIB CHAND, BANWALLA ANU, BHULLARWALA AND RORANWALI UNDER ACA/PIDB.   | 11.07.2024/ 22.07.2024 | 1.26 LACS                    | 766255352 xen_malout@yahoo.co.in              |
| 22                   | Executive Engineer, Building & Stores Division, Punjab Chandigarh                     | Disposal of Unserviceable/Condemned T&P/Stock Items of Abohar Canal and Ground Water Division, Abohar   | 11.07.2024/ 05.08.2024 | 73.50 THOUSAND               | 8196817336 eeworkshop38@gmail.com             |
| 23                   | Executive Engineer, Provincial Division No.1, PWD (B&R) Branch, Patiala               | Road Cut repair formed due to pipe laying for 24 Hour water supply scheme on Rajbaha Road from Lehal Chowk to 21 No. Phatak, Patiala  | 10.07.2024/ 24.07.2024 | 86.00 THOUSAND               | 988821419 eepd1plapdpwb@gmail.com             |
| 24                   | Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation Division No. 1 At Chandigarh            | OPERATION OF CENTRAL A.C PLANT & SPLIT / WINDOW TYPE AC AT KAPURTHALA HOUSE, NEW DELHI. C & M OF FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM AT BLOCK A & B PUNJAB BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.  | 11.07.2024/ 22.07.2024 | 84.75 THOUSAND               | 9872519223 eegw1@yahoo.in                     |
| 25                   | Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.2, PWD (B&R) Branch, Bathinda            | Construction of Shed of Cooperative Society at Village Bagha Distt. Bathinda (Pb.)  | 09.07.2024/ 19.07.2024 | 11.85 THOUSAND               | 9888118880 xenc2b5@gmail.com                  |
| 26                   | Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Punjab PWD (B&R) Branch, Bathinda            | Modernization/Make SMART of C-PYTE Camp at Badal-Lambi Road, near Hellpad, Vill. Kaljharani, Distt Bathinda. (Providing on-Grid Solar System 15 Kw) Rs. 846945  | 04.07.2024/ 18.07.2024 | 17.00 THOUSAND               | 9878229992 elect.div.b@gmail.com              |

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